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Curiosity replaces fear for abduction victim

BY LISA SMITH

Lost hours, strange visions and mysterious, scoop-shaped scars were among the clues that led 64-year-old Richard Seifried, a retired high school social studies teacher and former forest ranger, to suspect that he had been abducted by aliens from outer space.

On July 15, 1977, Seifried was hiking in a national forest where he was working as a summer park ranger. One minute he was hiking his way up the mountain, and the next thing he said he remembers is climbing down the mountain several miles away, several hours later.

After undergoing hypnosis in 1981, Seifried recalled the experience, telling the hypnotherapist that he had been abducted by aliens not once, but twice that day when they took him aboard a spacecraft. There, aliens extracted sperm and tissue samples from his leg. He says he believes the samples were for research on human genetics.

Judging from recollections brought out by hypnosis, Seifried believes he has been abducted four times. He suspects that aliens first took him aboard their ship in 1947 when he was out in the wilderness, alone, hiking at a YMCA camp in Ohio.

He says two abductions followed on the same day, possibly with two different space crews, in 1977. The last abduction occurred three years ago when he was hiking at Black Mesa in the Oklahoma panhandle, he says.

While Seifried says he thinks there are a variety of alien beings, some of whom come from a parallel reality and pass through windows of time allowing them to come from their world into ours, he says he believes his alien captors were the typical gray variety.

These aliens have little bodies, big bulbous heads, large dark eyes, two holes for a nose, a slit for a mouth and arms, sporting four-fingered hands, which hang well below their knees, he says.

Seifried says he thinks the aliens have been in existence for many years.

"It seems like their interest has picked up since we've worked on the atomic bomb," he says.

"I think they are monitoring our progress and our destruction of the environment. I think they're afraid what we're doing down here will harm the rest of the universe."

Were it not for the vivid memories and the strange, scoop-shaped scar that appeared on his leg overnight, Seifried says he would scoff at notions of flying saucers and abducted earthlings.

"I'm skeptical everyday," he says.

"I'm skeptical of my own story that came out under hypnosis. But what came out was so vivid. I remember what I saw, what I felt, and what I smelled. I have to accept my own story."

According to the local affiliate of the Mutual UFO Network Inc., MUFON, Seifried's experience is not unique. The July 6, 1991, issue of MUFONews cites a national survey claiming that one of every 50 Americans may have had a UFO abduction experience, according to a report from the Intruders Foundation and the Fund for UFO Research.

"Unusual Personal Experiences," a booklet based on a Roper Organization survey of 6,000 adult Americans and projections based on the survey's results, claims that as many as 3.7 million people may be alien abductees.

Seifried says the local chapter of MUFON has seen an increase in the number of Oklahomans who come forward, claiming to have had an extra-terrestrial experience.

"We are constantly picking up people, and most of them are legitimate," he says.

"Very few people know they've been abducted. The vast majority is wandering around without help, not knowing who to turn to. Our primary concern is to help that person," Seifried says, adding that local registered nurse and hypnotherapist Jean E. Byrne specializes in therapy for abductees. With their permission, their stories are being recorded and stored as data for research, he says.

For more than a decade, Seifried has monitored alleged UFO sightings, cattle mutilations, crop circles and alien abductions — all of which are probably be linked, according to current UFO theories. But, aside from abducting humans and subjecting them to scientific experiments, Seifried says he doesn't believe aliens have ever harmed, killed or permanently kidnapped anyone.

Today, the fear of aliens has faded, only to be replaced with curiosity, he says.

"I think they control my life to a certain extent, but I'm not exactly sure how," he says.

Seifried doesn't know if or when the aliens will come back for him, but he says he's waiting.

"If I got up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom and turned the corner and saw them there it would scare the daylight out of me. But, if I knew they were coming, I wouldn't be afraid," he says.

"I hope they do come back. I have a lot of questions to ask."



— Photo by Mark Hancock

Richard Seifried still puts out the welcome mat for aliens despite the fact he believes they've abducted him four times.

POST DISPATCH, St. Louis, MO - Dec. 14, 1992 CR: R. Nelke

Area Man Is Called On To Help Explain Mysterious Plane

By Robert Sanford
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

Reported sightings of a high-flying and fast, V-shaped airplane have kept popping up in the last few years, and the object has been noted in aerospace publications as something new — perhaps a new generation Air Force spy plane.

While the Pentagon denies knowledge of such a plane, the reports have continued, the latest appearing in Jane's Defence Weekly, a British journal. The author, Bill Sweetman, sought technical advice from Paul Czyns, an aerospace engineering professor at Parks College of St. Louis University.

There have been no reported sightings of the mysterious plane around St. Louis; Czyns was simply contacted because he is an expert on hypersonic flight.

Shown some drawings of a plane seen over the North Sea, Czyns told Sweetman that a plane of that shape might be fueled with liquid methane, and should be able to reach a top speed of Mach 8 (5,280 miles per hour), more than twice the standing record for speed by an airplane. Czyns said the plane could have a cruising speed of Mach 5 or 6.

Mach 1, which is traveling at the speed of sound, is 660 miles per hour.

One note of credence to the North Sea sighting: oil drilling engineer Chris Gibson, who saw the plane, is trained in aircraft spotting. He made sketches of what he saw.

Other sightings of mysterious, high-flying, fast planes have been reported near Edwards Air Force Base and Beale Air Force Base in California, places where experimental and secret planes have been kept in the past.

Other reports have come from Nevada, Colorado and Texas. Planes also have been spotted near a remote, old Royal Air Force base in Scotland.

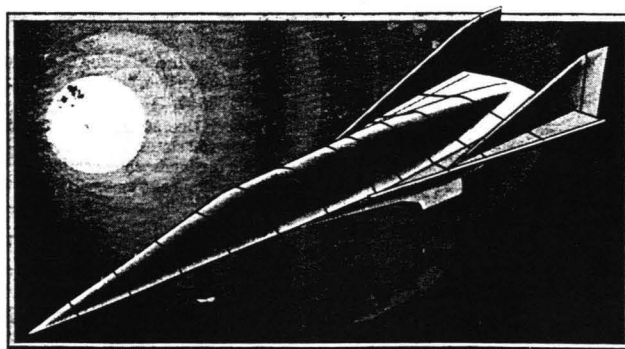
The Jane's article was published early last week. On Wednesday, Czyns, who is quoted in the article, received a phone call from a Scottish businessman. The man said that he had been flying into Aberdeen in Northern Scotland in a company jet, descending from 35,000 feet, when he saw three planes below him flying in formation. The middle plane was a wedge-shaped, black triangle of a sort he had never seen before; on each side was an American F-111 swing-wing fighter-bomber.



Paul Czyns

The wedge shape of the plane as seen from the bottom or top is relatively thin. The plane is longer than the F-111s that have been seen accompanying it.

Reports of unfamiliar airplanes also have dealt with noise. In Amarillo, Texas, on a clear, spring day, residents heard a plane and saw contrails. A photographer said the plane was gone before he could get a picture. He took photographs of the contrails,



Post-Dispatch Graphic/Anthony E. Glover

An artist's drawing based on reports of a mysterious plane.

however, which were published in Aviation Week magazine.

The contrails were odd, with lumps at regular intervals. They were characterized as looking like doughnuts on a string.

The photographer said the plane produced a continuous series of low-frequency pulses; the sound was like a rocket engine noise but deeper, with evenly timed pulses. Similar sounds have been reported in California.

The U.S. Geological Survey's network of earthquake sensors in California has picked up several sets of distinctive shock waves, and at least 30 instances of sonic booms thought to have been produced by an unknown airplane. The noises were described as very low and very powerful, hollow, windy and oscillating. Instruments indicated that the sound source may have been traveling at about Mach 3.

published.

One of the most complete studies of the unacknowledged American efforts in hypersonic flight was related to him by a colleague from a Russian institute of aeronautics, he said. From studying reports of sightings and other information, the Russian thinks that there may be two types of planes involved in the American effort, Czyns said. One of them may be big, the size of a B-747, and one smaller, like the one that has been seen.

The different sounds and trails reported would result from radically different engines, Czyns said. Standard turbojets would not work at very high speeds and might be replaced by rocket engines or ramjet engines. The ramjet is essentially a tube that air enters at high speed. Fuel is burned inside the tube and the exhaust rushes out the back at higher speeds.

Hypersonic plane designs don't have big wings for lift — the lift comes from the flat belly. As the plane flies in a slight nose-up attitude, the air at the belly is compressed and slides into the engines, which are on the belly toward the rear. The plane body acts as the air compressor for the engine.

"The plane becomes the engine," Czyns said.

Why would the U.S. want a hypersonic airplane? The answer is reconnaissance. It could go anywhere in the world in two hours or so. Flying at 100,000 feet or more, it would be difficult to find, let alone stop. It would have been there and gone.

THE TERRITORY

JOHN MACK, A HARVARD PSYCHIATRIST AT THE FRONT LINES OF UFO ABDUCTION RESEARCH, IS CONVINCED THAT ABDUCTEES ARE NOT MAKING UP THEIR STORIES: "I ENCOUNTERED SOMETHING HERE THAT DID NOT FIT ANYTHING I HAD EVER COME ACROSS IN 40 YEARS OF PSYCHIATRY." BY SARA TERRY

John Mack still remembers the conversation he had with Carl Sagan, back in the 1960s. Mack, a Harvard psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, was intrigued by talk of UFOs and wanted to hear Sagan's thoughts on the subject, which had been the focus of a recent, well-publicized government inquiry.

"Sagan had had something to do with the Condon Committee, which had reviewed the whole question of UFOs," recalls Mack, "and he said, with great authority, 'There's nothing to it. There's no substance to it.' Well,

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members the date as if it were a birthday or an anniversary — the two men met and spent a few hours discussing the cases Hopkins had researched. The studies were compelling and unlike anything Mack had come across in nearly 40 years of clinical psychiatric work; he knew immediately that the final word on UFOs no longer rested with Sagan and the Condon Committee. "I came away somewhat shaken and fascinated," he says of the meeting with Hopkins. "It was a mystery. I'd never taken abductions seriously at all. I realized at this point that this was something I had no way to explain."

IN THE NEARLY THREE YEARS since his meeting with Hopkins, Mack has joined the front lines of abductee research. He has investigated almost 70 cases of abductions and conducted hundreds of hours of interviews and treatment. He has been the subject of a network docudrama. He has been criticized by the press and lashed out at by scientists. He has organized support groups and professional conferences. He has also become convinced that abductees are not making up their stories — and that their experiences may present a shock as great and transforming to the foundations of science as did Copernicus' proof that the Earth is not

Carl was an authority figure to me, a prominent scientist and a friend, so I let it go."

And that was that, as far as Mack was concerned, until some 20 years later, when a friend invited him to meet Bud Hopkins. Hopkins, a New York artist and sculptor, is one of the leading investigators of reports by individuals who claim to have been abducted by UFOs. "I said, 'Who's he?' — which shows you how familiar I was with the phenomenon," says Mack. When the friend explained Hopkins' work, Mack responded, "What? There must be something wrong with him and the people he meets with." But on January 10, 1990 — Mack re-

the center of the universe.

"I encountered something here, very early on, which I saw did not fit anything I had ever come across in 40 years of psychiatry," says the 63-year-old Mack, founder of the psychiatric department at Cambridge Hospital (which is affiliated with Harvard Medical School) and winner of a 1977 Pulitzer Prize for his psychoanalytic biography of Lawrence of Arabia. "The deeper I went into it," he continues, "the more and more information I got that doesn't fit anything else. This has all kinds of implications for our scientific world view, for our identity as a species on this planet."

Typically, Mack says, abductions are highly traumatic experiences, often repressed and usually called forward only with great psychic pain and stress. Almost always, individuals report seeing small, gray beings with huge, dark eyes who transport their immobilized subjects to some sort of spacecraft, where the captives are probed in a battery of tests that appear to relate to sexual and reproductive experiments. Many abductees, or "experiencers," report a long history of abductions. Mack has found that parents who have had many experiences often find that their children become abductees as well. In almost every case he has investigated, he

says, people are reluctant to face what has happened.

"One of the most powerfully consistent aspects of this for me has been the tremulousness with which these people come to see me," says Mack, who has a contract with Scribner to write a book on his findings. "They come to me very fearful that either they will be found crazy, because what they've experienced doesn't fit ordinary reality, or that they'll be found not to be crazy, and then they're faced with the fact that these are real experiences, and what does that mean for their world view, for their future, for their lives?"

Of the several dozen cases he has investigated, Mack says, only two or three individuals suffer from some form of mental illness. There is no particular type of person who experiences abductions and no apparent reason why some people are selected as abductees. Among the people Mack has interviewed are a musician, a prison guard, housewives, secretaries, a psychiatrist, college students, a retired firefighter, and a restaurant owner.

Fundamental to Mack's convictions about these experiences is the fact that, over and over, abductees — who come from all over the country and who do not know one another — tell remarkably consistent stories. De-

tails may vary, but the narrative thread is so similar from case to case that Mack is convinced that the experiences are not imagined. If they were simply made up or were the psychic byproduct of some other traumatic event, he says, the accounts would vary more widely, because of the individuality of each human psyche.

"What struck me almost immediately," he says, "was my inability, as a psychiatrist, to explain how people who seemed otherwise quite normal, quite unremarkable, could be telling the game, disturbing story, in great detail: of being taken from their rooms, their cars, in fields, into these craft and subjected to highly intrusive procedures that have a unique quality."

"There's a whole medical-like scenario, which is not known to us on Earth," he says, "and yet it's told by people all over the country, in great detail, details which were not available in the media at the time and are still not in the media in the kind of detail these people reported. And these stories were consistent, one to the other."

"The thing I've spent most of my professional life in," says Mack, "is learning to make clinical psychological discriminations, like, 'Is this projection? Is this hallucination? Is this real experience? Is this a dream?' And this [abduction phenomenon] behaves like real experience."

"I have never had a sense, and I trust myself in this, clinically," he says, "that this phenomenon represents some kind of psychological contagion, that people are influencing each other, or that these experiences are derivative of something they've read or heard from someone else, or that they're reflecting off the consciousness of another person's experience. I've never had a suggestion of that."

Although Mack's earliest cases were referred to him by Hopkins, increasingly he is contacted by people who have read his comments in stories about UFOs or have seen him interviewed on television. (Mack tends to turn down interview requests, because he believes too many reporters trivialize or sensationalize abductee cases.) After a recent conference at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the abduction phenomenon, cosponsored by Mack and MIT physicist David Pritchard, Mack was contacted by a woman who had read a story about the meeting and wanted to see him.

Unlike many experiencers, the woman could recall — without hypnosis — a variety of alien contacts, going back to early childhood. She could also recount more current experiences of being visited in her home by aliens, who came into her bedroom, floated her into the living room, and performed a series of intensely painful explorations into her spine with sharp instruments.

More commonly, abductees report what Mack calls a "margin of consciousness," where memory recalls an experience to a certain point and then blanks out, leaving individuals with chunks of unaccounted-for time. Under hypnosis, a practice criticized by disbelievers but defended by Mack as an important tool for uncovering repressed information, experiencers are taken back to the last moment they consciously remember, such as the appearance of a small being in their bedroom or the presence of a blue light.

As details surface, an anguished mental struggle often occurs. Mack cites the case of a 38-year-old Pennsylvania man with a long history of abduction-related experiences. All the man could recall of one recent experience, which began as he was trying to fall asleep, was the presence of a fe-

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male alien in the room. (Abductees, says Mack, can almost always identify the sex of aliens, despite the lack of obvious sexual characteristics.)

Like many who undergo hypnosis, the man resisted recalling the experience, asserting that the aliens had told him not to remember what had happened. The man's story, says Mack, unfolded with "tremendous distress, sweating, and pain and anguish." There was also, he says, a great sense of shame and a fear of being vulnerable, which Mack worked to dispel, trying to reassure the man that his experience was not a reflection of weakness but something over which he had no control.

"And, at a certain point, there was a breakthrough," says Mack. "He began to sob. It was so touching, because he'd been fighting with himself and with his unconsciousness, and at that point, he crossed a line and just let go. It was just this tremendous release."

What unfolded during the narrative was a story common among abductees, one Mack had suspected in this particular case because of the shame and vulnerability the man had expressed. Like many male abductees, the man recalled that he had been taken onto a craft, where he was sexually probed and a sperm sample was forcibly taken from him.

Mack says that another emotion surfaced, common among experiencers. "I've seen it so many times now," he says. "It's a sobbing that goes along with a sense of awe. Have you ever been moved by something in nature or something in art or music? It's like you're humbled before God, you're just so moved by the spectacle, by the awesomeness of what's before you. It was that quality [in the man's sobbing], a combination of relief and awe. And the awe had to do with, Oh, my god, what an extraordinary thing it is that has happened to me."

"Again, it's a question of clinical judgment," he says. "When memories come back like that, I never have any question that these people are describing something that has authentically happened to them. If I do get a case, as I occasionally do, where I feel somebody is looking to convince themselves or me that they were abducted, I don't count those cases. I don't include them among the authentic ones."

Since beginning his research nearly three years ago, Mack has established a support group that meets at his Brookline home once a month. In the quiet of his wood-paneled, book-lined living room, 20 to 30 people share their stories, often expressing great relief at being able to talk to others who have been through the same thing. Their stories coincide on

many levels: They talk about the presence of light and the ability of the aliens to transmute into a sheer light force. Often the light is connected with healing; abductees say that fevers and other illnesses disappear as a result of an abduction. Many say that a vibrating energy courses through their bodies when aliens take them from their homes. Physical marks are often left on experiencers' bodies: small incisions or scoop marks, which appear to be the remnants of surgical procedures.

Overwhelmingly, women and men recall sexual encounters and experiments. A wide variety of reproductive stories abound, with many women claiming to have been impregnated by aliens, who then remove the embryo immediately or on a subsequent abduction. Some

women say their captors have taken them to nurseries where hybrid babies are being raised.

Mack is well aware that the stories stretch the bounds of credibility. And he knows that, like Hydra, every theory about abduction leads to a dozen new questions. Yet he is undeterred in his conviction that the abduction phenomenon cannot be dismissed.

"No one has been able to come up with a counter-formulation that explains what's going on," he says. "But if people can't be convinced [that this is real], that's okay. All I want is for people to be convinced that there's something going on here that is not explainable. That something is entering these people's lives that we don't understand."

"If we can be in that place of not knowing," he adds, "we're likely to learn more than if we try to stick this here, or stick it there, or if we close our minds and try to keep this under control."

THE OUTRAGEOUS headlines are familiar to anyone who has ever stood in line at a supermarket checkout lane. Claims such as "Aliens Endorse Clinton" - recently trumpeted on the front page of one popular tabloid - crop up as regularly as Elvis sightings and appearances by the Abominable Snowman.

Mack is somewhat resigned to it all. He knows, thanks to the highly dramatic nature of aliens and abductions, that there will always be an insatiable appetite for alien stories in the tabloid press and on tabloid-type television shows. Lately, though, he's begun to see signs that the media and a growing number of academics and scientists are starting to pay slightly more serious attention to the abduction phenomenon.

In the past few months, he says, he has been interviewed for a lengthy upcoming *New Yorker* story and has participated in a Canadian Broadcasting Corp. program - a Canadian equivalent of *Nova* - that will air this fall. Mack has also been contacted by philosophers, theologians, young psychologists who want to work with him, a molecular chemist, and a graduate student in educational psychology who wants to do her thesis on the abduction phenomenon. ("That's a very good indicator, when people in academic degree programs want to do their thesis on something," notes Mack. "Then you know it's reached a level of legitimacy.") He has also met with a "quite prominent" Harvard physics professor, who was "very interested and very open" but said he couldn't talk about the abductions "around here" - meaning the building on campus where the professor teaches.

"Little by little, people are coming into this thing," says Mack, whose work with abductees is partially supported by small grants from

private foundations. "It's still not the way a young person can make a career in mainstream academic institutions, but it's a very exciting field. I have a kind of faith that if you really are truthful about what you see, and you do your work with integrity, that people will eventually come around. If they don't come to the point of agreeing with it, at least they'll begin to notice it."

Mack, however, is well aware of the fact that many physical scientists dismiss his work out of hand. Those critics, he contends, simply haven't explored the evidence or are too bound by the conventions of science to consider information that is not strictly measurable by machines or the physical senses. When doubting colleagues listen to the tapes of sessions with abductees and spend time with him, discussing his research, Mack says, "they tend to be staggered by the phenomenon." And while those colleagues may not become believers, he continues, "Some of them say, 'I've gone from atheist to agnostic on this.'"

Dr. Edward J. Khantzian is one of those colleagues who have heard Mack present his data and calls it "very, very compelling stuff." Khantzian, an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School at the Cambridge Hospital, says that Mack "has taken a lot of disbelievers and had us scratching our heads, wondering what is this that he's studying. He's at least made a lot of us stop and think again, which is what he's always done."

"I don't know what to make of it ultimately, and I'm basically somewhere between being a disbeliever and an agnostic," says Khantzian, who has worked with Mack for nearly 30 years. "But, as far as I can tell, he's operating as a careful clinician in these studies, and that's what I respect. I don't understand it, I'm still dubious, but I respect his right to search it out to the fullest."

Mack takes most comments from doubters and skeptics in stride. But the generally soft-spoken psychiatrist does become incensed by the flat dismissal of abductees' stories by disbelievers, a rejection that Mack says only helps add to a sense of isolation already felt by traumatized abductees. "It's demeaning to those people to think that they are somehow subject to some kind of perceptual distortion or make-believe," says Mack.

"People know what they see, they know what their perceptions are," he insists. "That what they saw or what they experienced requires some explanation which we don't now have, that's another story."

As far as Mack is concerned, the search for answers has to include the possibility of a reality not yet perceived by science. At its most radical, notes Mack, the practice of modern science has led to such things as the SETI project, a \$100 million National Aeronautics and Space Administration mission formally known as the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. Scheduled to begin tomorrow, the project relies on radio telescopes to search the universe for signs of intelligent life beyond planet Earth.

Mack argues that abductees' reports point to an intelligence that can obviously elude man-made machines, no matter how sophisticated - and to a world that exists not somewhere out there in the physical universe, but in an entirely different dimension.

"In the experience of the abductees," he says, "the aliens seem to

come from another dimension. They seem to break through our sense of the reality of this space-time physicalist world, to come from some other place. Abductees will describe the sense of space and time collapsing, or of coexistent multiple time dimensions."

"They have the feeling that they have been introduced to another universe which is just as real as this one, but which is other-dimensional," he says. "It's as if it's a dimension that seems to enter our physical world but is not necessarily of our physical world."

Although he admits that such possibilities have yet to be proven by the physical sciences, Mack laments what he calls "the unwillingness of the official intellectual community to be open-minded about a reality that doesn't fit their world view." As he sees it, the abduction phenomenon could ultimately present mankind with a "fourth blow" to its collective ego. The first, he says, was the Copernican blow, which proved that man and Earth were not the center of the universe; the second blow was administered by Darwin, whose findings on evolution proved that man did not spring from "some higher level of spiritual biology"; and the third blow was delivered by Freud, whose explorations of the unconscious revealed that man's conscious mind was not all that was in control of his life.

Mack says he still has no answers about what the abductions mean or why they happen. Although some researchers in the field believe that the primary purpose of the kidnappings is to carry out some form of breeding program, Mack sees a more transformational element to the abductions: an attempt to alert humans to the need for change in their lives.

Abductees frequently report that during their time on alien spacecraft, they are shown powerful visual images of environmental destruction on Earth. Many return with a passionate commitment to protect the planet. Mack interprets the warnings, and the increased awareness among individual abductees, as an attempt to reconnect humans with a heightened sense of spirituality. It's a quest, he says, best summed up by the poet Rainer Maria Rilke, who wrote:

That is at bottom the only courage that is demanded of us: to have courage for the most strange, the most singular and the most inexplicable that we may encounter. That mankind has in this sense been cowardly has done life endless harm; the experiences that are called "visions," the whole so-called "spirit world," death and all those things that are so closely akin to us, have by daily parrying been so crowded out of life that the senses by which we could have grasped them are atrophied. To say nothing of God.

Other civilizations, including Eastern and native cultures, have been far more fluent than the West in communing with experiences that defy understanding in terms of physical reality, says Mack. He argues that the Western world of the past few hundred years may have reached a dead end of sorts - and that the abductee experience may be part of a move away from the strict confines of materialism.

"It may be that we're on the brink of some kind of major opening to our proper place in the universe," muses Mack. "I think, in this society, we're involved in a major epochal shift. I don't know what the purpose of all this is, but it certainly is some kind of profound connecting of us beyond ourselves." □

SPECTERS FROM NOWHERE

In January of 1967, Reed Thompson of Milan, Ind., photographed an odd-looking UFO up close. He had lost time and did have severe nose bleed problems afterward. On a warm April day in 1973 two thin, weird-looking visitors entered Reed's auto parts store. Reed's guard dog ran to a corner and began to whine in terror. Both figures wore heavy gloves and tan clothing with little skin exposed. Their expressionless faces were plastic-looking. Speaking in a monotone one demanded the negative and photo of the UFO. Reed refused, saying they were in a bank vault.

Meanwhile, Craft, a friend of Reed's, went out to look at the car these strange beings had come in. Looking through a dark tinted window he was shocked to see the car had no seats and not even a steering wheel. Later a wild pursuit took place when Reed tried to get the phantom auto off his bumper as he drove to Versailles. As he parked at his destination, a welding shop, the Plastic Facers parked right behind him and followed him like shadows to the door. When he opened the door a welding flash was omitted. The unwelcome duo and their car both instantly vanished.

On Saturday, May 30, 1992, Reed awoke with a bad headache and discovered his wedding ring was gone. On Tuesday he rushed home from his furniture shop to get a blueprint. He stepped in the door and stopped when he heard a buzzing sound. Next he found himself standing in the same spot and there was the wedding ring back on his finger. He felt weak and had a terrible nose bleed. Back at the shop, his partner, who was about to call the police, said he looked sick, he was so white. An hour and 15 minutes were missing.

I have briefly described just one abductee case. I am nearing 50 cases. Some investigator-researchers have had hundreds. There are thousands of abductees out there with many having few clues to what happened to them. Maybe an unusual dream, a mysterious scoop or straight line scar, or maybe only tiny twin puncture marks. One of my abductees neck punctures caused him to get an MRI scan. It shows an implant on his brain stem. So watch out for mysterious "snake bites" in bed in the night. They may mean more than you think. When you contemplate all the years of UFO aerial activity, the thousands of abductees, the tons of cow parts and blood taken, the likes of the Greys, Nordics, Humanoids, Reptilians, Insectoids, Men in Black, Plastic Facers, Hooded Ones, Ape-like Entities, and the awesome abilities they demonstrate, you must know that something vast and sinister is going on. We are its focal point. Why are these Specters from nowhere doing this? An ultimate final goal must exist.

Meanwhile for 45 long years, responsible government has lied to, deceived and kept in ignorance, its trusting citizens. It has not allowed them to "grow up" and face the truth that will have a profound effect, not all negative, on them. If you have experienced any of the things that I have written about, please write me at the address below.

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Others saw 'UFO' lights, says man who taped them

SIDNEY - An unemployed factory worker wasn't the only person to see eerie lights hovering in the sky here last week.

"I'm not the only one who's crazy," said Darrell Hachey, 30. "Since the story about the UFOs came out ... my phone's been ringing off the hook with people telling me they saw them, too."

Hachey reported that he was watching television about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday when his wife told him she had just seen two UFOs. He grabbed his video camera and ran down the road to a nearby school, where he saw lights hovering over the tree line. They darted back and forth across the sky at incredible speeds, he said.

He managed to capture the lights on video. He says most people are skeptical about his UFO sighting until they see the video.

UFO hotspots don't last forever, expert says

by Joni Astrup

Staff writer

Dick Moss has been a believer in UFOs since childhood.

"Have simply always believed that amongst the hoaxes and amongst the misperceptions, that there is a phenomenon, that something is going on," he said.

Moss, a science teacher in Long Prairie, is a member of the Mutual UFO Network. The organization investigates UFO sightings and held a meeting Nov. 7 in Elk River to learn more about the recent rash of sightings here.

"There's something going on here which will eventually stop," Moss told a standing-room-only crowd at the Elk River Public Library. "When an area becomes a so-called hotspot for this it doesn't last forever."

Moss said UFOs may have been around for thousands of years, but didn't come on the American scene until the 1940s.

The term 'flying saucer' was coined in 1947, after a pilot named Kenneth Arnold reported seeing nine disc-shaped objects near Mt. Rainier. Arnold told a reporter that the objects flew in a manner similar to a stone or saucer being skipped across water. "This newspaper man picked up on that and he ran his own little headline the next day which then became national news and that's how the term 'flying saucer' was born," Moss said.

More than 70,000 UFO incidents are reported a year worldwide.

But Moss believes only a fraction of the UFOs seen are reported.

Most sightings occur between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. "If everybody was up and about all night long and slept during the daytime the number of UFO sightings would go through the roof," he predicted.

Some similarities in sightings have surfaced.

In many cases, people say the UFO descends like a falling leaf and can be gone in the blink of an eye. Often the object seems to respond to the witness, Moss said.

Minnesota has its share of goings on, he said. Besides reports



Terry Townsend of Princeton told about a UFO he saw near Elk River this fall during a meeting hosted by the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). Next to Townsend is a drawing of the craft he described. (Photo by Joni Astrup)

of UFO sightings, there have been reports of crop circles or saucer nests, which are impressions found in fields.

And, there are Minnesotans who claim to have been aboard UFOs, he said.

Meanwhile, several people stepped forward during MUFON's four-hour meeting in Elk River and told about UFOs they had seen. Among the reports:

• A woman living near Zimmerman said she and her husband woke up in the middle of the night about two years ago when their fire alarm went off. They looked out a window and saw an object in the sky. "It was just like the size of the moon and it was red," she said.

• A man living in Big Lake Township said he was home about 10:30 p.m. one stormy night about two years ago when he saw three to four white discs, five to 10 feet off the ground, about 200 feet away in a large open field.

He watched them for about five minutes and then they were gone.

• A couple driving north of Big Lake on a stormy night at least two years ago told the group they saw an object up in the air about 300 feet away. It hovered for quite a while and then "it just took off like a jet, but there

was no noise," the man said.

• A man living in Elk River's Deerfield development said his 7-year-old son reported seeing a UFO near their house several months ago. About a week later, his 4-year-old daughter said she had seen a "flying skateboard" in their backyard, glowing in the dark.

• Another man told the group about a UFO he saw in 1968 as a child in St. Charles, Ill. The day after he and two companions saw the object, he and a school playground-full of children saw a craft, he said.

• A Chicago native told the group he saw a huge craft almost the size of a two-story building when he was 14 years old. The craft was silent and had windows around the top. Inside were people with long, very blond hair. "All of them looked identical," he said.

• A man who served in the Navy from 1978 to 1981 saw an unusual blue light and red light in the sky while on watch one night at sea. "They were moving around in the sky, almost like they were... chasing each other," he said. "It lasted for maybe about 10 minutes then all of a sudden they were gone."

• Terry Townsend of Princeton, one of the first to report seeing a UFO in the Elk River area, again described the object he saw hov-

ering northeast of Elk River as he drove home one night in September. Townsend, whose story has been picked up by television stations across the country, offered to take a lie-detector test to prove he saw what he says he saw.

Several other people reported sightings privately to a MUFON member at the meeting.

"There were some very interesting cases," said John Sawicke of MUFON.

One man from Rogers told Sawicke he was home about 8:30 p.m. recently when he heard a low throbbing sound which shook the walls of his house.

The next day his 10-year-old daughter told her mom she saw a light shine through her window at about the same time. When she looked out, she saw a saucer with lights on the bottom. She watched it for about a minute as it flew across the sky, Sawicke said.

Meanwhile, the Elk River nurse who made the first UFO report in September also talked about her experience.

She said she has given the matter a lot of thought and read up on the subject and believes the UFOs are a sign of the end times.

"If you read Revelation in the Bible towards that (end) time you are going to have aberrations, different forms of nature where Satan's demonic angels will take different forms," she said.

"The UFOs have nothing to do with religion," another woman in the audience retorted. "They come from other dimensions, other planets."

Throughout the afternoon, however, the discussion kept returning to religion and Christianity.

Several in the audience clearly felt that UFOs are a spiritual matter. Others dismissed the idea.

Finally, MUFON State Director Bill McNeff of Rochester stepped in.

"We're not going to solve the big religious questions here," he said. "... The purpose of this meeting is to talk about unidentified flying objects."

McNeff, who works as a com-

puter circuitry designer, wrapped up the meeting by telling the group about the most unusual sighting he investigated.

It happened in the mid-1960s, when a member of the Border Patrol was transporting two prisoners to Canada.

The man and another guard were driving through some rocky hills north of Minot, N.D., when one of the prisoners said "What's that thing sitting on that hill over there?"

The guard glanced at the hill, saw something round and shiny and told him it was a metal grain bin.

As they continued driving, the radio in the car cut out. "Just about that time the prisoner from the back seat says, 'By God, grain bins don't fly.'"

The guards looked over and, sure enough, the object had taken off, McNeff said.

A short time later, they pulled over where a number of people had stopped to watch the craft.

As they watched, the craft began to approach them, dipping and rising with the contours of the land. About 300 feet away, it hovered over a pond before continuing closer.

By this time, the people gathered got scared, ran into the ditch and peered over the top at the oncoming craft.

"It came and it hovered right over the squad car," McNeff said. "... It was a disc shape with a dome on top."

As they watched it tipped up on its edge, started spinning, shot straight up and was out of sight in a few seconds.

The guard went back to the squad car and tried to radio the Border Patrol, but neither of the two radios would work. The insides of the devices were blackened, "just as if someone had taken a blow torch to them," McNeff said.

The guard and an investigator returned to the site later and found marks on the hilltop that matched the details of the bottom of the craft the group observed.

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Out of this world

Group offers forum for people with UFO experiences

By LAURA E. WEXLER
Collegian Features Writer

Midnight. Route 26 heading toward Pine Grove Mills. Unrecognizable tree clumps along the road.

In her car: Beth Combs. Alone.

In the sky: a "shooting star" that doesn't fizzle out, but lands gracefully. A ball of white light in descent.

A UFO.
Combs shudders, afraid of abduction by whatever, whomever is in the UFO.

"I was reading a book about abduction and I was scared whoever was in the UFO might hurt me," Combs says now, two years after the night of her sighting. Seated in 207 Sackett, she awaits the meeting of the UFO Discussion Group she helped to start.

Combs, who found few willing ears for the account of her sighting, wanted a place where people could talk about their experiences without fear of ridicule or disbelief.

"The experience bogged my mind. I was not asleep. I was not dreaming. I was operating a car. And after you see something like I saw, you can't go back to not believing," Combs says, pushing her glasses up the slope of her nose and pulling her long, straight hair back from her shoulders.

Janet Smith accompanied Combs

"I've always been kind of a trailblazer, a little bit strange ... part of me enjoys the shock value anyhow. That's typical of an Aquarian."

— Janet Smith
member of UFO Discussion Group

in forming the UFO Discussion Group, which is offered through Free University and had its first meeting in September. She is the group's historian/lawyer/publicist, armed with newspaper clippings and a bag of paperback books theorizing on everything from crop circles to the spawning of our human race.

Smith says "Bah!" to any stigma for her UFO beliefs.

"I've always been kind of a trailblazer, a little bit strange ... part of me enjoys the shock value anyhow. That's typical of an Aquarian," Smith said. She, a petite, blond woman, works part time in Student Services at the University.

And although Smith says she's seen "strange things," nothing she's experienced has been as concrete as Combs' sighting.

Smith and her older brother used to see strange lights and globes — inexplicable things — on Neville Island, near Pittsburgh. Both chil-

dren were science fiction addicts and fascinated by the idea of extraterrestrial activities. Smith has been involved with paranormal activities — "ghosts and metaphysics" (and Star Trek) — beside UFO sightings.

"When you're a child, you don't want to say things to adults about UFOs because they'll say it's only your imagination," she says matter-of-factly.

I wanted to ask the UFO Discussion Group, an assortment of about 15 students and townspeople, if anyone had talked with, or become friends with an actual outer space alien.

Combs protested. "That's too personal," she said.

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The American Heritage Dictionary defines a UFO as "an unidentified flying object." That in mind, a slice of ice, a chunk of earth and a miniature meteor all qualify as UFOs.

And none is all that mystical.

"UFO means exactly what it says. It doesn't mean there are little green men inside a disc waving to me. It doesn't mean there's a sign saying 'Made in Mars' on the outside," said Louis Winkler, an assistant professor of astronomy at the University who has studied UFOs since the late 1970s.

Winkler is part of what can be called the empirical-nuts-and-bolts wing of the UFO Discussion Group.

"Critters and creatures, reported contact with aliens" don't fall into Winkler's area of study, although he refrains from making judgments about others' encounters.

Chris Lucas, a student attending Monday night's meeting, said although he doesn't believe in UFOs yet, he believes there are more than a few unexplained mysteries.

He, like others in the group, does not reject the theory that the U.S. government may be hiding evidence of UFOs from the public.

In fact, one member, T. Scott Crain, co-authored a book about government efforts to hide UFO evidence. In his book, *UFOs, MJ-12 & the Government: A Report on Government Involvement in UFO Crash Retrievals*, Crain has linked former University President Eric Walker to such governmental cover-ups.

Each member in the group seems to have a different reason for being there. Lucas, who hopes to be a doctor, fantasizes that modern medicine will learn from extraterrestrials how to decipher currently enigmatic diseases.

Winkler says he was the first astronomer in the world to be funded for UFO research. He compiled a definitive catalog of early sightings, proving a correlation between the time of year of the sightings and the time when Earth passes through cometary matter.

In layperson's terms, what Winkler's work showed was the great possibility that many of the early UFO sightings were variations of comets.

Such a physical correlation, in addition to anecdotal evidence, is reason for further study of UFOs, says Winkler.

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According to The New York Times, on Oct. 13, 1992 at 3 p.m., NASA computers and radio receivers in Puerto Rico and California were programmed to receive radio signals from any one of the 1,000 stars under study. If any signals are picked up, a reply may be made. NASA's communication, if not conversation, with extra-terrestrial beings may give accounts such as Combs' added credibility in society's eyes.

Farmer discovers unusual clearing in corn field

by Joni Astrup
Staff writer

An unusual clearing was discovered in an Elk River corn field recently, prompting the farmer to alert police.

Corn stalks had been broken off six to eight inches from the ground, creating a clearing 30 by 60 feet in size.

The clearing was oval but not symmetrical and located in the middle of a field near County Road 30 and Rawlings Street, just south of the Sherburne County Government Center.

A police officer came out and looked at the site Nov. 12, but authorities are stumped.

"We have no idea what caused the damage," Police Chief Tom Zerwas said.

He said there were no vehicle tracks leading into the area and they don't believe deer are to blame. When asked if it could be a hoax because of the recent UFO sightings in Elk River,

Zerwas said there's no way to determine that.

"We're looking at it as being either criminal damage to property or a natural thing," he said.

The landowner, who asked not to be named, said he's been farming all his life and never seen anything like it. "I don't know how to explain it," he said.

Meanwhile, a member of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), which investigates UFO sightings, came to Elk River last week to have a look at the field.

Although the area had been damaged when the corn was harvested, John Sawicke said

A farmer discovered this clearing in his corn field near County Road 30 recently. Police aren't sure what caused the damage. (Photo by Joni Astrup)



he was still able to see where the circle had been and plans to investigate the matter further.

Sawicke, of Burnsville, has a deep interest in the subject and has been to England three times to look at crop circles there. He said about 1,000 crop circles were found in wheat fields in England last year and another 1,000 were discovered this summer.

Two men stepped forward last year and claimed that they had been making crop circles as a joke for the last 10 years.

But Sawicke said they "weren't in business this summer." And, he said their method of making the crop circles with a string and a board doesn't account for all the anomalies in the formations.

The wheat in the circles, for example, seems to be laid down in a spiral pattern going out from the center. When the wheat has been lifted up, observers have found the under layer laid down in the opposite direction.

And, in some cases he said the crop has been bent at a 90-degree angle. The cell walls of the

plants show a rapid heating effect where the bends occurred, he said, "something like microwave heat was applied to them."

Meanwhile, unusual things have been found in Minnesota fields.

Two years ago near Hutchinson a 40-foot-wide swath through a corn field left a mark about that resembled a question mark. Sawicke said the corn was scorched black where it had been severed, with the scorching traveling through the plant to lower nodes.

"It was almost like an electrical current went through the corn, scorching as it went," he said.

The subject of crop circles or "saucer nests" also came up during a recent meeting in Elk River hosted by MUFON.

MUFON member and science teacher Dick Moss of Long Prairie showed slides of a large barrel-shaped crop impression that occurred in a field near Underwood, Minn., earlier this year.

He said crop circles are common in that area.

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UFO Visits Louisiana In Broad Daylight During Christmas

By Bland Pugh

I received a report about a Daylight sighting that occurred over Monroe, Louisiana during the Christmas holidays, apparently this sighting was observed by over twenty witnesses. It was reported to me about six days prior to this writing. The Monroe Chief of Police had made an investigation on his own, talking to and taping the testimony of over twenty witnesses. He was as surprised as we were that no one had bothered to call about this sighting before we did.

Apparently the witnesses could see a very bright light in the sky. Other witnesses reported a solid craft, hovering above them. It was also reported that the object followed one witness's car as it moved down a road.

At this writing I do not have any further details, however I am waiting for an article to be sent to me from Monroe, when I get it I will share more details.

High Strangeness

About a week ago I received a call from a fellow that wanted to talk to someone familiar with the Gulf Breeze sightings, I agreed to meet with him at the Bay Window Deli for coffee around 8:00 p.m. His name was Heinz, and he had a lady friend with him named Joke (pronounced Yokee), he was German and she was Swiss. They were here on vacation, and wanted to know more about the Gulf Breeze UFO, after talking to them for 30 minutes, Joke asked if I had heard of the Mitchell-Hedges crystal skull. I told her yes, upon which she told me that she had in her possession, two similar crystal skulls, and asked if I would like to see one of them. Of course I said yes, and we immediately went out to the beach to their condo where she had one of the skulls. After settling in and being offered coffee, Joke went to the patio and brought in a towel with something in it, as she unwrapped it I knew it was the skull. Now friends, I think most of you know I'm pretty well on the ground, but when that lady pulled that skull out of that towel I got one hell of a strange feeling. This thing was anatomically correct in every detail, and was the exact size of a human skull. It was as smooth as any glass, and weighed about 20 lbs.

I held it and looked it over from one end to the other, and I will tell you I have never seen anything like it before.

Joke told me the story behind it and I was fascinated. Now I will try to recall as much as I can, but you must understand that she spoke in very broken English, and not knowing a lot about crystal skulls, and the history behind them, I was having a pretty difficult time putting the story together. Apparently the skull was unearthed in South America back in the very early 1800's, and had been used by the local Indians in their religious ceremonies for a number of years. This particular tribe was prone to human sacrifices. After some time the skull fell into the hands of a priest, and remained so for quite sometime before the skull was taken to Europe. Joke was traveling with a friend and went into a store, where she saw the two skulls, the owner told her they were not for sale. Upon which she told him she wasn't interested at that time, but that she was positive he would call her in a few weeks about them anyway. Three weeks passed, she received the call, and picked the skulls up after the man said he "no longer wanted them."

Joke told me that she isn't quite sure of the total significance of this skull, but said after talking with many people, and having witnessed the reaction of those seeing the skull for the first time, she is convinced there are some mystical powers involved. Many people have said they can feel an aura around the skull when held in the lap, with hands held slightly away from it. I must confess I held it in this manner and I didn't feel anything, but you've got to understand I'm not schooled in the study of crystals, as many are, so I must not be "tuned" into them.

Joke intends to take the skull to Peru for further study, and research, I will keep in touch with her. Hopefully, I will be able to pass this along to you. Incidentally Peru is probably one of the hottest UFO areas in the world for some unknown reason.

Nothing further to report about the Gulf Breeze UFO this week, however, the skywatches are continuing in several different places. Keep looking up and behind you. Remember the Hotline, 438-3261.

Deputies seek signs of Hustisford UFO

JUNEAU (AP) — The Dodge County Sheriff's Department is taking seriously the report of an unidentified flying object sighted near Hustisford, Sheriff Stephen Fitzgerald said.

"I know to the people who saw it this is a real object; so we're going to investigate it," he said Monday.

A farmer near Hustisford called the department Sunday about 8:15 p.m. to report a strange light in the sky.

By the time deputies arrived at the scene, the light had moved westward and was about 45 degrees above the horizon, Fitzgerald said.

The deputies got into their squad car and drove westward along Wisconsin 60, following the light for about 20 miles until it suddenly took a left turn near County Trunk BB about 2 1/4 miles east of Columbus, Fitzgerald said.

The deputies followed the light southward toward the Jefferson County line, where they notified authorities there about the object and gave up the chase. Jefferson County deputies reported no sightings Sunday night.

The farmer told deputies the light was connected to a large, flat object that was domed at the center. The bright light was shining from the domed section, and a dimmer, yellowish light came from the ends, Fitzgerald said.

Ray Stubinsky, a town of Oconomowoc farmer who lives less than a mile south of Dodge County in Waukesha County, reported a UFO to town officials last Tuesday.

Stubinsky and his 14-year-old grandson noticed lights about 8 p.m. in the cornfield across the road — too low to be a tractor and too high to be an airplane, he said Monday.

As they watched, the lights came toward them, and Stubinsky said he saw what appeared to be three machines, side by side, with one on top.

Although Stubinsky said he was convinced the UFO he saw wasn't a helicopter, he said Monday he didn't think it matched the description of the object seen near Hustisford, either.

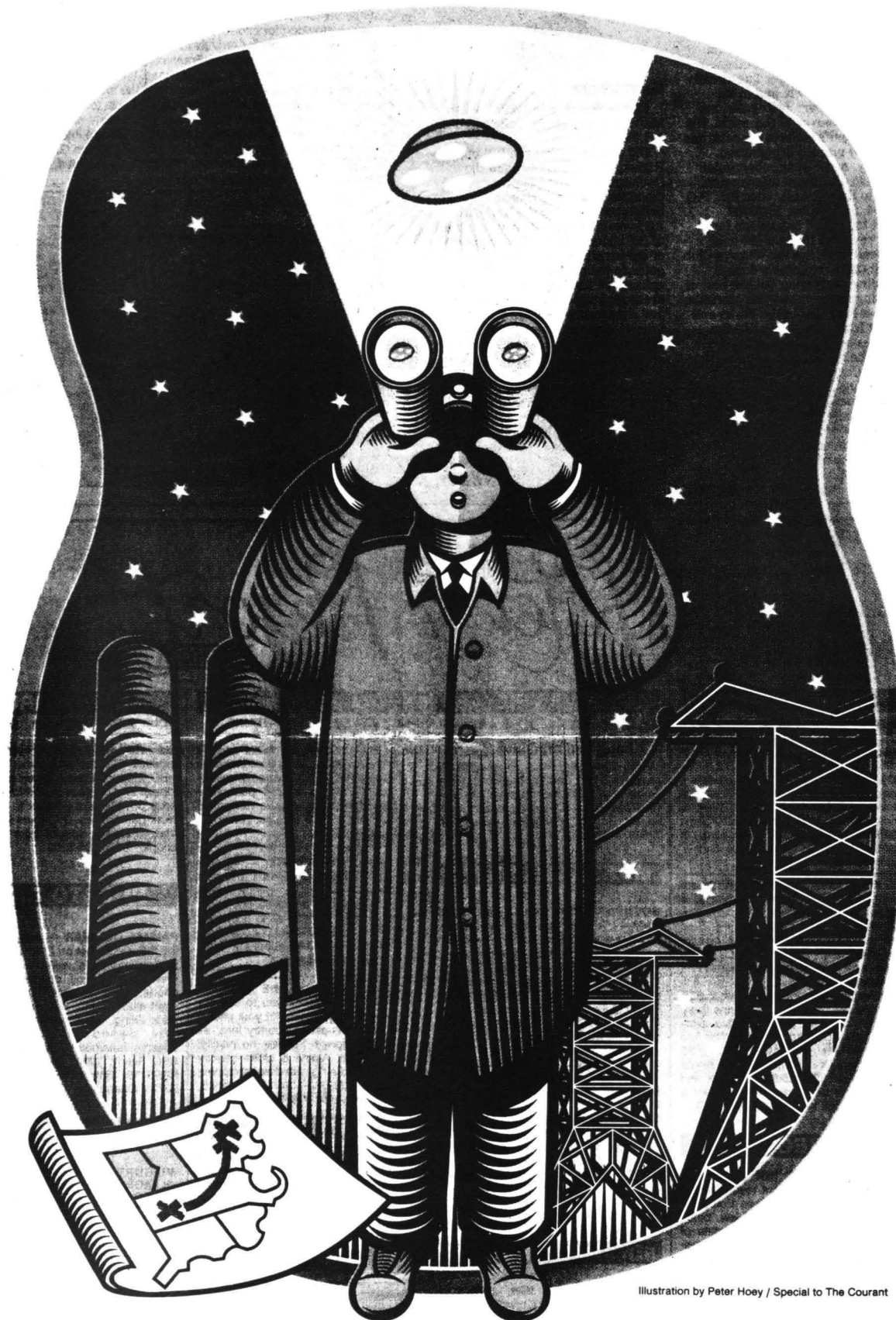


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Hot on the track of UFOs

By STEVE SILK
Courant Travel Writer

Not so long ago, Pan Am was accepting reservations for flights to the moon. The airline has since gone down the tubes, but hopes for space travel are still soaring.

And why shouldn't we dream of venturing out into Star Trek territory? After all, many people believe that beings from outer space have been piloting UFOs here for quite some time.

Assuming UFOs exist, you might hope to have a close encounter of your own. So where should you head?

UFO researchers, abductees, and saucer buffs in the Northeast are far from unanimous in their suggestions. Many say looking for one would be a waste of time.

"It's like trying to find tornadoes — you know they're in Kansas but do you go out there

and wait for them?" asks Dr. Ralph J. LaGuardia, an internist in Mansfield Center and a volunteer state investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, an independent organization that researches and investigates UFO sightings. The network is based in Seguin, Texas.

But others gladly offer a few tantalizing clues, tips that make a prospecting trip more than a fly-by-night shot in the dark. Some even talk of going on UFO hunts themselves.

And though you might not want to plan a whole vacation around saucer-spotting, you could, at least, keep your eyes peeled next time you're in a likely spot. Who knows what might turn up.

New Hampshire

Military bases are deemed prime places for UFO activity, say those who claim to know. Pease Air Force Base, just outside Portsmouth, N.H., is regarded as an especially hot UFO spot, even though it closed several years ago.

So many unexplained lights were seen around the base in 1965 that the commander

disguised himself as an old man and drove a beat-up car to fraternize with local sky-watchers, says UFO researcher Ray Fowler of Wenham, Mass.

New Hampshire seems to have had more than its share of bizarre UFO reports over the years. Bright yellow balls of light have been buzzing Hillsboro, a little burg on the Contoocook River southwest of Concord, for decades, many townspeople say.

And in Exeter, a glowing red disk, 50 feet in diameter, lit up houses as it rose from a grove of trees, says Marc Peloquin, a Natick, Mass., photographer who has spent years documenting the "haunted landscapes" where paranormal activity has been reported.

Betty Hill, the New Hampshire woman who says she and her husband Barney were abducted by aliens and examined aboard their spacecraft, takes people out in the Portsmouth area to spot UFOs on occasion. Don't hold your breath waiting for an invitation, though.

The Hills' account of their abduction established the pattern for the many similar reports that followed. (In 1989 alone more than 2,500 people claimed to have been abducted, LaGuardia says.) The accounts are eerily similar, from the gray-skinned humanoid aliens who communicate telepathically to the medical procedures undergone, which usually include examination of genitalia, removal of a skin sample from the leg and, sometimes, implantation of some sort of device.

New York

Strategic Air Command bases in particular are considered promising for close encounters. "The stuff that happens with consistency happens around Air Force bases that have atomic weapons," Peloquin says.

He zeroes in on Plattsburgh Air Force Base in upstate New York as a likely spot to see a UFO. Peloquin was drawn to the area after photographing a purported UFO landing site near Montreal and after hearing stories about a hotel's being buzzed — and seeing a newspaper photograph of something straight out of Steven Spielberg's "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," hovering over the Canadian city. "We're talking about stuff bona fide by the RCMP [Royal Canadian Mounted Police], highly documented," says the one-time skeptic.

Military bases aren't the only places to hunt for extraterrestrial visitors. Researchers agree that UFOs exhibit a fascination for human technology. Other promising spots include power sources such as nuclear reactors, power plants, high-tension lines — or anything high-tech, especially if new or under construction. Large bodies of water — reservoirs or lakes — are reputedly good hunting grounds as well.

The Hudson River Valley, between Westchester and Poughkeepsie, has been a veritable light show thanks to accounts of scores of buzzing UFOs over the past decade or so.

David Boras, an assistant to the director at the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago, says thousands of witnesses reported seeing boomerang-shaped craft — some as long as a football field — planing through the area in the mid-'80s. Lights arrayed in rows and circles blazed on the UFOs that once buzzed a local parkway, inspiring hundreds of motorists to pull over and gawk.

Fowler, U.S. director of investigation for the Mutual UFO Network, says more than 2,000 UFO reports were filed over the years in the Hudson Valley.

News of a flap — ufologist argot for a wave of sightings such as those in the Hudson Valley — should propel would-be saucer spotters toward the site of reported activity.

But the effort could prove fruitless. "Many flaps are not legitimate. ... There are a lot of hoaxers," says LaGuardia. "There are a lot of crazy people involved."

Another recent Empire State hot spot has been Pine Bush, located near Newburgh. A wide variety of UFOs have been seen there, says John White of Cheshire, an investigator of paranormal experiences who has written more than a dozen books.

"I myself saw something there in April of 1987," White says. "I was on a UFO hunt with a half dozen other people." What he saw was not a solid object, he says, but a nocturnal light, a brilliant red luminescence of uniform intensity. "I'm convinced it was not any known phenomenon — not swamp gas, not lights reflecting off a cloud, not aircraft."

Massachusetts

In Massachusetts, UFO buff Dan Shenefield of Agawam says that if he were hunting UFOs he'd head for a military base. But he doesn't have to. His wife Marianne says the skies over Agawam are filthy with UFOs. Her opinion is confirmed by some other researchers.

In June, she says, alien craft were hovering in the area, and on one street all the mailboxes simultaneously burst into flame. Brilliant white light bathed a local senior citizens' center. "Some people saw entities in their houses," she says. "A lot of people were praying."

But Gary Nardi, records sergeant with the Agawam Police Department, says no unusual reports were filed with police June 12, the night Shenefield says some of the heaviest activity occurred.

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Marianne Shenefield says she has been abducted twice by aliens, once in 1952, and again in 1972. Her story, is atypical: "I was not abducted by those little gray things everybody talks about," she says. Her abductor "looked like a little Chinese boy with a skin-diving outfit."

Diana Desimone, the Massachusetts researcher for the Mutual UFO Network, says Cape Cod is now the most UFO-inundated part of the Bay State. Fishermen returning to Provincetown said they glimpsed a circle-shaped, lighted object in the sky near a lighthouse in 1989. Desimone says she often hears of unexplained amber-colored lights cruising over the moors or offshore. But, she allows, they could be planes headed to Logan International Airport in Boston.

Connecticut

Closer to home, UFOs have made repeat appearances in the Winsted-Torrington area. Police, campers, nurses, teenagers and small boys have all reported seeing strange, brightly lit objects in the sky over the last 25 years. And then there's the 1986 incident — more than 200 people watching as an airborne strip of lights illuminated the night sky over Highland Lake in Winsted.

So you never know when or where a saucer might appear next. All you can really do is hope you get lucky. Remember the classic entreaty from "The Thing," one of the first of the creature feature sci-fi films of the 1950s:

"Watch the skies."

Approach task scientifically

Before lifting your eyes to the sky, UFO researchers suggest studying the literature (there are loads of books on the subject) to glean some idea of how UFOs behave. Learn to recognize aircraft light patterns so that you don't mistake an F-15 for a UFO. Comb newspapers and newscasts for reports of sightings.

Most sightings occur during the early evening. And while there's no optimal time of year for spotting UFOs, most are glimpsed during summer. (But that's probably because more people are outdoors then, says David Boras, an assistant to the director at the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago.)

John White, a Cheshire author and editor who produces an annual UFO conference in North Haven, has these tips for anyone who embarks on a UFO hunt:

- Be prepared to take photographs or make video recordings. Have binoculars ready.

- Be prepared to estimate dimensions of the craft, as well as its speed and altitude. Make angular measurements to gauge the size of any flying object you see. To do that, extend a coin between your thumb and forefinger at arm's length to see how much horizon it covers. Compare the coin's coverage of the horizon with that covered by any UFO.

- Have a tape recorder ready. UFOs are said to make a high-pitched humming or quavering sound. Sometimes there's a fairly loud rumbling as a vehicle goes by, sometimes a low hum, researchers say.

- Carry a paper and pencil to make notes and record statements by other witnesses. Make diagrams detailing what you saw. Make an aerial view of the area, including natural landmarks, standing lights or anything that might be of relevance.

- Be aware of local airports.

STEVE SILK

UFO Pays Four Minute Visit To Beach, Blinks Away

by Bland Pugh

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On Saturday evening, January 9, a Skywatcher was on the beach in hopes of spotting the UFO, he was successful. Just after dark, in an area to the East of Pensacola Beach, he observed a very intense and very large light in the Southern sky, the object appeared to be about 10 degrees above the horizon, and was stationary for quite some time, 3 to 4 minutes before blinking out. If you will remember, we had a very low ceiling, 300 to 500 ft. that evening, indicating the object was quite some distance out. This particular witness has asked that his name not be used, as I have personally been with him as we both observed the Gulf Breeze UFO, I know he is aware of what it looks like.

I would like to clarify a statement that was in the December 11 article, first of all when I referred to the "last shuttle mission," I had in mind that the particular mission was the last military shuttle mission, and by no stretch of the imagination did I mean that the space program was over. Let's hope not! Secondly I asked if anyone had heard about the Hubble Telescope being operable, and not malfunctioning as has been reported, that was a question folks, I heard someone make the statement, but I have not been able to confirm the story.

Well as usual our monthly MUFON meeting was a tremendous success. Forest Crawford was the speaker, and kept the crowd of over a 100 mesmerized for over two hours, with some of the most fascinating UFO material yet presented at one of our meetings. Forest covered a myriad of mini-subjects ranging from UFO abductions to the Crop Circle phenomenon. He described Aliens as they have been detailed to him by

abductees, even giving a brief hypothesis for the interruption of UFO sightings in the Gulf Breeze area, I will not go into this description at this time in that it takes more space than I have to set up, however anyone who attended this intriguing meeting would be more than glad to revisit the story with you.

Just a small personal note, those of you that have been to our skywatches all knew and remembered the Radcliff's, Bobby and Gail, as you know they moved to Oregon this fall because of Bobby's job as a pilot for an unnamed airline. Bobby was in Pensacola for an evening this weekend, and I was able to spend some time with him. He has been flying C-130's into Somalia for the past few months, Bob showed me some pictures of the airstrips he was flying into, and the Somalians unloading his plane. Folks let me tell you something, I've driven on better Georgia logging roads than he had been landing a cargo laden 4 engine airplane on, imagine trying to land on a single unpaved lane of the road between the Toll Booth, and the new VIC building. Often times when they land they don't know if they are landing in a secure area or not. One thing for sure, Bobby said, you really don't have time to be looking for UFO's, you see they are only on the ground twenty minutes at a time, three and 4 times a day. MUFON's hat is off to you Bobby, God-speed and hurry home.

Well it's a new year, and excitement is high in the UFO community, we have hopes of this year being even better than the last in our quest for the answers to the burning question we all are asking, Why, Who, Where, and When? So remember to keep looking up and behind you, don't forget the Hotline 438-3261.

TIMES, Oakland, CA - Jan. 22, 1993 CR: B. Brown

Decoding UFO encounters

Bob Brown says the effect was like looking at one of those aluminum Christmas trees with red and green light flooding over it. He was on a camping trip in Baja, 25 years ago.

He was convinced then, and he remains convinced today, that it was a UFO.

"This whole thing, this whole circular ball of light is changing colors, going from red to green to red to green," he recalls. "It was just pulsing like a color wheel was shining over it."

"Whatever it was was right over us and it was going straight up and straight out, and nothing can do that."

The Danville resident works for a company that produces videos, mostly on aviation. He also belongs to the International UFO Congress, which for the past couple of years has held conventions in Las Vegas.

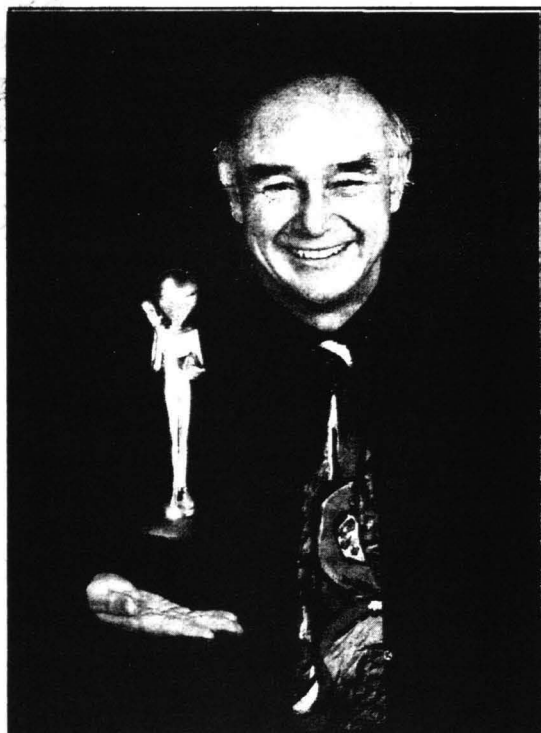
This year the group is putting on a film festival. You can check out video documentaries on sightings, alien abduction and sundry other otherworldly phenomena Saturday and Sunday at the Rock-ridge Cinema in Oakland.

Titles include "The UFO Experience," "Mystery of the Crop Circles" and "Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind." Showings are 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. They're giving out awards too, called EBEs (Extraterrestrial Biological Entity). Get tickets at the box office, or call 428-0202.

"The common belief at this time is quite certain that they (aliens) are here," says Brown, who coordinated the festival. "(That) we are being visited almost daily not by one race or species as it were, but by hundreds or thousands. I believe the universe is literally teeming with life and most of that life has been around a lot longer than us."

Brown is logical, articulate. But what about the kooks? What about that couple in Iowa who claim they were kidnapped by bug-eyed space creatures with tentacles and forced to eat a purple, Velveetlike substance?

"I think most of them, truthful-



Times photo illustration/Karl Mondon and Meg Morris

BOB BROWN has organized a UFO film festival taking place this weekend in Oakland.



ly, weed themselves out and deconstruct," Brown says. There is one lady, though, who shows up at UFO Congress events insisting she has been visited by dog people — you know, aliens with superior intelligence and beagle bodies. Or maybe they're more like Scotties, with those really big heads.

Brown says there have been sightings all over the globe. In

North America, many people claim to have seen creatures called Little Grays. "These alien beings seem to be involved in snatching people up as it were — most seem to think against their will — and doing various kinds of ongoing experiments with them." There was even a TV movie about it.

The big question, says Brown, is why these beings bother.

"I think a lot of it may be a wake-up call. I think a lot of it is pointed and designed to help us take a look at ourselves, a look at where we're going as a species; where we're going with our planet, our environment."

— Karen Hershenson

Several report sighting blue light

'Blue streak' sighted in night sky on Sunday

By Eric Brian
Daily Sun staff writer

The Gage County Sheriff's Department received several reports of a blue streak of light in the sky Sunday night above southern Gage County.

Deputy Phil Dittbrenner, rural Beatrice, said he was driving on a gravel road a mile and a half north of Blue Springs when he saw a bright blue flash.

"I thought at first it was somebody spotlighting for deer," he said. "I turned off my (car) lights, but I didn't see it anymore. It must have been right on top of me or behind me, because I couldn't see it in front of me."

Dittbrenner said he knew the mysterious light wasn't from hunters when he "went into Blue Springs and a guy said he saw a blue ball streak across the sky from west to east and drop down over to the east."

Wymore resident Leonard Wilhelm reported to the sheriff's office at 9:50 p.m. he saw a blue band of light travel in the sky from west to east and that whatever it was might have gone down. Another caller reported seeing the same phenomena.

Reserve Deputy Ken Reed, Wymore, later reported that he

saw a blue light north of Liberty go down and then what sounded like a small explosion.

REED SAID he was in a car with two other people who saw the mysterious light.

"It looked like a comet. It was a big blue light with a tail on it. It went behind trees," he said.

"It could have been the sound barrier. When something is that far away," Reed said of the noise he heard, "It could have been miles away — it's hard to tell."

Sheriff Jerry DeWitt was out of town Monday and unavailable for comment.

Deputy Richard Monfelt said as of late Monday morning the sheriff's office had not received any more reports, and has not "heard from any farmers in the area."

WHEN THE calls came in Sunday night, the sheriff's office contacted the U.S. Weather Service in Lincoln. According to Dittbrenner, the Weather Service said two pilots had reported seeing the blue light from their aircraft.

"They said they thought it was space junk or a meteorite," Dittbrenner said.

Dittbrenner said he wasn't sure about any further investigation into the light.

"It's hard to tell how far away it was, especially since people saw it in Liberty. That's a big area to go out and cover," he said.

SUN, Beatrice, NE - Nov. 17, 1992

Rumors of U.S. Superplane Seem Unfounded

By MALCOLM W. BROWNE

Rumors and reported sightings of a secret American superplane have been proliferating lately almost as abundantly as yarns about unidentified flying objects. But despite the acknowledged yearning of many American aviation experts and buffs for an ultrafast spy plane, it appears that development of even the engine needed for such a plane is moving faster in Russia than in this country.

The possible existence of a new American intelligence-gathering plane capable of flying at eight times the speed of sound has been suggested in recent articles in the British periodical *Jane's Defense Weekly*, the American magazine *Aviation Week & Space Technology* and other respected technical publications.

These reports are based partly on sightings of large and unusually shaped airplanes, peculiar looking condensation trails left by high-flying aircraft and strange rumbling sounds near Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., and other places around the world.

Secret Project of 1980's

Some experts believe the purported sightings of a hypersonic (ultrahigh-speed) reconnaissance plane are credible in light of some mysterious Defense Department budget items in the 1980's referring to a project called "Aurora," or perhaps "Senior Citizen."

The theory is that "Aurora" was

Russia appears to be further ahead on ultrafast engine.

intended to produce a new spy plane to succeed the Lockheed SR-71 "Blackbird," which was retired in 1990. During the quarter century the SR-71 served America's intelligence agencies, it routinely flew at speeds up to 2,600 miles an hour above 100,000 feet, and none of the countries it scouted ever succeeded in shooting it down, despite hundreds of attempts.

The Air Force, which operated the SR-71, the U-2 spy plane (which gained notoriety in 1960 when one was shot down over the Soviet Union) and reconnaissance satellites on behalf of the Central Intelligence Agency, emphatically denies the existence of a super spy plane. Donald B. Rice, Secretary of the Air Force, said last month that reports of such an aircraft are "fantasy."

An Air Force spokesman said: "We have looked into all such sightings, as we have for U.F.O. reports, and we cannot explain them. No Air Force aircraft were operating at the times and places of the alleged sightings."

William Sweetman, author of the report published in December by

Jane's Defense Weekly, still believes in the existence of some kind of secret, high-speed spy plane.

"Many of these sightings were from highly qualified and credible observers," he said, "and even if the Air Force is not directly involved, the plane might be operated by some other organization, such as the National Reconnaissance Office." That office has coordinated intelligence from satellites and aircraft for decades, but its very existence was consistently denied by the Government until recently.

Another writer on secret intelligence-gathering aircraft and satellites, William E. Burrows, author of "Deep Black," also believes Aurora (or its equivalent under another name) may exist. "If you put all the evidence together," he said, "you have to conclude that some kind of very high-speed plane is flying. But it might not be a dedicated reconnaissance plane. It might also operate as a bomber or in some other high-speed mission."

But a lengthy review of the evidence published by the Federation of American Scientists in September concluded that although the Government has often falsely denied the existence of intelligence-gathering projects, and therefore deserves to be doubted, it looks in this case as if Aurora may be nothing more than wishful thinking.

Dr. John E. Pike, who analyzed the Aurora case for the federation's newsletter, wrote that "an under-

standing of the mystery aircraft phenomena is impossible outside the context of the U.F.O. phenomena."

"Belief in the existence of marvelously capable and highly secret aircraft resonates with some of the deeper anxieties of contemporary American society," he wrote. "Aviation has long been one of the distinguishing attributes of American greatness."

But he added: "The declining fortunes of the American aerospace industry have created growing uncertainties about the future. It would be comforting to believe that the decline of America and American aerospace was more apparent than real."

Such sentiments were echoed in a speech Dec. 9 by Daniel S. Goldin, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, who declared, "America's historic lead in aeronautics is in a nose dive."

Franco-Russian Test

Russia and its French aerospace partners, meanwhile, have announced the successful test-firing of a "scramjet" engine, which operates at speeds starting at five times that of sound and is capable of lifting an airplane toward orbit outside the atmosphere.

The Franco-Russian test, as reported by *Aviation Week & Space Technology*, was carried out Nov. 17 in Kazakhstan. Representatives of the French aerospace company Onera, a

partner in the project, said the scramjet successfully operated for 15 seconds at 5.5 times the speed of sound in a test using a modified Russian anti-aircraft rocket. The French said progress with the scramjet meant that development of a test aircraft using the jet could begin in 1995.

Plan for Space Plane

A scramjet differs from an ordinary jet engine in that it can only operate at very high speed. Air entering a scramjet at high supersonic speed compresses itself in the engine's reaction chamber, where hydrogen fuel is injected, mixed with air and ignited, producing a rocket-like thrust. An aircraft using such an engine would require a conventional power plant to take off and reach supersonic speed before firing its scramjet. Operating at eight times the speed of sound, such an aircraft could serve as a reconnaissance spy plane, a penetration bomber, or even an ultrahigh-speed commercial airliner. It could also fly to the top of the earth's atmosphere and then fire rockets lofting it in the final stage into orbital flight.

Two American companies, Rockwell International's Rocketdyne and United Technology's Pratt & Whitney, are trying to develop scramjets, or some other possible power plants, for the projected National Air and Space Plane, a NASA project. But neither project officials nor aircraft industry experts profess to know anything about the mystery high-speed spy plane.

Vincent Rausch, director of the project, said that the development of power plants for a hypersonic air and space plane was still one of the major stumbling blocks, and that development of a flying prototype was nowhere in sight.

"We don't know anything about it here," Paul Sewell, a spokesman for Rocketdyne, said of a mystery spy plane, "but it would sure be great if there were something like that flying."

DESERT SUN, Palm Springs, CA - Jan. 2, 1993 CR: M. Losornio/R. Decker

It's a bird? It's a plane? It's a UFO, family says

By DIANA WASHINGTON VALDEZ
The Desert Sun

LA QUINTA — What was it?

Friends who gathered for a New Year's celebration and saw it in the night sky hovering over La Quinta are still wondering.

Robert Ceballos of Palm Springs filmed the strange lights with his video camera and spent most of the day showing it to others.

Todd Sandell believes what they saw shortly after midnight on Friday was an unidentified flying object.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," Sandell said. "It was not an airplane, helicopter or weather balloon — it was a UFO."

Ceballos, his wife, Willema Ceballos, and his brother, Richard Ceballos, agree what they saw was unusual.

The Ceballoses were at Sandell's La Quinta home on Avenida Villa when they saw the objects, which first appeared to the north.

The circular lights were reddish-yellow and faded in and out. Two of them faded completely away after about 15 minutes, while a third one lingered for another half hour.

Something swirled around the third light in a clockwise direction, fell downward and then pulled back into the light.

"At first I thought it was a star, or maybe fireworks, but it moved around, then stood perfectly still, and it didn't make any noise," said Richard Ceballos of Cathedral City.

Robert Ceballos said people next door also noticed the objects and took still pictures of them.

"It was weird and a little scary," Willema Ceballos said.

A Riverside County Sheriff dispatcher said someone in Moreno Valley reported seeing a big ball of fire fall from the sky after midnight on Friday.

"An officer who went to check didn't see anything," the dispatcher said.



SIGHTING: FROM LEFT, Richard, Robert, Willema and Bobby Jr. Ceballos. ABOVE, the object.

ENTERPRISE, High Point, NC - Jan. 12, 1993 CR: G. Fawcett

Witnesses swear UFO swoops into High Point

By Jimmy Tomlin
STAFF WRITER

First in flight, fourth in UFO sightings. North Carolinians may have tar on their heels, but their eyes are stuck to the skies, says the head of the Mutual UFO Network of North Carolina.

"Our state ranks fourth in the nation in UFO sightings, and that's pretty much been true the last three or four decades," said George D. Fawcett, 63, of Lincolnton.

Fawcett, an amateur UFO investigator and researcher since he was 14, keeps track of such things. His home doubles as a UFO clearing-house and contains more than 15,000 UFO-related news clippings, photographs, drawings and other items.

1992 brought 17 new reported sightings from 14 different cities, including High Point, Fawcett said.

"That's an average year, I think, but prob-

ably the significant point is that they were grouped in May and September," he said. Nine of the 17 claimed sightings were reported to Fawcett during those two months, he said.

"That's more of an indication that something was definitely taking place," he said.

The High Point sighting was among those reported in May. Vicky Foster and Linda Peace, both of Trinity, reported seeing a large, cigar-shaped object, covered with bright lights, hovering not far above their car as they drove near Oak Hollow Lake.

Following is an account of that sighting, based on Enterprise interviews with the two women:

On May 5, around 11:15 p.m., Foster, a 33-year-old cosmetologist, and Peace, a 42-year-old housewife, were returning from an evening of playing bingo at the High Point Elks Lodge on Old Mill Road. Near the intersection

of Johnson Street extension and Oakview Road, Peace asked which way the airport was. Foster pointed to the left.

"Well if the airport's over there, what in the world is this over here on my right?" asked Peace.

The two observed a large, airborne object with red, green, blue and white lights "as bright as stadium lights," said Foster.

They pulled into a church parking lot to watch, but the cigar-shaped object only hovered, making no sound. "We even cut the car off but couldn't hear anything," Foster said.

It appeared to have a large, fluorescent-looking window on its underside, "but we couldn't see inside," she said. "It slowly came toward us, made like a dead stop right over us and then vanished — just zip, it was gone."

Thinking the object had left, the women started for home. Only a couple of minutes

later, they saw what they claim was a low-flying military aircraft headed toward the area of their UFO sighting.

"You could see (the plane) was military," Peace said. "I think the military must have picked up (the cigar-shaped object), too. They had to, to have gotten there that quick."

The experience changed the way the two women think about UFOs, they said.

"I had read articles (about UFOs) in the paper, but I didn't really believe people saw these things," Foster said. "But I believe now. Every time I'm outside at night, I'm looking up."

Peace believes the object she saw will return.

"It was something that don't live down here," she said. "But it'll come back, I know it will. ... And I know it was a UFO because if we can go to the moon, why can't they come down here?"

Dodge County sheriff shocked by attention over UFO sightings

By MICHAEL S. BAYER
Sentinel staff writer

Juneau — Dodge County Sheriff Stephen G. Fitzgerald was under the lights Monday because two of his deputies saw a mysterious light in the sky the night before.

"I've been in law enforcement for 30 years and I've never experienced anything like today," Fitzgerald said of the media attention after Sunday night's sighting of an unidentified flying object.

Nine television stations, countless newspapers and radio stations from Green Bay to Madison interviewed Fitzgerald Monday. He was even interviewed live on a Wyoming radio station, he said.

"I've been answering calls since 5 a.m.," Fitzgerald said. "We've had some pretty serious homicide cases in this county in recent years, but it's never come close to this."

"I just can't understand it." Authorities here are saying the same thing about the mysterious, bright light.

At 8:15 p.m. Sunday, a farmer just west of Hustisford called the Sheriff's Department to report a strange, bright light in the sky above his farm.

Two deputies were dispatched to the scene, and by the time they arrived, the light had moved westward and was poised about 45 degrees above the horizon, Fitzgerald said.

The deputies hopped into their squad car and drove westward along Highway 60, following the light for about 20 miles until it suddenly "took a left turn" near County Highway BB, 2½ miles east of Columbus, Fitzgerald said.

The deputies followed the light southward toward the Jefferson County line, where they notified authorities there about the object and gave up the chase. Jefferson County deputies reported no sightings Sunday night.

The farmer told deputies the light was connected to a large, flat object that was domed at the center. The bright light was shining from the domed section, and a darker, yellowish light was coming from the ends, Fitzgerald said.

"It was an intense light that would fade away for intervals and then reappear," Fitzgerald said.

At no point in the pursuit were deputies able to catch up to the light or get beneath it. They never got close enough to discern a shape, Fitzgerald said.

"It's very hard to estimate the speed, because they were never very close to it," Fitzgerald said.

Following the incident, the Sheriff's Department contacted several area air traffic-control towers. None reported any aircraft in the area at the time of the sightings.

Deputies also could not discern any sounds or changes in wind speed or direction during the pursuit, Fitzgerald said.

Theories abound on the source and cause of the UFO.

Satellites can reflect light off clouds and onto the earth, or the light could have been a reflection from Venus.

Two Beaver Dam firefighters reported a similar light in the sky Saturday night, and several people called the Sheriff's Department about seeing lights Sunday, Fitzgerald said.

Whatever the source of the light, the Sheriff's Department takes the sighting seriously, Fitzgerald said.

"I know to the people who saw it this is a real object, so we're going to investigate it," he said. "But I have a hard time believing in UFOs. I guess I have to have a concrete explanation before I believe in something."

"Of course, the U.S. government has spent millions of dollars

studying these things, and they've never come up with a definitive yes or no."

Fitzgerald said a friend of his who owns "some sophisticated photo equipment" would be out Monday night watching for a repeat performance.

"According to the report, the object passed right above my house," Fitzgerald said. "But I didn't see it."



This mysterious, perfectly formed wound appeared on the hand of a skywatcher after he spotted a UFO over Pensacola Beach. The incident occurred Jan. 9, and the superficial punctures have not healed.

Photo by Bland Pugh

Bizarre Story Unfolds

by Bland Pugh

There are no new sighting reports as of this writing, however I'm going to do a follow-up story to the January 13, '93 article.

The story began on Jan. 9, 1993, "Bill" went to Pensacola Beach at sundown to skywatch. It is not unusual for some of the skywatchers, myself included, to go out by themselves. On this particular evening "Bill" was on the eastern end of Pensacola Beach, it was cool and overcast, with a moderate wind blowing. After parking and getting out of his vehicle, he set up his equipment for what he hoped would be a sighting. He didn't have long to wait, over the Gulf appeared the "Bright" light of the Gulf Breeze UFO. "Bill" looked at the object through his 8 x 40 binoculars for a minute or so, when he began to feel his face flushing hot, then his face felt like it had been exposed to cold for a long period of time, putting the binoculars down, he began to feel nauseated and even a little faint. His first reaction was that he had not eaten lunch that day, and possibly that was causing the dizziness, so he put his hand up to his brow, and bent over with his head down. After approximately a minute the dizziness seemed to be passing somewhat, so he stood up and looked for the UFO, it was gone.

"Bill" climbed into his vehicle, and remained there for quite some time regaining his composure. He then gathered his equipment, and stored it. By now the time was something like 8:00 p.m., and he headed for Shoreline Park where a skywatch was underway, a large group of MUFON members had gathered to be interviewed by Kimberly Riegler for the "Neighborhood" section of the News Journal. He told the people at the park about his experience, and was just standing around talking when he discovered he'd hurt his hand, noticing the small amount of blood on the back of his right hand. "Bill" thought that he must have hit it on something while gathering his equipment and putting it into his vehicle, he didn't think too much of the hand after that. "For about a week I had convinced myself that this was a pure accident and nothing else. But since then I have found out that other people

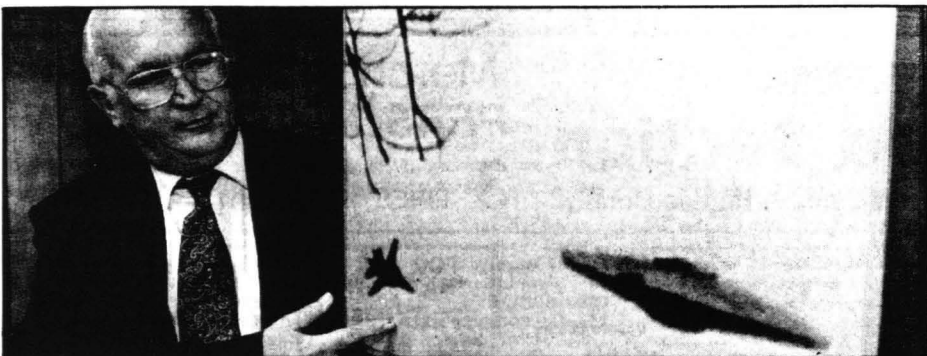
have discovered this mark on them too. On or about the night of January 15, a friend of mine discovered one on his arm as he was dressing the next morning. I have also found out that a person in the "Tiger Point" area, as well as someone in Biloxi, MS had a similar mark appear."

On Friday of the next week, "Bill" showed me his hand and said he was a little concerned about it, because it hadn't healed, only gotten worse, when he first discovered the marks they were only small perforations, progressively getting larger. I asked him to keep me posted as to it's progress, towards the first of the week, the enlargement of each separate wound prompted him to call a doctor about it, as it was very unusual in nature, you see, the wound consisted of a circle of 7 separate and evenly spaced punctures, with one in the center (see photo). When "Bill" talked to the doctor, he was told that he had seen this type of wound before.

As of this writing the circle is still visible on "Bill's" hand, he had asked me to write this article in hopes that anyone with a similar mark would contact him through me. Please write to me at P. O. Box 6020, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561, all replies will be kept confidential, please include your address, telephone number, and if possible a picture of the affected area only.

Next week will be an article in it's entirety by Walt Andrus (International Director of MUFON) stating the "Final Conclusion on the Ed Walters Case"

Remember to keep looking up and behind you, and if you have any sightings remember our Hotline 438-3261. By the way Dan...I think I thank you.



Tribune photograph by GREG FIGHT

Fearon Hicks Jr. illustrates his lecture on UFOs.

UFOs scouting us out!

Or so says one lecturer, who claims to have been spotting UFOs since age 4.

By DOUG NURSE
Tribune Staff Writer

WINTER HAVEN — A planet carrying beings with superior technology will orbit around the Sun near the Earth sometime around the year 2000, a lecturer on UFOs told a gathering Saturday.

Addressing about 25 people at the Winter Haven Public Library, Fearon Hicks Jr., state section director of the Mutual UFO Network, said the planet Nibiru travels close to the Sun about every 3,600 years.

Hicks, an Auburndale resident and self-schooled student of unidentified flying objects, said he believes UFOs are scouts from Nibiru, but he doesn't know their intentions.

"I don't know if they're warlike or if they're spiritual," he said.

Matt Davis, 19, of Lakeland said he has gone to a couple of the meetings because he's intrigued by the idea of life from other planets, and likes to theorize with others with the same interests.

"There's some pretty smart people there," he said. "I like to see how other people think."

Hicks said he conducts the seminars periodically to inform the public about UFOs.

He said UFOs can appear anywhere to anyone. His first exposure to them came at age 4 with sight-

ings on a semi-regular basis ever since, although he has yet to capture one on film.

Hicks said the government and scientists are aware of Nibiru, but don't want the knowledge to get out because of objections from the religious community. He said he does not know why religious leaders would care if the information became public.

Hicks said the ancient Sumerians knew of the superior beings, called Annunaki, and in fact learned to write, and build cities from the Annunaki.

He said the Annunaki came to Earth millennia ago to mine gold to construct a planetary shield to protect the atmosphere on their home planet. They domesticated humans to help them, and have genetically manipulated humans 65 times to improve their performance.

Hicks, 43, who said is a former radio broadcaster and former Auburndale police officer, said he gets most of his information from books,

interviews and other research.

But he doesn't believe everything he reads. For example, he scoffs at the idea that cattle mutilations in the West were done by extraterrestrials; they were probably done by the CIA, he said.

By Rob DiPerna
and Walt Shepperd

The stories invariably begin with unexplained holes in time. People are looking into the sky on a clear, starry night when something unusual flashes across the sky. The next thing they know, hours have passed. Or they're at home and hear a strange noise in another room, then look at the clock and find time has passed without account. Some awaken to find themselves bleeding, or with unexplainable scars on their bodies, remembering only bits and pieces of a nightmare from the night before.

The Roper Organization study *Unusual Personal Experiences* reports 1 percent of the American population may have had experiences like these. Not all of them want to admit it, of course. But among those who believe in the existence of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), such occurrences form a pattern which bolsters their contention that humans are being temporarily abducted by visitors from another planet.

Skeptics quickly dismiss this association, attributing the pattern to a range of psychological and social factors. The Roper questionnaire, distributed through a network of mental health professionals, never mentioned aliens directly, however; it asked respondents about "unusual personal experiences." Further, the study contained a reliability-check question that eliminated all science-fiction-prone respondents in the pool of 6,000.

"Mental health professionals have, with a few exceptions, maintained an arms-length attitude toward this phenomenon," notes Harvard Medical School Psychiatry professor John Mack. "When abductees have turned in their distress to mental health professionals, they have often become still more troubled when an attempt is made to place their cases in a familiar psychiatric category or to attribute their experiences to some other sort of trauma or troubled family relationships. Abductees know and fear this response, and so, by and large, steer away from mental health professionals, preferring to seek out members of the network of people who specialize in the investigation of UFO-related phenomena."

A similar, although usually more brutal response is most often in store for people who relate abduction stories to family members or even close friends. They are generally either patronized, laughed at or simply told they are crazy. "One thing is consistently clear," says a Central New York mental health professional who uses hypnosis to help people who suspect abduction and provides counseling for those who report clear memories of the experience. "People who report abductions are, by and large, not crazy. These are normal people who have had real, profound and impactful experiences that have shattered their reality and left them feeling powerless to defend themselves or their children."

Like everyone who is willing to talk about the abduction experience for print, this mental health professional wants to remain anonymous because of reactions from others in the field. "Some people think that the

motives of the visitors are good, some say evil, and some believe that they have no more good or ill intent than the scientist has for lab rats," the person says. "Some think the visitors are physical, some that they have slipped in from some other dimension. But even greater than the fear of ridicule for someone who reports an abduction is the fear that it will happen again."

Recurrent Experience

The pattern in repeat abductions is universal, according to Massachusetts Institute of Technology physics professor David Pritchard, who helped coordinate an MIT conference on the subject last

1990 issue of *Omni* magazine printed a "best guess" list, presenting some of the more common experiences of abductees. The list includes descriptions of pictographic writing that closely resembles ancient Egyptian or Chinese hieroglyphics, alien nurseries, alien-human sex and seamless unisex alien body suits.

Memories from the Crib

Jackie, a Syracuse resident in her mid-30s, says she remembers being visited and abducted by aliens since she was 3 years old.

"As a child, I can remember my father saying

of the experiences," she says. "I can feel them move when I try to think about it or talk about it."

Jackie describes encountering two kinds of beings. The first are short, stocky, gray creatures with some telepathic ability. She calls them "genetic engineers," the ones that usually perform the medical tests. The second are bluish, taller and able to communicate better with humans.

Jackie says these beings come from another dimension into ours. "It's difficult to explain," she says. "It's like being shown a map and asked where you are from, and have to tell someone that you are from about four maps behind this one." She says the aliens told her, "We come from another place, and another time."

Jackie believes these beings already have contact with our government, and that they will make themselves known to the public when the time is right. "They are here, they are around, and they will make

contact," she says, adding that she believes aliens already live on our planet, having been reincarnated from their last lifetime. "It is possible that some of us

are from another planet," she says. "If we have incarnated here from another planet, there is a possibility that we wouldn't remember."

Jackie says there have been times when the aliens have come for her and she has refused to go. "I just tell them that I'm busy, or that it's an inappropriate time, and they understand," she says. "They just say they'll be back later." Sometimes, she adds, she goes into the woods and waits for them. "They just tell me when they're coming, and I go and wait," she says.

Still, Jackie concedes, "I haven't gotten used to being taken. It's not just something that I expect. It comes very much as a surprise." Most of her abductions have involved medical examinations and genetic experiments. "Most of the tests they perform are over instantaneously," she says. "Other times they take longer, and once in a while they leave scars."

Jackie also claims voluntary contact with aliens through mind channeling, which she's been trying for the past four years. "They'll tell you things about your life and about the world," she says. "They can't tell us too much about the future in terms of specifics, because the future is constantly in motion. It all depends on our actions."

Abductee Turns Researcher

James, a 42-year-old Cayuga County resident who has spent the last 20 years researching UFO phenomena, says his first close encounter occurred at 14.

"I was in the back yard, watching what appeared to be a twin-engine military prop plane flying westward toward a cumulus cloud," he recalls. "Then to the left I noticed a large red blinking object emerge from another cumulus cloud southwest of the plane. After the plane got close to it, it made a 90-degree turn and followed the plane into a cloud. The

cloud filled with reddish colors, and I could hear the distant explosion. The object came out of the cloud, but the plane never did."

Like Jackie, James claims he has been visited and abducted by aliens repeatedly. He recalls a time in 1970 when he was visited in the early morning hours. "I was awakened and attacked by a manlike creature," he says. "I went to grab a plug-in flashlight off the night stand. I was struck in the head, and the flashlight was knocked out of my hand. When I woke up my face was sore, and the flashlight was on the floor next to the door."

He also recalls an experience in 1986 when he was abducted while on a driving route for a charity. "I saw a white van coming toward me, then it passed me," he says. "Suddenly, my car was enveloped in a white cloud, and everything went blank. The next thing I knew, I'd lost more than an hour, and I couldn't account for the seven or eight miles I had traveled."

James remembers seeing the beings, but is unable to remember what they look like. He says the most memorable thing about them, the thing that triggers the most memories for him, is the way they smell—"like rotten eggs." He also recalls being on an alien craft. He claims that he was abducted from 12:40 a.m. until 4 a.m. "I was placed on a table under a very bright glaring light while electrodes were placed on my limbs," he says. "This might have been a brainwashing or a punishment. I don't remember why they wanted me."

He recalls waking in the middle of the night in 1988, smelling the same rotten egg odor, and finding his head trapped in some kind of device before blacking out. The following morning, he woke to find he had an unexplainable nose bleed.

On another occasion in 1971, James woke to find at least two of them in the bedroom. "I got up off the bed and tried to escape," he says. "I never made it to the hallway, only a few feet away. I can still remember my feet on the hardwood floor as I bent over in a very doped state." The next thing James remembers, he was injected with a hypodermic needle, picked up off the floor, slammed down on the bed, and then covered with something elastic before blacking out.

James, a born-again Christian, theorizes that these beings could be demons, or the devil working in the world. "It's possible that it's like *Star Trek*, and Satan is Captain Kirk," he says. "I'd almost thought that the visitors were through with me in 1981, especially since I'd become a Christian, and had been counting on God to keep them away. But the 1986 abduction and several inside visits proved to me that I'm still being monitored."

That Bright White Light

Martha, a small-business owner in her Forties who lives on Lake Ontario, also remembers her first UFO experience happening very young. "We were playing in the schoolyard, and we saw this huge, oval-shaped thing fly toward a field," she says. "It moved real quickly, and silently. Then, it just disappeared, as quickly as it appeared."

One New Year's Eve, Martha recalls, her basement door wouldn't remain shut, and one of her two dogs was locked in her bedroom. "I went to close the basement door, and I saw a small figure in the basement. So I went and laid down on my couch with the other dog," she says. "Then, I woke up to a very bright

take a vacation, or sit down to relax, I'll start to deal with it." For now, I'm probably just repressing it." □

Talking About UFOs

Whether skeptic or believer, everyone must face the reality of the UFO phenomenon, at least to the people having the experiences.

MIT professor David Pritchard says the post-traumatic stress syndrome for those who claim UFO abduction is more devastating than post-Vietnam stress syndrome. "The person gets no support from friends," Pritchard says. "It's a major challenge to their belief systems. They know it's going to happen again, and they feel helpless. It's like being raped."

A Central New York clergyman who has counseled people abducted by UFOs says talking about the experiences is important: "These experiences are very traumatic, and they can have long-lasting, subconscious effects if they aren't dealt with, and I encourage anyone who has had the experience to get counseling as soon as possible."

Those reading this who would like referral for such counseling with a mental health professional on a confidential basis should call the *Syracuse New Times*, 422-7011, ext. 23.

—Rob DiPerna and
Walt Shepperd

light coming from outside, and I thought I had slept through until morning. I looked at the clock and found it was only 2 a.m., and the dog had somehow gotten out of the bedroom." A bright light is another typical experience for abductees, as detailed in Whitley Strieber's *Communion*, the book whose descriptions provided the basis for the 1992 CBS miniseries *Intruders*.

Martha tells of another event that she doesn't personally remember, but that her husband watched happen. "My husband remembers watching little people carrying me on my side, and he was completely paralyzed," she says. "Normally, the dogs (who are always in their bedroom) start moving around and barking at the slightest little noise. They didn't move, either, they just made a low, growling noise."

Martha remembers only portions of her abduction experiences, and her husband doesn't want her to go under hypnosis to dig them up.

"He's probably afraid it will bring up some of his memories," she says. Her husband has undergone hypnosis, and been so traumatized by the experience that he asked to be brought out, and has not returned to it.

Martha believes extraterrestrial beings live on our planet in the water and in the deserts. She recalls seeing UFOs hovering closely to Lake Ontario and then disappearing. She also refers to reported UFO sightings in mountainous regions of the Northwest.

Martha says she has seen an alien at her window. "It was just smiling at me, and I heard it tell me that everything was OK," she says, explaining that it communicated telepathically. "I tried to reach out to it, and all I remember is getting up and going back to bed." She describes the being as being grayish, with a large head and deep, slanted eyes. She remembers it as being small in stature, with a thin, lipless mouth.

On another occasion, Martha woke bleeding from her ears after having an extreme nightmare. "I was screaming so loud that I terrified my husband," she says. "He tried desperately to wake me. I had never had nightmares before, not this extreme."

The bleeding that Martha spoke of, another common theme among alleged abductees, could be an after-effect of medical tests. Many claimed abductees find scars in either their ears or noses from the exams. In *Communion*, Strieber theorized that this is because the aliens are attempting to examine, and perhaps alter the front part of the brain, which controls thought processes and emotion. Other abductees tell of being forced to have intercourse with aliens, and then shown the children.

Despite the trauma of her experiences, Martha says she hasn't noticed any lasting psychological or emotional effects so far. She is no different at home now than she ever was, she adds. "It's 'Maybe when I finally

'they're coming tonight,' and they would," Jackie says, recalling one of her earliest memories from family summer camp in the Adirondacks. "I remember looking through the bars of my crib, and there were all these little creatures around my mom and dad. Then all of a sudden my parents were gone, and then they surrounded me, and I was gone."

Jackie claims she has been abducted regularly since then. It stopped through her teens and twenties, she says, but started up regularly again when she hit her thirties. One occurred recently.

"It was on a weekend, and as usual here in Syracuse, it was raining," she says. "I was at home watching one of my favorite movies. Suddenly, I heard this voice telling me to take a walk. The voice said, 'Come on, it's time to go,' and I did." Jackie reports walking to a park in the rain, and while there, picking up a leaf that she thought might be a useful herb. The next thing she remembers, "It was a couple of hours later, and I was back at my home, and my clothes were completely dry. I reached into my pocket, and the leaf I had picked up at the park was still there, so I knew I wasn't crazy."

Not until this year did Jackie begin believing these experiences were real. "I thought I was having blackouts," she says. "But people in other areas of the state that I know tell me of having missing time experiences at the same day and time as mine."

The missing time that Jackie reports is a common theme among UFO abductees. They may be anywhere doing anything—including driving—and suddenly, they find that a few minutes, a few hours, and in some cases, a few days are simply gone without any recollection of events.

Jackie says the only way she is able to remember these experiences is through flashbacks to the experience. "I still have memory blocks of most

Snatched ALIENS

Central New Yorkers tell their tales

'Kook' gets last laugh as more believe in UFOs

Ten minutes into a talk with Wendelle Stevens, most people's eyes begin to wander and they get this knowing little smirk on their faces, he says.

That's when he knows he's being made again as a "kook," Stevens says — another one of those UFO crazies traveling the country with pictures of flying tea cups and glowing halos.

"It's changing slowly, though," the retired Air Force colonel said Friday, before leaving for Las Vegas, where the International UFO Congress is meeting this week.

"Most people still laugh. But secretly, they all know someone who has had an experience, or maybe had one themselves but aren't willing to admit it because they don't believe their own eyes."

UFOs — unidentified flying objects. The last frontier of the unknown. Do you believe it's possible there is life beyond Mother Earth or don't you?

One recent national survey reported that 80 percent of the people questioned thought there was a "strong" possibility that UFOs existed and that there was other life out there.

People may still be laughing at the crazy idea of little ETs coming to visit, but they're laughing a little more nervously now.



DENNIS MCCARTHY

Longshots do hit — upsets do happen.

Who would have figured that when Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf was walking through the Rose Garden after Desert Storm, arm and arm with President Bush — at the height of his own popularity — that Bush would be out of work a year later and a guy named Bill Clinton from Arkansas would be the next president.

Sure longshots hit, which is why it's so celestially fitting that Vegas is playing host to a UFO convention.

Odds are that Steve Wynn, owner of the Mirage, is trying to figure out a way to get a UFO to land on the volcano outside his hotel this week just as a CNN news truck drives by.

This growing belief that UFOs may exist is in sharp contrast to 1946, when a young

fighter pilot was taken off combat duty and assigned to administrative duties at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio, to monitor unexplained sightings by other pilots and civilians.

"Back then, the term UFO wasn't even in existence," Stevens says. "We called them disshaped aircraft, and we thought they were Russian."

"The Russians, of course, thought it was the Americans up there spying on them. We both set up our own internal programs, monitoring each other."

"That's when we found out it wasn't the Russians or the Americans."

And that's when Stevens began a photo collection of alleged UFO sightings that has grown to more than 3,500 over the past 46 years — making it the largest UFO photo collection in the world.

No one at the convention this week has pounded more pavement and been shined on as much this past half-century of UFO-bashing than Wendelle Stevens.

You'd think he'd be a little bitter about being labeled a "kook" all these years — or maybe feel like standing out in the middle of Las Vegas Boulevard this week and yelling, "See, I've been telling you people there's something out there."

Stevens laughs. Frustration replaced bitterness for him a long time ago, and UFO believers such as him are still a ways off from convincing the world that there is life from other planets hovering above the smog to check out our lifestyles.

"Everybody has a level at which they won't go beyond to believe anything they can't actually touch or invite over for dinner," Stevens says.

"You can't persuade people walking in cold off the street to believe. We just have to keep developing more knowledge and information for the public to make up their own minds."

And, maybe most important, UFO believers have to hold big conventions such as this to keep the pressure on government to open up its own books and let the public see what's actually going on, Stevens says.

"Maybe with a groundswell of public interest and more people at least willing to listen and believe UFOs may exist, we'll force the government to release the data it has — instead of hiding UFO sightings behind the label of national security," he says.

Dennis McCarthy's column appears Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

Skeptical visitor feels like alien at convention of UFO believers in Las Vegas

Twenty years ago, Jiles Hamilton was a small-town Georgia hypnotist, helping overweight women lose a few pounds. Then Lydia walked into his life. She brought along "Cosmos," an alien dressed in a blue jumpsuit who lived inside her body and spoke through Lydia.

That's when he knew, Hamilton said, that he had to enter the lucrative world of contacting aliens and spirits living inside human bodies.

DENNIS MCCARTHY

"Cosmos told me to cooperate with him and if I did, they'd send me more contacts to work with," he said, adding that all this is explained more fully in Chapter 2 of his book — in case I'd like to buy a copy. "Aliens are actually more fun to work with than spirits because they don't run off at the mouth," he says. "With spirits, it's all talk, talk, talk. You can't get them to shut up."

So began a long-awaited "channeling" session at the International UFO Congress in Las Vegas, where Hamilton is about to call forth an alien through the body of Ricky Monroe — a totally objective, uninvolved subject who just happens to publish a UFO journal for a living.

It was the only scheduled appearance of an alien at

the weeklong UFO conference, unless one happened to drop out of the sky at the last minute in his shuttle craft and make a guest appearance. This is one of the little problems in believing in extraterrestrials, most of the people attending the convention agreed.

Although ETs tell people like Hamilton that they want the U.S. government to come clean about their existence and the world to know that they are out there watching us, the little devils just don't want to show themselves in public.

So Monroe's alien promised Hamilton that he'd show up at a prearranged time and do a little channeling with about 30 people anxiously writing down questions they'd like him to answer.

"Is Wayne Newton one of you?" I wrote, folding the paper and handing it forward.

Up on stage, Hamilton put Monroe under hypnosis. Altrex, a friendly alien, showed up for his UFO question-and-answer session, speaking with Monroe's voice.

Altrex opened by saying he was still a little peeved with Monroe because the last time Monroe was called up to the mother ship, he took too long putting on his shoes.

Hey, I know a little alien humor when I hear it, so I started to laugh because this was better than most of the

Altrex said the women on his planet are a half-foot taller than the men: 4 feet versus 3½ feet.

Las Vegas lounge acts I'd seen in the last few days. A couple of people shot me nasty looks and asked me to be quiet. No one wanted to take the chance that aliens don't share our sense of humor.

Among the nuggets mined in the next hour was news that the motion picture *E.T.* was "90 percent on the money" and that Steven Spielberg had been called up to the mother ship twice for briefings before making the movie. Spielberg, of course, is unaware of this because his memory of those visits was wiped clean, Altrex said.

Up on stage, Hamilton thumbed through the stack of questions and crumpled up one of the pieces of paper. I figured it was mine.

Altrex said he was speaking from a scout ship hovering above Las Vegas and promised to ask his superiors if it would be OK to shoot on down and make a run over the Hacienda Hotel about 9 p.m. so he could say hello to his Earth-bound buddies. The superiors must have said no, because Altrex never showed up.

Altrex said the women on his planet — which is 7 light-years away in another solar system — are a half-foot taller than the men: 4 feet versus 3½ feet. Growing a little weary of all the silly human questions, he closed out the session by saying that while shorter, the male of his species rules his planet.

"I always tell people that you have to take some of these channeling sessions with a grain of salt," Hamilton told me later. "But this one was definitely real, didn't you think?"

I told him that a whole box of salt couldn't make me buy that sideshow.

"Are you the one who asked about Wayne Newton?" he asked, turning a little surly.

When I nodded, he walked away. Word got around that there was a serious disbeliever in their midst, and pretty soon I was *persona non grata* at the UFO convention.

Just as well. It was time to get back to the real aliens in Las Vegas: one-armed bandits and one-eyed jacks.

Dennis McCarthy writes for the Los Angeles Daily News.

Calling all E.T.s! Gulf Breeze is waiting for you

By THOMAS BROWN
Special to the Herald

GULF BREEZE, Fla. — Sun worshipers are not the only ones who relish the white-sand shores and emerald waters of the west Florida Panhandle. Some beachcombers are apparently from beyond the sun, at least according to a coterie of true believers.

On the south side of Pensacola Bay, an earnest crowd gathers every night and watches the sky. They're residents of Gulf Breeze, UFO City, U.S.A. — many of whom claim at least visual contact with visitors from other worlds.

Gulf Breeze occupies the western point of a jut of land that makes up the southeastern shore of Pensacola and Escambia Bays. Just north is the city of Pensacola; south across the sound is Santa Rosa Island, a dune-covered barrier island of stunning beauty and part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

(Perhaps more importantly, though UFO watchers vehemently discount it, the U.S. Naval Air Station is just west across Pensacola Bay. Not to mention Eglin Air Force Base, the largest military reserve in the Southeast, only 40 miles east.)

This city of 6,000 people, many retirees and military people, is quiet and suburban off Highway 98, the main drag. Situ-



ated between bustling Pensacola and the island seashore, Gulf Breeze watches most visitors stop for gas and move on.

Some visitors, however, don't come for gas; one of them seems to have come for Ed Walters, a Gulf Breeze contractor, in 1987. Later, Walters wrote *The Gulf Breeze Sightings*, a book about being lifted off the ground by a blue beam and other close encounters of the third kind. The attention of UFO enthusiasts everywhere fixated on Gulf Breeze and never left. The Mutual UFO Network

(MUFON), an eccentric group with a national membership, meets every second Tuesday of the month in Pensacola. MUFON calls the Gulf Breeze sightings proof of alien visitation.

Tourists are welcome to join in and wait for E.T. to drop by. Nightly sky watches are held in Gulf Breeze at two sites: the tiny marina at the southwest foot of Pensacola Bay Bridge and at Shoreline Park South, off of Shoreline Drive. Sometime after dark, lawn chairs are set up, and the occupants train their eyes to the sky. Although some of the sky watchers are suspicious of questions — gun-shy from smirks of nonbelievers — others are eager to talk about the things they've seen. Ed Walters occasionally opens up the trunk of his convertible and shows off the photos he's taken of UFOs. Walters is often out at night looking, sometimes shuttling between the marina and the park.

"It becomes like an obsession," says Sandy, a sky watcher who is in real estate and who shows off a scar on the back of her neck which no doctor can explain. She says she doesn't know where it came from, but she claims the mark is similar to the ones Walters carries, from his supposed abduction by a UFO.

Sandy is out nearly every night,

searching the skies for an answer. She doesn't feel alone. "There's hardly a person in Gulf Breeze who hasn't seen it," she says, though the rolled-eye responses to inquiries posed around town imply that's not necessarily true. Sometimes the gazers hardly talk at all; the watching becomes more important. When cars enter the area, the headlights are turned off so as not to interrupt the viewing.

Even in the dark, cars are recognized.

"That looks like Kathy," a voice says out of the night.

"There's Duane," another

comments.

At the marina, there is discussion over whether to head to the park. Similar discussions are taking place at the park.

Some watchers stay late, depending on what kind of feeling they have, but most start heading to bed around 10 or so. After all, tomorrow is another night.

For more information on sky-watching (and to report sightings) call MUFON's local hotline, (904) 438-3261. Or call the Pensacola Area Convention & Visitor Information Center (800) 343-4321.

Elba woman reports UFO to officials

By LEE ANN SMITH
Eagle Staff Writer

ELBA — While Elba police may feel the reporting of a UFO sighting could be a weather balloon, the woman who reported the incident feels differently.

Asking her name not be used the woman said, "This was the strangest thing I've ever seen in my life and I am not saying it was a flying saucer or something like that because I don't know what to conceive of those terms. But it

definitely was something strange."

First seeing the unidentified object around 8:15 p.m. Thursday in the Shiloh Community, on Highway 84 east, the woman said at first she thought a helicopter was hovering and searching for something. Noting it was a bright light in the sky, she said there were no beams coming from the object and there was no sound of turning rotor blades.

After spotting the object in the sky, the woman said it began to follow her car into Elba. Getting into

the downtown area, the object sped up and the woman said her sister, a passenger in the car, suggested she follow it to see where the object was going.

Following the object to the Kinston Highway, the woman said the object turned enough for her sister to see it and she said it was shaped like a boomerang with white lights around it.

Turning her car around, the woman said the object began to follow her to her house. She said her husband came out and saw the object in the sky hovering over the

trees near her house.

Getting back in the car, the three followed the object to the field where it was first spotted. The woman said an airplane or jet was approaching the object and it "zoomed off and disappeared as fast as a blink of an eye."

After making her sister draw what she saw, the woman looked through one of her Time Life series books on UFO's and said the drawing was similar to a 1952 drawing of a UFO spotted by a Coast Guardsman.

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Bits and pieces from around town

Upfront



"She definitely saw something"

A bird, a plane, or something unknown?

In 1985 something hovered over Madison streets that later observers might call a "stealth" aircraft. But this was years before the U.S. Air Force's radar-invisible flying aircraft were made public.

At 11 p.m. Nov. 19 a woman was driving near the East Madison Baptist Church on Milwaukee Street. The only illumination came from her car's headlights, a single streetlight and three lights above a row of trees next to the church.

The last three lights were unusual to the woman, the sister of a friend of a Wisconsin State Journal reporter. She later told the journalist her story, though she asked to remain unidentified in his article.

The lights appeared to be those of a helicopter descending toward a house on the north side of the street. They came

within 10 feet of the road.

"I was curious, because if the craft continued on its present course it would crash into the house," the woman said. "So I decided to pull over to the curb, never taking my eyes off the lights."

The row of lights made a "sharp and graceful 90-degree turn" just short of the curb. "Now moving towards me, it rises slightly in the middle of the block," the woman said, describing her thoughts at the time. "Ascending straight up, several feet in front of my car, the craft avoids hitting the power lines."

As the object rose, the streetlight illuminated it.

"The craft is triangular, about 12 feet in length and black," the woman said. "A light shines from the narrow nose. The body gradually widens but remains trim — too trim for a person to be comfortably seated. A wide silver streak extends from the nose to the tail. The view is partially obstructed by a light."

No wings, propellers nor

engines were visible, and whatever it was, it moved in silence. It swept north, hovering 12 to 15 feet above a house. The rear of the object was about half the width of the roof.

"Two white lights flank the rear and a small red light is near the light on the right," the woman said. "Rectangular white lights flash on near the top and are blinking in rapid succession. The lights are moving in a seemingly circular motion. The bottom is slightly convex."

She was frightened, and left to call the Madison Police Department. Sgt. Ray Warner responded.

It was roughly triangular with a sloping bottom, and moved silently.

"She was real rational," he said. "She definitely saw something. I don't know what, but she saw something."

Radar at the Dane County Regional Airport was not operating at the time, and the object's low flight would have hidden it from radar screens

anyway.

Three days later, about 5 p.m. Nov. 22, a state employee was driving on Highway CV near Chase Lumber, when he saw three similar lights in the sky. They were hovering 20 to 30 feet above a farmhouse. He thought at first that he was seeing a helicopter.

"Then I realized I didn't know what it was," he told the Journal reporter.

It was roughly triangular with a sloping bottom, and moved silently. When the man stopped and got out of his car to investigate, it left.

Was it a rogue Air Force pilot in an experimental air-

-Jay Rath

Strange sightings reported in Wisconsin

WAUKESHA, Wis. — A rash of UFO sightings, including one in which sheriff's officers said they chased a strange light across parts of three counties, had residents of southeast Wisconsin a bit spooked yesterday.

The latest incident occurred Monday evening when the Waukesha County sheriff's office received a report of a strange light near a busy intersection on Interstate 94, which connects Milwaukee and Chicago.

A deputy sent to the area said he saw a large light about 500 feet off the ground in the night sky.

On Sunday evening a farmer near Hustisford, Wis., about 50 miles northwest of Milwaukee, called the Dodge County sheriff's office saying he had seen a light connected to a larger flat object that appeared to have a dome at the center.

Deputies said they saw the light about 45 degrees above the horizon and followed it about 20 miles into another county at which time it took a sharp turn. They followed it to another county before giving up, they said.

Divine Link

In *Gulf Breeze UFOs 1992 Sightings* and in his book called "The Gulf Breeze UFOs," Ed Walters showed the photographs and described the red and white UFOs that hovered and maneuvered over Gulf Breeze between his first sighting on November 11, 1987, and later sightings by other witnesses up to 1992. In another article by Budd Hopkins in the *Mufon UFO Journal* for December, 1992, a witness named Janet Kimble and other witnesses reportedly saw a brilliant UFO emitting red and white lights near the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City, on November 30, 1989. According to Kimble, four beings were lifted up out of a 12-story apartment house window and into a hovering object.

Within his 1990 book, Ed Walters shows color photographs of red and white UFOs with rings of fire underneath and portholes around the center and wheels within other wheels or circles. Curiously, the Bible (AV) describes the lifting up of human beings from the earth and into a chariot of fire: "...behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire...and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven" (2 Kings 2:11-12). In Ezekiel 1:4 and 10:10, Ezekiel saw a whirlwind from "out of the north...and a fire unfolding itself...out of the midst of the fire...and the wheels were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had." In my opinion, the UFOs are watching and observing the earth in case of some future crisis that might necessitate their interference so as to protect humanity and at the same time to enlighten our understanding and progress.

Yours very truly,
Kenneth Lloyd Larson

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Elba official takes UFO sightings seriously

■ Elba police received a call about the first alleged UFO sighting just after 10 p.m. Thursday

By JUDY FISH
Staff Writer

ELBA — Reports of at least five UFO sightings in the Elba area last week have drawn snickers from some, but one top police official isn't laughing.

"A lot of folks laugh at me, but I believe that there are UFOs," said Elba Police Department Supervisor Randy White. "I certainly believe that the people who phoned to report the UFO sightings saw

something."

Mr. White said the Police Department does not need any added controversy in light of Mayor Ricky Haywood's recent firing of Police Chief Freddie Hanchey and appointment of himself as acting chief.

Mr. White said Monday he takes issue with a local news report that police might be "giggling" at the reported sightings.

"We take all calls seriously," Mr. White said. "One of our dispatchers was quoted in the newspaper as saying that UFO sightings are not looked into because they are reported by people who've been drinking. That is not the case."

Mr. White said that while last week's supposed UFO sightings were reported to

police by anonymous callers, he has been told that one of the callers "is a prominent citizen of our town."

Elba police received a call about the first alleged UFO sighting just after 10 p.m. Thursday, Mr. White said. He said the first callers reported seeing an object above U.S. 84, east of Elba in the direction of New Brockton.

Callers early Friday morning reported seeing a UFO above Alabama 189, between Elba and Kinston, he added.

Fort Rucker Spokesman Bill Hayes said a check of Army radar showed no aircraft activity in the areas of the reported UFO sightings.

"We've done some checking with pilots and others and so far have no reports of

anything unusual in the sky that night," Mr. Hayes said Monday. "Those things (UFO's) do happen, I'm told ... but that night was particularly foggy ... I was out driving myself and could barely see in front of my car let alone see anything in the sky."

Mr. White said police in nearby communities apparently did not receive reports of UFO sightings, and Elba police have received no further UFO complaints since about 5 a.m. Friday.

"I do not know if any officers went out to check out the complaints," Mr. White said. "I don't know what they could have done if they (the police) actually saw a UFO. ... I guess they would just sit and watch in amazement."



FOREIGN NEWS

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FLYING SCOTSMEN!

BAFFLED investigators are probing a rash of UFO sightings across Scotland.

In Glasgow, plane-spotter Eddie Scott watched in astonishment as a V-shaped formation of strange lights blasted through the skies above the city... at a speed he estimated at 4000mph.

In Niddrie Mains, Edinburgh, a woman says a strange moving light came into her BEDROOM.

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And in the same area a policeman's wife CHASED a bright light the size of a small aircraft which was hovering a few feet above the ground. When she got nearer it appeared to land - then vanished.

In Kinbuck, near Dunblane, an elderly man spotted a huge disc cruising slowly over the Stirlingshire countryside.

The amazing sight of UFOs

By SAM CLARKE

He told UFO investigators he was close enough to see individual aluminium-like panels on the disc's hull.

And in Bonnybridge 60 people, including a local councillor, reported seeing strange, slow-moving lights.

More than 100 people have called a special hot-line recently set up by researchers based at Stirling University.

Scottish Earth Mysteries Research spokesman, Ron Halliday, said: "Scotland is a UFO hot-spot. More and more

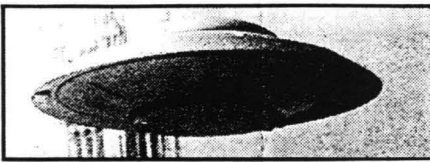
people are coming forward to speak of their experiences and they are NOT cranks.

"Already we have found that key areas for sightings are Ayrshire, particularly the Girvan area; West Lothian and Glasgow. Although there are reports from other areas.

"We are building up a computer database to analyse the reports."

Mr Halliday said some reports can be put down to natural phenomena. But many remain a complete mystery.

In the weirdest incident near Niddrie Mains, Edinburgh, a woman says she came face-to-face with a UFO.



FLYING SAUCERS... do they really exist?

what it might have been but there is no reason to suspect this sighting was anything other than genuine."

Glasgow man Eddie Scott, who spotted the eerie formation of lights over the city, described his experience.

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He said: "I looked out the bedroom window and caught a flash of movement high in the sky."

"I grabbed my binoculars and watched. It was an immaculate formation of balls of light flying from south to north."

"Suddenly, one peeled away and seemed to fly towards the ground leaving the others on their journey."

He added: "I have been an aircraft spotter for 20 years and it wasn't like anything I've seen before. I would estimate their speed at 4000 mph and although it is difficult to gauge height, I would reckon they were 90,000ft up."

● A SPECIAL public meeting to discuss the Bonnybridge sightings is being held in a local community centre next Sunday.

ASHBOURNE NEWS TELEGRAPH, Derbyshire, England - Jan. 21, 1993 CR: T. Good

UFO spotters chase mysterious 'flashing triangle'

UFO sightings in the Ashbourne area have continued to be reported to the *News Telegraph* by mystified members of the public.

In the latest incident, a family from Ellastone spotted a mysterious craft in the sky above their home and even set off in their car to find it when it went out of sight.

"It was a massive triangular object with flashing lights all around it," said Mrs Jackie Chown of Churchfields Cottage, Ellastone.

"It was very big, made no noise, and seemed to be coming down over Back Lane travelling towards Uttoxeter."

Her son Dave then jumped into his car along with family friend Mr Jim Chapman who went in search of the strange craft.

"He went round the whole Ellastone and Wootton area but could not find a thing," said Mrs Wootton.

Mr Chapman, who has a good knowledge of planes, could offer no explanation as to what they had seen and became even more intrigued

when his mother in Derby rang with a sighting of her own.

She independently described this triangular object with flashing lights that had flown over her house on Tuesday night as well.

And a couple in Wootton have spoken to Mrs Chown saying that they were woken later that night by a very strong light over nearby Darley Moor.

The *Ashbourne News Telegraph* has reported many UFO sightings over the years with the most recent just before Christmas.

Our special UFO file shows that most sightings occur in the winter months November-February.

Some people suggest that what people are actually witnessing are the Northern Lights, quite often visible at this time of year, rather than little green men from outer space.

But Mrs Chown refutes that: "It was definitely nothing like that and it certainly was not a helicopter or plane as it made no noise - but I can not explain what it was."

World, Other Planets, Represented at UFO Congress in Budapest

By Christopher Condon

Aliens are among us, some posing as Norwegian surgeons, others operating undersea bases, and the world's most powerful governments are suppressing much of the evidence under a conspiracy of secrecy, according to experts gathered in Budapest this weekend for the 1992 UFO World Congress.

That's what they said.

Bearing the results of exhaustive, globe-trotting investigations, North American and European UFO luminaries impressed nearly 700 congress attendees with accounts and photos of what they insisted were extra-terrestrials and their celestial crafts.

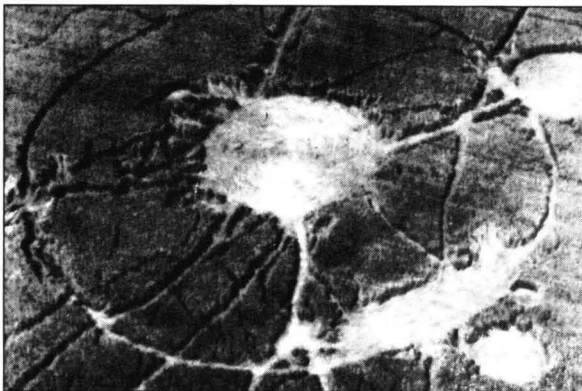
"Anybody who doesn't believe in this just doesn't have the information," said Wendelle Stevens, a former naval test pilot and noted UFO investigator from Tucson, Arizona.

The congress attracted one of the largest crowds the international experts had seen in recent years, presumably owing to the lack of exposure Hungarians have had to such venues. Enthusiasts in the field seems to run high locally, with three UFO magazines in publication since the change of regime.

"At least four" Hungarian participants approached the experts with stories of their experiences being abducted by alien spacecrafts, said Stevens. One local woman had been taken aboard spaceships four times and cured of cancer by her friendly alien investigators but was publicity shy after stern warnings from Hungarian government officials, said Stevens.

Responding to the accounts of underwater alien bases, one congress-goer, a medium from Montreal, asked Stevens if the Loch Ness Monster could possibly be a spaceship. Saying he could not speak with authority on the Loch Ness Monster, Stevens neither confirmed nor denied the speculation.

Local businessman Sándor Ambrus



Evidence of intergalactic drunk driving? The strange circles in this field in Hungary are said to support claims that UFOs have landed here.

organized and sponsored the weekend's activities, including a gala ball where amateur and expert UFO buffs rubbed elbows and enjoyed a cosmic array of hired and incidental entertainment.

Journalists were discouraged from attending the ball, but *Budapest Week* managed to gain admittance. Over cognac and beer, Stevens and colleague Robert O. Dean, also a former army officer, expounded on a topic raised earlier in the conference: Governments of the United States and other powerful nations have for decades conspired to suppress evidence of UFO's and discredited information available to the public.

An official from the US Embassy denied the statement.

"These allegations that the US government is withholding evidence and engages in a conspiracy surface from time to time. The US government, on countless occasions, has denied these allegations," said Press Attache James Nealon, adding that he stood by that position.

Before a local magician and strip-

tease dancer stole the experts' attention, Stevens also revealed to *Budapest Week* the subject of an ongoing European investigation. The research involves contact with beings from the planet Ummo, located five light years from Earth.

"They look like Norwegians, so they've forged Norwegian identity papers," he said. Because of an overdeveloped sense of touch, Ummites often wear gloves and often pose as surgeons, Stevens said.

O'Dean, while not familiar with the evidence on Ummites, said he believes at least four other alien races are currently in our midst. One race is humanoid, two others are "little grey men" and "big grey men" respectively, while a fourth is reptilian, O'Dean said.

In conjunction with the conference, a giant message was laid on a football pitch on the outskirts of Budapest. Using an apparently universal symbol for "Welcome," officials hoped some extra-terrestrials might accept the invitation. At press time, none had arrived.

YORKSHIRE EVENING PRESS, York, England

Oct. 27, 1992 CR: T. Good

Seeking key to the crop circles

MYSTERIOUS crop circles and sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects will be discussed in York next month.

Yorkshire Crop Circle Research, based in Ripon, is holding a meeting in the city on November 14.

A report into the phenomena in the group's latest newsletter lists a series of mysterious events, including crop circles at Lonsdale, near Market Weighton, and Airmyn, near Goole.

The Airmyn circles were spotted from the air in July and investigated by members.

"Overall, the effect was both pleasing and impressive and the most evolved formula-

tion in this region so far," the report states.

According to the report, all the crop circles in North and East Yorkshire this year were in remote locations or invisible from the ground.

It claims all circles which appeared this year were related to ones spotted in 1990.

Writing in the newsletter group spokesman John Holman claims the Airmyn circles were "clearly genuine".

Next month's annual meeting at the Friends Meeting House, Friargate, will include slide and video presentations and a debate on crop circles.

TIMES, Driffield, England - Nov. 19, 1992

'Flashing lights' spotted in sky

A GROUP of youngsters from Driffield have baffled their science teacher after claiming to have seen UFOs "shooting across the sky".

Flashing lights left one teenager "scared to death" as the mysterious movements skimmed the rooftops of houses in Scarborough Road.

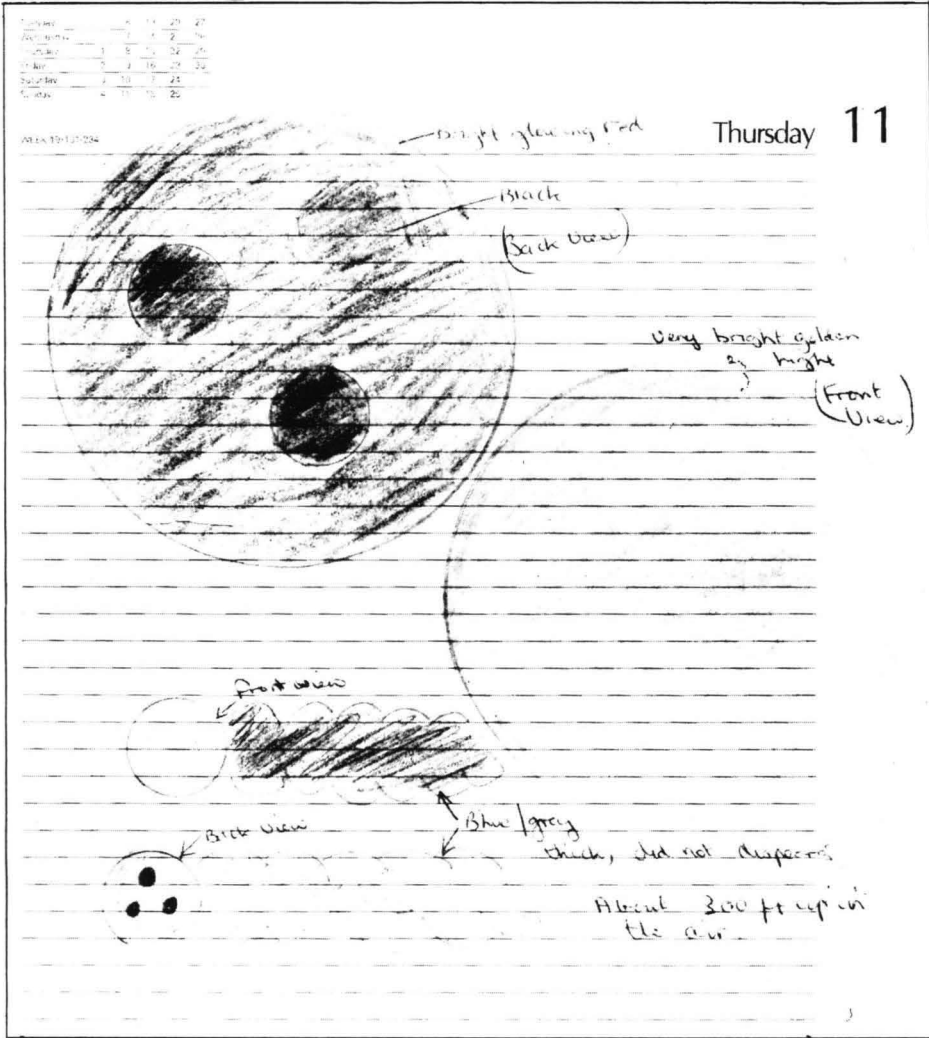
Thirteen-year-old Keeley Mills was walking to her Northfield home with a group of friends when "all of a sudden these lights started flashing and hovering in the sky above us. There's no way the lights were from an aeroplane," she said.

"This isn't the first time these

lights have been seen and on another occasion one of my friends was left scared to death when a white light flashed in front of her. I think they could be UFOs."

And another youngster, thirteen-year-old Kelly Lock, of Star Hill Road, witnessed a similar sighting two days later.

"Nobody seems to know what they are - but it's all very strange," said Kelly. "We were asked to draw what we saw by our science teacher at Driffield School but when he looked at them he didn't have the foggiest idea what they were."



'Gill Wilson's' drawing of the mysterious object which she and a friend saw early one summer morning several years ago.

'Gill,' like her UFO, was on edge!

IT WAS a quiet morning in early summer, 1978. The sun had just crept above the horizon, and puffs of coastal mist had begun their slow transformation into the mellow haze that foretold a hot day.

As on many other summer mornings, Gill Wilson [not her real name] was awake early. Knowing that she would not get back to sleep, she thought she would enjoy a cigarette in the peace of the early morning scene around her Grandes Rocques home.

She opened her bedroom window to avoid disturbing her sleeping - and non-smoking - husband. 'I looked up at the sky,' she says. 'There were no clouds about, and I could see it was going to be a lovely day.'

by Mark Ogier

The image of what she then saw has remained with her to this day, to the extent that she is wary of going out in the early morning.

'In the air, quite a way away, I saw a bright golden light. It was travelling north to south from Grandes Rocques, going very slowly. It was lower than a Aurigny plane.'

The circular object was in her view for around 20 minutes before it vanished from her sight, allowing Mrs Wilson to get a good look at it.

'It stopped quite often, and just hung in the air. As it stopped, it let out some stuff. It wasn't smoke, nor steam. It was thick and grey, and "fluffed out". I couldn't make out

where this stuff was coming from.

'It wasn't from the front, or the back, so I presumed it came from the sides. There was a noise, but it was very high pitched and only just audible - a bit like a generator but heard from a distance.'

As she watched, she speculated as to what the odd object might be. A balloon? A helicopter? A plane? Each time she asked herself the question, the answer she gave herself was the same: 'No way.'

She had no camera handy, and was so entranced by the object that she did not think to wake her slumbering husband. She simply sat and watched and pondered.

As the object passed by her home, she got a good look at its rear side. 'I could see the object had no edges, but the back of it was brightly glowing red, with three black circles in the middle.'

'I was tempted to go outside so it could see me, to see what would happen, but I got scared so I didn't. I watched it until it disappeared, over the top of the Mare woods.'

She notes that all the 'flying saucers' one reads about are described as travelling 'flat side down', but this looked more like a saucer on its edge.

After the UFO disappeared, the odd blue/grey substance remained in the sky. It was still there when Mrs Wilson returned to

bed, but had vanished when she rose later on.

'I would love to see it again,' she says. 'But I know I would be frightened.'

She kept her odd experience mostly to herself, confiding only in people she trusted. One of these was a close friend, whom she told about her sighting some months later.

Her friend had a tale to

UFO fever has struck Clwyd after a mysterious object was seen descending from the sky by two teenage cyclists.

Two 15-year-old boys cycling along the B5429 near Bodfari on December 22 saw a "blue triangle" come out of the sky and hover about 100ft above the ground.

The youngsters say they saw the same object

by MARCUS COPELAND

later that evening above Denbigh and then again the following night.

Leading UFO organisations - the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association and Contact International - confirmed the sightings above Denbigh and Bodfari as genuine.

Head UFO investigator and co-ordinator for Wales, Margaret Fry, who lives in Llangernyw, said it was yet another inci-

dent in a long line of sightings in the area.

Mrs Fry said: "Over the years we have been inundated with reports of UFOs in Clwyd."

"We received a good report from five farmers who saw a rotating object perched on the side of a mountain in Bodfari. It floated over their property before disappearing."

Theory

In the latest sighting, the boys - described by their parents as "very reliable" - say they saw a very bright flash in the sky which gradually descended and took the form of a large, blue triangle.

It was "two to three houses in length" and had white sparks coming out of either side.

The following night it was seen again above Denbigh, this time flashing blue and red. "Something appeared to come out of it and then reunited to form a single object."

Mrs Fry said: "We have a theory that these things don't just fly haphazardly - they follow a certain pattern. They seem to follow ley-lines, which give off electro magnetic pulses, and UFOs only land where these lines cross. One theory is that some of these lines converge over Bodfari."



UFO-spotters, James Firth, Daryl Crossland, Gavin Davis and Rory King.(BCP)

Schoolboys spot UFO at Gawber

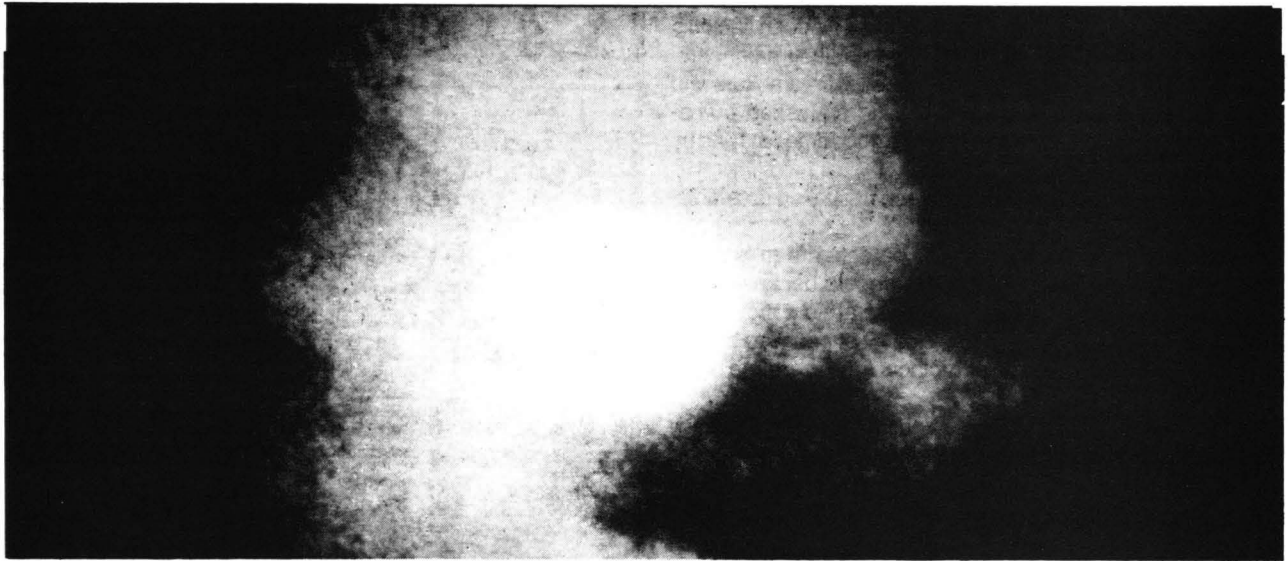
SCHOOLBOY Rory King and his chums claim to have seen a UFO hovering over Gawber Park last Thursday.

Rory (13), Five Gables, Redbrook Road, and his friends monitored the egg-shaped bright light between 6.45pm and 8pm. It hovered for a time before moving off, making a peculiar noise, and then sped across the sky "faster than Concorde".

"I have seen Concorde, and the UFO moved faster than the aircraft," he said. "The noise was a cross between a car alarm and a Police car siren. When we first spotted the light we thought it was the top of a lamp-post but then we realised it was high in the sky. It moved off at about 7.55pm."

CLWYD IN UFO ALERT

From dark skies come strange sights



BRIGHT SPOT IN THE NIGHT - There's no explanation for this bright patch of light photographed at night, says Dorothy Izatt.

Women spotted mystery sight on Matsqui flat

By Howard May
TIMES STAFF

It was a quiet Sunday night on Matsqui prairie and Dorothy Izatt was helping her daughter Marilyn with the Thanksgiving dinner dishes, when the uninvited guests appeared.

"I looked out the window and a bright light caught my eye. I wondered if it was the moon, but I knew the moon wasn't in that part of the sky," Izatt said.

"Finally, it changed shape and started doing different things. When I first saw it, it was almost triangular. Then it became more elongated and it disappeared.

"I knew it was a UFO from my experience over the years."

Izatt is a devout Catholic, but she prefers to call herself a Christian. She said the Bible is full of references to unexplainable phenomena.

The first time she saw a UFO, in 1974, was a day she was feeling very close to God, but she didn't want to talk about that aspect of her experiences.

"That puts people off. They say, 'Oh, she's one of those religious people'. I want to be a very ordinary person."

Dr. Du-Fay Der, a counselling psychologist at UBC, has done extensive testing on the 70-year-old grandmother, who is attracting international attention for her videos of unexplainable phenomena.

She had the tests done on the advice of a UFO specialist in the U.S., who warned her people would question her credibility when she went public with her claims.

All his tests indicated she is "a dependable, honest person." And you sense that immediately in conversation. She is not a fanatic.

When she had her first sighting, she said her family teased her.

"They said I was having menopausal hallucinations," she laughs.

Her daughter Marilyn says her mother's sightings are a touchy subject around the house.

"The reaction's mixed. My husband sees everything in black and white. We don't discuss it around here. But it's hard to discount when she's got so many pictures," Marilyn said.

"How do you explain it? You can't."

Marilyn asked her last name not be printed, because her husband would shoot her.

So what is it she sees?

Izatt is a former Matsqui resident, now living in Richmond. During the last 18 years she's compiled videos showing a series of different shaped, lighted objects, that don't look like much of anything at first glance.

They are beautiful enough for some people to ask for copies of stills for their aesthetic appeal, but you can't tell what you're looking at.

What experts haven't been able to explain is the rapid, brilliant explosions of light and movement that occur on one frame, then disappear as quickly as they came.

Each frame of her film represents one-sixteenth of a second and there are a number of cases where something appears on

just one frame. And "something" is about as descriptive as it gets. Dr. Lee Pulos is a Vancouver clinical psychologist who works with the city's police department. He saw some lights in the sky one night with Izatt that he can't explain.

"My explanation of these phenomena is they're not paranormal, but paraconceptual. They're very normal because they're happening every day - 25,000 sightings a year. We just don't have the perceptual framework to explain them," Pulos said.

He says Izatt is gaining increasing respectability.

"Something is there. I have no doubt what she's seeing is real. The question is - what is it?" he said.

Izatt's video has been featured twice on the American series, Unsolved Mysteries and was on the Fox series Sightings recently.

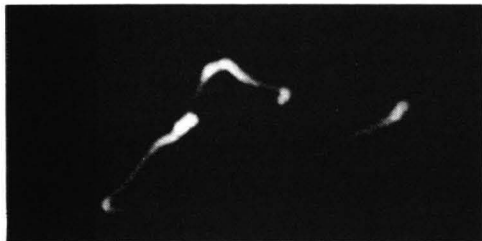
She has turned down offers from other TV shows, because they wanted to sensationalize her story too much.

Izatt's encounters have been closer than mere sightings. She says she's communicated with what she calls "the light beings."

"They beam a beam of light into my eyes, to call my attention. They have materialized to me. They were wearing white robes," she said.

"And their message was so simple, no one would believe it - it was just love.

"It seems to be a very difficult thing to teach people here on Earth, that love conquers all. And they said it was time we learned this," she said.



WHAT IS IT? - This saucer-shaped orb was photographed from Izatt's Richmond home.



SERIOUS - Dorothy Izatt is very conscious about people dismissing her observations. Her observations have gained the attention of the television media.

Residents in UFO claim

TWO Walton residents believe they may have seen an unidentified flying object in the sky above their homes on Friday night, it has been revealed.

A ring of bright lights which

seemed to glide across the sky have baffled Jean Lavender of Arundel Road and her 100-year-old mother Dora May.

They were woken by the lights filling their rooms.

"My mother woke up with a start at 3am and we saw the ring of lights right above us," said Mrs Lavender.

"They were very bright and I cannot think what else it possi-

bly could be but a UFO. "It was flying fairly low and quite smoothly.

It made no noise and it did not look like any recognisable aircraft to me," she added.

Pilot Officer Caroline Edie of RAF Wittering said the base was not operating any aircraft at that time.

"I think whatever these ladies saw, it was unlikely to be any kind of military aircraft.

"As far as I know, none of the bases around this way were operating at that time," she said.

Mystery still surrounds the sighting, and city police say they have not received any reports of UFOs in the area.

UFO man is told of trip with aliens

KIRK Hallam UFO investigator Omar Fowler made some startling discoveries after appearing on television's *The time, the place* programme.

Mr Fowler, of 12 Tilton Grove, took part in a show last November in which people talked about UFOs. After the programme, a man 'phoned the studios and asked Mr Fowler to get in touch with him.

His revelations were so astounding that Mr Fowler — group leader of the world-renowned Phenomenon Research Association — travelled 320 miles to meet him two days later. It turned out that the man claimed he had been in contact with aliens and travelled in their craft.

An in-depth investigation has been launched and the man was found to have great powers of extra-sensory perception, writes Mr Fowler in *Ogni*, the association's newsletter.

Three other people who claimed they had been in close contact with aliens from outer space were inter-

viewed by Mr Fowler and he plans to visit them.

The newsletter says that reports of a balloon-shaped silver object hovering in the sky over Langley Mill at the

beginning of December may have been a wartime-style barrage balloon or a UFO observation craft.

Australian astrologer Leonie Starr had a long talk with Mr Fowler during an association meeting at the Stanley Club, Stanley Common. Extracts of their conversation, in which she made predictions, are reproduced in the newsletter.

One of them might have referred to the break-up of the marriage of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. Leonie said:

"Capricorn is to do with the status quo, your class system in this country and royalty. Capricorn loves tradition and history so all of these areas are being brought to public awareness. I am not just saying this because I read the news. I knew all this years ago. Look at what's happening with the royal family, all that illusion they've had for so many years is now being brought to the surface."

Another prediction of "Phoenix rising out of the ashes" may have referred to the Windsor Castle fire, writes Mr Fowler.



Omar Fowler

Mysterious objects

AN unidentified flying object was seen scorching across the skies above Shetland at the weekend, firing speculation about it ranging from some decommissioned satellite falling back to earth, through top secret military equipment, to an extra-terrestrial space craft.

There were over a dozen reports made to the authorities when on Saturday night, just before nine o'clock, a ball of fire resembling the flare from a rocket crossed the sky down along the east coast of Mainland from the north-west to the south-east.

Coastguards at Lerwick were contacted by seven callers whose report described a "bright white light" travelling horizontally across the sky for about 30 seconds. When they contacted the RAF station at Pitreavie Castle they were told there was no known aircraft activity on that night.

One of the witnesses was *Shetland Times* printer Alistair Johnston, who was travelling into town in a taxi with a number of other people.

Another was *Times* company secretary, June Wishart, who said she had been looking out of the window of her Lerwick home at the time. Through the trees she could see the moon go behind one side of a cloud when the fiery ball came out of the other side.

"I thought at first it was a rocket, like a big firework," she said, "but it was travelling across the sky, not up." Her description

matches that of others in that the object appeared to have a long fiery tale and was orange in colour. It appeared to be at about the height a jet would travel and was not losing any intensity as it left her field of vision.

The phenomenon went unrecorded at the Lerwick Observatory and the RAF Saxa Vord radar station in Unst.

A man at Banchory in Deeside on Saturday night was reported in a Scottish newspaper as having seen a similar object in the sky at about the same time on the same night and he also did not think it was very high.

Theories suggested include ball lightning, space debris burning up as it re-enters the earth's atmosphere or a large meteor.

One national newspaper suggested it was America's latest top-secret £500 million spy plane that could fly at up to 5,000 mph. Said to be more advanced than the recently unveiled Stealth aircraft, questions have been asked in Shetland as to why, if it was top-secret, the spy plane could be seen so clearly by so many people even through clouds.

Reports arrived at *The Shetland Times* some three weeks prior to this report, of strange lights in the sky that appeared to have none of the attributes of a natural phenomenon.

Independent descriptions were of an indistinct large blue white ball in the sky over Lerwick early on a Saturday evening. The

observers said they were convinced it was not the Northern Lights and it was not from the direction of Sullom Voe Oil Terminal where the gas flares were brighter than normal.

Despite asking coastguards, police, RAF Saxa Vord, taxi drivers in town, port control, Lerwick Observatory the reports were unsubstantiated in Shetland, however, Mr Ron Halliday of the Scottish Earth Mysteries Research group in Sterling said an object, particularly similar to one sighting, was seen in the Bonnybridge area and around Stirling at around the same time.

Mr Halliday says he has no explanation for either this weekend's sightings or those of the previous month but has admitted they are both unusual and worthy of note.

Whatever is happening in the skies above Shetland, be it natural or otherwise, it seems to be an interesting time to keep watching them.

Chief inspector of police Farquhar MacGregor was one of those who saw the object. He described it as a fairly large bright white light with a long orange tail, giving him the impression he was looking at an aircraft with an engine on fire.

He was in Knab Road in Lerwick at the time and said the object moved at a constant speed and height from north to south lasting between 30 and 60 seconds.

Strange encounter of the orange kind in Evesham night

A MYSTERIOUS bright orange light flashed across the sky above Evesham on Sunday.

The UFO was spotted by Mr Victor Boynton, a technical operator from the BBC training centre at Wood Norton, at about 4.30pm.

"It was like a huge studio floodlight. There was a powerful orange glow in the sky for about 45 seconds and then it just disappeared as though it had been switched off," he said.

Mr Boynton saw the light about a mile and a half outside Evesham as he drove towards the town on the main road from Broadway.

"At first I thought it could be a plane or a helicopter but then I realised it couldn't be as they don't use orange lights."

"There might be a simple explanation for it but it was certainly very strange and I'd love to find out what it was," he said.

Mr Boynton's sighting follows a similar incident over Evesham in August when a mysterious blue light flashed across the sky.



Something strange is going on . .

● 'I was laid on a metallic table. My head was being held'

● Maria says she's had more close encounters than you can shake a stick at. She has vivid memories of being abducted — and she's had two pregnancies which have confounded doctors . .

For without abortion or miscarriage, the babies have apparently 'disappeared.'

She is an attractive, level-headed woman of 32. When LWN reporter BRENDA BULLIVANT met her at the recent UFO conference in Leeds, she was reluctant to talk for fear of public ridicule. But she's convinced something is going on. This is Maria's story . .

IN November 1990, my husband was away on a training course and I was in the bedroom.

I saw a large wheel of light outside my house. I panicked and ran on to the landing.

There was a light on the wall. Something inside my head was telling me to look at it, that it wouldn't hurt me.

I fought against it, but I was unable to resist.

An hour and a half later, I was sitting in bed, my feet were dirty and there was blood on the pillow.

It can't have been a dream because I had physical injuries. A patch of hair was missing from the back of my head, and I had seven pinpricks on my little finger.

My GP referred me to a hospital consultant in Kent. He recorded unusual cellular damage and tissue injury which he couldn't account for.

Over a period of several months I had flashbacks about what happened that night.

I remember being walked down a corridor by three very small men. They were bronze-coloured and smelled terrible, like rotten mushrooms.

I was laid on a metallic table and my head was being held.

The people were very tall, about 6ft 6ins, very shiny and overwhelming.

There was a sharp pain at the back of my head, which must have been when the hair went. A glass tube was put up my nose. That was the most frightening part. The pain was considerable.

I thought it was going to kill me. I remember thinking 'I don't want to die.'

This was my first recollection of an abduction, although things have been happening to me since I was a child.

When I was 18, a gynaecologist said I showed signs of having had a laparoscopy — a tube inserted in the womb. I've never had one in my life, but I can remember something sticking out of my stomach.

On two occasions I've been pregnant, and then not. I didn't miscarry — and I certainly didn't have an abortion. I was brought up Roman Catholic and I don't believe in it.

My earliest memory is being four years old in my cot. A big blue light was bouncing about the bedroom and two hands reached out for me. They were long and skinny, like chicken's feet.

In the morning, I had four bruises on my shoulder, like finger marks. At the time, my mother was more frightened by these things than I was. I used to talk about the fairies coming to play.

I've no idea what's going on, but when it has happened to you, you start to question everything — and come up with the realisation that there are many things which are real . . but you daren't talk about them publicly because people will think you're not all there.

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There's a lot of UFO activity around me. I don't believe the people abducting me are ETs (UFOspeak for aliens from other planets). They're something that is here, all around us.

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Mystery of crop circles remains — but hedgehogs are innocent

By SARAH LONSDALE
London Observer Service

LONDON — The hedgehogs are innocent.

As the last fields of wheat are harvested, scientists, UFOlogists and other boffins pack up their measuring instruments for another year and wait until the summer for a new bout of "crop circle" theories.

But the hedgehogs have been acquitted.

It could only happen in Britain. Dozens of brilliant but eccentric professors spend hours studying the strangely magical shapes that appear in England's wheat fields between June and October.

Each summer, a number of crackpot theories are proposed and studied in all seriousness. For many months this year, one theory had gained most credence: that the circles were the demented roamings of hundreds of field hedgehogs.

As autumn was drawing to a close, many hedgehog lovers feared the small, many creatures would go into hibernation branded as whirling animal dervishes.

But the hedgehogs can rest easy. Scientists — or cereologists, as they prefer to be known — gathered recently at an end-of-season conference at Salisbury in Wiltshire, where many of the circles are found, and duly cleared the hedgehogs.

It would, some bright spark observed, take a minimum of 40,000 synchronized

hedgehogs to make even a very small circle.

Terence Meaden, the leading light in the crop circle world, theorizes that pockets of warm sea air mix with cooler land air to form miniature electrically charged whirlwinds: most circles are formed on southerly, coast-facing fields.

Meaden spends many hours in cramped, damp caravans above fields, looking out for "angels," the alleged balls of electrically charged air that cause the circles. "It is like waiting for a flower to open," he says. He hasn't seen one yet, but he has faith.

This year, however, the circles and shapes have become much more complicated: dumbbells, stars and geometrical patterns put a dent to the whirlwind theory, although Meaden is persevering with it.

Skeptics are more keen to blame a contest run by London's Guardian newspaper to see who could make the most interesting crop circle. The competition proved that man-made circles are easy to make and almost indistinguishable from the real thing. All you need is a piece of rope and a stone.

But to the believers' delight, small but significant differences are found between "genuine" and "hoax" circles. "The pattern of the lines of straw is much more regular in the real thing," says Meaden.



LEGENDARY: Lights Have Puzzled Centuries of Viewers



JOURNAL GRAPHIC BY CASSANDRA SHERRILL

By Mark Bixler
JOURNAL NORTHWEST BUREAU

BROWN MOUNTAIN

David Mull isn't sure what he saw darting through the sky above the ridge of Brown Mountain one night in 1989 — even though it was what he came to see.

"I saw a faint white light appear and move back and forth a couple of times," he said. "Then it went straight up and disappeared." Mull saw the zigzagging lights during a break from filming a video documentary on the Brown Mountain lights, a phenomenon that has puzzled observers since 1771, when a German scientist first reported seeing wavering lights mysteriously rise up and dissolve against a black sky.

For years, stories have circulated about strange lights that flicker across moonless night skies around the Burke County mountain.

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they look like candle flames dancing in the distance. A song about the lights recorded in the early 1960s by Tommy Faile sent people by the hundreds to scenic overlooks off of N.C. 181 on the north side of Brown Mountain to look for the fabled light show. "If there's been a rainy spell for two or three days and then all of a sudden it's a good,

The lights have been the subject of song, study, legend and lore.

Scores of people in the Catawba Valley and beyond tell of bluish-white, reddish or yellow lights larger than stars that mysteriously appear, linger from a second to 15 minutes, and then vanish.

Some liken the lights to bubbles in boiling water; others say

they look like candle flames dancing in the distance. A song about the lights recorded in the early 1960s by Tommy Faile sent people by the hundreds to scenic overlooks off of N.C. 181 on the north side of Brown Mountain to look for the fabled light show. "If there's been a rainy spell for two or three days and then all of a sudden it's a good,

Viewers

Mountain when they saw an insect that was smaller than a firefly but let off a more powerful glow.

"It was pitch dark, and you could see a light up there about the size of a silver dollar," he said.

"I can envision a whole swarm of these things that would give off a glow you could see for miles."

BROWN MOUNTAIN rises inconspicuously less than 10 miles north of Morganton in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

With a peak of 2,600 feet, it has a bland and unobtrusive ridge.

It is rugged and inaccessible land, Mull said.

If it weren't for the legends and the lights, Brown Mountain would more or less be forgotten.

Mull said that many people have lost interest in the mystery because tangible proof of its existence is nearly impossible to come by.

But as long as witnesses give intriguing reports, and stories about the lights swirl through the mountains, the Brown Mountain lights are unlikely to fade away.

"When you're dealing with legends, there may be some heart of truth and there may be some evidence, but you've got to take it for what it's worth," Mull said.

"It's a legend, and that's all there is to it."

■ To get a view of the north side of Brown Mountain, take U.S. 421 North from Winston-Salem to Boone. Turn left in Boone onto the N.C. 105 extension and follow N.C. 105 south about 10 miles.

Then take N.C. 181 south toward Morganton. Several overlooks within 15 miles of the N.C. 181-N.C. 105 intersection offer a good view of Brown Mountain.

Or take U.S. 421 to the Blue Ridge Parkway at Deep Gap. Head south. The Lost Cove Cliff's Overlook is at milepost 310, six miles north of the Linville Falls Visitors Center.



JOURNAL PHOTO BY MARK BIXLER
David Mull says he saw mysterious lights above Brown Mountain in 1989.

crystal-clear night with no moon," Mull said, "then that's a good night to see them."

Mull said that the number of sightings has tapered off in recent years. He fears that brighter lights from nearby cities and more cars may be obscuring the view. Clear-cutting on the mountain may also account for a reduction in reported sightings, he said. He isn't even sure whether the lights still exist.

"There was such an aura about the Brown Mountain Lights back in the 1960s when they were the talk of the town," Mull said wistfully. "People are too busy going to the mall now to think too much about these kinds of things."

LEGENDS EXPLAINING the origin of the lights, though, persist. One story, made popular by Faile's song, says that the lights are from the lantern of a forlorn slave searching for his master.

Another tells of Cherokee and Catawba Indian maidens with torches scouring the hillside for their husbands after a battle about 800 years ago.

And others trace the lights to the wife and child of a lunatic man who murdered and decapitated his family with an axe in the mid-1800s. The woman and child wander aimlessly over the mountain, looking with lights for their lost heads.

Scientists, however, search for more natural explanations.

Gerard William de Brahm, the German scientist from 1771, chalked them up to nitrous vapors. A U.S. Geological Survey in 1922 said that people saw only car and locomotive lights and lights from Morganton and other nearby cities.

Others have explained the lights in terms of natural electrical discharges, radium or mineral deposits, fireflies or brush fires. Many

SWEDES HAVE EYE ON SUBS THAT MAY NOT REALLY EXIST

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — The Soviet Union has collapsed and the Cold War is over but Sweden is still chasing mystery submarines.

"There is something out there," said Gen. Bengt Gustafsson, the head of the Swedish military, "and we want to sink it."

So far, the only casualties of a decade of dropping depth charges on underwater "objects" have been a shattered seabed, frightened waterfowl and thousands of dead herring.

Geoffrey Bryant, a naval specialist at London's International Institute for Strategic Studies, said the Swedes have no proof of the intrusions and "no convincing argument has ever been put forward."

"The Swedes have had a problem with their (declining)

defence budgets ... I think this probably helps their case to carry on about the submarines," Bryant said.

The Swedish navy's evidence includes recordings of what it says are submarine engines, videos of tracks on the sea floor and torn fish nets.

The Soviet Union had long been the prime suspect, but Swedes had hoped the intrusions would stop after the collapse of the Communist government.

The question is: Why should they continue? Sweden is a small, neutral country that has had generally good relations with its powerful neighbor — aside from the submarine controversy.

The Russian newspaper Izvestia said the Swedish military might be mistaking squeaking ice for submarine engine sounds.

Ape-man alert

Kootenays awash in Sasquatch sightings

By Suzy Hamilton
Special to The Province

NELSON — A tribe of Sasquatches is living in the Kootenays, says a filmmaker who insists he found a footprint made by a hairy mountain-dweller.

"I can believe anything I want, but I know they exist," says Terence Delorme, 29, a "bush rat" who says he found a 35-centimetre (14-inch) Sasquatch print last summer in the Selkirk Mountains. He also figures the creatures are vegetarian.

After word of the sightings by Delorme and two other believers got out recently, Kootenay residents have been calling them to report their own sightings of the ape-like beast.

"We've had 15 calls in two weeks. And these are not weekend hikers," Delorme said yesterday.

The latest sighting came from Mark Hourie, 35, who was helping buddies spot deer near the Blueberry Paulson Pass in October.

"It was a black biped about half as high as the 17-foot trees," said Hourie's wife, Linda Lockhart. "He knew it had to be a Sasquatch. It was covering too much ground and walking on two legs."

"Mark was a real non-believer before he saw it. But when he came home that night his eyes were bulging right out of his head," said Lockhart. The black biped was striding with arms swinging as Hourie watched through his binoculars.

Auto mechanic Brent Hastings said he saw a Sasquatch while hiking in Kootenay Provincial Park in 1979 and found a footprint two years ago near Laska Creek, north of Nelson.

"There's a whole race of them," said Hastings. "I don't doubt them at all. Whatever contact they've made with humans hasn't been good."

Hastings predicted that shrinking wilderness will likely provide more sightings. "There's no way they're not going to be seen more."

But Slokan Valley trapper Ed Kania, who has been trapping for "60-some years," has never seen a Sasquatch — which comes from the Salish, meaning hairy or wild men.

"In this day and age it could not elude everybody ... I think they're



dreaming. These people probably don't know how to read tracks."

But Delorme insists he's been "reading tracks for years" and "there was a ball and a heel and an ankle-look to it."

Terror for women and children as mystery wildcat attacks car

A WILDCAT that has been seen stalking Somerset has attacked a car containing two mothers and their five children.

The two families told today of their night-time confrontation with the creature. "We were terrified. It was really big and black with massive teeth and as tall as the side windows of the car," said 35-year-old Susan Stretch.

She was with her three children, her neighbour Lynn Wardell and her son and daughter, on a quiet lane near Bridgwater, when the animal charged at their Citroen.

It is the third time in a week that the animal has been seen in the area.

The sightings match descriptions of the Beast of Exmoor dating back to 1983, when an animal savaged sheep but escaped attempts to shoot it. However, this is the first time such an animal is reported to have attacked humans.

Mrs Stretch braked hard when she saw the animal in her headlights near the

by John Passmore

village of Cossington. She expected it to run away, but it turned and charged straight at the car.

"The children screamed 'Mummy, mummy, it's going to kill us', but there was such a thump as it threw itself against the side of the car that I thought I had killed it," she said.

Mrs Wardell said the creature was "a big animal of the cat family, like a panther or puma, with a dark coat and big teeth which it was baring at us as it charged towards the car". She said her three-year-old son Paul was still frightened.

Avon and Somerset police said: "We certainly don't dismiss reports of such a large animal by responsible and sensible members of the public and want to hear from

anyone who has seen it. Luckily, no one has been injured so far, and we'll have to take positive action if anyone is attacked."

500-Volt Vision

A Public Utility Commission hearing in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, took a seemingly bizarre twist when a woman claimed electromagnetic fields from a power line near her home allowed her to see through things. Thirty seven year old Dianna McPheat also said that the fields enhanced her hearing and made plants grow in spiral shapes.

McPheat first became concerned about the 500 kilovolt power line when the light in her bathroom would stay on even after it was switched off. Other appliances would start without being turned on and her kids used to bring fluorescent bulbs into the back yard and watch them turn on in their hands. Other alleged problems included frequent nosebleeds, three-week-long headaches, chest pains, sleeping disorders, memory loss and general disorientation.

Pennsylvania Power and Light said that they had conducted "extensive testing" of the five acre property and found "normal levels of EMF"; however, a woman who said that she lived at the house before Ms. McPheat backed up Ms. McPheat's allegations.



MONITORING TIMES, Brasstown, NC - Dec. 1992

By George W. Earley

It's huge, hairy and smells like it hasn't bathed since the dawn of time.

It can leave tracks 6 inches wide and 18 inches long. They're human-like, but the configuration is unlike yours and mine.

The white man calls it "Bigfoot." Native Americans call it by many names; "Sasquatch," a Salish Indian word, is perhaps the one most frequently used and is becoming the preferred term.

Most scientists — zoologists, anthropologists and folklorists, for example — don't believe in Sasquatch. It's a myth, they say. A legend. Monster folklore built on childhood fantasies that have carried over into adulthood and been reinforced by Hollywood monster movies.

terbeds and Futons shop in Vancouver, Wash., and a photo of a man with a small Sasquatch-type footprint tattooed on his shoulder. There's a "Harry and the Hendersons" movie poster, comic books, a Bigfoot flag, and postcards of life-sized wooden BF statues in California and Oregon (the nearest one to *This Week* readers is in front of the store at the Lost Lake campground), and the addresses of various other organizations of Sasquatch seekers in the United States and Canada (see boxed information).

Up front is a speaker's podium, complete with a sketch of a Sasquatch head. A nearby display case holds plaster casts of "genuine" Sasquatch tracks from Coos Bay and Estacada, dried feces, a motley collection of animal bones and skulls (none of Sasquatch, unfortunately), Sasquatch coffee mugs and similar oddments, and more photographs.

Dahinden insisted they were fakes. The tracks, said John, were smaller than those usually reported, being only 12-13 inches long.

Jake commented that unless we thought there was only one Sasquatch who had lived longer than Methuselah, then there had to be families. Families mean adults and juveniles and, like human children, young Sasquatch won't begin life with adult-sized feet. Jake said he expected most people hiking in the woods had seen the tracks of juvenile Sasquatch and dismissed them as barefoot humans.

After all, he added somewhat sarcastically, "everyone knows" many backpackers are crazy eco-freaks who often hike naked once they are beyond the prying eyes of the OCA.

Footprint fakery is a problem, Crowe pouted, pointing to huge track casts on the wall behind him. All

BIGFOOT

But if it's all a myth, then what's been making all those tracks people have found in the Pacific Northwest (and other areas of America and Canada) for nearly 200 years?

That's what Ray Crowe wants to know. Crowe is founder/director of the Western Bigfoot Society, a little band of believers whose faith in the existence of the beast is unshakable.

One evening a month they gather in a basement meeting room below Crowe's used book and collectibles shop in Portland's St. Johns neighborhood to exchange viewpoints (possibly the hottest topic: Should we kill a Sasquatch to prove they exist or leave them alone?) and to listen to guest speakers on various aspects of the Sasquatch mystery. And — perhaps to prove that they are not merely armchair adventurers — some of them make field trips to nearby areas in Washington and Oregon where Sasquatch have been reportedly seen and/or tracks found.

A recent meeting was typical. About 20 people attended and because believing in, or claiming to have seen, a Sasquatch can subject you to a lot of unwanted ridicule, any names mentioned in this account, save for Ray Crowe and the evening's main speaker, Jim Hewkin, are pseudonyms.

For the first-time visitor (non-members are welcome to attend, Crowe merely asks a \$3 donation "to discourage idle curiosity seekers and help pay the electric bill") the long, narrow meeting room initially gives the impression of being decorated in early flea market.

At the foot of the stairs is a table with material for sale: back issues of the WBS newsletter *The Track Record*, WBS buttons, bumper stickers reading "BIGFOOT is Alive and Well in Oregon," and books about the Sasquatch.

Beyond the table, a couple dozen chairs — set up two-by-two on either side of a center aisle — fill the room wall-to-wall.

The walls themselves are covered with an eclectic collection of Sasquatch memorabilia: There are topographical maps of areas where sightings and/or tracks have been reported, dozens of magazine articles and newspaper clippings (both straight news and supermarket tabloid sleaze), photographs of WBS members on outings, an ad (and T-shirt) for the Bigfoot Wa-

After giving the attendees time to mingle, exchange viewpoints and browse the walls, Crowe called the meeting to order.

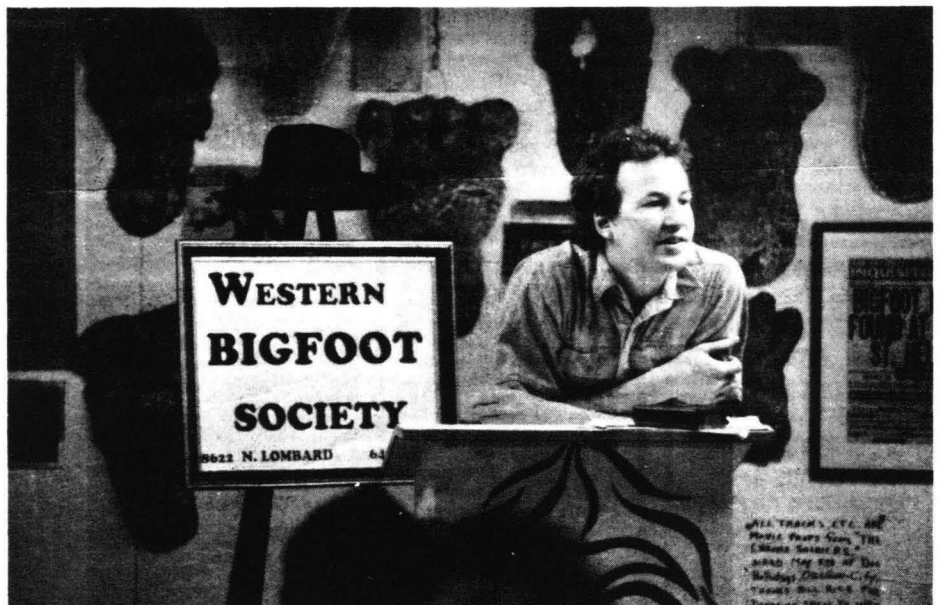
Referring to track reports from Idaho which the Associated Press wire had carried, Crowe announced that John, a new WBS member, had visited the site and asked him for his observations.

Noting that he got there not only some days after the initial find but after a heavy rain, John said he didn't really know enough to pass judgment on the tracks he was shown. He said the two longtime Bigfoot experts who were on the scene — Rene Dahinden of British Columbia, and Washington State University anthropologist Dr. Grover Krantz — disagreed about the tracks. Krantz felt they were probably real, while

were props used in a movie shot in Portland and had been decorations in the film's "Bigfoot Bar and Grill."

On the other hand, said Hewkin, a retired wildlife biologist who spent nearly 30 years ranging Oregon's forests while working for the state wildlife department, when you find footprints many miles from roads and other trappings of civilization, in areas where tourists are non-existent and even backpackers are rarely seen, it is not easy to dismiss them as fakes.

Like John, Hewkin had traveled to the Idaho site where he talked with Krantz as well as with some local Indians who said many other tracks had been found in the same area a week or two before the ones that had gotten news media attention. (This, as Sasquatch investigators know, is not unusual. Once a report — be it a



A WBS member recounts a recent sighting in Idaho that has fueled debate among Bigfoot experts.

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Greg Kozawa photo

The Western Bigfoot Society gathers monthly in Ray Crowe's small bookstore in St. Johns.

sighting or the finding of tracks — becomes public, other people are willing to come forth and talk about what they've seen. Some investigators estimate that perhaps only 10 percent of all Sasquatch sightings are ever publicly reported.)

Hewkin described the Idaho countryside as a mix of woods and farmlands with ample cover for large animals. Several attendees commented on the ease with which wild animals, even male deer and elk with their large antlers, can move through undergrowth that humans find virtually impassable.

In his talk, Hewkin said that at the beginning of his career as a wildlife biologist, he too dismissed Sasquatch reports as fakes or mistaken observations by untrained people inexperienced with wildlife. But, he went on to say, he kept finding "signs" inconsistent with known animals, particularly bears, frequently cited by skeptics as a major cause for Sasquatch sightings. (Bears do appear human-like, particularly at a distance, when standing upright on their hind feet. But as they cannot walk more than a step or two that way, bears could not have left the long lines of tracks found in Idaho.)

Bears eat grubs, ants and other insects, and will tear rotten logs and stumps apart to get them. But bears have claws and leave recognizable claw marks when they do so. Hewkin says he has found broken logs and trees with obvious fingernail marks on them — only from fingernails far larger than yours and mine.

The Bigfoot, he believes, are omnivores, able to eat a wide variety of berries and grasses as well as meat of various kinds.

He told of interviewing a man who said he saw several Bigfoot dig out a rodent nest and devour the mice. A deer hunter told him of seeing a fawn caught by an unidentified animal. The hunter was seated on a stump only a few dozen feet from the edge of a woods. Suddenly, "something" burst from the woods, snatched up the fawn, which had wandered away from its mother, and dashed back into the trees. It happened so fast, the hunter told Hewkin, that all he could truly be sure of was that the creature hadn't been a bear and that the fawn had been grasped by hands and not a mouthful of teeth.

This report provoked a number of secondhand anecdotal accounts from attendees who recounted instances they had heard of that fit in with Hewkin's belief that the Sasquatch are active predators.

Tracks found in snow, says Hewkin, show that the Sasquatch, unlike bears, do not hibernate in the winter. To stay active then requires considerable food, and Hewkin believes they cache the bodies of animals caught earlier in the year.

The creatures then feed off this smelly carrion and that, Hewkin believes, is the source of the horrible smell frequently mentioned by Sasquatch sighters. The

smell is said to be so bad that even trained hunting dogs refuse to follow it.

Charlie didn't agree with Hewkin's idea. He told me afterward that while a Sasquatch would be smelly in the spring after a winter of sharing a lair with rotten meat, a few rains should wash even the stinkiest one clean. But Sasquatch stink is mentioned year-round.

"My guess," said Charlie, "is that the Sasquatch, like some other animals, has evolved scent glands that put out a really awful smell for defensive purposes. Big and strong as it is, a Sasquatch would be no match for bears, cougar or a wolf pack but a truly nose-numbing, gut-wrenching stink could scare them away."

I flipped through a copy of *The Track Record*, the WBS newsletter, and found a mix of anecdotal accounts some dating back many years, excerpts from books and magazines and newspaper reports. Some of the tales seemed pretty far out, I told Crowe. He agreed, noting that he lacked the time and other resources needed to check out much of what he printed. "I just run it all and let the members make their own decisions about it," he said, smiling. "But if I can, I do try to check. I've been told the Estacada Ranger District on the other side of Mount Hood has a log of Bigfoot sightings, with 30 entries over the last three years. I got this from a reliable source but they deny it, so I've written the chief ranger in Washington, D.C., No reply yet."

I wandered out of the store to find WBS members still discussing their favorite topic on the sidewalk. Around me were the usual sights and sounds and smells of the city. It seemed almost unreal to consider that only a few miles away, in the thick forests that blanket much of the Pacific Northwest from Northern California into Alaska, may live remnants of mankind's forgotten cousins, the Sasquatch.

George W. Earley, a free-lance writer living on Mount Hood, has been a backpacker and an unsuccessful seeker of Sasquatch for several decades.

Tracking Sasquatch...

Ray Crowe founded the Western Bigfoot Society in July 1991. Membership is \$20 a year, and Crowe's chatty *The Track Record* newsletter goes to 40 members each month.

The group meets the last Thursday of each month in the basement of Ray's Used Books and Collectibles, 8622 N. Lombard in Portland's St. Johns neighborhood. Meeting attendance averages about 20. Ray will also take your calls at 640-6581 in the evenings, or will be happy to chat if you drop by the shop during the day.

Other organizations with an interest in Sasquatch include: **The Sasquatch Report**, in care of Mike Quast, 379 Seventh Ave. South, Apt. 7, Fargo N.D. 58103. (Monthly newsletter)

California Bigfoot Organization, 44528 21st St. West, Lancaster, Calif. 93536.

Bigfoot Co-Op, 14602 Montevideo Drive, Whittier, Calif. 90605.

The International Society of Cryptozoology, P.O. Box 43070, Tucson, Ariz. 85733. (Collects and publishes reports on a wide variety of creatures whose existence is not formally accepted by scientists, e.g. sea serpents, lake monsters, Sasquatch, etc. Quarterly newsletter and annual journal.)

British Columbia Scientific Cryptozoological Club, 8790 Cartier Street #308, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6P 4V2. (Irregularly published newsletter concentrates on Sasquatch and Ogopogo, the

"monster" of Lake Okanagan.)

Always include a stamped, self-addressed envelope when writing organizations for information — letters to Canada should include an International Reply Coupon, as they can't use our stamps.

Recent and readable:

"Bigfoot Warning" by Tom Skizenski. Available for \$10 postpaid from the author at P.O. Box 40828, Central Station, Portland, Ore. 97240.

"The Sasquatch in Alberta" by Thomas Steenberg. Available for \$10 postpaid from Western Publishers, P.O. Box 30193, Station B, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

"Monsters of the Northwoods: Bigfoot in New York and Vermont," by Bartholomew, Brann and Hallenbeck. Available for \$15 postpaid from William Brann, 2 Mountain Drive, Hudson Falls, N.Y. 12839.

"Creatures of the North: The New Minnesota Sasquatch Encounters." Available for \$10 postpaid from Mike Quast — see address above.

The above are privately published works — check your library for such books as "Bigfoot: Monster, Myth or Man?" by Peter Byrne; "Sasquatch: The Apes Among Us" by John Green; "Sasquatch" by Don Hunter and Rene Dahinden; and "Abominable Snowman: Legend Come to Life" by Ivan Sanderson. And just published this summer: "Field Guide to the Sasquatch" (Sasquatch Books, Seattle), available for \$4.95 from your local bookstore.

DAILY NEWS, Anchorage, AK - Jan. 18, 1993

HAIRYMAN FRENZY SEIZES ALASKANS, HITS TABLOIDS

A newspaper chain with publications in seven Alaska towns is planning a special edition about the fabled Hairyman, and an Outside — really Outside — psychic predicts the creature also known as Bigfoot will break into the country music charts this year.

Serena Sabak, staff psychic for the checkout counter tabloid Weekly World News, makes this startling 1993 prediction in the Jan. 19 edition:

"An Alaskan fur trapper introduces a startling new nightclub act called the Bigfoot Family Singers. The half-ape, half-human singers become the hottest recording stars in history."

Meanwhile, in Anchorage, the publishers of the Tundra Drums, Arctic Sounder, Bristol BayTimes, Dutch Harbor Fisherman, Cordova Times, Valdez Vanguard and Seward Phoenix LOG have asked their

readers to send in accounts of their own experiences with a creature known in rural Alaska as Hairyman.

According to Alaska Newspapers Inc., Hairyman comes out mostly at night and mostly in the winter.

"In the north, they are small with white hair," the newspapers say. "In the south, they are man-sized with dark hair."

The papers' editors are asking readers to send in their "experiences, recollections, tales of sightings and drawings" of Hairyman. Presumably, they would accept photographs, too.

But if Serena Sabak is right, people may soon have to buy tickets to see Bigfoot, or Hairyman, or whatever stage name he goes by in Nashville.

Sabak's predictions may be somewhat suspect, however. Another development she anticipates in 1993: "Doctors announce that thousands of deaf people can restore their hearing simply by blowing their noses the right way."

— Anchorage Daily News

SUN, Vancouver, B.C., Canada - Jan. 23, 1993

Blind man a believer in Ogopogo

Canadian Press

KELOWNA — A blind man is among the Ogopogo "witnesses" slated to be interviewed next week by an American television crew intrigued by alleged sightings of the elusive creature.

Burt Johnson, head of the Kelowna branch of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, will recount his brush with the legendary sea serpent for the producers of Inside Edition.

"I'm a firm believer in Ogopogo," Johnson said. "I used to be skeptical, but now I know it exists."

Johnson's conversion came last Oct. 13 as he walked in a park in this Okanagan city with his wife and her brother.

It was a calm day and Johnson could barely make out the sound of waves lapping against the beach as

the trio strolled along a path.

"All of a sudden I could hear the waves getting bigger and bigger," he recalled Thursday. "By the sound of the pounding, the waves must have been a foot high."

Johnson told his wife and brother-in-law to look out on Okanagan Lake. What they saw startled them.

"There was a bluish-black thing, about 20 feet long rising straight up out of the water," Brenda Johnson said. "It didn't move forward or backward and it didn't have a head or a tail. It just looked like the body of something."

Her brother, Byron Rolston of Abbotsford, was carrying a camera and snapped a few pictures before the creature submerged in less than two minutes.

The photographs, enlarged 65 times on a CNIB reading-assistance machine, seem to show a large object rising out of the water about 23 metres offshore, said some observers.

Along with a few other Ogopogo spotters, the Johnsons will re-enact their experience next week for a film crew from Inside Edition, a half-hour TV program that's based in New York.

CR: G. Conway

Hairy Man fables better than shaggy dog tales

By ROSANNE PAGANO

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANCHORAGE — He's as big as Big Foot, not so abominable as the Snowman and elusive as Sasquatch.

He is Alaska's Hairy Man and a statewide chain of newspapers is on his legendary tracks.

"I think there are very few people who've actually sighted Hairy Man, but there are plenty of stories," said Chris Casati, editor of Anchorage-based Alaska Newspapers.

The group operates seven rural weeklies from Cordova to Bethel to Kotzebue with a combined circulation of about 17,000.

Casati said the papers began asking readers a month ago to

send in stories of Hairy Man, a folklorish creature who inhabits the vast tundra around Southwest Alaska.

So far, no tales have turned up and the newspaper's not sure why.

Casati says he could add a few of his own. That includes the one about three Southwest school teachers who raised havoc last month in remote Quinhagak by tramping around in the snow with foot-shaped pieces of plywood to make fake Hairy Man tracks.

Worried calls poured into police. One officer called it "a bad joke." The teachers apologized publicly. They visited classrooms to show off the wooden feet and assure children there was nothing to be afraid of.

Days later some parents were still asking for a police escort when their children went house to house.

"We have no idea Hairy Man was associated with Yupik culture in any way," the apology said. The teachers say they would have never considered making the footprints had they known.

James MacPherson, editor of Bethel's weekly newspaper, the Tundra Drums, said he thought stories weren't materializing because people wanted to keep Hairy Man sightings to themselves.

"People here really do believe it and I respect that," MacPherson says. For instance, on a summer kayak trip last year he and a friend came across tracks on a

beach along the Kuskokwim River. He said he thought they were made by a brown bear. Someone else said they were Hairy Man's.

"I was kind of hoping they were Hairy Man," MacPherson said. "A brown bear could do a lot more damage."

Noted Bethel storyteller John Active, who is a Yupik Eskimo, says he knows all about Hairy Man.

"He's very tall, taller than a 9 or 10-foot-tall spruce tree. When he was standing his hands could touch the ground next to his feet. He grew hair to keep warm," Active says.

Hairy Man is more curious than predatory but so horrendous-look-

ing, Active says, that people run off afraid.

"If you were a young child, out hunting ptarmigan or berry-picking, all alone out there, sometimes you get the feeling something is watching you. Then the Hairy Man stories would make an impression."

Active says Hairy Man's Eskimo name, "arulataq," means a creature who makes a bellowing cry.

"Years ago," he said, "during World War II, there was an air raid siren in the middle of town. When it would go off the old Natives would say that is the sound the creature made."

"It was scary."

The legend's roots are also elusive.

Reference books carry only scant descriptions. And some experts say it appears Hairy Man may be a fairly recent adaptation of stories borrowed from western culture, as newcomers settled Alaska over the past century or so.

A dictionary of the central Yupik language says only that "arulataq" means a monster with three toes on each foot and six fingers on each hand, identified with Bigfoot.

Some southwest Alaska Natives say they have never heard of Hairy Man at all. One teacher in the village of Tununak, about 100 miles west of Bethel, says he's helped translate more than a dozen Yupik stories and has never heard an elder tell the tale of Hairy Man.

Teacher Ben Orr says he has heard it from schoolchildren. "You get all variants," he said. While teaching school 30 years ago on St. Lawrence Island, less than 50 miles from the Russian border in the Bering Strait, Orr says some villagers would say mysterious tracks belonged to Russian spies.

Alaska anthropologists say the theme of the big-footed hermit is universal — a regional equivalent of urban tales like the vanishing hitchhiker.

Phyllis Morrow, a Fairbanks cultural anthropologist who has studied southwest Alaska Natives for 15 years, says other village legends deal with people who get lost and become wild. One story talks about a boy who ran away long ago and is glimpsed today, through his shaggy hair.

"These are sightings of the supernatural. That's what folklore is all about," Morrow says.

Active, the Native storyteller, says he has never seen Hairy Man. But he knows he lives.

"He's just as alive in our legends as if he's standing right in front of me. He's out there because we talk about him."

Touchet Valley Ramblings

By Vance Orchard

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Hot dog! The thaw is on the ground, the snow all but gone, so off we go to the wild blue mountains behind the house!

Oh, not so fast there, bucko! This winter has not run its course.

And, before we get too carried away with getting out into the brush—and heaven knows, it sure has been a long, long time since the last time!—we must recount some hot stove tales.

This is fulfillment of the promise a couple weeks ago to give more fill-in on the recent Paul Freeman Bigfoot display at Blue Mountain Mall.

Despite highly inclement weather with several inches of snow clogging roads, etc., many people showed up the two days to Ooh and Ah over the skulls, bent limbs, huge human tracks and the life-size replicas of a pair of Bigfoots. Those critters, made by an artist with Freeman's specifications and recall, truly dominate the display. One is nearly 7 feet tall and the other is taller.

I was at the display and near the pair of giants when a toddler of a girl suddenly spurted ahead of her parents to reach up and grasp the hand of the black-furred female Bigfoot!

The girl, 3 1/2-year-old Chelsey Stevens, was enthusiastically pumping on the huge hand when her parents got to her. Parents are Mark and Kim Stevens, of Pomona St.

The utter lack of fear by Chelsey was remarkable because many children her age want little or nothing to do with the gigantic, hairy "people" standing amid the Freeman display.

Well, you know: "A little child shall lead them."

Freeman's display was not the only place for plaster casts of Bigfoot tracks.

Visiting Freeman at the display was College Place resident, Frank Jenson, who brought along a cast made in Cascade, Montana, some 16 years ago. Jenson says he got the cast when a Canadian Bigfoot team came to the little Montana town to investigate reports of several tracks. Jenson got a copy of the principal track recorded by the team. He had the 15-inch cast in a box

Jenson says he has had an abiding interest in the Bigfoot/Sasquatch matter for many years, retaining an open mind on the subject, although not reaching many solid conclusions.

In my first report on this Bigfoot display, I told of the experience of a Walla Walla father and son who checked out the Bigfoot seen by the son one night on the Tiger Canyon road two years ago.

This was volunteered by the father who related the story to Freeman and I at the mall.

Jenson related a similar story of two hunters who were stunned one day on a recent fall day in the Blue Mountains. The two men were at a stand, watching for a deer to come across an open glade. Suddenly, there strode across before their wide-eyed vision "a big, hairy creature of some kind." The thing was soon out of sight but not out of mind, Jenson says, noting that the young man who stopped at the display recounted the happening with clarity.

The often made comment of skeptics is "Why don't more people see this thing?"

Well, fear of ridicule is probably the main reason more people don't volunteer they saw one.

But, when Paul Freeman sets up his display in a mall it never fails to draw people who come forth to volunteer their sighting experience.

More scientists continue to come forth in search of the truth behind the Bigfoot thing. I got the following news from Red Givens while he was in Casa Grande, AZ. The news came from a clipping from the Casa Grande "Dispatch." The news was that J. Richard Greenwell, secretary/treasurer of the International Society for Cryptozoology, hopes to join a search for Bigfoot in Mongolia. Over there the beast is called "Almas."

One of the zoologists from Mongolia who visited Greenwell in Tucson in December joins with scientists who feel the Almas of the Mongolian Altai Mountains may be linked to prehistoric Neanderthal man,

according to the Dispatch clipping. This man, while admitting there is "no solid evidence that supports the existence of Almas," adds that most of the two million people in Mongolia believe in the creature's existence.

This past week I got in the mail a highly interesting little booklet about the Bigfoot subject, "They Walked Among Us." Ed Fusch, Riverside, Wash., anthropologist, has put it together. It is the culmination of several years of interviews and intensive research among Indians of the Colville and Spokane reservations. He learned there are many Indian beliefs about the Bigfoot/Sasquatch, which goes under a host of names, almost a different one for each tribe. There are eleven tribes in the Colville Confederation.

"Among the various tribes," Fusch says, "Sasquatch was referred to by several different names, but a common conceptual thread permeates all of their beliefs ... he was always considered a human being, a member of their own species ... prior to the arrival of the white man, the only people known to the Indians were other Indians and Sasquatch."

The Sasquatch went by names such as "Skanicum," or Stick Indian, by the Lake tribe; "Choanito," or Night People, by Wenatchee Indians and as "Scwe-ney-tum" by other Indians, Fusch says.

From his many interviews with old Indians and young alike, Fusch has compiled many of their stories about the Bigfoot.

Here's a short one:

"Laura, (a member of the Lake tribe and 87 when Fusch got her story in 1985) reports that some years ago, she shot a deer not far from Nespelem, Wash. Being alone at the time and unable to load it into her car, she returned the next morning with her grandson. Several Skanicum were on the scene. One, a female, was standing just along side the road and never moved as Laura drove by her, getting a good look at her. She looked human, was about six feet tall,

her body covered with long, brown hair, had a sloping forehead with ears that appeared to be pulled upward.

"Arriving at the deer carcass they found that the liver had been removed as had the tender parts of both rear flanks. The skin had been carefully rolled from the hind quarters, the meat was very clean (she reiterates and emphasizes how clean the meat was). She and her grandson left the carcass as they found it and left the area.

"Laura states that there are areas just south of Nespelem and about two miles north of the Columbia River where she can call Skanicum (in his language, she knows how) and he will answer. She believes that they live in the area.

"At one time, she encountered a large male Skanicum on the highway near Nespelem. It tried to converse with her, making organized sounds, leaving her to believe that they have a language. She left quickly."

Fusch has promised to come to Walla Walla one day and visit the weekly gathering of Bigfoot enthusiasts at Blue Mountain Mall. A couple of old standbys at these Wednesday morning coffee breaks (Wes and Swede Sumerlin) are looking forward, I'd guess. As boys, these two Walla Wallans lived on the Colville Reservation and learned how to track all manner of beasts.

But, they were cautioned not to follow the big tracks of the "wild man."

Those interested in the Fusch book should contact him at P.O. Box 47, Riverside WA 98849.

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'BLUE ICE': Bird droppings, not airplane waste, are what's been falling on some Chicago suburbs, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has concluded. Probable culprit: geese. Analysis of eight samples of the frozen blue-green gunk — called "blue ice" — that fell in Lake, Cook and DuPage counties in December, shows it isn't human waste or chemical products. Many area residents have reported seeing the debris fall from airplanes as frozen human waste

TIMES, London, England - Jan. 25, 1993 CR: T. Good

'Moa' sighted

Wellington: Three New Zealand hikers said they had photographed a moa, a large flightless bird believed extinct for 500 years. They insisted the bird was not an ostrich or an emu, but a museum expert said the photographs were inconclusive. (Reuter)