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Should government reveal its UFO data?

By Tom Keyser
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The concept of life elsewhere in the universe — visitors from space, UFOs, extraterrestrials, aliens — tantalizes earthlings. Yet in the United States no top government official has ever said publicly that such activity exists.

"What's out there" consumes many researchers with sound academic and professional credentials. Books and hundreds of papers on the subject have been written, films have been made, and researchers meet occasionally to discuss their opinions.

One such meeting last month in Silver Spring dealt with the question of U.S. government disclosure. Assuming that the government has evidence of UFOs, four specialists gave their answers for and against official government acknowledgment of the reality of unidentified flying objects.

Favoring government disclosure were Bruce Maccabee, a civilian research physicist for the Navy from Sabillasville who has long been a leader in UFO research groups, and Elaine Douglass, director of the Washington chapter of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

Tell the public all

Dr. Maccabee: A large portion of human society either knows or suspects that at least some of the things reported as UFOs are in fact alien craft.

The increased interest is beginning to have an impact on society in the form of public speculation, both trivial and serious, about the activities and the intent of the aliens.

What is the true characterization of the aliens?

In the absence of valid information, people speculate wildly. But the government could end the wild speculation by releasing valid information — even if it released only part of the available information.

Anyone who knows about the reality of identified alien craft [IACs], is likely to agree with President Clinton's favorite song, which says, "I can't stop thinking about

tomorrow."

When will the IAC problem bubble up to the surface?

Will the people be ready?

Will the shock stop civilization in its tracks?

Is it better to wait for something to happen that nobody has thought about that drops on us like a load of bricks from above, or is it better to bite the bullet now — and make some kind of announcement that causes people to start thinking about what's going on so that we'll be prepared?

Ms. Douglass: The very worst outcome would be if the alien disclosed itself and the government had stone-walled to the end.

So I ask our government: Do you want your own plan of disclosure, or the aliens' plan? We get up one morning and turn on the TV and there's an alien face and he says: People on Earth, be calm.

Dr. Maccabee: The UFO problem has been nipping around the heels of our civilization for the last 45 years or so. For most people it has been at the bottom of the list of things to think about, ranking below such all-pushing problems as "Will Di really get a divorce?"

The government should come clean. This could legitimize the subject for study by leading thinkers of the human race. The top quantum mechanics, or the relativistic theorists, or the top world philosophers don't discuss the subject. Why? Well, [the subject's left to] kooks and nuts like those guys at a hotel in Silver Spring on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Keep the lid on

Not all those interested in UFOs favor government disclosure of what's known "officially." Their arguments were made at the Silver Spring conference by Robert Durant, a commercial airline pilot and ex-Navy helicopter pilot from Pennington, N.J., and Michael Levintow, a computer analyst from Washington. Both are UFO researchers.

Mr. Durant: We have collected a great mass of UFO sightings, photographs, movies, videos, radar trackings, physical traces in recent dec-



BY KRISTEN BREMMER

Bruce Maccabee and Elaine Douglass both favor government disclosure. He is a civilian research physicist for the Navy and she is director of the Washington chapter of the Mutual UFO Network.

ades. The evidence is overwhelming.

But look at this thing from the eyes of the president of the United States and his national security advisers. If the government releases its files — and the logical conclusion of those files — the public will demand to know not just the physics of the matter, but who the aliens are, where they come from and why they are here.

The result would be chaos. The economic life of the country would be paralyzed. There would be only one topic of discussion: The aliens.

Mr. Levintow: In addition to the risk of generating social chaos, or even public panic, a political firestorm would most certainly build for the government to expel the aliens. This would put the U.S. on a collision course with space aliens, who appear to be vastly technologically superior to humans.

Why risk provoking such a confrontation, since nothing whatsoever is gained by politicizing the UFO-extraterrestrial matter, quite possibly the biggest secret of all time?

Mr. Durant: You have had the luxury of slowly, over a period of

many years, absorbing the awesome secret that UFOs are real. But you want to hit the public right between the eyes with this psychological bomb? We had the radio broadcast of "The War of the Worlds" in 1939 that caused a panic. Is this a precedent we ought to pay attention to or not?

If we look historically at the UFO reports, they've mainly been hit-and-run affairs.

Beginning in the 1980s, we've seen a shift to the long-duration, low-level, multiple-witness sighting. The great risk is that we're going to have a landing in a shopping mall someplace. My problem is: What do you do with Mr. and Mrs. America about all of this?

Mr. Levintow: If the government makes an official statement, will that legitimize it or simply lead to more controversy as to whether the government is telling the truth, or whether it is simply more cover-ups and deceptions on their part?

It may be impossible to legitimize the subject of UFOs and extraterrestrials, because it is such a radical departure from traditional modes of thought that have pre-

valled for the last 2,000 years.

How can you legitimize a subject that is so latent with fear and anxiety on the part of virtually every individual on this planet — the prospect of meeting a superior or more powerful intelligence that somehow came into existence elsewhere in this universe?

The alien agenda is basically unknown to humans. From a cosmic standpoint, they're clearly a superior force, and they have powers far in advance of anything humans can muster at this point.

We really aren't in a position to do anything about it, because we don't have the ability to control the situation. The aliens have control of the agenda. It is their program. They proceed with it. They're the superior force.

Those who are seriously interested in the subject can research until their heart's content, and learn all sorts of interesting things about UFOs and ETs.

Those in the general public who would like to continue to believe that there are no such things as UFOs and ETs can continue in their blissful ignorance.

NEWS-STAR, Monroe, LA — Dec. 25, 1992 CR: W. Garner

Deputies, skywatchers see Santa or something

By MINDY WILSON
Staff Writer

Linda Dicks wasn't sure whether she was seeing Santa Claus or an alien spacecraft in the night sky over southwestern Ouachita Parish.

But she was convinced the red- and white-lighted object flying just above the tree line wasn't an airplane. And whatever it was, she wanted to take a ride on it.

"If it's only got two seats, me and my son are going first," said Dicks, 48.

The West Monroe woman and her 27-year-old son Butch were among a group of skywatchers who

gathered on Philpot Road after hearing on their police scanners reports of unidentified flying objects. The objects were apparently sighted in southwestern Ouachita Parish between about 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday.

"Deputies saw it first, and then we started getting calls," said Cpl. Sandy Pfeiffer of the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Department.

In radio communications, deputies talked about seeing a lighted object bouncing up and down above the tree line and disappearing, and seeing objects with multiple lights and lights that changed colors.

A deputy who wouldn't give his name said an object with flashing red, white and blue lights flew over his head as he was talking to a Jackson Parish sheriff's deputy near the Jackson Parish line.

"It flew almost over that Jackson Parish deputy and I, and there was no noise whatsoever," he said.

"I've never seen anything like it before in my life," the deputy said.

Richard Antley of Bawcomville said he used a rifle scope and binoculars to view an object with "twinkling lights, best I can describe. It looked like something pointed with two tails coming off it and sparks flying off," he said.

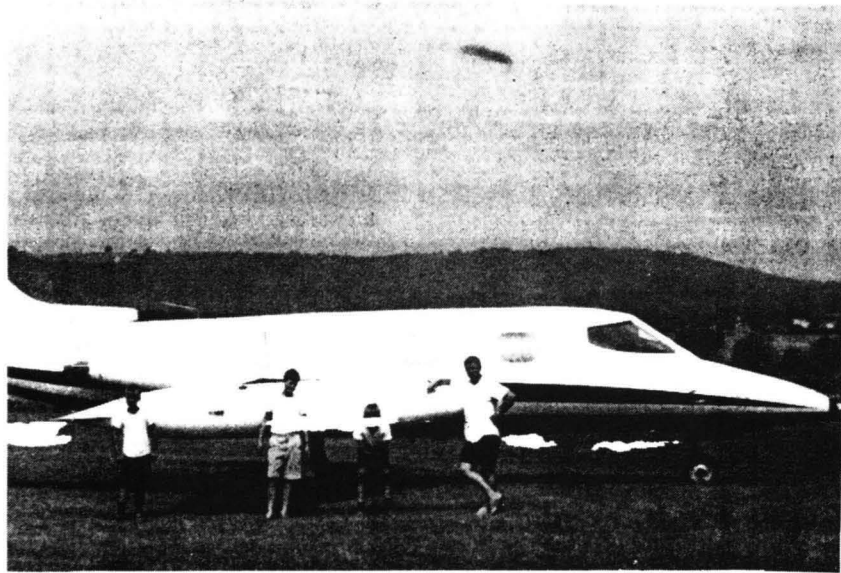
West Monroe and Monroe police reported no calls of UFO sightings.

Deputies checked regularly with air traffic controllers at Monroe Regional Airport's control tower for

planes in the area.

One private plane was sightseeing over the city during that time and several passenger planes flew overhead, said Mike Riley, an air traffic specialist.

But the control tower's radar likely wouldn't detect anything flying low in the sky, he said. Deputies reported many of the objects were flying just above the tree line.



In 1968, then-Filppin Airport Manager Lawrence Willett's sister-in-law took this photo of the first jet to land at the facility. When the print was returned, the gray object in the sky (unnoticed at the time the picture was taken) aroused Willett's curiosity. (Later, he also noticed a large, shiny object on the ground in the mountain-top clearing behind the plane.) Willett sent the

UFO over Filppin?

photo to the University of Arizona optical department for analysis. He was told the gray object seemed to be something in the air, and not a blemish on the film or print. UFO sightings had been reported in the area around the time this photo taken. This is not Willett's only encounter with strange objects in the sky. Read more about the local UFO investigator on page 8.

Lawrence Willett: Investigator of Strange Objects in the Sky

By Ray Dean Davis

In June of 1947 Kenneth Arnold was flying his private plane over the Cascade Mountains in Washington state when he reported seeing nine disc-shaped objects flying in formation at high speeds. He described them as resembling upside down saucers—"flying saucers," a name that was to stick for decades.

At the time of Arnold's sighting, Lawrence Willett of Mountain Home made special note of the odd report.

Having served in the military, where he learned about recognizing aircraft, and possessing an interest in flying, Willett knew Arnold's description didn't fit any conventional aircraft of which he was aware.

"I remember having the feeling that what Arnold reported was something strange, not just a misidentification," Willett says.

"Since then, I've heard of hundreds of similar reports, and I still feel they're something strange. Something that doesn't originate from this earth."

Willett, who later went on to earn his pilot's license

and logged more than 7,000 hours in the air—he was owner/operator of Filppin Airport for several years—

are easily explained away; some never develop; but many are determined authentic. These are the ones that keep Willett interested in maintaining his volunteer position as investigator.

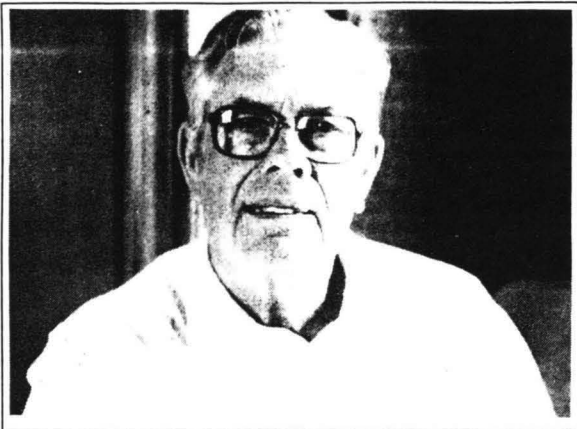
He has filed numerous reports with Mufon from this general area, including citizen sightings of large, hovering, many-cornered

crafts (one report made by a Mountain Home police officer); families witnessing giant cigar-shaped objects floating across the night sky; hovering and speeding lights that seem to be under intelligent control; and other UFOs.

The reports reaffirm his belief in the reality of UFOs, but Willett doesn't base that conviction strictly on hearsay and investigation; he also has his own sightings to consider.

"During my 7,000-plus hours of flying, I have seen many objects in the sky that were not conventional aircraft," he says. "Several of those were in this area."

One of his most memorable sightings occurred one afternoon in



Lawrence Willett

began investigating reports of other "flying saucers," later to become known as unidentified flying objects, or UFOs.

After retiring as a pilot he continued to look into reports of UFOs and about five years ago his interest and expertise led him to join the Mutual UFO Network (Mufon) as a field investigator.

Mufon gathers and collates information on UFO sightings around the country and the world.

Willett is now an Arkansas state section director for the group and checks out reports in a five-county area, including Baxter.

In the position, he gets many calls (at all hours) from people who have seen strange lights or crafts in the sky. Some of the reports

1979 on the West Road (Hwy. 178 W.) about six miles west of Mountain Home.

Willett was driving east toward town when he spotted a bright, oval-shaped object moving slowly in the sky over what is now the Daffron Ranch.

When he pulled over to get a better look, the craft stopped moving and began hovering, Willett says.

"I estimate it was about 30 feet in diameter and 10 feet thick," he recalls. "It was a quarter to a half-mile away from me."

"When I stepped out of my vehicle to look at it, it appeared to emit short flashes of bright white light at me. I'm not sure what those were, but I know that something or someone knew I was there."

Willett says he wanted another witness to what he was seeing and when a pickup approached on the highway he flagged it down.

"I held out my hand for the driver to stop and with the other hand pointed toward the object," he says. "The instant the pickup stopped, the craft just disappeared."

"Of course, when that happened I felt like a fool. I told the driver I had stopped him because there was something I wanted him to see, but now it was gone. He said, 'OK,' and drove off."

"As soon as he did, the object reappeared. It floated slowly toward Whiteville, trailing little wisps of white vapor as it moved."

Willett says he knows the object was no conventional airplane or helicopter.

"In my opinion," he says, "it came from outside this earth."

Willett admits that some people probably think he is either easily fooled or "crazy" because of his beliefs in UFOs, but that doesn't stop him from continuing his study of the subject. However, not everyone feels that way.

He finds many witnesses very reluctant to file a report or have their name connected to a sighting because of fear of public ridicule. Even with the many calls he does receive, Willett estimates that 10 times that number of sightings are not reported.

"I guess I can't blame some people for feeling that way," he says, "but it's too bad. We might be able to get a handle on whatever this is more quickly if everyone who saw one was willing to share their information."

When investigating a sighting claim, Mufon investigators ask questions to determine that the object was not a star, conventional aircraft, hoax or otherwise explainable.

If the sighting is verified, notes are taken on such factors as its characteristics of movement, appearance, lighting, sound (or lack of), location and approximate

altitude. This data is sent to Mufon headquarters in Sequin, Texas, where it is filed with thousands of other reports.

Some of these reports even include the possibility of alien bodies being removed from wrecked UFOs.

"Mufon is fairly certain there has been crash retrieval in at least two instances," Willett says, "and there is speculation that the federal government has done reverse engineering on the wreckage to determine more about the crafts."

"Some people are convinced that the government has even done test flights after rebuilding the crafts."

He says there is a large government base in Nevada that is off-limits to all but authorized personnel. The land covers thousands of acres—plenty of space for such rebuilding and research.

Willett says, "What goes on there is just speculation to anyone who isn't authorized to be involved, but personally, I'm quite sure the government knows more about UFOs than it is admitting, it's just afraid to release the information for fear of public panic."

Many scientists admit that the the UFO sighting phenomenon is real, but some feel it is psychological in origin—possibly the product of human minds inventing a "higher power."

Willett doesn't believe this. "I know the ones I have seen were physical," he says. "And they weren't hallucinations. They were real."

"If some people think I'm foolish, that's up to them, but I will keep studying this subject as long as there are new cases being reported."

Anyone who would like to report a UFO sighting can contact Lawrence Willett at 425-8260.

ENTERPRISE-RECORD,
Chico, CA - Jan. 1, 1993

Boy reports UFO above Dairy Queen

A triangular UFO hovered above Dairy Queen, 2190 The Esplanade, at about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, according to an entry in the log of calls at the Chico Police Department.

The unidentified flying object was sighted by an 11-year-old boy. He told a police dispatcher the black and gray-colored machine had "disc-like lights."

The UFO hovered 100-150 yards above the fast-food restaurant for approximately three minutes before speeding off.

He was the only one who saw it, the boy told the dispatcher.

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Group Helps Those Abducted by UFOs Feel Less Alienated

What do you do if you are abducted in your sleep by a group of scrawny gray aliens with enormous heads, beamed up to a spacecraft, placed upon an examination table, probed with enormous needles and lasers, and then returned to your bed?

If you live in Southern California, you form a support group and share the experience. But the thorny questions posed at these sessions are far more complex than those discussed at your run-of-the-mill self-help groups.

How do you determine, one man asked at a recent meeting in La Crescenta, whether you have been abducted by aliens, abducted by the CIA or were merely dreaming? When the aliens implant a tracking device in your body, how do you get it out? After you've been abducted, what do you tell your employer when you show up late for work?

If you are concerned about something such as abduction security, you cannot simply approach your neighborhood watch captain for advice. And your family doctor might be reluctant to explore the "scoop marks" left by aliens seeking tissue samples. So abductees from

she discovered a salesman and a warehouseman who both had had intimate experiences with UFOs.

Carlson does not know why she and the others at the meeting are the chosen people—for abduction—but she has a hunch why the aliens are studying the human race. The little gray men, she surmises, are attempting to create a new, hybrid race.

During the session, abductees discuss a variety of esoteric subjects. Snatches of testimony and random comments create a bizarre

conversational mosaic:

"Did your alien have a sense of humor?"

"At first I thought I was in an elevator, but then I realized I was in a small craft detaching to a larger craft."

"I know it wasn't a dream because when I returned, my dog was very hyper and panting and he usually is very calm."

"There is some sort of work going on between the CIA and an alien faction to develop a propulsion technology."

Although some of these random comments might seem as if they

come from the lunatic fringe, those who attended the meeting did not seem all that peculiar. Many of them had the mien of typical suburbanites who struggle with their mortgages, attend PTA meetings and complain about freeway traffic. But ask them about UFOs, aliens or extraterrestrial abductions, and they launch into lengthy monologues that some might consider more appropriately delivered from a psychiatrist's couch.

The support group meets at the home of Yvonne Smith, a hypnotherapist who sees many of the abductees as clients. Through

hypnosis, she directs their "regression therapy," where they can re-experience and ultimately come to terms with the abduction.

She frequently is asked if the abduction experience is "just a California thing," because residents seem more open to the unorthodox. But abductions and UFO experiences, she says, are occurring all over the United States and the world.

The difference is that Californians are the only ones who eagerly, enthusiastically and publicly talk about it.



J. ALBERT DIAZ / Los Angeles Times

Hypnotherapist Yvonne Smith with models of alien kidnapers.

'I know it wasn't a dream because when I returned, my dog was very hyper . . . and he usually is very calm.'

throughout Southern California meet on the last Sunday of every month and discuss these common problems, buck each other up and relate abduction adventures.

During a break in the meeting, Kim Carlson rushes over to the coffeepot for a caffeine jolt before she

will answer any questions. She is exhausted, she confides, because she has been staying up late every night to outwit the aliens who have been abducting her in her sleep. Carlson now will not go to bed until 4:30 a.m.—the time that she has determined is the alien abduction deadline.

Carlson delivers the same spiel as any other support-group devotee. She used to feel alone, keeping her feelings bottled up inside. But now that she has met others like herself, she is open and forthcoming about her abduction experiences.

Although this has done wonders for her emotional health, it has been tough on her social life. Her boyfriend of five years recently dumped her, telling Carlson: "When you get through this UFO business, give me a call." She shakes her head, raises her palms skyward and says: "Like I really have a choice."

Carlson is a still photographer for the film industry. Like most of the others at the meeting, Carlson relates even the most outlandish tales with a heartfelt sincerity.

Many of her abductions, she says, follow a similar pattern. She is transported by little gray men to their spacecraft and placed on a table, where the aliens surround her and study her emotions, her sexuality, her DNA makeup and her hand-eye coordination. She is returned home after about two hours, she says.

Carlson has become something of an abduction activist. Wherever she goes, she asks strangers if they have been abducted or had UFO experiences. Just last week, she says earnestly, while shopping at Circuit City,

REVIEW, Towanda, PA - Jan. 10, 1993

Many unexplained UFO sightings reported throughout Pennsylvania

GREENSBURG, Pa. — A volunteer, Statewide Scientific Clearinghouse that conducts investigations of alleged UFO sightings and other phenomena across Pennsylvania, is intrigued by the numerous UFO sightings, which involved large structured objects that were reported throughout the year. The Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU) which is based in Greensburg, has been active since the start of the year, interviewing eyewitnesses and conducting many on the scene investigations, to try to determine just what it is that has been seen in our skies. Many of the strange objects reported, were described as boomerang or triangular in shape, were as low as about 50 feet above the ground, and some were estimated to be several hundred feet in length. Many of the sightings involved multiple observers, and some sightings occurred in highly populated areas.

It is PASU's position to look into each sighting report open-mindedly, and attempt to find a scientific explanation for the cases reported. On a yearly basis, most of the incidents investigated are found to have a logical explanation. Many UFO sightings this year were determined to have been caused by bright meteors, advertising searchlights, an internally lit blimp, and lights on aircraft. Yet a number of UFO cases remain unexplained. PASU received reports of various strange events from 27 counties in the Commonwealth during 1992. The two UFO incidents which attracted the most attention, and were apparently seen by thousands of observers, were found to be scientifically explainable. The first occurred about 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 30, when reports began to come into the PASU UFO

Hotline, from the Beaver and Butler County areas, then Easterly into Armstrong, Indiana, and Cambria Counties, where people were seeing a slow moving, glowing object that looked like a "Flying Saucer." Many had time to video tape the strange object. The object was reported across the state heading towards New Jersey. The object was determined to have been a blimp, illuminated from within by two bright halogen bulbs, that was being used for some camera work at a sporting event in Ohio, and was returning to its base in New Jersey. Also on the night of Oct. 9, about 7:48 p.m., a brilliant fireball meteor flashed through the night sky, causing many eyes to turn skyward. This spectacular natural object known as a Bolide, was reported over a large area covering about seven states.

The PASU group was founded by Stan Gordon, an electronic technician, who has been studying the Unexplained for over 33 years. PASU membership is volunteer, and is comprised mainly of research specialists, who volunteer their time and equipment, to find answers to the mysteries reported. PASU members include scientists, engineers, technicians, medical specialists, and former military officers. PASU maintains a large radio communications facility, and PASU exchanges information worldwide, with reliable research organizations. PASU works closely with the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) from Seguin, TX, the largest international organization involved in UFO research. The public may report unusual sighting reports (24 hrs. daily) on the PASU UFO Hotline at (412) 838-7768. PASU may be contacted by mail at 6 Oakhill Ave. Greensburg, PA 15601. The public can receive a free packet

of information sources by sending a SASE to the address mentioned. Sightings may be reported confidentially without ridicule or publicity.

Among the strange cases PASU was involved in this year were UFO sightings, strange footprints, alleged UFO abductions, alleged sightings of Bigfoot, animal killings, unusual sounds, strange markings on the ground, odd substances, and apparitions. PASU attempts to send investigators to the site of an occurrence, to interview those involved, and to gather any physical evidence for laboratory studies.

Some of the 1992 Unexplained cases

Feb. 5- Williamsport, PA (Lycoming Co.) as well as locations in Snyder, Northumberland, and Union Counties. Around 6:15 p.m., apparently hundreds of people in about a 40 mile area observed one or possibly more, large boomerang or triangular objects, that moved very slow, and in some cases were seen directly above some homes. The objects produced a very loud sound, that caused structures and windows to vibrate, and frightened animals.

Mar. 9-New Kensington (Westmoreland Co.) Two boys playing near a cemetery, in the early evening, observed a disc shaped object, that banked so they could see the top and bottom structure. Lights on the object went off as it reached the vicinity near the boys, and a beam of light was emitted towards the youths. The light was so intense it hurt their eyes to look at it. The boys frightened, ran towards a road, and the object followed a short distance, then returned in the direction from which it came.

June 23-(Washington Co.) A woman traveling on Rte. 22, about

two miles from the W. Va. line, observes three low flying objects at tree top level, that are round in shape, wingless, have a red, green and yellow light, and are making no noise. The objects make several turns, then form a triangular formation, then suddenly vanish. The light pattern of all three objects all blinked in unison.

Aug. 14-(Indiana Co.) A mother and daughter traveling westbound on Rte. 22 noticed in the distance, a row of four blue lights in the sky. As they got closer, they realized the lights were attached to an object that was approaching at an angle towards their position. After they rounded a curve, the object came into view. The object was low, about as high above the ground, as two telephone poles, and was moving very slow, and about to pass across the highway, directly above their car. Both women got a very close look at the roughly triangular shaped object whose structural framework seemed to have been made up of large beams. The object was silver in color, and was estimated to be about 60 feet long and wide.

Similar triangular or boomerang shaped objects have been reported all year across this state, and similar reports have come in from neighboring states as well. As recently as Dec. 3, more similar sightings were reported in the Williamsport area again.

Bigfoot sightings were also reported during the 1992 year from various locations. Close up sightings of these large hairy creatures were reported in Somerset and Indiana Counties, and other reported encounters originated from Westmoreland, Washington and Allegheny Counties.

Others, too, report they saw UFOs

By CHRIS BATEMAN

"Jessica wasn't flingy. We saw the UFOs too."

That's the word from Yvonne Blackman of Old Melones Dam Rd., who said she, her husband Don, and another couple saw three very bright objects in the sky while driving on Shell Rd. at about 6 p.m. Monday.

"We didn't see them from anywhere near as close as Jessica did, but I'm sure they were the same thing," said Blackman. "Just like she did, I first thought they were very bright stars, but then I realized they were something else."

"Jessica" was the alias used to identify a Greenley Rd. woman who at about midnight Monday said she saw three wedge-shaped UFOs rise from a range of hills in the east, pass over her house and then disappear to the south.

Jessica said she and her son watched the objects for 10 to 15 minutes before they disappeared.

Blackman said the UFOs she and her husband saw were in the northeastern sky and "lined right up, one on top of the other."

Don Blackman said he figured the UFOs may have been two or three miles away at the time, "maybe above Highway 49."

"They had a lot of lights on them and we tried to keep track of them as we were driving," he said. "But when we reached Rawhide Rd. they just disappeared. I was amazed."

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Greenley Rd. woman sees objects in sky

By CHRIS BATEMAN

"Oh my gracious, what a bright star."

That was Jessica's reaction when she stepped onto the deck of her Greenley Rd. area home for a breath of fresh air late Monday night and saw a shining object above the hills to the east.

"Then I started looking at it a little closer and realized it was no star," she said. "Stars don't move around."

What Jessica (not her real name) said she saw was instead the first of three huge flying objects that glided over a range of rolling hills to the east, passed directly above her house, silently headed south toward Highway 108 and then disappeared in the distance.

"I wasn't imagining things," she insists. "I know what I saw. I just don't know what they were."

After the sighting, Jessica

called both the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office and Columbia Airport for answers, but found none.

A dispatcher told her the sheriff had received no other calls concerning UFOs that night. The next morning a staffer at Columbia Airport said she knew nothing of flight movements in the Greenley area Monday night or Tuesday morning, "but was very interested."

"I at first thought it might have been something the Air Force was experimenting with, maybe a helicopter or something," said Jessica. "But I've never heard of a helicopter that didn't make any noise and didn't have blades."

She said the objects made only "a low drone" and moved with "a gentle slowness."

Although Jessica's is positive and confident about what she saw, and although her 30-year-old son witnessed it as well, she

declined to give her real name for this account.

"When I told my sister about it, she was laughing at me," she said. "More of that I don't need."

But Jessica wanted to get her story in *The Union Democrat* "just in case anybody else saw the same thing."

Coincidentally, the local sighting coincided with a "cluster" of UFO reports from the rural Midwest. Descriptions given to authorities in Wausau County, Wisc., and other areas — of flat objects with lights underneath — closely matched what Jessica says she saw.

Her close encounter began at nearly midnight Monday, when she stepped out on her deck for a breath of fresh air and saw what she first thought was a star.

But she almost instantly realized that what she was seeing was too big and too bright to be a star. Then she made out some faint objects behind it and ran inside to get her son.

"When we came back out, the big one had moved," said Jessica. "It was coming toward the house followed by two others."

She said the UFOs were flat, wedge-shaped and "humongous — probably about as long and wide as our house."

"They weren't flying saucers," Jessica continued. "They looked more like the spaceships you'd see on 'Star Trek.' They had kind of a ridge pattern tapering toward the front and rear, and they had a lot of lights, in lines running from front to back."

At their closest, she said, the

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— 'JESSICA'

objects were flying not too far above tree-top level and "lower than any private plane I've seen around here."

Still, she said, it was too dark for her to see whether there was any lettering or symbols on the flying objects or to tell if there were any windows or portholes.

In her 60s and a retired office worker, Jessica moved from the valley to Tuolumne County last summer. Although she's always taken an interest "in what's in the sky" and has witnessed "some unusual things," she swears she has "never, ever seen anything like this."

Jessica says she and her son watched the UFOs for about 10 minutes as they glided over the little valley in which her house sits and then disappeared to the south.

Although hers is the first Tuolumne County sighting to be noted in *The Union Democrat* since 1982, it is hardly unique.

Marv Taylor of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) logged numerous sightings in the 1970s and early 80s (see separate story).

UNION DEMOCRAT, Sonora, CA - Feb. 4, 1993

Sightings have been reported before

Unexplained objects are no strangers to Tuolumne County's skies. Here's a sampling of past UFO sightings reported in *The Union Democrat* over the past two decades:

Sept. 12, 1973 — While on their way to work, two Tuolumne men report seeing a 75 to 100-foot-long "silverish-yellowish orange disc" hovering over a canyon near Long Barn.

Sept. 14, 1973 — A similar disc is seen by Sonora woman from the bedroom window of her Snell St. home. "It was sitting down low," she says. "I could almost reach out and touch it."

Sept. 17, 1973 — A Rolling Hills couple sees a blinking, bright object in the northern skies above the old Columbia dump.

Sept. 20, 1973 — A mother and her four children spy a UFO resembling "a huge, blinking flashbulb" hovering over Mt. Elizabeth.

Nov. 26, 1973 — A Sonora woman and her 14-year-old son see "a UFO, much bigger than a star, giving off a spikey kind of light and moving in a jerky way" near Hess Estates.

Oct. 12, 1976 — Three Tuolumne residents report seeing "a red and white pulsating object" over Table Mountain. They say it "streaked across the sky" more than once, turned red, then disappeared.

Oct. 14, 1976 — A doctor's wife and her teenage daughter spot a "pulsating, bright red UFO" in the night sky above their Phoenix Lake area home. The next morning they find a white, gossamer material believed left by aliens. It turns out to be a spider web.

Dec. 1, 1976 — A Tuolumne shopkeeper, his wife and several local children report seeing "a bright, egg-shaped object" hovering above the Westside property.

June 20, 1977 — A Buckhorn Mountain resident sees a "large, oblong silver object hanging silently in the air" off Woodham-Carne Rd. at about 10 a.m.

Nov. 29, 1977 — A Tuolumne Rancheria woman sees a "yellowish white object" moving through the trees near her home.

Nov. 30, 1977 — A Bellevue Rd. woman sees a "red oblong object moving up, down and sideways" when she looks out her bedroom window at 1 a.m.

March 29, 1978 — Three Lake Tulloch fishermen spot a UFO "flying at an altitude of 50,000 feet and at a speed of 800 to 1,000 miles per hour."

March 18, 1980 — "A bright light in the sky" follows a Sonora brother and sister for more than an hour as they drive up La-Grange Rd. from Merced.

March 19, 1980 — A Pine Mountain Lake couple and their son see a 300 to 400-foot object "resembling the Goodyear blimp, but having portholes" while driving in the Second Garrotte area in the early evening.

March 24, 1980 — A Sherwood Forest woman, awakened by a loud sound, looks out her window to see a UFO resembling "a moon with two eyes on it."

March 6, 1981 — A Green Springs Rd. rancher sees "a huge, brilliant tubular object" and several flying saucers while driving back from a dinner at Poker Flat.

May 22, 1981 — Two men working the graveyard shift at Calaveras Asbestos spy "two diamond-shaped lights" moving from the north 1,000 feet above them.

Aug. 11, 1982 — A spate of 10 summer UFO sightings — including a "big white light" that momentarily set down on a Draper Mine Rd. lawn, a fleet of

"orange objects" that lit up a canyon near Cedar Ridge, and "two whirling lights" that came up from the ground" in the Red Hills — are noted in *The Union Democrat*.

HERALD-STANDARD, Uniontown, PA - Jan. 29, 1993

County UFO-sighting reports puzzle expert

By ERIC HRIN
Herald-Standard Staff Writer

Several Uniontown residents reportedly had close encounters of the eerie kind Thursday night.

State police at Uniontown said they received phone calls Thursday night beginning at about 10:15 p.m. from about a dozen people who claimed to have seen an unidentified flying object (UFO) in the sky above Uniontown.

Police said all of the people described the object the same way, as a "yellow light, with green flashing lights."

Police said the people reported seeing the object at three different places — above Haky's Funeral Home, above Gallatin Avenue and above the Sensus Plant.

"Our guys saw nothing," said a police dispatcher.

One unidentified caller to the *Herald-Standard* described the object as "two oval green rings." The caller said that, at a certain point, the objects would turn into bright white lights and then disappear, only to return again at another site.

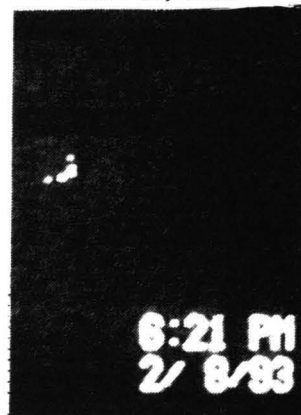
The caller said many people were following the object, or objects, across town.

Stan Gordon, director of the Greensburg-based Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, urged people who saw the objects to call his hotline at 838-7768.

Gordon said a volunteer from his group was traveling to Uniontown and would make a report on the sighting reports. Gordon said his group tries to study such objects in a scientific manner.

"Sometimes these things can be explained...and sometimes they can't," said Gordon.

TIMES, Gadsden, AL
Feb. 19, 1993



SUSANNE AUSTIN
Video shows lights as seen over DeKalb County.

Military: Stealth not UFO

Times Staff, Wire Reports

An Air Force spokesman said Thursday it is unlikely one of the military's Stealth bombers would be the source of the strange lights seen hovering over areas of Sand Mountain in recent weeks.

Lt. Col. Mike Gannon, an Air Force spokesman in Washington, D.C., said the only Stealth wing in operation is the one with F-117A fighters at Holloman, N.M.

He said the Stealth bomber is still being tested at Edwards Air Force Base in southern California. In neither case, he said, would it be likely for such aircraft to fly over Sand Mountain.

Earlier this week, Sgt. Ron Ogletree, commander of the Alabama State Trooper Post in Gadsden, said former military officers and representatives of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network had viewed video film shot by Geraldine police dispatcher Susanne Austin and tentatively identified the object as the light pattern on a Stealth bomber.

The current reports of strange lights in some kind of triangular pattern began on the night of Jan. 28 at the Dogtown community, followed by similar reports from Lickskill Jan. 30. More sightings followed in February.

Ogletree said it's not known why a Stealth aircraft would have been flying over DeKalb County. He said the Federal Aviation Administration referred calls to a UFO network, and neither he nor others in the area felt a call to the Air Force would have been helpful.

"They're not going to give you the time of day," he said.

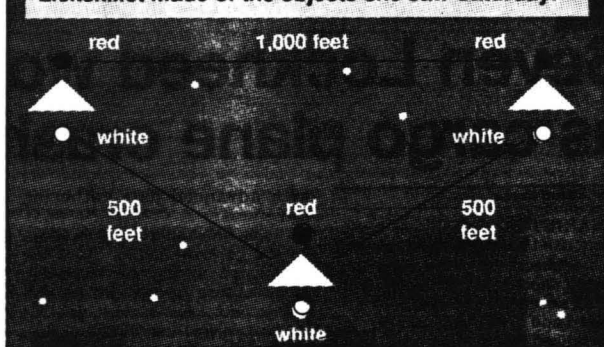
The mountainous region near Geraldine became a hotspot for UFO reports four years ago this month. The town of Fyffe, a few miles north of Geraldine and Skirum, gained the attention of national news services.

Deja vu! UFOs return to skies over DeKalb?

Computer enhancement of object Sue Johnson described seeing Jan. 28 from her Dogtown residence.



Computer enhancement of sketch Karen Twilley of Lickskilllet made of the objects she saw Saturday.



SAND MOUNTAIN REPORTER,
Albertville, AL - Feb. 4, 1993

Bright object baffles viewers

By JENNIFER ESKEW
Reporter Staff Writer

A bright object was seen Tuesday night in Marshall and DeKalb counties, along with other states such as Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The object was seen hovering in the sky and has been classified as a UFO by many who viewed it.

The Crossville Police received a couple of calls on the bright object, said Chief Ronald West.

"It was odd," he said but added, "I don't know what's going on."

At least four people saw the object after the Crossville City Council meeting.

At about 7:30 p.m. the object was at medium height in the sky. When compared to stars in the sky it was much brighter and when a plane passed by the object witnesses could tell the plane's light was much dimmer and moving faster than the object.

About 15 minutes later the object was lower.

One witness said that even later the object was the same height as the buildings around Crossville.

On the way from Crossville to Albertville the object at times got very low in the sky between 8 and 8:30 p.m., too low to be a star and it did not stay in the same place.

On Beulah Cut Off Road, in a stationary vehicle, the object seemed to move slightly and no strange noise could be heard.

Once on East Main St. in Albertville, however, the object disappeared behind trees and buildings.

Another witness driving on State Route 168 East saw a bright orange ball falling from the sky at about 9:05 p.m. The object was very big and almost hit the ground but it quit burning right before it hit the ground, he said.

Tony Simmons and his son Jason were driving between Snead and Walnut Grove on U.S. 278 heading East, when they saw the object at about 9 p.m.

"I've never seen anything like it before," said Simmons.

The object he saw was bright white with a ring of bright red around it. It was heading downward all the time and was at about tree top height.

"It looked like a scud missile," he said.

West also said that last Friday night, he received a call from a woman who had seen a bright object but he couldn't find the source of the light.

According to reports, NASA launched a rocket Tuesday night but it headed south and was probably not the object seen in the sky.

The chances of it being a meteorite that was breaking up are a million to one.

Albertville Police received no calls on a bright object.

Jeff Ballard, the state director with Unidentified Flying Objects Network, said that he has had no reports on Tuesday night's object but this is the same time of year that Fyffe, saw UFOs in their town in 1989.

He said that people there saw the UFOs every Friday for almost the whole month of February and that it attracted lots of media attention.

By Darrell Norman
Times Staff Writer

FORT PAYNE — A week of reports of strange lights over DeKalb County has police officials building a file on the county's latest encounter with unidentified flying objects.

Sue Johnson was drying her hair about 5 a.m. Jan. 28 when a noise she cannot describe brought her to the kitchen window of her home in Dogtown.

What she saw practically in her backyard was some sort of airborne object, covered with glimmering red, green and white lights, and moving slowly below the treetops.

It was just after 8 p.m. Saturday when Karen Twilley got a call from her mother-in-law across the road in Lickskilllet, telling her to go outside and look at the strange lights.

When she, her husband and son got outside, they were shocked by a different kind of light show. In one direction they saw three triangle-shaped objects covered in red and white blinking lights, in the other a single large globe-shaped white light.

Then Tuesday about 9 p.m. Susanne Austin and Ernest G. "Gene" Mooney, both of Geraldine, saw a strange light in the sky from different places but in the same direction.

"It's been going on a week now," Sgt. Ron Ogletree, commander of the Gadsden trooper post, said Wednesday. "We are investigating each reported sighting and trying to put together a complete file."

"We are treating all of them seriously because these are serious people. They are not publicity seekers who made all this up to get their name in the papers."

It was in 1988 that huge crowds of people flocked to Fyffe after numerous reports of UFO sightings. Streets of the Sand Mountain town took on a carnival atmosphere.

Ms. Johnson, 29, said she first thought the object out her window

was a helicopter, but she could no longer hear the sound that attracted her. Opening her door, she said, she saw an array of lights about 50 feet straight ahead and could make out its shape.

"It was bigger than an automobile, and it was thicker in the middle than it was on the ends," Ms. Johnson said. "I tried to make a drawing of it for the troopers, but I couldn't get on paper what I saw with my eyes."

She said the object moved laterally so slowly that it appeared almost stationary. The lights that covered it did not actually blink on and off, but glimmered or shimmered "like a bunch of gnats."

"I was really frightened," she said. "I wanted to keep seeing it, but I wanted to get away from it at the same time."

The object disappeared while she was moving from one door to the other. She said she had it in constant sight for about five minutes.

The objects seen at Lickskilllet lingered longer. Mrs. Twilley, 29, said they were visible for a total of about 45 minutes, counting the time of the first sightings by her in-laws.

The three triangular objects were high in the sky, and each was larger than an airplane.

"They were in constant motion, but there wasn't any sound," Mrs. Twilley said. "The red and white lights kept blinking. My in-laws saw the other source of light move in and later just vanish, but I only saw it when it was shining constant."

Mrs. Twilley said she was not frightened.

"I felt shock and excitement, but they were too far away for me to get scared," she said. "The first thing I thought of was those cows that had been mutilated. We have cows around here."

Her reference was to recent reports of cattle found dead in Marshall and DeKalb counties with their teeth and sexual organs removed and the blood drained from their bodies.

Then Tuesday night, Mrs. Austin, 24, said she watched a strange light in the sky for about 45 minutes, beginning about 8:45.

Mrs. Austin, chief dispatcher at Geraldine Police Department, lives at the Geraldine city limits to the east. She said she and her husband went outside after hearing chatter about lights in the sky on a police scanner.

"What we saw was definitely not a falling star," Mrs. Austin said. "It never did break up or fall to the ground."

Mrs. Austin said that by looking back toward Crossville and Kilpatrick, she watched a light source high in the sky that was "shaped like a spinning top."

It did not have defined edges, but had instead "a misty blur around it."

Mrs. Austin said she took some pictures, but was not optimistic that the film captured what she saw.

"It was a cheap camera, and the light was pretty high in the sky," she said.

Mooney, 59, who lives on the south city limit of Geraldine, was returning home from a restaurant with sandwiches about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday when he saw a bright light in the sky ahead.

"It was still at first, then it took tail over the top of the trees and stopped again," Mooney said. "It never did move again, but it stayed there, shining bright."

Mooney said the light appeared in the direction of Albertville. It was about the size of a dinner plate, and it had a reddish glow. It was first at a 45-degree angle from the ground, but moved down to about 10 feet above the tree line. After he got home, he and his wife watched it for about 30 minutes.

Mooney does not discount a connection between the sightings in the sky and recent cattle mutilations on the ground.

"How do you explain that the cattle are killed and all their blood taken out and parts of them cut away with no tracks or any signs of a struggle?" Mooney asked.

Local police department officials confirmed this morning that investigations of cattle mutilations have not discovered any signs of a struggle or any tire or human tracks in the areas.

Ogletree said the aerial sightings and reports of cattle being mutilated are "both interesting and important stories," which were being pursued independently, but said he had no reason to connect the two.

"I, too, would like to see a complete forensic exam of one of the cows to answer some of these questions," he said.

TIMES-JOURNAL, Fort Payne, AL - Jan. 30, 1993

Look! Up in the sky! Is it a bird, a plane...a UFO, or what...?

By LARUE CORNELISON
TheTimes-Journal

DOGTOWN - Sue Johnson was drying her hair before leaving for work early Thursday morning when a strange, unearthly hum rose above the noise of the hair dryer, accompanied by an odd vibration throughout her mobile home.

She clicked off the dryer and walked to her kitchen window, preparing to look upward into the sky, thinking the noise must be a low-flying aircraft.

"This thing was eye-to-eye," she said, "moving across the pasture toward me. I've never seen anything like it. I don't know what it was; but I do know it was not an airplane or a helicopter."

Sue ran to her back door, flung it open and peered into the cold 5 a.m. darkness. "It was moving below the treetops about three car-lengths along my back yard fence," she pointed to show the spot. "I could tell its image by the red and green lights pulsating on it."

It was about half the length of my 65-foot trailer."

She stood, transfixed, until the object glided to the end of her trailer, out of sight; then she ran to the front door, hoping to keep it in view.

"I never saw it again," she shrugged. "It just disappeared."

Sue immediately called her mother, Shirley Akins. "The first thing my daughter asked me was 'do you believe in UFOs?'" said Mrs. Akins. "I told her anything was possible. I do believe my daughter. She is a level-headed person."

Mrs. Akins and Sue said a co-worker who lives in the area mentioned at work Thursday she heard the same sound around 5 a.m. And later that evening, at 6:30 p.m., Williams Akins of Adamsburg reported seeing the object, which Sue sketched in the typical shape of "fat-in-the-middle-and-tapered-on-the-ends."

"I didn't want to say anything about this," Ms. Johnson added. "I know people think you're crazy if you do. Normally, I'm the type person where I don't

believe anything like that until I see it for myself. Thursday was just a normal morning for me."

Ms. Johnson says she doesn't necessarily believe in aliens, but feels the craft is nothing that mainstream America is aware of.

"I don't know what this thing was. I was sizing it up from one end to the other. I stood there for several seconds. I was so amazed at what I was seeing, it just blew me away."

Mrs. Johnson said she knew very little of the internationally-publicized Fyffe UFO spotted by numbers of residents (including Fyffe police) in Feb. 1989, but her description of the Dogtown unidentified flying object closely resembled those offered in Fyffe.

Mrs. Akins has notified the Federal Aviation Administration, who suggested she call Agent Glenn Slaughter with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Attempts to reach Slaughter in Gadsden on Friday were unsuccessful.

People By Karen Jowers

No kidding, UFOs are out there, say former service members

By Karen Jowers

LIFE IN THE TIMES staff writer

Retired Army Maj. Ed Dames' company uses specialized intelligence techniques to study current UFO operations in the New Mexico desert.

Dames, who says he has firsthand knowledge of UFOs, is president of Psi Tech in Albuquerque, N.M., a private company that studies UFOs. He is writing a book.

Dames describes strange alien machines going underground in the desert. He and other former military members interviewed talk about their ongoing research on alien activity and "mental abductions," in which aliens enter the minds of earthlings for hours. They disagree on many issues in their research, but they all take a stand against widespread ridicule of UFOs.

Psi Tech takes private and government scientists to secret sites where the company has found repeated UFO activity. He and eight other off-duty or retired military officers who work for the company use a technique called remote viewing, which involves training the unconscious to explore a target with rigorous discipline while suppressing the imagination, he says. They are not psychics, he says.

Dames was an Army intelligence officer until he retired in 1991. He started Psi Tech in 1989. The company works for a number of clients, including private companies. Their work does not deal just with UFOs. For instance, they gave information to United Nations officials about underground biological warfare research and development facilities in Iraq just before the Persian Gulf war.

Others who are or have been connected with the mili-

tary also investigate UFO reports.

For instance, there is the 4,500-member Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON), some of whose members have been members of the military. Former Air Force Capt. Kevin Randle and retired Air Force Maj. George Filer, who both served in intelligence, will speak at a MUFON conference in Washington, D.C., Feb. 6.

The focus of the conference is the question of whether the government is hiding the truth about UFOs, a preoccupation Dames doesn't like.

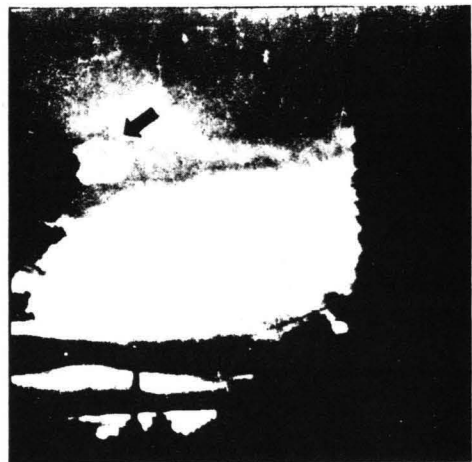
Among those convinced the government is withholding information is Randle, a Vietnam veteran and an intelligence officer in the Air Force Reserve for 10 years. He wrote *UFO Crash at Roswell* with Don Schmitt, published in 1991 by Avon Books. Randle is now an inactive reservist.

Randle is convinced a crash near Roswell Army Airfield, N.M., July 4, 1947, involved a flying saucer, and was covered up by the federal government. The official explanation is that a military balloon crashed.

Randle and Schmitt have interviewed more than 400 people, including 37 who say they handled pieces of the flying saucer debris and eight witnesses who say they saw bodies of dead aliens recovered at the crash site.

Filer says he has talked to more than 50 people who claim they have been mentally abducted by aliens.

Dames shares some of Randle's and Filer's conclusions. He says Psi Tech has compiled evidence of mental abductions. He believes that's what happened at Roswell in 1947. Aliens orchestrated the crash in the minds of the witnesses, using highly technical methods to create an illu-



Alien ship? The arrow points to an alleged UFO that Ed and Frances Walters show in their book, *The Gulf Breeze Sightings* (Morrow, 1990). Photo was taken in Gulf Breeze, Fla., in 1987.

sion in their brains. Neither bodies nor debris ever existed, he claims. (Randle scoffs at this theory, and says he has held in his hand a piece of debris that one witness claims to have taken from the scene.)

What happened at Roswell is similar to other "mental abductions," Dames says. In Psi Tech's remote viewing, "We have seen the [Roswell witnesses] standing outside in a catatonic state, or lying in bed, or driving up and down the road, while these 20 or so spheres moved overhead, zigzagging back and forth from person to person."

Survey alters doctors' views of UFO tales

By Jeff Barker

Republic Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — This is a story about psychologists and space aliens.

A Roper poll has touched off a spirited debate over whether mental-health professionals have too quickly dismissed patients' claims that they have been abducted by UFOs.

Alien-encounter stories, once relegated to the realm of Elvis sightings, have become the subject of psychologists' intense bickering since last year's private release of the poll results, which found that one in 50 Americans believes he or she may have had one of at least four types of experiences consistent with a "UFO abduction."

At the least, a small but growing number of therapists now say it is their duty to approach these claims with an open mind.

"The abduction stories are so unusual, so outside of reality as we have known it, that psychiatrists, psychologists and others have relegated the matter to the margin of their consciousness," Harvard University psychiatrist John Mack wrote in an introduction to the poll results, which were mailed to nearly 100,000 psychoanalysts around the country last year.

Be open to the possibility

The vast numbers of people with abduction stories demand that clinicians "be open to the possibility that something exists or is happening to their clients, which, in our traditional Western framework, cannot, or should not, be," Mack wrote.

Some of Mack's colleagues are not heeding his advice to be open-minded.

Terence Sandbek, a Sacramento clinical psychologist, said Mack's comments are proof-positive that "even Ph.D.s get sucked into some of the most ludicrous schemes in the world."

"To go the nearest star is going to take years and years if you travel at the speed of light, which you can't," Sandbek said. "When you got there, would you talk to a drunken fisherman from Mississippi, or would you talk to a head of state? If you were that intelligent, you couldn't act that stupid."

The arguments began after the release of results from a Roper Organization poll of 5,947 adult Americans conducted in late 1991. The poll had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 1.4 percentage points.

The survey said that 2 percent reported having at least four types of experiences consistent with a UFO abduction.

The experiences included seeing unusual lights or balls of light, having an hour or more pass without remembering what happened, waking up paralyzed with the sense of a strange figure in the room and finding puzzling or unusual scars on their bodies.

Waking up paralyzed

The figures were highest for waking up paralyzed with a stranger there. Eighteen percent of those polled reported at least one such experience. Thirteen percent reported experiencing a period of "missing time."

DAILY SENTINEL, Scottsboro, AL - Feb. 4, 1993

Cattle mutilations, UFOs reported in DeKalb County

From the Times-Journal

LICKSKILLET — It all sounds like science fiction, maybe even a Stephen King novel.

UFO's and mutilated cows — a bizarre combination but some people are thinking the two might go together.

A rash of phone calls to State Troopers and Sheriff's Offices since Thursday have recorded at least seven sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Lookout Mountain area.

In the same time frame, three mutilated head of cattle were reported in DeKalb County — the first such reports that law enforcement here can recall.

Jackson County authorities said Wednesday they had received no reports of UFOs or cattle mutilation in the county recently.

In DeKalb County the carcasses were located on Sand Mountain, and the UFO sightings in a direct eastward line across on Lookout Mountain.

The cows' sex organs and tongues were reportedly cut out, but no blood was reported at the scene.

The mutilations were reported on farmland near Geraldine, in Lathanville, and at Dawson.

Special Investigator Tommy Cole said the DeKalb mutilations are like eight to 10 incidents reported in Mar-

shall County, including one at his own farm.

"We have no explanation for them whatsoever," he said Monday.

Cole confirmed that reports of strange aircraft in the vicinity of the killings had come to his office.

Sightings of the DeKalb UFOs were first reported at Dogtown last Thursday at 5 a.m.

Other reports came from Adamsburg at 6:30 p.m. Thursday; from Lickskilllet at 8:15 p.m. Saturday; from Gaylesville at 9:15 p.m. Saturday; and from Piedmont at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

All described a craft with bright moving lights that could hover below treetops or move at a faster rate of speed and at higher altitudes.

Some said they sensed a strange humming vibration at close range, while others said they heard no sound at all, though their pets reacted wildly to the aircraft.

State Trooper Post Commander Ron Ogletree described a Lickskilllet resident who reported seeing the craft as "very credible. I saw nothing about his appearance or demeanor that would cause me not to believe him."

Cole said his research indicates animal mutilations like those in Marshall and DeKalb counties have only been reported in a few other states across the U.S.

Of course, the survey also found that one adult in 10 had seen a ghost.

David Jacobs, a Temple University history professor who helped with the survey and accompanying articles mailed to psychologists, said he was not prepared for what happened after the results were released.

He said that more than 1,000 mental-health professionals sent cards back in expressing interest in learning more about the subject.

"What that means, of course, is that there are a lot of therapists who have had people sitting in front of them talking about these experiences, and often the therapists are at a loss as to how to proceed," Jacobs said. "They realize the person is not delusional, and they don't know what to do."

Responding to the queries, Jacobs and two colleagues have held informational workshops for the professionals in Los Angeles and New York and are planning a third session in Atlanta on March 27.

Traumatic abduction memories

Therapists at the workshops are told, among other things, about investigatory techniques they may use to dislodge traumatic abduction memories.

"I have interviewed many wonderful people — including schoolteachers, policemen, businessmen, college professors, and community leaders — and found no psychopathology that would even begin to explain these reports," John Carpenter, a Springfield, Mo., social worker, wrote in a recent paper about the phenomenon. "These individuals normally cope well but experience the symptoms of post

traumatic stress disorder from some traumatizing or unsettling event."

Some therapists have proposed theories to explain the series of bizarre stories.

Robert Baker, a retired psychology professor from the University of Kentucky, is seeking to publish a paper rebutting claims made by Jacobs, Mack and others.

One of Baker's explanations for the stories is that people are experiencing hallucinations called "waking dreams" as they are drifting off to sleep or waking up.

"When people having these experiences go to a psychotherapist, the psychotherapist is more than likely to say that it's just a nightmare," Baker said. "This sort of dismissing it isn't really terribly satisfactory because it did seem so real."

Baker said he simply can't believe Americans have been visited by extraterrestrials.

"Maybe there is life on other planets, but dammit, we haven't been able to find it," he said.

Sandbek said he knew of a therapist who had decided to specialize in UFO abduction cases.

His reaction?

"Did he get hit by a truck or something? Give me a break," Sandbek said.

UFO puts on show

Jefferson police officers describe close encounter

By GARDINER HARRIS
Staff Writer

Two Jefferson County air unit police officers — described by their lieutenant as “solid guys” — swear they had a two-minute dogfight with a UFO during a routine helicopter patrol Friday night.

Two officers on the ground said they, too, spotted the object.

The UFO — a glowing pear-shaped object about the size of a basketball — literally flew circles around the helicopter, even though the fliers say they were moving at speeds approaching 100 mph.

In one blinding moment when both craft were hurtling toward each other, the UFO shot three baseball-size fireballs out of its middle, all three officers said. The fireballs fizzled into nothing.

Officers Kenny Graham and Kenny Downs haven't talked much about their Friday night flight over General Electric Appliance Park because they fear few will believe them. But they are convinced they weren't hallucinating.

“We both go to church every week,” Downs said as a way of explaining how normal the two normally are. “In fact, I might start going to church twice a week.”

Officer Mike Smith, in his squad car below, said he saw the object for only about a minute. But he confirmed the UFO shot three fireballs into the air and then disappeared.

Officer Joe Smolenski said he tried for more than a minute to catch up to the object in his squad car. “I’ve been looking for ‘em for 14 years, and I guess this is the closest I’ve come to something I couldn’t explain.”

Lt. David Pope, who was roused out of bed at 12:30 Saturday morning by a call from the startled officers, attested to their sanity and sincerity.

“These guys are totally solid guys,” Pope said. “There’s no doubt in my mind there was something out there.”

The night started out like every other night. Graham and Downs got to work around 6 p.m. and were soon in the air flying a routine patrol. Graham, 39 and an 11-year veteran, was the pilot. Downs, 39 and a five-year veteran, was the spotter.

While in the air, they received a call about a possible break-in near Sanford Avenue and Buechel Bank Road. They flew off and quickly reached the area, which is near the northeast corner of Appliance Park, around 11:50 p.m.

As they circled, Graham saw something that looked like a small fire off to his left. Dozens of bonfires had been lit around the county that night by revelers delighting in the new snowfall.

But Graham soon decided it wasn't a fire. Downs shined his 1.3-million-candlepower spotlight on the object, which began to drift back and forth like a balloon as the light washed over it. Then it gradually floated up to the helicopter's elevation about 500 feet above the ground, where it hovered for a few seconds.

“Then it took off at a speed I’ve never seen before,” said Graham, an experienced pilot.

The object made two huge counter-clockwise loops and finally approached the helicopter's rear.

Graham, afraid the object would ram his tail rotor, pushed his speed above 100 mph. The UFO shot past them and instantly climbed hundreds of feet in the air. It descended

again and flew close to the helicopter. Graham tried to close the gap with the object, and it again flew away. As the UFO approached on a parallel course, the three fireballs burst out of its core.

Scared, Graham banked away from the object.

“When we came back around, it was gone,” Graham said.

When the two returned to their base, Graham called the control tower at Standiford Field to ask if their radar had spotted anything unusual. It had not.

Downs called the county's radio dispatchers to ask if anyone else had reported sightings. No one had.

But the two did get confirmation from two officers on the ground, one of whom was Smith.

“I have no idea what it was,” Smith said, but his confirmation cheered the two fliers.

“It makes me feel better,” Downs said, “that there are... grown men out there who are sworn to protect this community and who saw the same thing.”

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Officer Kenny Downs (far right) was with pilot Kenny Graham (seated with him) when they saw the UFO. They described it as a glowing pear-shaped object about the size of a basketball that at one point shot three baseball-size fireballs out of its middle.



UFOs

Strange lights taken seriously in northeast Alabama

By Darrell Norman
NYT Regional Newspapers

FORT PAYNE — A week of reports of strange lights over DeKalb County has police officials building a file on the county's latest encounter with unidentified flying objects.

Sue Johnson was drying her hair about 5 a.m. Jan. 28 when a noise she cannot describe brought her to the kitchen window of her home in Dogtown.

What she saw practically in her backyard was some sort of airborne object, covered with glimmering red, green and white lights, and moving slowly below the treetops.

It was just after 8 p.m. Saturday when Karen Twilley got a call from her mother-in-law across the road in Licksillet, telling her to go outside and look at the strange lights.

When she, her husband and son got outside, they were shocked by a different kind of light show. In one direction they saw three triangle-shaped objects covered in red and white blinking lights, in the other a single large globe-shaped white light.

Then Tuesday about 9 p.m. Susanne Austin and Ernest G. “Gene” Mooney, both of Geraldine, saw a strange light in the sky from different places but in the same direction.

Toopers putting together file

“It’s been going on a week now,” Sgt. Ron Ogletree, commander of the Gadsden trooper post, said Wednesday. “We are investigating each reported sighting and trying to put together a complete file.”

“We are treating all of them seriously because these are serious people. They are not publicity seekers who made all this up to get their name in the papers.”

It was in 1988 that huge crowds of people flocked to Fyffe after numerous reports of UFO sightings. Streets of the Sand Mountain town took on a carnival atmosphere.

Johnson, 29, said she first thought the object out her window was a helicopter, but she could no longer hear the sound that attracted her. Opening her door, she said, she saw an array of lights about 50 feet straight ahead and could make out its shape.

“It was bigger than an automobile, and it was thicker in the middle than it was on the ends,” Johnson said. “I tried to make a drawing of it for the troopers, but I couldn’t get on paper what I

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“I was really frightened. I wanted to keep seeing it, but I wanted to get away from it at the same time.”

Sue Johnson
UFO sighter

saw with my eyes.”

She said the object moved laterally so slowly that it appeared almost stationary. The lights that covered it did not actually blink on and off, but glimmered or shimmered “like a bunch of gnats.”

“I was really frightened,” she said. “I wanted to keep seeing it, but I wanted to get away from it at the same time.”

The object disappeared while she was moving from one door to the other. She said she had it in constant sight for about five minutes.

The objects seen at Licksillet lingered longer. Twilley, 29, said they were visible for a total of about 45 minutes, counting the time of the first sightings by her in-laws.

Objects larger than airplane

The three triangular objects were high in the sky, and each was larger than an airplane.

“They were in constant motion, but there wasn’t any sound,” Twilley said. “The red and white lights kept blinking. My in-laws saw the other source of light move in and later just vanish, but I only saw it when it was shining constant.”

Twilley said she was not frightened.

“I felt shock and excitement, but they were too far away for me to get scared,” she said. “The first thing I thought of was those cows that had been mutilated. We have cows around here.”

Her reference was to recent reports of cattle found dead in Marshall and DeKalb counties with their teeth and sexual organs removed and the blood drained from their bodies.

Then Tuesday night, Austin, 24, said she watched a strange light in the sky for about 45 minutes, beginning about 8:45.

Austin, chief dispatcher at Geraldine Police Department, lives at the Geraldine city limits to the east. She said she and her husband went outside after hearing chatter about lights in the sky on a

police scanner.

“What we saw was definitely not a falling star,” Austin said. “It never did break up or fall to the ground.”

Austin said that by looking back toward Crossville and Kilpatrick, she watched a light source high in the sky that was “shaped like a spinning top. It did not have defined edges, but had instead ‘a misty blur around it.’”

Mrs. Austin said she took some pictures, but was not optimistic that the film captured what she saw.

“It was a cheap camera, and the light was pretty high in the sky,” she said.

Mooney, 59, who lives on the south city limit of Geraldine, was returning home from a restaurant with sandwiches about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday when he saw a bright light in the sky ahead.

“It was still at first, then it took tail over the top of the trees and stopped again,” Mooney said. “It never did move again, but it stayed there, shining bright.”

Couple watched object for 30 minutes

Mooney said the light appeared in the direction of Albertville. It was about the size of a dinner plate, and it had a reddish glow. It was first at a 45-degree angle from the ground, but moved down to about 10 feet above the tree line. After he got home, he and his wife watched it for about 30 minutes.

Mooney does not discount a connection between the sightings in the sky and recent cattle mutilations on the ground.

“How do you explain that the cattle are killed and all their blood taken out and parts of them cut away with no tracks or any signs of a struggle?” Mooney asked.

Local police department officials confirmed this morning that investigations of cattle mutilations have not discovered any signs of a struggle or any tire or human tracks in the areas.

Ogletree said the aerial sightings and reports of cattle being mutilated are “both interesting and important stories,” which were being pursued independently, but said he had no reason to connect the two.

“I, too, would like to see a complete forensic exam of one of the cows to answer some of these questions,” he said.

Darrell Norman is a staff writer for The Gadsden Times.

Papa Joe Says UFOs Drop Aliens On Beach

By Bland Pugh

It's been several weeks since we've had a sighting, the weather has been good, so there has been no excuse not to be out Skywatching. Joe Barron reports a sighting in Crestview:

A mother (47) and her son (26) were witnesses to bright yellow lights being ejected from some sort of silent craft about 5:30 p.m. on February 5. The craft resembled a helicopter without rotors. Four balls of light were ejected from the craft, which were estimated to be several times larger than the craft. The balls were arranged in a diamond formation, about 50 feet in diameter and the craft 20 to 30 feet long. The sighting time was 30 minutes. They saw two additional sets of four balls, larger than the first, being ejected from the craft near the Shalimar water tower, before losing sight of the craft beyond the tree line. The balls appeared to fade out as they descended into the trees. The investigator was Robert Mosley of Shalimar. Good job, Bob.

This past week was Mardi Gras, and of course everyone's attention has been directed towards the revelry of the season. As most of you know, I have been one of the Red Beans and Rice cooks for a few years, so there I was cooking the delicacy when up walked "Papa Joe" Reynolds to share a few words of encouragement with the cooks. After he'd given us our lesson in humility for the morning, the conversation turned to UFOs. Joe said he'd been reading about all of the abductions on the beach and Gulf

Breeze (I still don't know who's been writing those articles). That was when he told me he knew why the UFOs had been coming to this area, are you ready? The Aliens haven't been coming here to abduct people, they are here to drop them off. You know, Joe may have something.

I do hope that everyone got to read our two part article on the "Ed Walters' Case." I had a conversation with Walt Andrus, concerning this article and he was in 100% agreement with us running it, however he was disappointed that we were not able to run the accompanying part of this story, which was written by Art Hufford. In his article, Art gave a very concise and factual account of the "Walters' Investigation," including the facts on Tommy Smith's account, the model, and the alleged Salisbury investigation. Anyone wishing a copy of this article may write to me through *The Islander*, please enclose a self addressed business envelope, with 52 cents postage attached.

We continue to have visitors come to the area from all over the country. Floyd and Sally Hitchcock, from Denver, Colorado came especially to "Skywatch," and share some very interesting experiences. I hope they are not disappointed.

Well that's about it for this week, I think you'll like the articles we have planned for you in the near future. Don't forget the Hotline 438-3261, and keep looking up and behind you!

Letter To The Editor

In search of the enigmatic answers to the UFO situation, I have made fourteen trips to Pensacola/Gulf Breeze from my home in North Carolina. Yours is a great area, and the beaches are a national treasure.

I believe we can now answer one of the big questions concerning the Gulf Breeze UFO sightings - Why are they coming to Gulf Breeze?

There is no longer any question as to the reality of UFO's. Given that they are real and piloted by intelligent entities, there will have to come a time for their overt contact with us. I believe what we are seeing is the beginning of this contact.

Mankind is being prepared for the knowledge of their reality by their staging sightings at various times and places. The sightings over Mexico City during the solar eclipse of July 11, 1991 are an example of this. Nineteen people unknown to each other videotaped a silver disk that was in the sky during the eclipse. An exact same disk was videotaped 7000 miles away in Japan. If these entities wanted their ships to be seen, what better time than an eclipse?

I believe they wanted Ed Walters to take pictures. In order to avoid an Orwellian panic they are giving us bits and pieces of evidence so the majority of our population can adapt their belief systems to handle this information. No wonder UFO's seem so enigmatic - sightings are enigmatic by intelligent design.

When I read Kenneth Lloyd Larsons' article, "L. A. Researcher Places Gulf Breeze At World's Center" in the January 8 "Islander," I knew this could be significant. Sure enough, on a Mercator projection map of the world, Gulf Breeze is at the center of a circle enclosing North and South America and is tangent at Point Hope, AK, and at Cape Horn.

I believe Mr. Larson is correct in his conclusion that they came to Gulf Breeze because they know this. Did

Ed Walters know this on November 11, 1987?

Mr. Larsons' article was the first time I had ever seen this in over three years of investigation into Mr. Walters' sightings. I do not believe Ed Walters moved to Gulf Breeze knowing this, then waited years to hoax photos and then not tell anyone of the geographical significance of Gulf Breeze as this would add credence to his story.

Did Ed Walters just happen to live at the center of this great circle and just happen to fake UFO photos? I think not. It is their way to add credibility to Mr. Walters' photographs.

It is interesting to note that using Homographic or Sinusoidal projections, the centers of a circle using the same tangent points is in the Atlantic Ocean, where habitation is not possible by humans. Also interesting is that according to "Goode's World Atlas" the Mercator projection is "of value in navigation because a line connecting any two points gives the true direction between them."

I was shocked to open the February 3 "Islander" to Bland Pugh's article, "Bizarre Story Unfolds," and see the photo of "Bills" hand, which had been mysteriously wounded while on a skywatch. Seven small scars in a circle - with one in the center.

There is an intelligent design behind the release of UFO information. As one researcher has said, when you have pictures of an actual craft, there are only two possibilities - the pictures are consciously fabricated or are the real thing.

I believe Ed Walters are the real thing. I'll bet "Bill" does too. I'll also bet that small scar at the center of "Bills" wound is symbolic of Gulf Breeze, Florida.

Sincerely,
Brian Boldman

More than a few UFO spotters have remained unidentified too



BYRON CRAWFORD

Not to belabor this UFO thing, but the recent widely publicized close encounter between a Jefferson County police helicopter and a small, glowing, pear-shaped object that a Louisville man now claims was his homemade hot-air balloon brings to mind a few UFO stories I've been told over the years by credible people with tales they found too incredible to make public.

A former Navy aircraft navigator told of having watched a bright, disk-shaped object perform aeronautically impossible feats around a jet in which he was flying a routine radar mission off the California coast several years back.

The object flew dangerously close to the plane at times, he said, and caused the unnerved pilot to alert flight command of the threat. The navigator, a Louisville resident, said he signed a classified report of the incident in which the object was referred to as a UFO.

Skylab astronaut Gerald Carr told me during an interview in the mid-1970s that he had seen some things in space that had no plausible explanation and that he could not dismiss all UFO phenomena as purely imaginary.

A prominent Southern Kentucky banker said he had seen an amazing sight in the night sky some years ago that haunts him to this day. But he feared that he

would be discredited professionally if the strange details of his story were ever made public, and he declined to discuss the sighting.

State troopers, truck drivers and an airline pilot have related UFO stories to me over the past several years, but most would not consent to be quoted for fear of ridicule.

Of all the UFO stories I have heard, the most intriguing was told to me by a man who lived in a tent in the woods, year round, for

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several years in Washington County, Ind. I used to visit him every winter just to see if he was still there; to walk the creek banks and forest paths on his 90 acres and to learn bits and pieces of what he knew about nature. I judged him to be intelligent and truthful.

One year, as our visit was ending, I asked him if, in all the years he had lived in the woods, watching the skies, he had ever seen anything he couldn't explain. A look of perplexed relief came over his face, and he hesitated for a few seconds, as though considering whether he should answer.

"Just once," he said.

Then he told me a story that I cannot quote verbatim but have retrieved from memory, reasonably certain that the basic details are correct.

Late one afternoon, several years earlier, he had been in a weed patch not far from the gravel road that led past his farm, when he heard what he thought were "bull bats," another name for the night hawk, a dark bird with pointed wings that dives after insects. They can sometimes be seen flying erratically in groups of six or seven, and they make a kind of buzzing squeak.

When my friend looked up, he saw, suspended in rectangular box formation just above some power lines, four small, metallic gray, cigar-shaped objects that appeared to be no more than 8 to 10 inches long. He believed them to be the source of the squeaky, changing tones that he was hearing. He stood watching for what seemed a good while but may actually have been less than two minutes, he said.

Then the noise stopped, and the small metallic objects, still in formation, lifted slowly away from the power lines and ascended at a slight angle. The sky was overcast except for one small clearing in the clouds, and as the objects neared the clearing, they instantly accelerated and vanished through the clearing, my friend said. It was the only thing that had baffled him in all the years he had spent outdoors.

He had never bothered to tell anyone else the story, he said, because he knew no one would believe it. He had trouble believing it himself.

The Book Nook

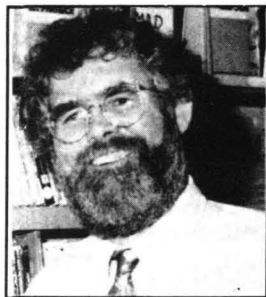
By Mickey Gallagher

Have you ever looked at the sky and thought you saw something moving up there that didn't look familiar? If so, you're not the only one to ever see a UFO (unidentified flying object). You'll find plenty of books at the library that document many people's experiences with UFOs.

One of the best introductions to the UFO phenomenon is Jenny Randles' "The UFO Conspiracy: The First Forty Years." Randles discusses the recent history of UFO sightings, beginning with 1947 when strange flying discs were spotted -- over the Cascades here in Washington! Randles believes that the U.S. government is not telling us everything it knows about UFOs. And she's not the only one.

In "Out There: The Government's Secret Quest for Extraterrestrials," Howard Blum shows that a highly secretive governmental organization called the UFO Working Group has been investigating UFO sightings since 1987. But the U.S. government denies such an organization exists. Why? Blum takes the reader on a fascinating journey to uncover the truth about governmental inquiries into UFOs.

One such inquiry is looked at in detail in "Crash at Corona: The U.S. Military Retrieval and Cover-up of a UFO," by Stanton Friedman and Don Berlner. On July 8, 1947, the U.S. military reported that the remains from a crashed UFO had been found



near Roswell, N.M. But by the next day, the military had changed its story and claimed that it was only the debris from a weather balloon. Was this a cover-up? Author Friedman believed so, and he interviewed more than 100 witnesses, some of whom say they examined the bodies of dead aliens.

Probably the most widely known UFO researcher is Jacques Vallee, the model for the French UFO specialist in the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." In "Dimensions: A Casebook of Alien Contact," Vallee looks at a wide variety of UFO reports and comes to the conclusion that UFOs do exist, but they don't come from "outer space" -- they come from another dimension!

If I've whetted your appetite for more information on UFOs, you may want to come to the Snoqualmie Library on Monday, Jan. 25, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., to hear a panel from the Mutual UFO Network discuss their findings on reports of UFO sightings. Whether you're a believer or a skeptic, you'll find their presentation provocative.

'This was not an airplane or anything like we've ever seen...'

What are people seeing in the night sky?

By LARUE CORNELISON
TheTimes-Journal

GERALDINE - It's almost a replay of the first sightings of the Fyffe phenomenon that four years ago this month drew thousands of binocularized UFO seekers to the small mountain town.

On Tuesday night, numbers of people in DeKalb County reported seeing a dazzling star-like triangular-shaped craft with red and white lights. All said the silent object could hover or move in any direction at slow or blinding speeds.

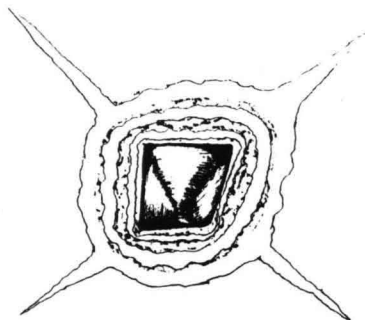
Sightings on Tuesday night were reported from Geraldine, Grove Oak, Crossville, Dawson, Kilpatrick, Duck Springs, Walker's Chapel, and Adamsburg. The time frame was 6:30 p.m. until past midnight.

Geraldine Police dispatcher Susanne Austin said she and her husband Dave, a Geraldine police officer, saw the object from their farm between 7:30-9 p.m., about two miles southwest of Geraldine City Hall.

"I heard Crossville police officer Chuck Priest on the scanner about 7:30," Susanne said. "He had spotted the UFO where Highways 20 and 43 intersect at Dawson. I ran outside to look. I might have thought it was just a very bright star, except for the way it began to move. When it started moving, I ran and got my camera, and got my husband to look. I knew no one would believe me."

Susanne's photos, taken from a distance with an inexpensive camera, didn't outline the object clearly. But in her mind, the silent UFO is etched in detail.

"There were (air)planes in the sky, and this bright light was so much larger than them. Around the object was a hazy glow. Once, it shot upward, very



Here is a rough rendering drawn from descriptions given by witnesses who say they have watched the object over northeast Alabama skies for two nights

fast. Then it slowly descended back to where it was. When it would move, its color would change from white to orange-yellow. All around it, was like a lantern, that has a misty glow about it.

"I'm not saying I believe in aliens. But this was not an airplane, or anything like we've ever seen."

At the same time - 7:30 p.m., Dolly and Nig Henderson of Dawson were standing outside their rural home, watching a bright, white object which Henderson described as hovering near Skirum. They called Crossville Police to report the object.

Also at about 7:30 p.m., a sister of Mrs. Henderson's who lives in Grove Oak near Geraldine reported seeing the same type object that Mrs. Austin described.

"This didn't really scare me," Mrs. Austin had said, "it just tripped me out. It's so weird, with these cows being mutilated during the same time frame. I don't know if the two are tied together, but it's just a bit strange." She referred to cattle mutilations reported in the Geraldine-Dawson area during the past week.

At 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Virgil and Bonnie Owens of Adamsburg reported seeing "a big stationary bright light with points of light coming out all around it" to the west of their Baugh Rd. residence. "My husband said it was a star, it was the largest he's ever seen," said Mrs. Owens. Geraldine Police records show that at 9:14 p.m., Geraldine P.D. dispatcher Corey Dobson and Geraldine Rescue Squad member Brian Ritchey watched the same type object from the police building for approximately three minutes.

South of Dawson, in the Duck Springs area, numerous sightings were reported, including one from a motorist who said the object shot down from above in front of his vehicle, before "simply disintegrating".

Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent Glenn Slaughter said Wednesday he had received calls on the DeKalb County UFO, but said the Federal Aviation Administration, not the FBI handles UFO cases.

The FAA in Atlanta on Wednesday said they do not accept calls reporting UFO sightings, and gave a telephone number for the National UFO Reporting Center as 206-722-3000. Several calls placed to that number Wednesday were unanswered.

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Ozark UFO Network director tells of unusual events at MH program

By JOSEPH A. HUDDLESTON
Bulletin Staff Writer

Lights, abductions and atrocities are among things connected with aliens and unidentified flying objects in the Ozarks.

That's according to W.G. Eslinger, director of the Ozark UFO Network, who presented a program in Mountain Home Thursday night.

He described mutilation of cattle, implantation of monitors in humans, impregnation of human women and other practices he believes have been practiced by aliens traveling in UFOs. The federal government knows about the visitors from other worlds, he said, but has concentrated on covering it up.

He cited reports going back to 1947 when the government first reported a flying object crashed in New Mexico, but later retracted the story, saying the object was a weather balloon.

Around 50 persons gathered at the VFW Hall at Mountain Home to hear Eslinger, watch a video, and participate in discussions on unusual sightings and reports of strange activities.

Thirteen of those present indicated by show of hands that they had seen evidence of or had been involved in an association with extra-terrestrial experiences.

Eslinger said sightings of UFOs had been around for at least 45 years, with "thousands of UFOs seen all over the country."

"People have seen flying saucers, flying discs, rays of light, red balls, spheres," and an assortment of other indications of unusual things from beyond the norm, he said.

One reason for meetings such as the one Thursday is for people to be able to share what they have seen or encountered, he said.

He said his organization works to help educate the people about the objects and beings from outer space, and also offers counseling for persons who "have suffered at the hands of aliens."

Another purpose is to try to

break through the wall of secrecy the federal government has imposed on information regarding such vehicles and visitors, he said.

He said there have been stories of women being impregnated by aliens, and the aliens returning in a couple of weeks and extracting the fetus.

People under hypnosis have said they have seen fetuses in various stages of growth aboard mother ships, being nurtured into "humanoids," he said.

He made references to the crop patterns, or designs in fields, that UFO students have attributed to alien activities. The patterns in England were widely publicized.

A truck driver in the audience said he had seen one in a rice field in the Crowley's Ridge area.

Eslinger also spoke of strange white birds, some owl-like in appearance, that may be used as "screens" by aliens.

The birds may be hallucinations, he said, and may be designed to attract a person to a place where there is a UFO with aliens waiting.

He also said that his organization is seeking to recover implants that aliens may have left in humans. The implants enable the aliens to keep track of the carrier, he said, and may also allow the aliens to monitor thoughts of the carrier.

There is some evidence that the implantations also may allow two-way communications, he said.

An influx of people to the Ozark area in recent years from the Eastern states and California have indicated some things in common, Eslinger said.

Many cannot tell why they moved to the area, he said, "except that something told them to."

The frequency of contact from the aliens to recent in-migrants has increased, according to Eslinger, with some contact being mainly for intimidation: "We just want to let you know we know where you are."

He said interviews with per-

sons apparently abducted at one time or another had indicated such common experiences.

Many who have been abducted by aliens may not even know it, he said, although common characteristics may offer indications of whether a person may have experienced aliens.

Eslinger told of sightings in the Ozark area, showed photographs of purported UFOs in the area. He said it is not unusual for flying objects with no specific identification to be spotted in the area.

He displayed a video of an object in the sky that was taken in Newton County.

He told of an object that last year residents of Searcy County watched circle the area for three hours.

Eslinger said it was fairly common for UFOs to go beneath the water in Stockton Lake in Missouri.

He also spoke of cattle mutilation, which also has drawn quite a bit of attention over recent years. He said the aliens could beam an animal aboard a ship, surgically remove certain organs and blood, then deposit the creature back in a field.

Government research concerning such happenings has not been released, he said.

He said that a half dozen or so different "races" of aliens have been identified, and that ships spotted have had different forms.

Those attending the meeting Thursday ranged widely in age and origin. The group seemed to enjoy a question-and-answer session that took up the last part of the three hour meeting.

The Ozark UFO Network, with an office in Harrison, covers Boone, Baxter, Carroll, Marion, Newton, Searcy and Van Buren counties.

An additional meeting is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Ozarks Heritage Center Art Center at Leslie. Information about that and later meetings is available by calling 741-7278, or writing the network at P.O. Box 1919, Harrison, Ark. 72601.

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - Feb. 17, 1993

UFO Brings Back Good Old Days

by Bland Pugh

Just a little over a week ago, I received a call from a friend of mine saying, 'as he drove home he looked straight ahead to the south over the Gulf, were two very familiar lights in the southern sky.' Knowing full well what they were, he pulled into the beach pier parking lot, got out of his car and watched as the two lights hovered above the Gulf for several more minutes. Needless to say, the next evening I was there in living color, video camera in hand and ready for the excitement to begin. Friends I didn't have long to wait, just as I had gotten out of my car and set the date on my camera, at an angle of about 30-32 degrees there it was, bright red, pulsing, and moving into the wind, just like old times, "The Gulf Breeze UFO." I was able to video this guy for about 4 1/2 minutes, even though it had been there for a full minute before I started the camera. These sightings occurred on February 2 and 3, respectively.

"Bill" had been on the beach again Saturday evening February 6 and had another sighting, although he was not affected as before (article of Feb. 3). On Monday I received a call at work telling me the UFO had been spotted Sunday evening as well, so what else to do but to load up the old camera, and head for the beach again. Pay dirt! Having a meeting to attend first, I was running a little later than I liked, but this was to be no problem, not more than 20 minutes after I'd set up the UFO appeared at about 30 degrees, and from what I could tell was well out over the Gulf. This was to be confirmed later, there were two additional skywatchers set up on this particular evening, at different locations. One was at Shoreline Park, the other in the Ft. Pickens area, all three of us were able to obtain compass and elevation read-

ings. The results told us that this UFO was some 1 and 3/4 miles offshore, at an altitude of approximately 4600 ft. Sort of gets your attention doesn't it. It did me and the other people watching, especially when this thing moved into the 9 knot NW wind. That's pretty tough on kites, and balloons.

Those who attended the MUFON meeting on February 14 probably saw the best meeting to date on the subject of "Abductions." Dr. John Mack spoke for almost three hours, and had those in attendance completely enthralled with his presentation. Dr. Mack spoke on the abduction phenomenon, and showed videos of one of his patients as he relived a regression.

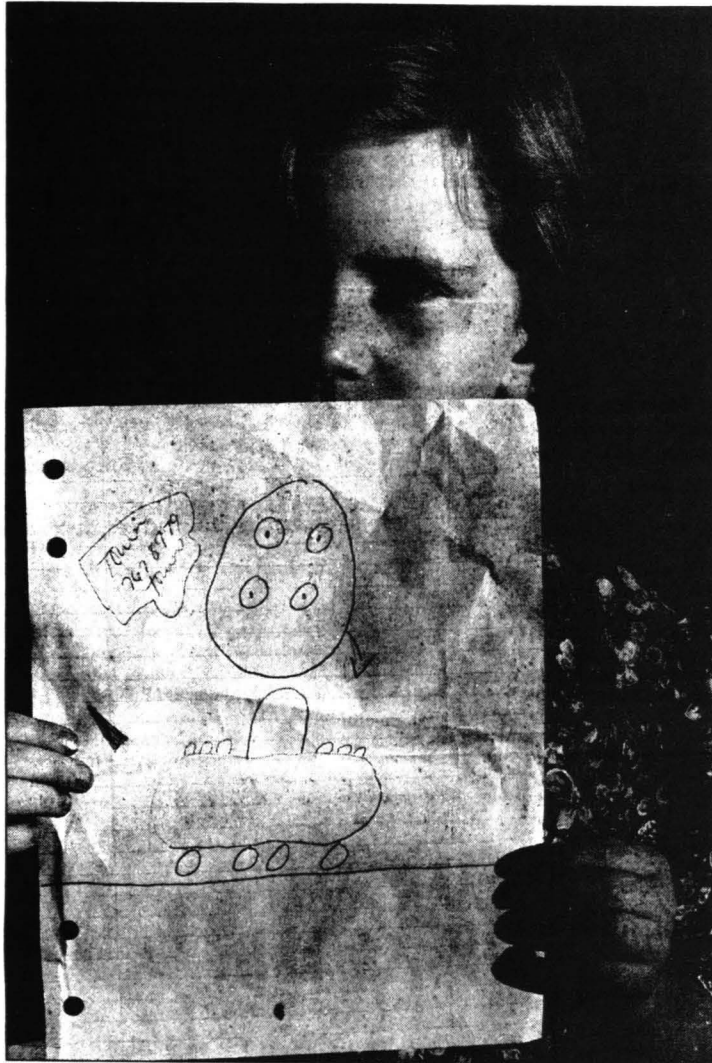
Dr. Mack probably came as close to the explanation of the phenomenon as any I have ever heard. Well over a hundred people attended the meeting. Of those attending were Gene & Jean Brown, MUFON State Section Directors from the Clearwater area, I had the pleasure of having breakfast with them Monday morning. They are in the process of training eight new Field Investigators, and establishing an up and going MUFON chapter. I feel that they are on the right track.

I have been told by several people that they have gone to skywatch areas, and have not been able to find any of the MUFON group, also an article in the *PNJ* said we meet regularly three nights a week. We do not meet regularly three nights a week, we meet when the weather permits, and almost nightly someone will be at Shoreline Park, however there is no set time. Your best bet is to call the Hotline at 438-3261 and leave your name and telephone number.

Remember to keep looking up and behind you.

'I Know What I Saw'

Mother, Daughter Say UFO Hovered Over Winston-Salem on Friday



Tiffany Manor, 7, told police that the UFO she saw on the way to school had no windows and had wheels and purple, red and white lights.

By Karen Stinneford
JOURNAL REPORTER

A funny thing happened to Tiffany Manor on her way to the school bus.

Tiffany, 7, says she saw an unidentified flying object hovering over a house on Benbow Street, off Polo Road, while she was walking through woods to meet the school bus Friday morning.

Her mother, Sheila, says that she ordinarily wouldn't believe such a claim but that she saw it, too.

"I heard a humming noise and thought, 'What in the world is that?' and the noise got louder and I looked around and saw lights flashing," Manor said.

Tiffany, who had walked about halfway through the woods between Benbow Street and her home on Linbrook Drive, said she was scared by the object.

"When I heard the noise, I knew it wasn't an airplane," she said.

Manor said that the incident happened at 8:05 a.m. The object was gray with no windows, Tiffany said, and had wheels and purple, red and white lights. It was shaped sort of like a cigar, she said. "Only wider."

After hovering briefly over a house on Benbow Street, it disappeared, she said.

Manor said she was standing at a bedroom window watching her daughter make her way to the bus stop when she saw the object. It rattled her, she said.

"I thought that I had to call somebody, but there's no way I'm calling the police because they'll think I'm crazy," Manor said.

SHE REPORTED it, anyway. Police Sgt. Bill Miller said that officers canvassed the woods behind Manor's home but didn't find anything.

Manor said she called the newspaper because she feels that someone in the neighborhood must have seen something unusual that



Tiffany and Sheila Manor say the object they saw wasn't a plane.

morning. "Someone had to have heard that noise," she said. "And if it was a helicopter or airplane flying low, they need to watch it, because they scared my daughter."

Federal Aviation Administration officials at Piedmont Triad International and Smith Reynolds airports said they didn't see any low-flying airplanes or UFOs on Friday morning.

Manor said she has watched shows where people claimed to have seen UFOs and aliens and that she always doubted them. "I was a skeptic until this happened."

Manor said she called airport authorities, law-enforcement agencies, and radio and television stations. The reception was chilly.

"The more I got turned down, the more determined I got because I have nothing to gain from this. I'm getting scoffed at, but I know what I saw."

MORNING NEWS TRIBUNE, Tacoma, WA - March 2, 1993

Hello, out there! Bonney Lake man turns his message skyward

From beneath the trees of a Bonney Lake mobile home park a signal aimed at the eyes of alien beings soon will slice into the quiet night sky. At the speed of light the message will ascend, offering a universal invitation, asking a universal question.

Ron Stewart will stand patiently waiting for an answer.

He lives in a bus with his wife of 25 years and he is building a cosmic telephone. He wants to talk with aliens. He wants to know the truth behind the riddles and the mysteries of life.

"I'm just a backyard inventor," he says.

He shows me his invention, under construction, nearing completion.

"This is something I dreamed up. This is my baby," he says. He calls his baby PETSETI, which stands for Photo-Electronic Transmission in Search of Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence. In the end, it will cost him perhaps \$500.

It's about the size of a coffee table, more round than square, four feet across and 20 inches high. It consists of a framework of white PVC pipe onto which Stewart will clamp a series of 24 mirrors. The mirrors will reflect the energy from four sets of glass tubes placed at the base.

The tubes will each contain a gas — neon, then argon, then krypton and xenon.

"That'll be the bell-ringer," Stewart says. "That'll get their attention, when the xenon flashes. It's so bright, you wouldn't want to look at it."

He shows me his apparatus and he shows me his notebook, as we sit inside the mobile home of a relative, as "The Brady Bunch" plays on a nearby TV.

"I'm going to modulate the amplitude," Stewart says.

I tell him that I never was very good at science. I ask him to explain.

He says that he's working with a Tacoma sign maker proficient with neon. "He's the only one I've talked to who even half-understands what I was talking about."

Stewart describes how he will let fly his bright gaseous light across the starry sky.

"I don't plan on shooting across the solar system — just within the solar system," he says. "Not across the universe. I don't plan to go past Jupiter."

At 10,000 volts, using house current, he will send a message to beings he believes may wish to communicate.

"They know everything they want to know about us already," he says. "I think that Earth is just a tourist attraction for them."

And maybe they'd like to say hello.

Maybe just maybe, they'd like to meet a 47-year-old maintenance engineer with a ponytail and a hunger for wisdom.

"I'd like to know about the Big Bang," Stewart says. "I'd ask them for a tour of their ship."

He wants to know "what their family life is like, what their environment is. What is their basis for religion? Their philosophy. I'm just curious about that. I'm certain in my mind they're waiting for somebody to do this."

If they're waiting for somebody who seems genuine in his desire, then Ron Stewart is the man they seek.

But conversation is all they'll get. Stewart says, "I wouldn't want to go back with them to their home planet, because I get terribly homesick. Even if they promised me immortality."

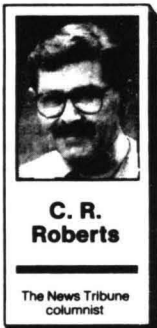
He is not afraid of what he might find, should PETSETI prove successful.

"They would look on us as a newborn child," Stewart says. "I think they have compassion for us."

And Ron Stewart has an itch for scientific inquiry. Even as a boy, growing up in Burien, he licked the envelope of exploration.

He tells the story of the time he went chasing a mouse and ended up blowing the lid off the family septic tank after pouring gasoline down a hole.

"We weren't trying to hurt the mouse, we were just trying to smoke him out," Stewart says.



C. R. Roberts

The News Tribune columnist

Then came the little lizards onto whose tiny legs he would tie a parachute.

It went like this: Parachute and lizard Stewart would squeeze into a metal cigar tube. A small trap door at the end of the tube he would tie to a very long string. The tube with the lizard inside he would send aloft by means of a balloon filled with hydrogen gas. At 600 feet he would pull the string.

Out comes the lizard.

"My mom was forever pulling her hair out," Stewart says.

His family today "was skeptical at first, and now that they've seen the legwork I've done, now they want to be standing right there with me."

He displays the balance of his invention, more equipment, the circuit board of a police scanner and a double-cassette answering machine. It is upon one of these cassette tapes that he expects to hear a reply from space, in the form of a fluctuating tone.

When the answer comes, he says, "The next thing I'm going to do is give them my coordinates in longitude and latitude."

He will invite them down for an Earthly chat.

"I'll be honest with you," he says. "I don't really know what's going to happen after that."

C.R. Roberts' column appears Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.



BY BILL O'LEARY—THE WASHINGTON POST
"This is exactly what they look like," says bookseller Alice Haggerty of the alien image on partner Pat Marcattilio's T-shirt.

For UFO Believers, The Sky's the Limit

Alien Notions at a Silver Spring Seminar

By Peter Gilstrap
Special to The Washington Post

By all appearances the meeting in downtown Silver Spring this gloomy Saturday could be any one of the dozens of motivational sales conferences or self-help seminars that fill hotel ballrooms every weekend. Two hundred or so well-dressed people sit beneath an overhead hotel fluorescence that demands workday attention, as does the sound system, which feeds back as the speaker at the lectern

bobs closer and farther from the microphone. Heads tilt and eyes squint in concentration; pens scratch diligently across notebooks.

But today's topic is not how to quit smoking or make a million in real estate with no money down. The subject is spaceships, though this is no "Star Trek" convention.

This is "UFOs, the Story of the Century," a gathering of the local chapter of MUFON—The

Mutual UFO Network Inc., a nonprofit corporation founded in 1969 to study unidentified flying objects. The group has its own monthly magazine, an amateur radio network and 4,300 members worldwide—by invitation only.

According to MUFON's official conference leaflet, this is what you'll get for your \$20 admission fee over the course of the day: "Latest Information on UFO Crash at Roswell"; "Will the Government UFO Coverup End?"; "Military Psychics Investigate UFOs"; "Bizarre New Cases"; "UFOs in Advertising and TV"; and "Public Demonstrations—New Tactic in the UFO Movement."

Also, "You will hear 3 former military intelligence officers & leading UFO investigators." Unfortunately, the former military men didn't show.

But Elaine Douglass did. She is the MUFON director for Washington, D.C., and a featured speaker today. She has a triangular bright yellow MUFON patch on the left shoulder of her dark coat, and during the lunch break she smokes a Carlton and looks you straight in the eye as she talks.

"I have never seen a UFO, but you've got to be brain-dead not to be interested," she says. "Most of the people here know UFOs are real and they're avid for more information. The two important questions are: What is the aliens' purpose on Earth? And what, if any, is the relationship between the aliens and the U.S. government?"

The notion of a government coverup is a popular one here. Speeches and conversations touch on official warehouses filled with alien paraphernalia, crashed space ships, top-secret files, alien body parts, Pentagon hush-ups and White House denials. Seeing is believing, though, and many here claim to have had contact with beings from outer space. Or at least a buddy has.

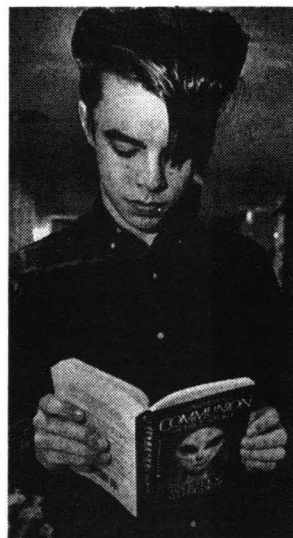
"I have some friends who have seen UFOs, and they've actually had very close encounters," says Shai Benami from Rockville. He is 16, and wears his hair in what he describes as a "backwards inverted triangle with oceanic-like waves converging."

For Benami, this is no joke. "My friends have been followed by black Cadillacs, have had helicopters fly in a low altitude in a residential area and shine a spotlight on them. There's grave danger. . . . This undermines the

government's power base because they can't control it." How long has he been on to all this? "About three months. But this is the most important topic of the century."

Kirby Rodriguez came from Alexandria, driven by a personal experience. "I saw a UFO a couple years ago in Erie, Pennsylvania," she says. "I was asleep and I woke up and it was hovering over the house, but I don't think I was abducted. I wouldn't be here if I hadn't had that experience." Still, she admits to some reservations about the conference. She thinks the MUFON program is "very good, but you get a lot of kooks here too, and if you ever read some of the literature people put out it's like a tenth-grade newsletter."

And what would a seminar be if you couldn't buy something? Out in the foyer Pat Marcattilio and Alice Haggerty have brought their portable paranormal book business from Trenton, N.J. Titles include: "The Ghost Who Danced With Kim Novak," "Limbo of the Lost" and "The Second Book of the Cosmic Forces of Mu." Marcattilio



BY BILL O'LEARY—THE WASHINGTON POST
To Shai Benami, alleged UFO coverups are the "topic of the century."

hands out flyers that say: "Pat J. Marcattilio EXCITING LECTURER."

His T-shirt has an alien face on it. Big head, pointy chin, gray skin, eyes shaped like a cat's, except no eyeballs visible. He got it in Gulf Breeze, Fla. "This is exactly what they look like," says Haggerty. She should know; listen up:

"I was dying of diphtheria when I was 7, and angels came in the room and took me out a window. I thought I had died and was going to heaven. I woke up in bed the next morning and I was 100-percent better," she says evenly. "They also healed me a couple months ago from cancer. I realized that I was abducted and healed to do a job for them." And apparently it runs in the family. "My parents, my grandparents and my sons have been abducted too."

She claims the aliens keep in touch—"sometimes once a week"—with her through an implant behind her nose. "At times it bothers me," Haggerty admits. "It feels like when you put your tongue on a nine-volt battery."

"We know when it happens," says Marcattilio, "because her nose starts to vibrate and she starts to sneeze."

People who "haven't had the experience have no right to tell me I'm crazy," Haggerty volunteers. "I don't like what's happened, but I've accepted it. I'm not going to let it make my life miserable."

Back in the conference room Douglass is at the lectern. She has facts she's worked out. "There have been 47 abductions every hour in the U.S. for the last 45 years," she is saying. "The alien is very busy." She's talking about last year's march on the White House to end UFO secrecy. Nine people came. She scans the room, points. "You were there . . . she was there too." It seems, well, brave or something. The UFO Nine. These are believers, citizens with a mission. One feels like an agnostic at High Mass.

Douglass begins the protest chant from a year ago. "Yo, yo, UFO, the people have a right to know!" Slowly but surely, voices join her. From this roomful of everyday folks, there's good old human passion for this alien agenda. She is pounding the lectern now. "My countrymen, we must find out what is going on!" Look to the skies . . .

CASTON OBSERVER, Gastonia, NC - Feb. 23, 1993 CR: G. Fawcett

Reports from the former Soviet bloc reveal folks there also have an . . .

Eye UFOs

By JOE MARUSAK
Staff Writer

LINCOLN — For George Fawcett, the biggest news out of Eastern Europe these days has nothing to do with food shortages, skyrocketing inflation or political conflict.

It has everything to do with unexplained spaceship sightings and abductions by alien beings. Reports of these encounters, which the UFO buff is convinced were real, were kept hidden for decades under Communist regimes that wouldn't tolerate open discussion of extraterrestrials.

Dozens of UFO groups have come out of the closet in cities like Moscow since the advent of glasnost, finally free to discuss the hundreds of strange sightings they've secretly catalogued over the decades, Fawcett says.



JOHN D. SIMMONS/Staff

New world of data: George Fawcett has expanded his search for UFO documentation beyond the former Iron Curtain.

"The reports are very consistent with what we've found here in the United States," says Fawcett, who has investigated 1,200 UFO cases worldwide since 1944. "You have landings, photographs, severe animal reactions, close encounters, abductions."

Fawcett has just been named an honorary fellow of the newly formed Institute On Anomalous Phenomena, in Kharkov, Ukraine. That's a fancy name for a group of physicists, engineers, astronomers and philosophers dedicated to investigating claims of orbiting alien craft.

The 63-year-old textile worker hopes to exchange reports of UFO sightings in the United States with those catalogued by the institute. Fawcett, who has published at least 100 UFO articles in various magazines over the years, says such reported sightings are no joke.

He says he had his most dramatic encounter in Lynchburg, Va., in 1951, when he saw a craft hovering 300 feet away. "I watched it for 4½ minutes. It moved up and down like a yo-yo. It looked just like an orange cut in half."

Lest North Carolinians take Fawcett's words too lightly, he also notes there have been at least 900 reported UFO cases in the state in the past 50 years.

That ranks North Carolina fourth in the country in the number of reported cases, says Fawcett, a charter member of a 23-year-old international UFO investigative group known as the Mutual UFO Network. California is first, New Mexico second and Pennsylvania and Oregon are tied for third, he says.

"We're first in flight, fourth in UFOs," he says.



Gary Davidson of Orion investigates reports of UFOs in North County skies. There are more than you'd think.

A studied look at UFOs in North County skies

Story by DENIENE HUSTED

Photography by DAN RIOS

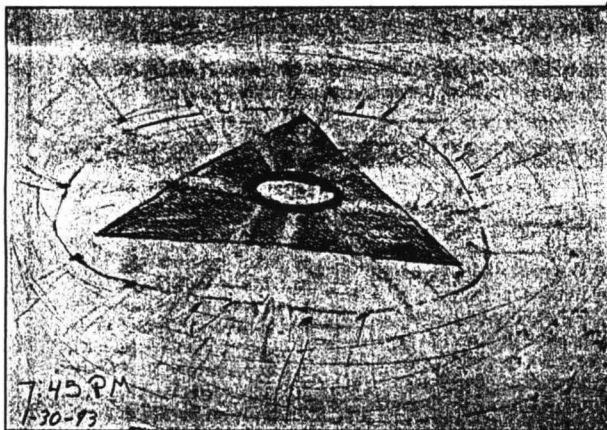
North County skies were visited recently by an alien spacecraft that appeared briefly before two Oceanside teen-agers in Del Oro Hills, a group of local UFO experts believes.

The lighted object traveled east over the Villa Trieste development in Oceanside on Jan. 30, and paused briefly before continuing over the horizon, said Gary Davidson, North County investigator for Orion, a group of 50 scientists and other professionals who study sightings in and around San Diego County.

So far, Davidson said, they haven't been able to determine what the object was.

While most people treat such sightings very skeptically, Davidson and his 5-year-old group — respected professionals in their fields — take them seriously. There are a couple of such sightings every year in North County and more in the whole county, he said, although most can be explained as something other than a spacecraft.

"There's a lot of conventional explanations for UFOs," Davidson said. Orion investigators check astronomical charts, aircraft flight patterns and meteorological data to see if they can find a more earthly explanation for reported sightings.



A witness drew this picture of UFO reportedly seen near an Oceanside housing development a week ago.

Davidson said he never believed in UFOs until he saw what he thinks was one in Los Angeles more than 20 years ago while stargazing through a telescope. He reported it to another group similar to the one to which he now belongs.

Since then, he has spent much of his life trying to prove that aliens are visiting Earth and now studies North County sightings hoping to find the proof he needs.

Others in the group use their

professional expertise to further the cause and weed out explainable sightings and crackpots. A chemist in the group will study soil samples where a ship reportedly landed (that hasn't happened in North County yet).

A microbiologist in the group studies tissue of animals believed to have been abducted by aliens and experimented on and found mutilated. Psychologists examine people who report the

findings, occasionally even hypnotizing them and having them recreate the events; electrical engineers physicists.

They also take the witness' personality profile into account.

Eighty percent of all sightings can be explained as something normal, according to Orion founder Eric Herr.

Davidson said they are often traced to unusual weather activity or perhaps even to a blimp. The inner glow of one blimp, the Virgin Lightship, can make the vessel appear like a spaceship at night, he added.

But there are many that have no worldly explanation, Davidson said, referring to the recent Oceanside sighting.

Two 13-year-olds were outside in the driveway of a Villa Trieste home fixing the chain on a bicycle at about 7:45 p.m., when a big oval-shaped object floated over them, stopped, backed up quickly and then moved forward again, they said.

"It went back and forth really fast, and we just watched it," said one of the boys, whose parents asked that their names not be published.

"We got really scared," the other boy said. "Then we laughed."

The young teen-agers said in a taped interview with Orion that the oval object had a triangular shape inside of it that spun quickly and sent off yellow beams of light. Although the neighborhood was quiet at the time, they said the object did not make a sound.

There are UFO sightings in North County about twice a year, according to figures released by Davidson and Herr, who said he believes most unexplainable sightings are extraterrestrial.

But Barry Karr, executive director of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, said that's hogwash.

"Generally speaking, we don't think that there's good evidence that the Earth is being visited by extraterrestrial beings," he said. "We don't deny that people are seeing unusual things, but before you jump to conclusions you ought to consider all the possibilities. . . . What is the most likely explanation?"

Karr said there is not one artifact that proves the existence of

life on other planets.

"If they are coming," he said. "Why do they show up and then disappear?"

Davidson thinks aliens may be just observing Earth for scientific purposes. "They may not want to interfere, just like we're doing studying Mars," he said.

UFO believers have three possible explanations about where the objects come from.

They could be alien ships from another dimension, or time travelers coming back to observe the past, Davidson said. They may also be coming from another star system, he added.

Others think the UFO sightings are an internally generated psychic phenomenon — that witnesses simply create the visions in their own minds.

But last week's sighting has the boys' mothers convinced that what they saw was real.

"I'm sure he saw what he said he saw," said one mother, adding that her son has been unable to sleep since he witnessed the strange object.

Both boys called Orion that same evening to report it, but many witnesses never tell anyone what they saw, Davidson said.

"A lot of people think if they've seen a UFO it's a Martian, and there isn't any life on Mars, so they must be crazy," Davidson said.

But that many people cannot be out of their minds, he added.

"When thousands of people start saying something, you have to start believing it at some point," he said, noting that UFO sightings date back to ancient civilizations — long before man created flying machines.

To keep up on area sightings, Orion monitors its UFO hot line every hour so an investigator can respond quickly to the call, Davidson said.

"Sometimes it comes at midnight," he added, referring to another sighting by a city employee at the Oceanside water treatment plant Sept. 8.

Orion's 24-hour hot line number is 460-8098. Davidson encouraged anyone who has seen an unusual object to call.

"There's people around who have seen sightings, but they never tell anyone," he said. "Hopefully that will change."

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For UFO buffs, ET's not an alien subject

By JOHN BESSA
Sentinel staff writer

SANTA CRUZ — Although the subjects of a discussion on aliens didn't make a guest appearance, the Santa Cruz UFO Study Group had a good turnout nonetheless Wednesday to delve into questions about the role of aliens in human evolution and religion.

"I don't see the mass population swallowing this thing like some big cookie," one woman said during a discussion of aliens as gods. "They're not going to buy this."

Some already have, according to

literature passed around the room. About 40 people crowded into a room at the Loudon Nelson Center to discuss UFOs, from sightings of spacecraft and aliens to the role of aliens in evolution, or to peruse volumes of books about aliens.

The inevitable — perhaps — questions of government cover-ups of sightings came up.

Ron Lampi, organizer of the study group and field investigator for MUFON, the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network, said the U.S. government is keeping alien contact with Earth a secret

because of the revolutionary changes it would bring if the word got out.

"We are in for major revelations — a major shake-up in our culture," he said.

Lampi, who said he's been studying UFOs for 2½ years, brought with him several books ranging from documentation of reported sightings to theories that aliens play one nation against the other on Earth to start wars.

He also brought the MUFON Journal. In it, UFO researchers can get news on the latest sight-

ings and theories. The journal has an advertising section, where items such as crop circle reading manuals are offered for sale or UFO abductee support lines are advertised. There is also a "UFO Curious" contact service to match UFO fans up with one another.

The discussion turned to a reported alien abduction in 1989, in which a woman was taken from her 10th-floor apartment in New York City, sucked by a big light into a hovering space craft, which then dove into the Hudson River.

Two Secret Service agents reportedly saw this happen, according to Lampi, as they escorted an important political official through the city. He probably saw it too, Lampi said.

"We're all curious who this might be," he said.

Budd Hopkins, who investigated this sighting and included it in a book of interviews, according to Lampi, thinks it was to show the

important official that aliens exist, Lampi said.

"Why not just make another face on Mount Rushmore?" one man asked. "What purpose would it serve them to show up now instead of before?"

Lampi said he was surprised at the number of people who attended the second meeting of the study group. Only 12 came to the first one.

One of the newcomers said the evolution angle piqued her interest.

"I was very interested in the UFO's impact on religion," said Mary Brooks of Soquel. "I think it's very interesting that they are having these meetings in Santa Cruz," she said.



American television networks investigate unexplained UFO sightings near Almonte

By Lois Tuffin
Assistant editor

UFO researcher Bob Oechsler waved a hand over the pile of documents and photos on the kitchen table.

"This is a landmark case in ufology (the study of UFOs)," he said.

The pictures on the table show a blur of multi-colored lights in a disc shape and white faces with black almond-shaped eyes. Most of them were taken off a video sent to Oechsler anonymously almost a year ago.

Since then, Oechsler has methodically and meticulously analyzed the video and the site near the Old Almonte and Corkery Roads.

His case was convincing enough to draw two major American television networks there to film.

NBC's *Unsolved Mysteries* airs its version this Wednesday on cable at 8 p.m. and this Friday on CJOH.

The Fox network's story on *Sightings* hits the airwaves Feb. 12.

Oechsler's involvement began when he received the videotape at his Annapolis, Maryland home last February.

Attributed only to "Guardian," the package bore an Ottawa postmark.

The 32 minutes of footage show a "mostly white" linear light with red flares off to the left and a flashing light on top, said Oechsler.

The color of the lights ranges from red to blue to green from one end to the other. Smoke billows out from under the lights and moves to the right.

As the photographer moves closer, reflections off the disk show a rounded turret in the centre with a vertical blue strobe on top and "fins" or slates around its edge.

Closing in even more, "Guardian" gets shaky close-ups of the upper strobe.

The sound track has sounds of barking dogs and a "ratchet" sound.

(NBC spent \$115,000 to recreate this whole effect with no success, said Oechsler.)

The rest of the tape is taken up with freeze frames or still shots of supposed aliens standing in tall grass. Some are holding bright lights in their hands.

Hooded figures with large almond-shaped eyes have short snouts and little facial detail.

The tape was wrapped in six pages of accompanying information, some typed on fake Department of National Defence (DND) letterhead.

The documents showed a map of the Corkery area and a page of hand-drawn symbols with a map of the same area.

There is also a photocopy of two Polaroid shots with grass lit by a flash in the foreground and a row of lights in the back.

The fake DND documents have thick black markers through several lines as if released via a Freedom of Information Act request. The remaining text suggests aliens wish to take over the world via the cultural arts and a liaison with the "Red Chinese."

"The earth is their entertainment,"



Although fuzzy, this photograph taken from a video screen, shows the basic shape and the lights on the disk. The UFO is alleged to have landed in a field in nearby West Carleton Township, Aug. 18, 1991.

writes *Guardian* of the "beautiful blonds" who are infiltrating the New York art world, Hollywood, rock music, literature and sculpture.

A diagram shows the craft flying under the radar curtain to avoid detection.

"It's very different from anything I'd ever received," said Oechsler.

He added it appears "Guardian" is looking to spread the word of his findings to as many people as possible.

"We're talking about someone who is very, very knowledgeable here," said Oechsler, referring especially to the complex symbols. "This person is obviously environmentally concerned."

He added it is unheard of the pulses alternate in high and low frequencies at a "very fast" speed of 7.5 cycles per second.

Comparing the craft to the grass in the field, Oechsler and company determined it is 25 feet in diameter and less than five feet high.

The red flares in the video left no traces of strontium or cesium, the two elements that make up most of the content of military flares.

Instead, the site was powdered with "substantial amounts" of titanium, an element used in strong steel alloys.

"That was quite curious," said Oechsler. Oechsler found the titanium all over

It turns out Diane Labenek had seen an unusual set of lights when tucking her children into bed around 11 p.m. Aug. 18, 1991, said Oechsler.

She had also witnessed the November, 1989 event.

(Because of her agreement with NBC, Labenek cannot tell her story until after the broadcast.)

She drew pictures that were "geometrically correct" to the video and gave details about the incident not captured on tape, like the craft's departure.

A neighbor recalls seeing "red lightning" and a white light with a gold halo the same night, according to Oechsler.

Within a half hour of the sighting, and for months afterward, the Labenek home became the target of unusually active helicopter activity.

The black, seamless, unmarked choppers hover over the house sometimes low enough to see in the Labenek's windows. Twice they have blown shingles off the house and the outside shed.

DND has given the Labeneks pictures of its machinery to prove it is not their doing.

That element still remains a mystery.

Oechsler has also joined forces with the National Research Council (NRC). He claimed he is the first person to work with the council on a suspected UFO matter.

They agree, after looking at photos taken by the family, the helicopters are not Canadian.

Oechsler is still questioning many aspects of the video.

His biggest question remains *Guardian*. "How does he know when and where they'll land?" he queried.

He said *Guardian* has to have prior knowledge to arrive on site with packages of Polaroid film and an excellent quality video camera.

He said he hopes the television exposure will generate interest and hopefully more information.

He will be in this area until Friday.

"This is a landmark case in ufology (the study of UFOs)."

Bob Oechsler

Internationally renowned UFO researcher



He said *Guardian* is obviously aware that in the case of alleged UFO sightings, skeptics often attack the messenger without considering the message.

"*Guardian* wanted to focus on the events, not himself," said Oechsler. "That shows a knowledge of UFO cases."

Backs up video with research

For the past year, Oechsler has been researching every element of the video to determine if it is a hoax. So far, he is convinced it is not.

Given the complexity of the video image, "we're not talking about a crude model here," he said.

With his colleagues in the United States, Oechsler spent 20 hours studying the video frame by frame.

He said the strobe on top of the "craft" is the only vertical one he has ever seen.

plants in a 50 foot diameter area where plants have been "dehydrated and melted" with no signs of burning, he said.

All around that sphere the grass was waist-high, he added.

Information from Environment Canada confirms the direction of the wind matches the video's interpretation of the weather that night.

Oechsler, a former NASA mission specialist, hooked up with the Canadian UFO Network and found they had received a similar package from *Guardian* after an incident Nov. 6, 1989.

Through member Graham Lightfoot of Cobden, Oechsler met Diane and Bill Labenek who own the property being investigated.

Without letting on they had received a tape, Lightfoot and Oechsler asked if the Labeneks had seen anything unusual.

The mystery of the dancing light

A STRANGE light seen dancing in the night sky above Birchwood is being investigated by UFO experts.

The small, round light was captured on film by security cameras at the Birchwood Mall on two occasions earlier this year and is now attracting national interest.



The strange light, circled, captured on film and causing a commotion among UFO experts.

The case was discussed on the Granada Television discussion programme "The Time, The Place" which also featured Ufologist and former Birchwood woman Jenny Randles.

Security guards first noticed the light source above the Silver Birch pub and managed to film it.

The second time it reappeared over the Mall car park, and was filmed flitting about the night sky for 15 minutes.

It has been dismissed as "too small" for a spaceship, but Jenny Randles said: "It was an independent light source outside the camera which resembled a soap bubble when it got close to the camera."

"At no time does it pass behind any object, and on a couple of occasions you can almost see through it. The possibility of it being an insect inside the camera has been definitely ruled out."

"Scientists from Salford and Manchester Universities have studied the film and carried experiments with torches and soap bubbles, but the only conclusion was the image we were seeing was probably not its real shape."

"It is perhaps one of the most intriguing UFO investigations yet mounted."

John Sanson, centre manager, said: "The people saw say they have never known anything like it before or since and we are all looking forward to finding out what it is."

NEWTON & GOLBORNE GUARDIAN, Warrington, England

Dec. 11, 1992 CR: T. Good

It's a UFO mystery for Bannockburn family

A STUNNED Bannockburn woman wants answers after her ENTIRE FAMILY spotted a UFO hovering 40 feet above her home.

Mary Young (34), from Margaret Road, was watching her nine-year-old son David playing in the snow on January 17. At about 9.15 p.m., she went outside to call him in.

Mary added: "I shouted to David and he turned to me and said 'Mum, look at that car in the sky. I looked up and saw bright lights, just like car lights, about 40 feet above the houses."

Mary called her boyfriend Kevin out to the back door, and her daughter Jacqueline joined the family. She added: "Kevin said it was a plane but I told him to keep looking and then he said 'There's no way that's a plane'."

The family ran upstairs to find a telescope young David had been given for Christmas. "By the time we found the telescope, it was moving so fast we couldn't get the telescope onto it." After watching the UFO for about five minutes, the stunned family lost sight of it. Mary said it seemed to head off in the direction of Perth.

She said: "It was oval shaped and about 40 to 60 feet long. It had a lot of red lights underneath it. There was a square shape of red lights and inside that there was a square of white lights. There were two white lights at the front and two white lights at the back of it."

"That was definitely no aeroplane," Mary said. "It wasn't a weather balloon, and it wasn't our imagination! There was something there. I think it was a UFO. It

By CHARLES LAVERY

was flying too low to be a plane and was making a low humming noise. A plane would have been much louder. "It was like nothing I have ever seen before."

Expert investigators of strange phenomenon are now in contact with the family.

Mary Young and her family attended a public meeting on Sunday night held to question other sightings made over Bonnybridge recently. The couple say they would have laughed off the idea of a UFO meeting before their own strange sighting.

The town of Bonnybridge has been catapulted to a shrine-like status in the minds of thousands across the UK who have labelled it a UFO zone.

A public meeting held on Sunday night in Bonnybridge attracted more than 300 people. According to organisers, people had to be turned away.

A little bit of room was made halfway through the meeting when a heckler was removed from the hall. UFO seekers travelled the lengths and breadths of the UK to reach Bonnybridge for the meeting.

The main question posed on the night was: "Why Bonnybridge?" Malcolm Robinson, an investigator for Strange Phenomenon Investigations, could not give a definite answer, but speculated that there are certain areas of the country which are "like windows where UFO sightings seem to be more prominent. Bonnybridge certainly seems to be a case in point."

Since last November, Bonnybridge councillor Billy Buchanan has argued forcibly that something strange is happening in his ward. He admits he has never personally witnessed anything.

Malcolm Robinson started chasing strange happenings in 1979. He has been spending the last few weeks trying to get some answers out of Bonnybridge.

He approached the military — the testing of the American Stealth Bomber in March 1988 last year sparked a UFO scare — as well as the airports, police and electrical companies.

When he has exhausted all avenues of investigation, what is left must be classed as a UFO, but not necessarily an alien craft from the planet Zarg.

Mr Robinson has had well over 100 calls from people in the Bonnybridge area who claim a strange sighting. "The youngest caller was six years old and the oldest was 62," he said. "People of all ages and from all walks of life have been on to me. Intelligent, professional people have called to give details, although they wouldn't like to give their names to the media."

"There were a hell of a lot of interested people in that hotel on Sunday night. People came to find out exactly what's going on in their community."

"The fact is that there is definitely something unusual going on over Bonnybridge, and that's taking into account the usual mis-identification of aircraft. There are still cases here we can't explain — that's puzzling and worrying."

Billy Buchanan added: "There are people here looking

for answers, people who are frustrated and who have had experiences of it."

The councillor's view is that when the first sightings were made last November, the people who made them were ridiculed in the media. "Nobody wants to give their name to the media any more, but they're still telling us about it."

The question of why nobody has successfully photographed a craft during observation was tentatively answered by a member of the audience at the meeting who suggested that perhaps superior "alien" technology prevented a clear and lasting shot.

There was also a theory put forward that perhaps American film director Steven Spielberg was "in on it."

Councillor Buchanan said: "It was quite interesting. One theory was that Steven Spielberg, the film director, has been given millions of dollars by the US government, to make films like ET."

"Films like that are made to get people ready for what's coming in the future. If you hadn't seen the film you would get a hell of a fright if you came across ET in the woods, wouldn't you? You'd probably shoot it."

"But a film like that is a psychological thing to get us thinking that these aliens are friendly and lovable."

Councillor Buchanan added that he had taken a fair bit of stick from council colleagues over the UFO's. He has been accused of milking the publicity, if not starting it up in the first place. He said:

"You can imagine what's being said to me at council. You're only in it for the publicity, and so on. But people are seeing things and I'm 100 per cent behind them."

COUNTY TIMES, Welshpool, Wales - Jan. 30, 1993

Support for Mid Wales UFO centre

A UFO observation centre called for by Euro-MPs could be set up in Mid Wales.

The European Parliament's energy committee is to debate a draft report on the need to employ full-time staff to scan the skies for UFOs.

Mr Joe Wilson, Euro-MP for North Wales, said: "If the project is allocated funding — particularly if the centre is based in Mid Wales — I would fully support it. The area already has a submarine tracking system nearby so why not

see what is above as well as below.

"There could only be two sources of funding — either science or the military. It would be up to the scientists to decide what their priorities are.

"Until Maastricht is signed the EC has no competence in military matters, which are up to a nation's government to decide. However, it is not likely that such funding will be forthcoming in these times of cutbacks."

Mrs Dorothy Jones, of Brynair Uchaf, Llan-

brynair, who was one of hundreds of people in Wales and throughout Northern Europe to witness strange lights travelling through the sky last summer, said: "It would be a good idea to base the centre in Mid Wales. Quite a few other people I know have seen heaps of things in the sky and many unusual objects must pass by unseen."

"The sky is often crystal clear here — ideal for observation — and we are on high ground," she added.

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CHICHESTER OBSERVER, Sussex, England - Oct. 29, 1992

More report seeing UFO

More reports of unidentified flying objects have been arriving at the home of a Fishbourne man who is compiling a list of local sightings.

Scientist Edward Richards appealed for information from the public after two people, one of them a clergyman, said they saw a UFO looking like a large fluorescent green upright cylinder between Chichester and Midhurst last month.

He said he had now received 15 replies, including one joker, from people who were certain that they had spotted

UFOs.

"There are now three independent reports of the upright cylinder type, seen in 1970, 1980 and now 1992," said Mr Richards.

"All the people who saw it were very lucid and positive that the object was alien."

"They were pleased they could relate to someone who was interested."

Several different types of UFO were reported. One of them was described as a huge zeppelin-shaped object, and there were four sightings of this over different periods.

Others included glow-

ing spheres and bright lights.

"One man, an engineer living in the Chichester area, saw a moving light, and said there was absolutely no chance of it being an aircraft or satellite," said Mr Richards.

"He watched it for several minutes. It was quite large and fully in view, and then it zipped off to the south west at considerable speed."

His next step would be to invite people involved to go to the sites, take a photograph of the terrain, and superimpose a drawing of the UFO on the photograph.

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OBSERVER, Stirling, England - Jan. 29, 1993 CR: T. Good

EXPERT TO INVESTIGATE WAVE OF UFO SIGHTINGS

REPORTS of unidentified flying objects around Bonnybridge are to be investigated at a special meeting.

Mr Malcolm Robinson, a "UFO-logist" who has worked on sightings around Britain, says he'll set up a study if there is no logical explanation.

Already 60 people have contacted him with reports, and these may be given credence by a videotape of the phenomena.

Bonnybridge farmer William Denholm was one who didn't believe stories which have been circulating since early November, but now he's not sure.

"All I know is that I was driving home when I saw lights over the house, and when I got back I got out the camcorder and managed to get

By STEPHEN SMITH

something," said William (23).

Mr Robinson, a member of London-based Strange Phenomenon Investigations, says enquiries to police and airport authorities have so far drawn a blank.

"It could be that the RAF are trying out a new kind of plane — we had a case where that happened in Argyl," he says.

"At the moment we are skeptical. We will look for an explanation, and if we can't find one we will send a report to our head office in London."

Mr Thomson, who is giving a lecture on the subject on Sunday night, wants to hear details

of sightings to see if a scientific pattern emerges.

Similar reports in the Denny area in 1982 sparked a study but found no explanation.

Bonnybridge councillor Billy Buchanan, who has organised the meeting, said: "When these stories first started people felt they were being made a fool of, which has stopped them coming forward."

"We are hoping that the film will mean people take it a bit more seriously. There have been so many sightings now that there has to be something in this."

The meeting is at the Norwood House Hotel in Larbert Road, Bonnybridge at 7 p.m. Anyone unable to attend who would like to report sightings should contact Mr Robinson on 0259-724033.

CHICHESTER OBSERVER, Sussex, England

Jan. 21, 1993

Boys 'see giant UFO'

Two 12-year-old Chichester boys out in a field with their catapults had a terrifying close encounter with a giant UFO.

"It hovered so low overhead that they could have hit it with stones fired from their catapults," said former ministry of defence scientist Edward Richards.

Mr Richards, who is compiling a register of UFO sightings

CR: T. Good

In the south, said the incident happened only about a mile from his home in Barker Close, Fishbourne.

"The UFO was about 200ft tall and 140ft across and made a humming noise," he said.

"After about a minute, it shot up vertically and sped off towards Portsmouth."

The boys, whose parents had asked should not be named publicly, were petrified by their experience, and stood rooted to the spot.

In the past two months, 30 people have contacted Mr Richards with reports of UFOs.

Crop circles still a mystery says expert

By JOHN BETTS

Gumshoe of the Improbable

In August, 1987, George Wingfield drove his wife, his two sons and the family dogs to a farmer's field in Wiltshire, England, to look at some crop circles. At the time the odd formations of flattened, swirled crops were hardly known and mostly going unnoticed in fields throughout Britain. Only a few people, struck by the circles' strangeness, were interested enough to try and explain them. And they were baffled.

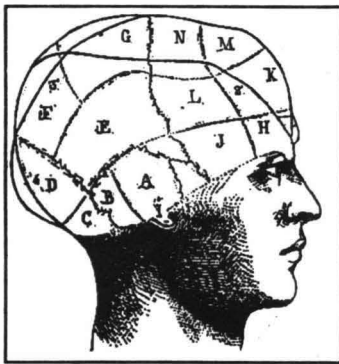
Wingfield, a computer systems analyst with IBM, was certain that, with his engineering science background and his interest in physics and astronomy, he would have no trouble coming up with an explanation for the crop circles after the visit to Wiltshire.

Now in 1992, Wingfield has become one of the leading investigators of the crop circle phenomenon. Last month he visited Vancouver as part of a North American lecture tour. Looking back on that 1987 visit to Wiltshire Wingfield says, "This is five years later and I'm still deeply puzzled. I'm still working on an explanation."

There have been over two thousand crop formations found in Britain since the 1970's. At first they were simple circular formations primarily occurring in fields of grain crops. Typically the crop would be laid down flat to the ground with the stems of the sometimes brittle plants bent over but not broken. The borders of the circle were precise and the flattened crops were often intricately interwoven with layers sometimes delicately braided or swirled in different directions.

The explanations for these simple circles was that they were the result of unusual vortexes of air caused by whirlwinds. This speculation didn't convince everyone at the time for it failed to account for some of the more subtle characteristics of the circles, such as the sometimes changing directions of swirled plants within the formation. However the vortex theory became even less adequate in 1990 when the formation in the fields became increasingly complex.

At first a few circles appeared with concentric rings around them. The size of some formations increased from small mundane circles to spectacular rounds the largest of which stretched 300 ft.



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By John Betts
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across.

The groupings of circles began to take on what appeared to be designed geometric coherence. The arrangements of circles and rings and their placement started to suggest, to some observers, something symbolic.

But the most shocking formations appeared late in 1990 as gigantic configurations began appearing overnight stretching like huge pictographs in the grain. Composed of circles, squares, lines and rings the new designs were stunning works resembling, in some cases, ancient religious symbols, mandalas and native American pictographs.

In 1990 there were over a thousand crop formations observed in Britain and the phenomenon took on an international celebrity status. Film crews and observers came from all over the world to Wiltshire and Hampshire. The international fascination continued into 1991. An elaborate high-tech project was set up that summer to monitor the fields where crop circles were likely to form.

Despite all the attention the crop formations remained an enigma. Speculation ranged from Ufos, to earth energies, to new age spirituality, to natural phenomena. Yet no one had seen one form. And no one had come forward with a convincing explanation.

"We weren't even thinking about hoaxes then," says Wingfield who, like everyone else, was astonished when two shopowners, Doug Bower and Dave Chorley, came forward at the end of the summer and claimed they'd been trampling the circles for the past 13 years with a rope, a plank and a few pints of lager for inspiration. Following their first announcement the men made another, claiming, because of age and fatigue, they were retiring as crop circle makers effective September 1991. The

press had a field day, largely at the expense of those who had been investigating the circles for years, calling the two hoaxers "the men who conned the world."

"It became apparent with Doug and Dave, the hoaxers, that there was a campaign to the rubbish the circles," says Wingfield. "There was a serious effort to discredit leading researchers some of whom were specifically targeted and set up to be made to look foolish. Doug and Dave couldn't hoax a circle if their lives depended on it."

According to Wingfield when Doug and Dave did a demonstration hoax for the press it was a mess. It lacked the uncanny precision and meticulous patterning typical of the formations the men were claiming to have made. Moreover, given the techniques the men were saying they used, some of the circles would have required an army to make overnight in the dark. When questioned by crop circle researchers, neither of the



George Wingfield

men could account for or describe how they had managed some of the more complex patterns. In some cases they couldn't remember making them.

It was obvious to experienced

observers that the claims of the two men were impossible. But the press, content to deal with the crop formations frivolously, was hardly discerning in its hoax coverage. It never reported the glaring inconsistencies in the hoaxers' stories. Nor was their much coverage when the crop circles continued in 1992 despite Doug's and Dave's retirement.

"No government can publicly admit it doesn't know something," says Wingfield who believes politicians can't risk publicly admitting to being unable to explain the crop circles. Rather than risk being embarrassed by questions raised by a growing public interest in the phenomenon Wingfield believes certain government agencies are actively disrupting research into the crop circles.

He believes Doug and Dave and a few other hoaxers are being put up to make their claims as part of a campaign to direct attention away from the truly mysterious formations.

To Wingfield something far stranger than an alleged government conspiracy is taking place in the crop circles.

"We have unmistakable signs that the crop circle formations are produced by some kind of intelligence. This intelligence may not be from anything physical like extraterrestrials and crafts or anything of that kind, but something of a much stranger sort."

There is little in Wingfield's background or manner to suggest he is prone to delusion or fantasy. He sees himself as a reporter on the phenomenon, a phenomenon that just simply doesn't make sense.

"It's as if another consciousness seems to have penetrated to our dimension. Apart from leaving a mark or a crop formation or something, it's gone and you're left feeling very puzzled and you think, 'What on earth is going on here?'"

Wingfield believes the formations have a symbolic, mystical significance as they oddly resemble icons and images that span many religions and cultures both ancient and modern. Some of them resemble the Christian Cross but to Wingfield, "These are not cosmic commercials for the Church of England, but are symbols deeply embodied in our consciousness, ones that are included in many religions."

There is nothing satanic in the circles says Wingfield. His own personal impression is that they are benign. Psychics have told him the crop circle energies they sense are like healing energies. There may be a UFO connection says Wingfield since lights and strange luminous sightings have occurred around some major formations on the nights they're believed to have been created.

Given the bizarre nature of the formations it's hard to stay away from exotic speculation but Wingfield tries to remain rational. "I listen to all viewpoints but I like to be slightly skeptical. My overall impression is that the intelligence which is forming these circles is from a very high level, that it seems to be benign, and it is affecting people."

Not all of Wingfield's research is based on personal and anecdotal observations. This summer he participated in a large international research enterprise which focused on technical measurements and analyses of plant and soil samples taken from crop circles. The results from this data are still being compiled.

But to some extent this scientific analysis may seem

preoccupied with trivial aspects of the phenomenon while the main event goes unrecognized. "Our scientific methods don't seem quite adequate to cope with this phenomenon. There is a very strong element of consciousness here, this affects human consciousness and human observers seem to interact with what is going on. It something that can't be duplicated with scientific instruments."

There were over 200 formations found in Britain this year.

Their designs differed from the geometric patterns and pictographs of 1991, appearing with long looping tails sometimes stretching over adjoining fields.

One of the last of the season appeared near Silbury Hill, a famous ancient monument near Avebury. It was a large ring with numerous designs set on it like a charm bracelet.

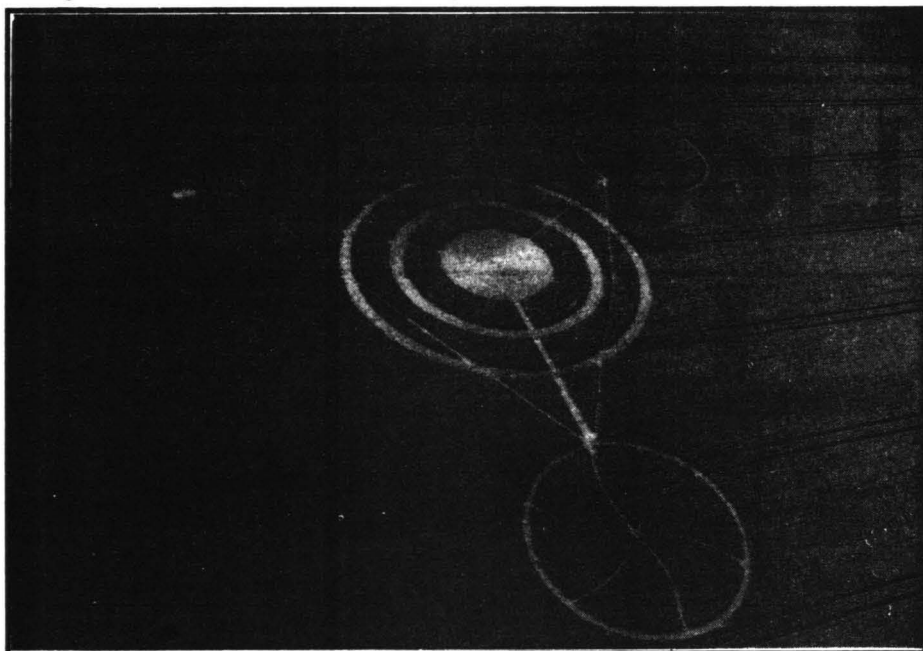
The formation showed up overnight and despite observers camped nearby on the Silbury summit, no one saw it form. There were no tracks through the field and no footprints in the circle.

Next edition of Report From The Fringes we look at Canadian crop circles and wonder why some contained dead porcupines. Was one animal cooked from the inside out?

Guide to a genuine crop formation:

- it appears overnight
- there are no foot prints in the soil under the flattened crops in the formation and no signs of entry through the field
- the plants are swirled sometimes in alternating bands in different directions
- the plant stalks are bent to the ground but are unbroken
- seeds are not spilled from ripe stalks
- there is complex layering of the plant stalks sometimes with interweaving up to six levels
- occasionally single stalks remain standing throughout circle
- no tape measures or ropes left in circle (during a crop circle contest this summer in Britain half the contestants left things behind in the formations. Nothing has yet to be found in a genuine British crop circle except flattened plants.)

DAILY NEWS, Nelson, B.C.,
Canada - Jan. 11, 1993



This 410 foot diameter crop formation appeared overnight July 16/17 1991 near Barbury Castle, Marlborough, England.

Photo by George Wingfield

UFO seeker keeps eye on the skies

Vancouver's Mike Strainic says aliens may be living among us in "a different realm of nature."

By MIKE USINGER

Mike Strainic was 19 when he saw his first unidentified flying object. The year was 1966 and Strainic was managing a California restaurant owned by his parents.

It was just outside that restaurant that he had a close encounter of the third kind.

"We were outside when we spotted it — it looked like an automobile light," he says. "It was very close to us, and it didn't make a single sound."

Strainic said the UFO zipped along the ground making "odd manoeuvres", until it got about 500 feet away. It then zipped

across a nearby freeway to an abandoned airport before heading over the San Fernando Valley.

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rubber room....'*

— Mike Strainic

"It slowly drifted up into the sky, and was joined by four or five other light points. They they all just winked out."

The diminutive and pallid-

looking Strainic is the Canadian national director of Mufon — the Mutual UFO Network. The organization is a worldwide one, with over 4,200 members in 56 countries.

Strainic comes across as anything but crazy, which may surprise those who believe life begins and ends on planet earth. When discussing unidentified flying objects he speaks softly in carefully metered sentences. It's a welcome change from the caffeine-fuelled, hyperactive babbling I'm usually subjected to when interviewing people with, shall we say, slightly unorthodox views.

"One of the problems about having seen a UFO is you can't talk to a lot of people about it," Strainic says. "As soon as you say 'I was abducted by aliens,' it's off to the rubber room."

He became interested in the phenomenon when he was barely out of diapers.

"I remember being three years old, seeing photographs in magazines, and thinking 'This is really neat stuff.' As I got older I got more and more interested."

"What most people know



Mike Strainic is national director of the Mutual UFO Network — an international organization of more than 4,200 alien seekers in 56 countries around the world. Rob Krutz photo

TIMES, Derbyshire, England - Jan. 21, 1993

New sighting adds to UFO mystery

More north Derbyshire people have stepped forward with accounts of strange sightings and sounds, following a UFO mystery at Chesterfield.

Last week's *Derbyshire Times* report of sightings by people at Hasland of a strange object shining in the sky has prompted calls from an Unstone woman who says she saw a big oval object, and a Hady man who reports hearing "whooshing noises".

Mrs Myra Jackson of Unstone says that last Tuesday, the same night as

the four Hasland people report seeing the object, she was putting chickens away when she saw something in the sky which was yellowy-orange, with a "mirror glow effect."

She said there was also a glow at the side of it. "I've never seen anything like it — I wish I could see it again," she added.

A Hady man has reported "whooshing" noises and said when he heard the noise the flame moved on his gas fire.

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WALES ON SUNDAY, Cardiff, Wales - Oct. 25, 1992 CR: T. Good

Why aliens find Wales irresistible

DYFED ON INTERGALACTIC MAP

WALES is one of the world's top "hotspots" for UFO activity, according to latest research.

Author Jenny Randles, the director of investigations with the British UFO Research Association, says South West Dyfed has one of the longest histories in the world of Close Encounters.

In her new guide to spotting UFOs, Britain's only professional UFOlogist reveals how strange lights were seen over Wales as early as 1905.

The former science teacher said: "More recently, the area inland from Rhyl and in the hills around Denbigh and Mold has triggered countless strange en-

By Paul Jones

counters. "The most notable was in April, 1984, when locals in the village of Llangernyw, in Clwyd, saw a purple, oval mass drop to earth."

"However, the most favoured spot is the rural coastlands to the south and west of Milford Haven, where in February, 1977, one of the biggest crop of UFO sightings in Britain took place."

"It started with sightings of a silver object on the ground near a Broad Haven School and carried on throughout the Spring," said Randles. "There were also encounters with entities."

In the early hours of April 19 an oval object landed in a field in Little Haven and some tall

figures wearing white plastic suits were seen to inspect an underground nuclear bomb shelter.

Randles added: "Dyfed is also very good for seeing the phenomenon of the 'Ambler Gambler' — amber lights which move slowly across the sky."

RAF Bawdy could explain some of them.

"The presence of air bases in an isolated region could mean many of the sightings are military equipment being tested," she said.

"On the other hand, because there are strategic bases this may be an area any alien intelligence may be interested in."

● UFOs and How to See Them is published by Anaya tomorrow, price £14.99.

LENNOX HERALD, Dumbarton, Scotland

Jan. 22, 1993 CR: T. Good

Family in UFO mystery

By ANNETTE McCANN

A DUMBARTON family spotted a UFO hovering over the Alexandria by-pass at the weekend.

Jim Auld and his wife Margaret, of 21 McLeod Road, were driving from Dumbarton to Balloch around 6.45pm on Friday when they noticed a huge white light in the sky.

Jim, 51, said: "It was unlike anything that I have ever seen and it stood out like a sore thumb in the sky."

"It must have been 50 times the size of a star because the rest of the stars were like pinpoints compared to this thing."

And as Jim and his wife drove back from Balloch around 7.30pm they saw the light again in the same place.

Jim, who works as a civil servant in Glasgow, said: "The light seemed to be very low and very bright. "But this time I noticed that there was no movement at all and no noise."

When Jim got back to his house he got a proper look at the strange light which was pulsating to the right of the Ballantine's complex and was pointing in a southerly direction.

MOVING

This time all of the family which included Jim's son and daughter, noticed that the light seemed to be moving back and forwards to the same position very quickly.

And Jim's son managed to make a drawing of the object which he saw as

circular with a triangular shaped centre emitting a bright light.

The family watched the light until after 8pm until Jim's son saw the object shooting off very suddenly at a sixty degree angle.

The Aulds say that the light was moving in such a strange manner that it couldn't have been a low flying aircraft.

And they believed it was just too huge to have been a star.

The bewildered family spotted the light again in the same place and at the same time on Sunday evening.

BRIGHT

Professor Archie Roy from Glasgow University's Department of Astronomy and Physics said: "At the moment the Planet Venus is extremely bright in the sky, and if Venus is spotted in a gap in the clouds it does render the effect of movement."

"However, there are too many people of a good reputation and with no axe to grind who see unexplained lights in the sky."

"And it cannot be denied that UFOs are a genuine phenomenon and an unexplained mystery."

A spokesman at the Glasgow Air Traffic Control centre said they had no knowledge of any unusual sightings over the weekend.

bigger going on."

Thanks to bad '50s Hollywood movies, most of us think we have a pretty good idea what an alien looks like. We grew up with images of potato shaped bodies, big, flat-black eyes, and off-green skin. They tote phasers that've been set for stun, and walk around uttering commands like "Take me to your leader."

Strainic thinks the aliens that roam planet earth may be doing so in a less tangible form.

"I think they exist in a different realm of nature — that could explain why they seem to pop in and out of world at will," he said. "The old spaceship theory doesn't answer too many questions. I think there's some sort of alien intelligence interacting with us for reasons we don't know and don't seem to understand."

In recent years, UFO's have been moving out of rural areas and into big cities. Regardless of where they live, Strainic says the reports from those who say they've seen them are too similar to be discounted.

"There's not a lot of variety in their stories — they tend to fall within rigid parameters."

A recent Gallup poll shows 49 per cent of North Americans believe in UFOs. Despite thousands of sightings and hundreds of books on the subject, people like Strainic are still waiting patiently for one thing: conclusive proof that UFO's do exist. He remains confident he'll one day get that proof.

"There's something very odd going out there. What we are looking for is hard evidence, and that's a hard thing to come by. The problem is we have no control over the phenomenon. It appears when it wants to appear."

CHINA

Strange UFO sighting

An unidentified flying object filled the sky over China's largest city, Shanghai, for more than an hour Thursday.

The *Xinmin Evening News* quoted witnesses as saying it started out looking like an orange-colored man whose head emitted red flashes while his body glowed with a yellow aura and sent out green tendrils. Slowly the man transformed himself into a giant mushroom which hung in the northeastern corner of the sky, then the mushroom grew dark and shrank until it became the size of a soybean and then disappeared.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, Denver, CO
March 5, 1993 CR: M. Shields



DISPATCH:ALASKA

Edited by David Hulén

BELLING FORTH ITS
LONELINESS ON THE TUNDRA

The Tlingit Indians of Southeast called it "Kushtaka." The Den'aina Indians of Southcentral knew the beast as "Nant'ina." Today the legend still circulates in rural Alaska of a Bigfoot-like creature roaming the tundra and northern forest — Hairyman. Spurred by recent reports of supposed Hairyman sightings in southwest Alaska, the Alaska Newspapers chain this week published a special Hairyman supplement. Is Hairyman real? No one has ever made a photograph. But he certainly lives in the minds of some Alaskans.

Here, an Eskimo perspective from Yup'ik storyteller John Active of Bethel. Tomorrow: More Hairyman stories and tales of the Inukins, the wee people of the Alaska Arctic.

BETHEL — You have heard about the legend of Bigfoot or Sasquatch in the Pacific Northwest and about the Abominable Snowman in the Himalayas.

Here in southwest Alaska, there is talk of a creature we call the Urayuli (Oq-ra-you-lee), which roams the vast emptiness of the tundra — bellowing forth its loneliness. Because of its horrific appearance we try to avoid it.

Some who have heard it tell me its cry is much like that of a loon, only deeper.

Those who have seen it say its eyes glow like coals and it runs using its arms, for they are so long they reach down past its ankles to the ground.

It is also said to stand 10 feet tall, and when it cries out, its lower jaw comes loose and drops down to its chest.

I first heard the legend from a little old woman named Tunguyamarnan.

Long ago, we Yupiit were a nomadic people moving from camp to camp as the spring, summer and fall presented themselves. We relocated to our seasonal camps to hunt and fish, practicing our subsistence lifestyle.

Once a family was at their fall camp, and one night after they had gone to bed, the Urayuli visited them.

It was a moonlit night and the husband could not sleep. In the fall, after the first frosts, you can hear everything. The tundra moss is crisp and if you step on it, it cracks crisply underfoot, making a lot of noise.

The moonlight spilled onto the tent and anything passing by would cast a shadow on it. By and by the man heard something walking slowly toward the tent and soon a huge shadow appeared at the entrance — outside.

The man stared at it, paralyzed with fear. Wondering what it was that had come from nowhere, the man watched as it untied the ties to the tent.

When it was opened the flap silently and a horrific stench reached the nostrils of the terrified man.

It was huge and with the moon at its back the man saw that whatever it was, it was covered with hair. The creature's arms were long, just like spiders. Its ears were also very long and pointed at the tips. Its eyes glowed in the darkness.

It looked around in the tent silently. Then with its long hairy arms it felt about on the ground with its hand and long, thin fingers.

The huge hand touched the man's feet and it covered both of them. The man cringed in terror, and sensing the movement, the creature withdrew its hand. The tent flaps closed.

The man heard the giant run away. Jumping up, the man peered out of the tent.

The surrounding tundra was bright with moonlight and as he scanned about he spotted the creature running away, its huge arms swinging forward and backward.

The man shuddered as he heard its cry, just like a loon's, but deeper. Tunguyamarnan has since died and I related this story to you as I heard it.

Located about a mile north of Bethel is Hangar Lake and behind it are bluffs where every summer lots and lots of berries grow. Women used to like to go there to pick them every fall — that is, until someone heard the Urayuli.

Some ladies had hiked to the area and spent the whole day picking. In that area are many willows and soon they lost sight of one another.

While they were out picking they heard something cry out. It sounded like a loon, but deeper. Afraid, they called out to each other and decided to return home. No one picks berries back there any more.

Once, a friend of mine from a town downriver decided to go to a tundra village by dog team. The moon was full and in winter the snow on the ground reflects, making everything bright.

His dogs were eager and they swiftly took him over the frozen tundra and lakes on whose shores grew tall evergreen trees. Along the trail he was traveling lay a huge lake and as he was crossing it his sprinting dog team suddenly stopped.

The dogs crouched down on their bellies and began to whine. The hair on their backs stood on end and their ears were bent back in fear. They snorted through their noses and were all looking toward the bank of the lake where stood a group of tall evergreen trees.

My friend called his dogs to get, yet they would not budge. Instead, every time he called to them, the more they whined and snorted, a sign of great fear.

He looked in the direction that the dogs were looking and



Daily News map

in the bright moonlight could see only the tall trees ... and then one of them moved.

The hairs on the back of his neck stood on end and a chill danced up and down his spine.

My friend went to his lead dog and led him around to go back home. As he did this, the dogs began to bark, and looking back, he saw that whatever it was had moved onto the lake ice and now was running toward him.

He ran to his sled and called "Hite!" The dogs took off. He said he had never seen his dogs run so fast. He was so afraid of whatever was pursuing them that he didn't want to look back. He was frantic and held onto his sled for fear of falling off. When would he be grabbed from behind by the creature?

He says that when he got back to the village he and his dogs became very sick and everything he had eaten earlier came out.

This friend of mine has since died and I can only relate what you have just read.

Let me tell you why I, we Yupiit, believe that the Hairyman exists.

Once in a while, unfortunately, a young person or child will get lost in the wilderness here in southwest Alaska.

About 20 years ago, a young boy was placed in the orphanage near Kwethluk and one day he ran away from there. Searchers looked everywhere and finding his tracks, followed them until they seemed to disappear into thin air.

Elders living at the time said that the boy had become a "child of the wild," no longer human, never to be found again. Oh, he was alive all right. But no longer human.

Did you ever see the movie "Predator"? It is about a being from outer space who can meld into his surroundings. This is what happens to children who get lost in the wilderness. They become part of the wild.

Years after that boy disappeared, reports came from people in different villages that they had seen him. They said he was covered with hair and could run very fast.

Not too long ago at a fish camp near Bethel, a 10-year-old boy got lost in the woods. Searchers went out and found his footprints. They followed them, calling him by name. The searchers then began to notice by his footprints that he was running away from them.

So the searchers began to run too, and being bigger, caught up with him. The boy's eyes had already become rounded, like an animal's. They were larger and filled with fear. The boy had nearly become a child of the wild.

So, you ask if we believe there is a Hairyman. Yes, there is. And maybe he used to be human, and out of curiosity he is watching you if you are alone in the wilderness.

— John Active
for Alaska Newspapers

Trampers
see
'moa'
in bush

NZPA Christchurch
Three trampers who say they saw, chased and photographed a large flightless bird in the South Island high country last week are convinced it was a moa.

However, moa expert Beverly McCulloch of the Canterbury Museum has doubts about their claims.

"It's not an ostrich, so it's as likely to be an emu as it is a moa."

"The weight of scientific evidence is against it. The history of moa studies is littered with possible sightings, none of which has ever been proven, some of which were hoaxes, and most of which were wishful thinking."

"That does not preclude someone sighting a live moa. Nobody would be happier than me for that to happen."

Paddy Freaney, Sam Waby and Rochelle Rafferty said their encounter on Wednesday left them stunned because, although moas were believed to have been extinct for almost 500 years, they were positive of their sighting.

Mr Freaney, a publican of Arthur's Pass and a former instructor with the British Army's elite Special Air Service, discounted the possibility of the bird, almost 2m high, being either an ostrich or an emu.

"I've seen them in the wild. I know exactly what they look like. This was definitely not an ostrich or an emu."

Mr Waby, who is head of the art department at Aranui High School, and Miss Rafferty, a gardener at Mr Freaney's hotel, said they also, and independently at the same instant, believed they had seen a moa.

Mr Freaney said the bird's body was about a metre off the ground, with a long thin neck almost another metre long ending in a small head and beak. He described its covering as reddish-brown and grey feathers.

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'Ripper' slashing horses in Britain

Sexually-abused mare
latest victim in series
of nearly 30 assaults

London Observer

LONDON — Horse owners in Britain are on full alert after a third mare in a week fell victim to a sexual assault by animal "rippers," who have attacked almost 30 animals nationwide.

The latest attack took place at stables near Kilmerston, Hampshire, where the "ripper" got past prowling guard dogs to slash and sexually abuse a 23-year-old mare in foal. Two similar assaults took place last week in Hampshire and Buckinghamshire.

Police say the Kilmerston assault followed "the usual" modus operandi — repeated in the past nine months 22 times in Hampshire, twice in Buckinghamshire and five times on the outskirts of Hull.

Stallions, too, have been interfered with. Hampshire veterinarian Andrew Kennedy, who practices in the Meon Valley, which has borne the brunt of attacks, said he has treated horses whose genitals have been shocked with electricity. Other stallions and geldings have been rectally assaulted, flogged and stabbed.

The sadism of these attacks has angered rural communities. The police freely admit they are baffled. So too is a battery of psychia-

trists, psychologists, vets and equine specialists, each of whom has a different theory as to who is to blame.

Until last year, western Sweden saw a spate of rippings, with 200 horses and cattle slashed. No arrests were made. Attacks in the United States have occurred in San Diego, Arizona and Pennsylvania, where investigators suspect cults.

Police and horse owners are mystified as to how the ripper gets near to the horses. Without drugging, they say, it is almost impossible to get near the rear of a horse and interfere with it without being kicked. Yet the horses that have been attacked do not appear to have been drugged.

NEW ZEALAND HERALD, Auckland, New Zealand - Jan. 25, 1993 CR: R. Collings

Cattle mutilations inspire wild theories

Alabamians blame aliens, satanists and the government

BY JACK WILKINSON
Cox News Service

SAND MOUNTAIN, Ala. — Who's killing the great cows of Sand Mountain? Some suspect aliens in UFOs. Some say satanists. Or else it's government agents swooping down in helicopters for the kill. Or exposure to TVA high-power lines. Or it's cow murderers, impure and simple.

Whoever, it's udder chaos up here. As Ted Oliphant says, "There's strange things afoot."

Ahoof, too. Since October, 26 animals — nearly all cows — have been mutilated in several small, rural communities on this mountain in northeast Alabama. Nearly all have been killed in the same manner, with precise, bloodless, almost high-tech surgical incisions that removed various animal parts: tongues, teeth, eyes, ears, hearts and excretory and sexual organs.

And when the animals are found in pastures, there are no footprints. No tire tracks. No trails. No blood, either.

"It's pure Sherlock Holmes and one of the weirdest cases I've ever seen in my life," said Oliphant, a Fyffe policeman investigating the killings. "We've got no witnesses, no motive, no

suspects. The only thing we've got is the animals left behind."

The mystery is enhanced by two factors: helicopters and UFOs. According to Oliphant, 95 percent of the cases have involved reports of helicopter sightings, often with red, green and white lights or blue and white ones. Last month, Jean Cole, the wife of Albertville Chief Detective Tommy Cole, saw a copter in their backyard. She saw four men in business suits sitting in it. When she spied them, the copter flew off. The next day, Detective Cole found a black Angus mutilated, its sexual organs and rectum removed.

"I've seen many animals killed by predators, and there's always blood around," said Detective Cole. "I've never seen anything like it. I don't know what it was. I've been in the livestock business 35 years. I've had many, many dead cows and bulls, but none like that."

Furthermore, Fyffe is the "UFO Capital of Alabama," as proclaimed by the Alabama state Senate in 1989 after several UFO sightings that year. Oliphant, 33, once a filmmaker who made a documentary on UFOs, moved here 2 1/2 years

ago to study the phenomenon. A year later, he became a policeman to better understand the populace and the effects of life in the UFO Capital of Alabama.

Now Oliphant is investigating another phenomenon. Thousands of such cow mutilations have occurred across the United States since 1967. Linda Moulton Howe, a Philadelphia filmmaker who made a documentary and wrote a book on the subject, arrived in Fyffe last weekend with a film crew. She's convinced that aliens are responsible.

Margaret Pope agrees. The Geraldine woman had a calf mutilated earlier this month. At first she suspected coyotes. But not with the calf's udders removed. "Like somebody had sliced it off — a straight cut, not like an animal," said Pope. There was a 4-inch round incision on the left shoulder and a circular cut on the left side of the jaw. The teeth were gone.

"There was no sign of a struggle," Pope said. "No blood, nothing. Just laying there, with its parts cut out. I think it's UFOs, because of lots of lights in the sky, no disturbance on the ground. And the cuts were too precise. But you just watch who you say (aliens) to. I don't wanna

be made fun of. We're not weird. And this isn't fun."

Not for John Strawn of Albertville, who's patrolling his land at night to protect his cattle. "This ol' boy don't believe in little green men and flying saucers, because it ain't," he said. "It's strange, but it ain't (aliens). If we wanna make up stories, we can do better than this."

"I heard one story that it was a swamp ape. I like that one pretty good, a lot better than I like aliens. They ain't no aliens piloting these helicopters, I can tell you. We got cow murderers over here, that's all there is to it."

Strawn insists he's seen helicopters in pastures at night. Earlier this month, Doug Segers said he saw a helicopter forcing his 42 cattle into a corner of his pasture. Segers was carrying his .30-30 rifle. When he ran to his truck, the copter took off.

Who's responsible? Is it merely bovine intervention? Another theory: Government agents, flying in low-level helicopters at night, are killing animals and removing their organs to study the effects (testing for cancer and other diseases) on livestock living near high-power lines.

SUN, Vancouver, B.C.,
Canada - Oct. 24, 1992
CR: G. Conway

Geodynamics satellite bears words for aliens

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronauts launched an earthquake research satellite from the shuttle Columbia on Friday as NASA revealed that the small Italian probe is also carrying what might be called a message in a bottle.

The Laser Geodynamics Satellite 2 is designed to help measure continental drift in regions of the globe that are prone to ground tremors.

The probe was launched by Canadian Steve MacLean and his five fellow astronauts on the shuttle. The Ottawa-area resident is the third Canadian to go into space.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced Friday that the Italian satellite also carries a message for future alien explorers from Carl Sagan, the U.S. cosmologist.

"Two identical messages have been sealed inside the satellite sphere in the event that one day it should be discovered by beings other than earthlings," flight commentator James Hartfield said as the shuttle's mission entered its second day.

TIMES-STANDARD, Eureka, CA - Oct. 10, 1992 CR: G. Volkman

Ridicule doesn't deter boy's belief in Bigfoot

By David Hill
The Times-Standard

KLAMATH — It has been almost a month since Joshua Owen claims he saw Bigfoot, but life for the Owen family is still far from normal.

Since Daryl, Joshua's father, went public with the sighting, the family of six has been the target of ridicule and even vandalism.

Joshua, 8, and a friend say they saw the creature the morning of Sept. 12. It was standing about 100 feet from the boys at the edge of a forest near the Owen residence in the Hunter Creek Road area.

"(My friend) pointed it out, and I looked over and there was this big, hairy man standing right there on two legs staring at us," Joshua recalled during a visit to the spot this week.

"It was shaking a branch," he said. "We started to run, and it started to run up that way (into the forest) because we made noise."

When Daryl went to investigate, he found at least 10 large footprints he believes were left by the creature, and he heard what he

believes was Bigfoot making its way up the steep hillside. "You could hear it walking. You can tell the difference between a four-legged creature and a two-legged creature. Something running four-legged has that gallop sound. This was definitely two-legged," he said.

Overcome with fear, they left the spot. But Daryl later returned with a video camera and a measuring tape to investigate further.

One of the footprints, which he later made a plaster cast of, was 16 1/2 inches long, 8 1/2 inches wide at the toes and 5 inches wide at the heel. He said he measured a stride of 56 inches.

On Sept. 14, Daryl returned to the spot with two amateur Bigfoot

investigators who had driven up from the Los Angeles area.

The three men found a total of 34 footprints, three reddish-brown hairs about an inch long and numerous branches more than 6 feet off the ground that had been broken, Daryl said.

The two investigators estimated that the creature was about 7 feet tall and weighed about 400 pounds, Daryl said.

The evidence convinced Daryl and his wife, Susan, that their son had seen Bigfoot. And nocturnal screams they have heard since that time have convinced them that at least two of the creatures are in the area.

Daryl describes the screams, which he said they first heard the night of the sighting, as "monkey sounds." He said they come from the nearby hill, mostly at night between 9:30 and 10.

"There's usually a scream and then there's usually a reply," Daryl said.

But it is not the screams or even the sighting itself that has turned



David Hill/The Times-Standard

Daryl Owen, left, and his son, Josh, 8, hold a plaster cast of what they believe to be a Bigfoot footprint.

the family's life upside-down. It was telling people about the sighting.

The family, which moved to Klamath from Sacramento in May, has been the target of vandalism — garbage and broken glass dumped in the fenced front yard — and ridicule since a newspaper featured a story on the sighting.

Daryl said someone recently wrote the word "hoax" in chalk in the street in front of their home.

"It's a situation where you have acquaintances — somebody you know. And then all of a sudden this happens and its like, 'Oh God, you're such a liar. You're a hoax. You fabricated the prints,'" Daryl said.

"There's too much scrutiny — too many people that don't believe in it. It really hurts," Susan added.

Daryl said some people have been supportive, but most have been skeptical or even hostile.

"This has been some of the worst three weeks of our lives because we've heard rumors, we've been badgered — everything under the sun. People don't believe us, when all I wanted to do was just say what happened," he said.

Another thing that frustrates them is that no one else in the neighborhood hears — or admits to hearing — the screams.

"I'm sure that there's more people that hear them than either don't realize what they are or blank them out," Daryl said. "I don't know how they can. It's chilling. It has a chilling effect."

He said he went public with the sighting because he thought that in such a small community there might be other people who had seen the creature.

That, he said, was a mistake. "I regret doing this. I should have never done this. I should have just kept my mouth shut," he said. "If Joshua ever sees one

again or if I ever see one, I will never report it."

The sighting occurred about 11:30 a.m. as Joshua and his friend were catching snakes near a dry creek bed near the forest. Joshua said it was the crunching of branches that alerted his friend to the Bigfoot.

Joshua described the creature as half monkey, half man.

"It had metal-ish brown hair — that means real light, golden hair," he said. "It had a flat nose. ... I couldn't see its jaws or anything. It didn't have any claws. It had a lot of hair on its legs and arms."

When they saw the creature there was a smell like rotten meat, he said.

Daryl and Susan said at first they thought the boys had seen a bear or were making up the story. But the boys' obvious fear and their unwavering story caused them to take the account seriously, they said.

"They were very scared. They were purple around their lips and they were out of breath," Daryl said. "Susan and I started interrogating Joshua, and he insisted he saw a big, hairy man."

He said seeing the footprints and hearing the noise coming from the hillside made a believer out of him.

"I'm not saying that I saw the thing, because I didn't," he said. "I'm just saying that I heard something going up through the bushes at a very fast rate of speed — crunch, crunch, crunch, crunch — trying to get up the hill."

Besides the two Bigfoot investigators from the Los Angeles area, the family has been visited by Albert Hodgson of Willow Creek, who has collected information about Bigfoot for more than 30 years.

"It's really hard to determine, but I would say from what I've seen (the sighting) was authentic," Hodgson said.

PEOPLE

Bigfoot just one of life's mysteries

The writer talked breathlessly at times about the seemingly disparate topics covered in his still unpublished book — like the Great Pyramids, ancient artifacts, the existence of extraterrestrials.

Only after prompting did he mention the phenomenon that had not only inspired his writing but had given a measure of fame to both himself and Green Mountain Falls, the small mountainside community where he lives.



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"Bigfoot was the catalyst," Dan Masias admitted.

"One thing led to another. It's almost

like it had a life of its own."

The Bigfoot phenomenon first drew publicity in January 1988, when Masias reported strange occurrences around his home. It began with banging against the house in the middle of the night. Then Masias noticed big footprints in the snow that appeared to have been left by a barefoot human. Finally, Masias saw two large, hairy beings running along the road one night with their long arms swinging.

Soon, others began recounting their own stories. A neighbor of Masias reported that her roommate's cat had gotten into a scuffle with an unidentified creature she had assumed had been a bear. "It was taller than a bear," she said later on. "And I didn't think bears ran on two legs."

Perhaps the most noteworthy incident occurred at a cabin near Masias' home. In July 1988, an occupant was awakened by what she thought was a break-in. The intruder vanished as soon as the light was turned on, leaving behind a broken screen door — and hair samples.

Scientists and amateur investigators began focusing on the strange events. First, researchers analyzed footprints of the unidentified creatures and were unable to trace them to any species of animal in North America. Then the hair samples said to be left by one of the creatures were analyzed and reportedly drew some shocking results.

"They are definitely not a bear and not people and not a recognizable animal," one amateur investigator said at the time. "They are calling it a . . . Bigfoot sighting, a Sasquatch."

The story then drew the attention of "Unsolved Mysteries," an NBC television program that recounted the events to a nationwide audience.

Masias' book addressed a myriad of mysteries — he compared his work to Erich Von Daniken's "Chariots of the Gods?" Masias said the bottom line of his book is "that superior beings came to this planet eons ago and . . . gave mankind civilization. And all this information can be found at the library."

Masias focuses on artifacts like the Rosetta stone, a piece of volcanic rock that contained Egyptian hieroglyphics. He believes it's no coincidence that the so-called "rings of fire" — electromagnetic fields said to cover the earth — are roughly parallel to the world's volcanic and earthquake zones. "When you connect the rings of fire and man's ancient temple sites, you find that there are five pyramid images or triangles."

What accounts for them? Perhaps hidden instruments left behind by extraterrestrials — Masias said there are artifacts that say so. "I know it sounds fantastic."

Well, slightly. But Masias noted that the legendary Bermuda triangle — that area where many mysterious accidents have occurred — falls within one of those bigger triangles. "It's possible that these triangles affect . . . man's electronic devices such as computers and could be responsible for strange anomalies happening in the Pikes Peak region."

The Pikes Peak region? Masias said the apex of one of those pyramids "intersects at a point east of Garden of the Gods." Masias theorized that it could explain why a United Airlines commercial jet suddenly plunged from the sky upon its approach to Colorado Springs Municipi-

TIMES, Waitsburg, WA - Jan. 14, 1993

Touchet Valley Ramblings

By Vance Orchard --
Waitsburg Times Columnist

BIGFOOT REPORT — It seems that every time Paul Freeman has put his Bigfoot material on display at a mall he attracts several people who share with him their own Bigfoot experience. This was the case the past weekend at Blue Mountain Mall. That's the way it was at the Eastgate mall and at Yakima Mall.

In spite of the unusual weather, which kept attendance down I'm sure, several people sat down to discuss this matter which has occupied so much attention of so many around here in the past decade.

While Freeman reported his close encounter with a Bigfoot in 1982, he is not the first to have had this experience.

Not by a long shot, judging from the numbers of people who have been willing to come forward and talk about them.

I sat at the mall display Satur-

day and Sunday for a few hours and was in on some of those discussions.

One of the most interesting was that of a Walla Walla whose name I did not get, thinking Freeman had done so. Here's the man's story as he told me:

It was two years ago and his teenaged son decided to take a spin up Mill Creek one early evening. It was getting dark enough by the time he hit the Tiger Canyon Road that he needed lights on his rig. At the first big turn in the road, he got the surprise of his young life. There, seated on a boulder, was a Bigfoot!

Spinning his truck around, the youth raced home to excitedly report it to his father.

"Take it easy, son," the father responded. "We'll go up there when it gets light in the morning. If there was anything like you say there was, there'll be

tracks."

Well, you guessed it. When the two got back to the turn in the road, there by the boulder were some huge tracks all right.

There were also tracks of two smaller beings as well!

Which reminds that in the past year or two there have been several reports of "a small one and a big one" or "a whole d—d family of them—we saw tracks about six inches long and two others around 14 and 16 inches long."

I'm also recalling a report from the stateline area on the Mill Creek road last year. A man claimed he saw a large Bigfoot and a smaller one (like a teenager) on the side hill in the narrow canyon area.

There were some more interesting conversations around the Freeman display of casts, bent tree limbs and rock curios but they can wait another day.

POST, Denver, CO - Feb. 22, 1993 CR: C. Carpenter

Intelligence panel asked to probe strange sound heard near Taos

By The Associated Press

Rep. Bill Richardson has asked a House intelligence committee to look into a mysterious sound heard by some Taos residents.

Richardson, D-N.M., wants the House Permanent Committee on Intelligence to study what some residents describe as a pulsating, low-frequency sound that has bothered them for at least two years.

Stu Nagurka, the congressman's

press secretary, said Richardson "has picked up on a rumor that

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maybe the cause of this thing is some kind of classified project."

He said Richardson last week formally asked the committee to review the matter.

Despite several tests, including one by a Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist, no one has

come up with a rational explanation for the sound.

Nagurka said Richardson tried to get the Environmental Protection Agency to look into the sound, but was told the agency's Office of Noise Abatement and Control had closed for lack of money.

Richardson "wasn't going to wage a battle against an organization that was closing its doors," Nagurka said.

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3 animal mutilation incidents investigated

Adams County officers discount satanic causes

By Marilyn Robinson and Jim Kirksey
Denver Post Staff Writers

Investigators don't know what is behind three incidents of animal mutilation in a neighborhood near Broomfield.

Calling the incidents "curious but not alarming," Sgt. J.J. Long of the Adams County Sheriff's Department said, "There's no reason to believe there's any dark, evil happenstance taking place."

In separate incidents, the severed head of a horse was found lying along a roadside, another horse received a bad cut near a front hoof and a calf's ears were cut off and its legs slashed.

Authorities learned of the mutilations when Laurie Munk reported attacks on her 12-year-old son's calf last Friday and Saturday nights. The calf was in a shed on the family's property near West 132nd Avenue and Lowell Boulevard.

"The next-door neighbor, a few nights prior to that, had a horse with an injured hoof," he added. "They're not certain if the hoof injury was at the hands of the same person or was accidental."

"There's no reason to believe there's any dark, evil happenstance taking place."

Sgt. J.J. Long,
Adams County Sheriff's Department

On Sunday or Monday, Long said, "A few blocks north of that, the severed head of a horse was tossed into a field about 15 feet from the roadway, making it visible to traffic coming down the highway." There was no sign of the carcass.

Long said there was no graffiti or anything else left at any of the scenes to indicate satanic activity. He said he is checking with rendering plants to see if they've received a headless horse.

"It's curious," Long said. He added, "Unless there's a repeat, I'm not going to get overly alarmed."

pal Airport last year. "All of a sudden it went down."

Investigators still haven't determined a cause for that crash. And whenever there's a mystery, one can expect some incredible theories — along with books and TV shows about the phenomenon.

Likewise, nobody has explained what has gone on around Green Mountain Falls. Masias admitted that last July, for the first time in a number of years, he

saw a creature again. "Something came out of the bushes," recalled Masias' 11-year-old daughter, Sommer. "It was about the size of a bear, but not a bear."

"It was hunched over."

Was it Bigfoot? Dan Masias has spent a considerable amount of time investigating such mysteries, and he has come to one definitive answer to such questions.

"There are some very strange things going on."

Strange Harvest for the San Luis Valley Cattle Mutilations Begin Again

by Christopher O'Brien

"They're back!" exclaimed Las Animas County Sheriff Lou Gerodo when told of the unusual lights sighted by Baca area residents this past April, November and December. The Las Animas County sheriff is chief investigator of a series of unusual cattle mutilations that occurred in April 1992 and November 24, 1992 in Costilla and Las Animas counties.

Rancher Manuel Sanchez of Chama, Colorado reported to Costilla County Sheriff Billy Maestas and the *Valley Courier* on November 25th that he had found one of his pregnant cows dead, with "eyes, bag, and rear-end missing." He stated, "There were no footprints, tire-tracks, blood or sign of a struggle." He also stated, "There were no tracks from my heifer either!" Mr. Sanchez said he called the *Valley Courier* because, "I wanted to tell everyone to watch out for lights at night, or anything unusual." Mr. Sanchez lost a cow in the late sixties, under the same mysterious circumstances, and is very concerned. "Someone should be trying to find out what's going on. Small ranch operations like mine can't afford to lose a pregnant cow like this...my insurance won't cover it!"

Las Animas County Sheriff Lou Gerodo, who has investigated southern Colorado cattle mutilations for twenty years, described two November '92 mutilations 35 miles west of Trinidad as being "classic mutilations". The cows' eyes, bag, sexual organs, lips and tongue were removed with surgeon-like precision. He also emphasized the complete absence of blood and physical evidence. According to Sheriff Gerodo, there had been an outbreak of cattle mutilations in Texas and Oklahoma during this same time period.

Gerodo's description of unusual lights sighted around mutilations in the late '60's and early '70's in the San Luis Valley and southern Colorado bear more than a passing resemblance to several Baca residents' descriptions of unexplained lights recently. "I first saw the small type of lights over the Sand Dunes, three times, around Thanksgiving. They bounced around unlike an type of plane or helicopter, at very fast speed" described Luna Bontempi, one of over ten area residents who have seen unexplained phenomena over the past eight weeks. "You could see them in groups of 3 or 4, like the points of a triangle. They'd bounce around for awhile then reform into a triangle." On December 9th, at 9:30pm, Luna and a friend saw something different. "Two large laser-like ovals streaked in at treetop level from the northeast and appeared to land behind a cottonwood grove 200 to 300 yards from the house... Very bright streaks of light illuminated the grove in stark detail... I could even see the owl nests lit up in the trees." She said the entire incident lasted about "2 or 3 seconds"; then it disappeared.

Kirsten Sellards remembers watching TV December 9th, the night of the lunar eclipse, and seeing "a bright whitish gold streak heading west" and "jumping up off

the couch to run outside and see what it was." She also said, "Just before Thanksgiving I was awakened by something, looked out the window, and saw white lights bouncing around over the Baca Ranch."

Buddy Whitlock, Baca Ranch manager, received a call from Michael Nisbit, a Baca Grants resident adjacent to the Ranch, to report that Mr. Nisbit and his wife had been seeing "strange lights over the south end of the ranch. Mr. Whitlock spent hours the next two nights up at the Independence Gold Mine with binoculars, observing the Ranch, but failed to see anything. He remembered Mr. Nisbit's call as being "around Thanksgiving."

On December 21st at around 2:30pm two other Baca residents driving north on Highway 17 just north of Hooper saw "a bell-shaped object" against the mountains to the east... It was very clear, silver in color and looked unreal, but it was there!... I wanted to stop and look, but there was a car behind me and I couldn't." She said the object "disappeared after 15 or 20 seconds... very rapidly to the northeast."

When asked about reports of unusual lights on December 9-12, Major Tom Shultz, Public Affairs Officer for the Colorado Air National Guard, said that they had received no reports on the airspace hotline, and that he didn't know if they had been flying at night on the dates in question.

Cattle mutilations and unusual lights are nothing new in the SLV and southern Colorado. In the late '60's and '70's and even into the early '80's, a rash of cattle mutilations and UFO sightings plagued our area, concerning residents and law enforcement officials alike. "It was a big scare back then," said retired Saguache County Deputy Gene Gray who investigated over a dozen of the puzzling mutilations in Saguache County in the late '60's. "There would be absolutely no evidence of foul play whatsoever. I even looked for disturbed grass and burn spots from a ship... I was on duty at night for 22 years and never saw a flying saucer until just after the cows got killed, and everybody was looking for flying saucers. One night I was just south of Villa Grove on [Rte.] 285, and off to the left against the mountains was a huge red glow, like a saucer or something. I watched it take off like a scalded cat across the valley and disappear off to the west."

"No human could cut them like that," the San Miguel County Sheriff remarked after viewing Duane Flickinger's two mutilated cows on Flickinger's ranch outside of Norwood, Colorado during the original outbreak. Flickinger described his cows as "having their tongues, lips, and rear-ends cut out,

better than a razor." He said there were no tracks or sign of a struggle, and that the cows had been "picked up and dropped from over 1/4 mile away." Ironically, Duane's brother Donald lost two head from rented pasture at Villa Grove rancher Gerald Grey's spread. "They were drained of blood," said Alma Grey, Gerald's wife. "It happened real close to the house."

"I have a couple of cowhands that worked with me on the Valdez Ranch [where some of the first mutilations occurred] at the time of the mutilations in the '60's," Buddy Whitlock remembered. "The sex organs were gone, eyes were missing—all from surgically-clean incisions."

The SLV is considered the place where the first documented mutilations occurred in 1967. One of the very first, the controversial case of "Snippy the Horse", occurred on the King Ranch in '67 at the base of Blanca Peak and is the most famous of over a thousand documented cases of mutilations over most of the Midwest and West into the early '80's. Often it was reported that unnatural light phenomena occurred in conjunction with other disturbing evidence in the '70's, like silent black helicopters, strange spiderweb-like material that covered trees and the ground around the dead cows. Upon analysis, the web-like strands were found to be a form of disinfectant. Perhaps most peculiar were mysterious men with black clothing, driving black vans and wearing black sunglasses, telling rancher victims to keep quiet. Other reports verge on the fantastic, like ranchers seeing their cows suspended in beams of light in midair, surrounded by the men in black, or MIB's, as UFOlogists and conspiracy buffs have tagged them. "The [Federal] government will only tell you what they want you to know," said Sheriff Gerodo. "They'll tell you anything to get you off their backs," he said after hearing the Air National Guard spokesman's response to the unexplained occurrences in our area.

Many groups and individuals claim to have the answer to these phenomena. Theories range from the scientific (ball lightning, predators) to the fantastic (oil company exploration, US government radiation monitoring) to the twilight zone (alien acquisition of medicinal enzymes to cure a debilitating skin disorder; even the chilling proposal that our government and aliens are working together!).

One thing is a given. These mutilations are real. Valley residents have been seeing strange, unexplained lights, and ranchers are losing cattle. Last April emergency services worker, Monte Vista resident, Marsha Lister claimed to have seen a "mushroom-shaped

metallic object, as big as a school bus, hovering 100ft. off the ground." Elmer Valdez, a rancher from the Chama area, in April of '92 lost a cow with the identical characteristics of the other mutilations this fall. Mr. Valdez was killed in a car accident shortly after he lost his cow, according to rancher Manuel Sanchez.

Retired Costilla County Sheriff Ernest Sandoval recalled several reports from Costilla County residents during the early '70's of helicopters being sighted at night in the vicinity of some of the mutilations that occurred in that area. One report, he recalled, involved "several Chama residents being chased by low-flying helicopters from Sanchez Reservoir all the way to Chama," a distance of about 7 miles, on the nights of several mutilations in the area. "I remember hearing at the time of law enforcement officers somewhere in the SLV actually shooting and hitting a helicopter that was spotted in the vicinity of a mutilation. In Mr. Sandoval's opinion, "There has to be [Federal] government involvement; who else has the technology?" He also noted that during the '70's many of the carcasses "showed friction burns that might be attributed to harnesses used to move the dead animal to another site."

There is, to this day, no agreed-upon explanation to what has been going on in the SLV and around the country, or why. "I'm no closer to figuring this out than I was in the '60's" observed Sheriff Gerodo, who has actively researched cattle mutilations and related phenomena and compiled an impressive library of facts. "I'm real concerned about all this," stated a very hesitant Costilla County Sheriff, Billy Maestas. He would offer no additional comments concerning his investigation of the recent Chama, Colorado mutilations.

This is the first part of a series of a series of articles concerning the unexplained in the San Luis Valley. Please report any worthwhile information to the Crestone Eagle. Any reports can be kept confidential.

SLV residents are also urged to call the Federal Aviation Administration at (303) 776-4100 and the Colorado Air National Guard at (303) 397-3020 to report any unidentified lights or objects.

Stranger than fiction
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Mutilated cow not 'man-made' death

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A cow found mutilated on a farm near Drayton Valley is not the work of aliens or satanic cults, according to police.

Last month, Breton RCMP were called to investigate the discovery of a mutilated cow on a farm near Lindale. According to Breton detachment Cpl. Ken Zielke, an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death was impossible due to the deteriorated condition of the carcass.

The cow had been dead for approximately four days and was heavily infested with maggots when police were

called to investigate.

Zielke said, from photographs of the carcass taken to two veterinarians, it was the opinion of both that the cause of death was "not man-made."

He said coyotes commonly go after the softer tissue of the animal, such as the udder and sex organs. Bloating will also stretch the skin around the opening, making the gouges appear to be made by sharp edges, such as a knife.

Six mutilated cattle found recently on a Leduc-area farm have been attributed to everything from aliens to satanic cults.

Last week, a veterinarian determined that the cause of death of at least one of the Leduc cows was natural causes, complications from an abscessed liver.

Breton police, however, couldn't explain the sighting of a man in a white car reported by the owner of the mutilated cow allegedly casing a neighbor's herd.

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