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New UFO rash of 'humanoid beings'

By Gregory Flannery

Dozens of people claim to have seen unidentified flying objects over Union and Goshen townships recently, but are reluctant to admit the sightings.

Since January 19 more than 20 people have reported seeing UFOs in Clermont County, according to Pat Packard, area director for the Southwest Ohio Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network.

"Varying numbers of witnesses all describe pretty much the same thing," Packard said. "It's a silent light that comes along the treetops that seems to have a structure behind it, but they're not able to see what it is. Sometimes it dips below the tree level. The times generally coincide with 3 o'clock in the morning."

Last week the Warren County Sheriff's Department received calls from

several persons who said that they saw UFOs.

Packard said that none of the witnesses whom he has interviewed are willing to talk to reporters.

"They don't want to be ridiculed," he said. "Invariably what happens is, instead of listening to the message, people go after the messenger."

Several witnesses have provided photographs and videotapes of the UFOs, but Jerry Black of Goshen Township, a member of the Mutual UFO Network, said that he is displeased with the way that some of the materials were delivered. Last week he and Packard met in Milford to study some of the film, which was delivered by an intermediary for the person who shot it.

"I don't like dealing with third parties, especially with still pictures," Black

said. "There are so many ways to manipulate photographs."

Packard said that he does not know what the UFOs are.

"We haven't reached any conclusions," he said. "We're trying to find out what it is. People thought it was unusual enough to record it."

Black said that he has investigated UFO sightings and supposed abductions for 40 years. He achieved a sort of second-hand fame in credits for the film *Fire in the Sky*, which acknowledged polygraph examiners who interviewed witnesses to an alleged abduction in Gulf Breeze, Florida.

"I paid for those polygraph tests," Black said. "I'm known as an objective investigator. People out there so badly want to believe that they'll take the flimsiest story."

Black's wife, Peggy, believes that she was abducted by extraterrestrial beings, but admits that she cannot prove it, Black said.

Black said that he hopes to form a support group, which would meet at the Milford branch of the Clermont County Public Library, for persons who have had similar experiences.

"There are 10 housewives in Clermont County who have undergone hypnosis because they've seen a light in the sky," Black said. "Then they lose all sense of time and see small humanoid beings. They all describe the same thing."

Black refused to identify the 10 women.

While others may scoff, Packard said that UFO sightings are serious business.

"I don't want to be an alarmist, but sometimes what happens is you'll get reports of sightings and then reports of animal mutilations later on," he said.

Black said that he does not expect the film of UFOs over Clermont County to yield much in the way of useful data.

"Most of the time what you get is a ball of light," he said.

VALLEY COURIER, Alamosa, CO - April 15, 1993 CR: K. & K. Hanohano

Close Encounters of the SLV kind?

SAN LUIS, Colo. (AP) — The return of cattle mutilation reports in the San Luis Valley has brought with it a surge in reports of mysterious lights in the night sky.

The inexplicable incidents began recurring last November after a hiatus of a decade or more. During the mid-1970s, there was a rash of the incidents in southern Colorado, accompanied by reports of lights in the sky.

"I got up about 3 o'clock in the morning, and I saw a bunch of lights overhead," said John Browning, 54, of Denver, recalling what he saw during a hunting trip near Saguache last November.

"There must have been 15 or 16

of them," he said. "They were in a kind of semi-circle, and there were four lights moving around in the center of the circle, and there wasn't a sound in the sky."

In early December, Andrea and Mike Nisbet of Crestone awakened in the predawn hours to find a bright yellow-orange light shining through their bedroom windows.

"The light was coming from directly above our house. I saw this big, round yellow-orange light in the reflection off our van outside," Andrea Nisbet said. "We were amazed at how bright it was outside. And there was no sound."

Retired Costilla County Sheriff Ernest Sandoval, who held office

for 16 years, recalled there were reports of unusual lights when the mutilations were being reported in the mid-1970s. He said he saw some bright lights near San Pablo one night, then later learned there were two mutilation reports there that night.

Astronomer Paul Van Slyke, who operates the Black Forest Observatory north of Colorado Springs, says many things will cause what witnesses describe as "strange lights in the sky."

"I've been looking up in the sky for over 30 years. I've seen some spectacular things, but I've never seen anything I can't explain," he said.

SENTINEL, Sitka, AK - April 20, 1993

Lights in the Sky Leave Some Sitkans Puzzled

By WILL SWAGEL
Sentinel Staff Writer

Call it a close encounter or simply an unidentified flying object.

Whatever that bluish green ball of light might have been, at least five Sitkans saw it streak across the sky shortly after 3 a.m. Friday.

Officer Ed Green said he had just checked in at the Alaska Pulp Corp. security office to see what was happening at the mill and was talking with mill security guard Arnie Pederson and wood room foreman Richard Lawson, who was on fire watch.

The mill has been shut down for maintenance, so it was deathly quiet.

"It was about 3:05 in the morning," said Pederson, "because I logged it in my log book and it came right over the hill right by where the administration office is. It traveled in kind of a southeasterly direction. As soon as I saw it, I ran out and the other guys came out behind me. We watched it go over until it disappeared behind the buildings. There wasn't a sound or anything. It was about 2,500 feet off the deck. I immediately called FAA to see if we had any flights in the area and they said no."

Pederson estimated the altitude from the way the light skimmed the tops of the mountains near the mill. The light appeared to travel about the speed of a jet. But there would have been some kind of sound if it was a plane or helicopter, Pederson said.

"There was no noise, no traffic, no machinery and we didn't hear a

rotor, a jet, propellers, nothing," said Green. "It only lasted for three seconds. We couldn't see much but we all looked at each other and Whew! we all made a joke to each other."

"I didn't even tell anyone about it, because what do you say? I saw a bluish green light in the air?" said Green. "I don't know what it was, but it was there."

But miles away, on the other end of the Sitka road system, Lawson's daughter Valerie and her husband were seeing the same thing from their home in Ranger's Trailer Court. She called her father at the mill and learned he had seen it, too.

From Halibut Point Road, the light appeared to come over Middle Island, trailing purple vapor, and shoot off toward APC.

Pederson said they also had heard that two men have said they saw a light in the sky about two weeks ago from the top of Harbor Mountain, that one with a bright whitish-orange glow in front of the blue. It came from the direction of Kruzof Island, made a couple of abrupt 90-degree turns in the air and took off toward the mill.

"It was eerie, it was strange," Pederson said of Friday morning's sighting. "Dick said the next trip he made with the (watchman's) clock, he kept tripping over stuff because he was looking at the sky."

Lawson said he has no idea whether there is a terrestrial explanation for what he saw, but added:

"You never know what the government is doing."



Ozark UFO conference held in Eureka Springs

by Jo Pearcy

The fifth annual Ozark UFO conference was held in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 2-4. Over 500 people registered for the conference, almost twice that of last year, showing the growing interest in the UFO phenomenon.

An impressive line-up of speakers, including Dr. Vladimir Avinsky from Russia and Dr. John E. Mack from Harvard University, kept the auditorium of the Inn of the Ozarks Conference Center filled to capacity and some standing along the walls.

The following is an overview of ideas, theories and personal experiences presented at the meeting.

What are UFOs?

UFOs are objects observed in the skies or on the surface of the earth, known as Unidentified Flying Objects, that defy conventional explanation after a thorough study and investigation by competent people. Some

of the things reported as UFOs are balloons, planets, meteors, satellites, stars, advertising aircraft, and the like. These are the "IFOs" (identified flying objects). "Hard" sightings that are yet to be explained are daylight discs, objects with unusual lights that are simultaneously tracked visually and on radar at fantastic speeds, objects which leave physical evidence (such as crop circles), authenticated photographs, and in rare cases, visitations by humanoids or entities.

Theories of visitors from space go back to ancient times. Some would associate the "gods" of Greek and Roman mythology with the "ancient astronauts" who made their appearance on earth and then returned to their heaven-like homes. The theory suggests that these extra-terrestrials with superior intelligence and space ships would certainly seem like gods to early man.

Man-made physical features discovered on earth such as the pyramids (were they also used as landmarks for

early space ships?) monoliths, such as those at Stonehenge, and many constructions which seem almost impossible for early man to have constructed without more advanced engineering and tools, have all been subjects for speculation. Could they have had help from space visitors? Some stone carvings and hieroglyphics seem to indicate this.

A most interesting analogy between ancient Americans and the ancient astronaut theory was presented by Forest Crawford. He related many of the events recorded by Frank Waters in the *Book of the Hopi*, which is recognized as an account of the true, un-influenced mythology and spiritual beliefs of the Hopi Indians. Petroglyph evidence supports the analogy. The Kachinas were the gods of the Hopis. After teaching their people on earth, the Kachinas said, "The time has come for us to go to our far off planets." The Hopis believe that the real Kachinas live on stars and constellations.

These theories of early astronauts would indicate that aliens have been visiting earth during the ages.

Sightings in this century

The earliest reported sightings of UFOs in the last century were in 1896-97, when thousands of people reported sighting "airships" over 19 different states from Alabama to California. There was a lull in the sightings during World War I and II but returned in the late 1940s. The U.S. government consistently denied that any of these sightings were Air Force related -- no experimental craft! They also tried diligently to assign a logical explanation to these sightings. Men, such as J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Ohio State University, were hired for this express purpose. Hynek's first thought was that no scientist could take these sightings seriously. After observing firsthand both the phenomenon of continued UFO reports and the manner in which they were treated (mistreated may be a better word) by science, the

public, and by the Air Force, his attitude changed. He now wonders why the same diligence is not used to attempt verifications and positive investigations rather than complete rejection of the possibilities.

Abductees stories

If you expect those with stories of personal abductions to be "Weird, way-out" personalities, you would be disappointed at this conference. They seemed very much like normal, intelligent, caring individuals who led normal, often professional lives before the "abduction". But this experience changed everything.

Leah Haley labels her decision to finally admit to herself and to others that her experience was real "opening a can of worms", but now says it was more like a "barrel of snakes."

Next week I will report on the accounts of abductions as told to me. If anyone in our four-state area has had any similar experiences with either definite UFO sightings or abductions, I would like to hear about it.



Leah Haley

I need to know your names, but will not use your name if you prefer anonymity. My home phone number is 223-4829, the Press number 223-4675. Ask for Jo; or write to Jo Pearcy, HCR 60 Box 23, Pineville, MO 64856.

UFO sightings match Thumb reports

Grand Rapids Press News Service

MUSKEGON — Mysterious lights seen hovering over Oceana and Muskegon counties Monday night match the description of an unidentified flying object witnessed in Michigan's Thumb area over the last month, officials with an international UFO organization said Wednesday.

Shirley Coyne of Flint, state director for the Michigan chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, said there have been at least 16 sightings of triangle-shaped flying objects in eastern Michigan over the past month. Other areas reporting UFOs within the last month include Caro, Cass City, Kingsley and Lake Odessa.

Like those seen in the Muskegon area, witnesses describe the objects as triangles with round corners, accented with two red lights and one white light.

She said her organization is investigating the sightings including two home videos taken of two separate UFOs. One recent sighting was of an object estimated as 500 feet long, but most involve smaller

triangles.

"We've had a lot of reports like that," Coyne said. "What are they? No one really knows. All we have is a lot of reports."

On Monday, two Muskegon county residents described three lights in the form of a triangle over Whitehall and minutes later over Muskegon. Since an article appeared on the sightings Wednesday in the Muskegon Chronicle, that newspaper has received other calls from residents with similar accounts, some as far north as Shelby.

All reported seeing a grouping of lights capable of moving very slowly, then suddenly leaving the area at terrific speed. Area law enforcement officials and air traffic controllers at Muskegon County Airport said they received no reports on the sightings.

Officials from the National Weather Service said they received one call from a person who saw three lights in a triangle pattern Monday over Lake Michigan.

Linda Andrews, of Whitehall, said she was the person who made the call. According to Andrews, she and her hus-

band, Robert, were in the process of dropping their car off for repairs Monday night in Whitehall when they saw three bright lights hovering over Colby Street.

She said the object they saw was similar to those described by other eyewitnesses — but had two white lights and a red light in a triangle- or V-shaped pattern. Andrews said the red light was made up of three round lights.

She said the lights occasionally broke away from that formation and the two white lights almost collided. She said her husband estimates the lights were 1,000 feet above the ground. The object moved slowly to the northeast and was silent.

"I was relieved to read that others reported seeing it too," she said. "My husband got a lot of grief at work when he told his friends what he saw."

Although Michigan residents typically report a large number of UFOs, the UFO Network's Coyne said Florida residents now are reporting many sightings, especially near Gulf Breeze.

Reports of UFOs are investigated by the Mutual UFO Network.

UFO researcher: Feds covering up

By LARUE CORNELISON
The Times-Journal

Just when you thought it was safe to gaze into the night sky ...

UFO sightings and animal mutilation reports in DeKalb have subsided, but the flap is far from dead.

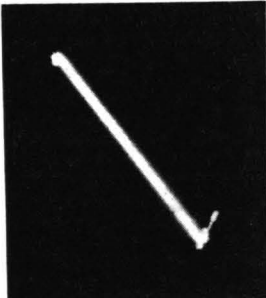
Lately, there aren't as many binoculars and cameras turned toward the sky at nightfall, but UFO researchers are calling and visiting DeKalb in hopes of turning up information.

The TV show 'Sightings' has requested photos and facts about the DeKalb UFO episodes; and out-of-state UFO investigators are in town.

Dave Holcomb of Gulf Breeze, Fla., traveled to Fort Payne Wednesday just to check out reports that his group, MUFON, has received about DeKalb. MUFON stands for Mutual UFO Network, an international group of researchers who want to objectively investigate UFO phenomena.

"DeKalb has the reputation of 'UFO hot spot,'" Holcomb said Thursday. "I've heard so much about the UFO sightings and mutilations. They just keep coming."

In addition to interviewing officials, Holcomb is talking to people in parks, on the street, and in department stores — hoping to hear



This time-lapse photo of a UFO was taken by Times-Journal photographer Mike Caldwell in March.

what they really believe. Holcomb doesn't want to sensationalize.

"MUFON doesn't have the fervor of fanatics. We collect information...and yes, we all form our own opinions."

Holcomb says his 13 years of experience leads him to believe that DeKalb's are "classic examples; red or white lights...somewhat round ... usually seen from a distance ... the light rotates, drifts, flares, moves and stops quickly, vanishes."

DeKalb's UFO and cow mutilation reports came simultaneously and from both Lookout and Sand Mountains, from January through March.

Sightings have moved to other counties

By LARUE CORNELISON
The Times-Journal

UFO sightings seem to have migrated from DeKalb to sister counties.

Except for one night helicopter sighting by a Crossville man three weeks ago, recent reports of unidentified flying objects have come from Etowah and Cherokee Counties, said state police.

A Shady Grove man (near Sardis) in Etowah County reported seeing an object hovering near his home at treetop level in early April.

It was described as having red, green and blue lights. It was completely silent.

Another such object was seen by a state

trooper at his home in Cherokee County, police said.

It was described as an extremely bright light that moved at fast speeds before stopping and hovering near his residence for several hours.

"Everyone wants to believe there's a logical explanation," one officer said, adding that state police had directly warned Ft. McPherson, Ga., National Guardsmen and military officials in Washington, D.C. of a local panic that gripped the community because of UFO sightings linked with cow mutilations.

"The first time they took us seriously," he said, "was when the military recently announced on TV that they were planning a flight maneuver through here."

"UFOs and animal mutilations have always been linked," Holcomb noted.

He rules out cults, predators and rustlers. "Such mutilations would have to be performed with a laser that requires a power source the size of a refrigerator...There's been no cult I know of that had helicopters to get animals parts for rituals. That's expensive. Cults don't have helicopters. They are invisible; that's how they operate."

"As for rustlers, they just don't fly into fields with helicopters, over and over. They want the whole animal for the meat, and they don't want to hang around the field."

The subject of "clean-cut precision removal of sexual organs" of cows is a possibility, say some pathologists who have performed autopsies on dead cows found near the Marshall-DeKalb county line.

Holcomb says "it's extra-terrestrials collecting genetic material. Seventy-five percent of Americans believe in UFOs and that there's life elsewhere in the galaxy. It just isn't that extraordinary to believe there are visits."

Holcomb said four things recur with UFO reports: sightings, animal mutilations, circular imprints left in fields, and abductions.

"Unfortunately, most coverage of these has been relegated to tabloid journalism," he noted.

Holcomb says MUFON holds that "the government is doing a cover-up of UFO visitations ... to avoid panic; to avoid a cultural, religious and economic upheaval. It would challenge people's beliefs that the government is in control and can protect them. This is why the government has attempted to debunk those who report sightings."

Holcomb said he will report in a MUFON meeting all his findings in DeKalb County.

Catching up on all the news about space aliens

Terry and Anne Ecker have never seen a UFO, but they're still hoping. For now, they'll put out a newsletter, the UFOlogist, from their Palatka home, tracking space alien comings and goings.

It started out as an eight-page newsletter last spring. They're busy putting out their seventh edition, of 24 pages, sometime this month. They circulate 1,000 copies, about half of them paid.

Much of the work in UFO investigation, Terry Ecker says, comes in sorting out the serious researchers from the flakes. It's

lead to a much-debated split in the field.

"I think 'split' would be a fairly mild way to put it. It's a crevice," he says.

"The subject naturally attracts a lot of New Agers, a lot of would-be religious types who don't have a religion, if you know what I mean. Flakes. It also attracts a lot of hoaxers, people who just want some attention, but don't have a murder to confess to."

But he says there's also some serious research going on, though it's turned up

little.

"If you really study the literature, you come up with a couple of facts — aliens are here, and now and then they're seen. That's all we know. Everything beyond that is pure speculation."

Ecker says almost all UFO sightings are inaccurate, and most abduction stories are hoaxes or the workings of some mixed-up people. But it's the ones whose stories have the sound of truth that are intriguing, he says.

More UFO research is needed, because Ecker doesn't picture aliens as the benign "space brothers" that are seen by New Agers.

"No. They're probably soldier-scientists," he says.

And then he offers this scary thought: "Throughout history, whenever two civilizations meet and one is more advanced than the other, it's always been disastrous for the less advanced."

— Matthew Soergel

NEWSDAY, New York, NY - April 12, 1993

That Alien Feeling

By William B. Falk
STAFF WRITER

AS JOSEPH came around a corner of a darkened road in East Islip, L.I., his car was enveloped in a sunburst of blue-white light. For a moment, he thought he had hit a tree.

All sense of motion was gone. He re-opened his eyes, and saw four people coming toward him, against a backdrop of brightness. "And then I realized they weren't people."

They were gray and only about 4 feet tall. But it was their eyes, not their size, that started Joseph's heart pounding. Their eyes were huge — oval, black and without pupils.

"God, those eyes," Joseph says. "I couldn't deal with the eyes." Joseph scrambled to the floor of his car, hiding his face in the rug. He heard alien hands forcing down his car window. He felt them grabbing his feet.

Joseph's abduction by aliens, he says, occurred at about 6 p.m. on Nov. 15, 1978. He was 24 then, married and expecting his first child, and had a job repairing electric organs. He was driving home in his blue Plymouth Duster from a service call past the Bayard Cutting Arboretum, not far from the Connetquot River State Park.

The story the thin, bearded electrician and technical writer tells in his Smithtown, L.I., living room about what happened that night sounds like the product of a drug hallucination or schizophrenic episode.

But Joseph insists it is neither. And within an emerging subculture apparently consisting of thousands of people, the story Joseph tells is not at all uncommon. In fact, it's a classic.

It is much the same story told by Long Islanders Curtis Walton, a store manager from Farmingdale, and James LeFante, a messenger from Merrick. They say that they and a group of friends were abducted from a trailer in upstate Saugerties on Labor Day weekend in 1989. It is much the same story told by forest worker Travis Walton (no relation to Curtis) in 1975, after an alleged abduction that served as the springboard for the film, "Fire in the Sky."

Dr. John Mack, a psychiatrist at the Harvard Medical School, says he's heard the same story from businessmen and housewives, a prison guard, the administrator of a U.S. Navy submarine base, a retired firefighter, a psychiatrist and even a 2-year-old. "It's a total, broad spectrum of the population," Mack says.

Once the grist for the supermarket tabloid mill, tales of encounters with aliens have become so common over the past five years that academics and psychologists are debating their significance. A conference on the abduction phenomenon at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology last summer attracted 100 academics, mental-health professionals, and self-appointed UFO "investigators".

People victimized by aliens now have their own group identity, calling themselves "abductees." And they have formed their own "abductee support groups" in five cities in the United States and Canada, including New York.

In recent years, more than 8,000 people who say they've had abduction experiences have written or contacted abduction researchers, says David Jacobs, a Temple University history professor who this year published a book, "Secret Life: Firsthand Documented Accounts of UFO Abductions." Jacobs is a leading figure in the camp of the True Believers.

Even the legion of skeptics concede that the num-

ber of abductees is surprisingly large, and growing.

"Five years ago, I would have dismissed this as harmless nonsense, but now, I think it's turning into a destructive cult," says Philip J. Klass, a former editor at the magazine Aviation Week who has spent 27 years debunking UFO sightings and close encounters.

Klass and his allies in the camp of the Debunkers argue that True Believing researchers like Jacobs may inflict psychological damage on people by convincing them that aliens truly did subject them to

terrifying examinations. The truth, the Debunkers say, is that these vivid experiences are a phenomenon of inner space, not outer — created by a particular brand of nightmares, improper use of hypnosis and images generated by the popular technoculture.

That's a conclusion Joseph adamantly disputes. Like most other abductees, Joseph is fully aware that his story would serve as evidence of mental illness to most people, which is why he asks that his full name not be used.

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Newsday / J. Conrad Williams Jr.

As far as he can figure, Joseph says, his whole car was transported inside the UFO that grabbed him; he never saw the ship itself. The four beings who came toward him were gray-colored, with lizard-like skin, spindly necks and oversized heads.

Joseph said he was powerless to resist the aliens despite his horror. The beings stripped Joseph and strapped him onto a table inside a room with a pungent, burnt smell. They probed him like a lab rat, placing instruments inside his body, including a needle resembling a fountain pen that pierced his stomach and "hurt like hell." They exposed him to heat and cold to study his reactions. They extracted a sample of his sperm.

"I was screaming, 'You have no right to do this to me!'"

And then he was back, lying on the ground in a wooded area in Ronkonkoma, 12 miles from where he started. His car was sitting on top of some crushed bushes, the paint on the top surfaces faded, Joseph says. His belongings lay in a neat pile next to him. His shoes were on backwards. Hours had passed. He had only a vague memory of what had happened.

Only under hypnosis did Joseph remember the full details. By then, he had found a red scar under his navel, and had coughed up "a ferocious amount" of blood; doctors who examined him, he says, asked if he had been exposed to radiation.

"There is no way anybody is going to tell me that this didn't happen to me," Joseph is leaning forward on his couch. In his dark eyes there is a pool of pain and vulnerability.

"I'm telling you, this was real."

In examining the question *Are thousands of our fellow citizens being plucked out of their cars and homes by little gray aliens?*, the first issue to consider, of course, is sanity.

Surprisingly, perhaps, there is little dispute: Most of the people who believe they were abducted, even skeptics concede, are not mentally ill.

Mack says that four years ago, when he first encountered people who claim to have been abducted, he simply assumed they were "mentally disturbed." But of the 65 he's studied since then, not a one shows "any evidence of psychopathology."

John Bowman, a clinical instructor in psychology at the State University at Stony Brook, has also found no evidence of mental illness in the dozen abductees he's treated in his private practice. Like Mack, Bowman has acquired a reputation in the informal network of True Believers for taking abductees' trauma seriously, and so now is sought out by people afraid to approach other psychologists.

"I'm not a fanatic who says I know exactly what happened to these people," Bowman says, "but I can tell you this: They're not wackos."

And, psychiatrists who have treated abductees say, many are deeply troubled by their experiences.

Many abductees are plagued by symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder — sleeplessness, flashbacks, and generalized anxiety, Mack says. Bowman, a Vietnam veteran himself, said abductees have many of the same problems as the traumatized vets he's treated.

Psychologists have found that in recounting their stories, in and out of hypnosis, abductees reacted with intense emotions — crying, screaming with rage, shivering with terror, exactly as if the experiences they were describing had actually occurred.

"It has the quality of a real event, as opposed to a fabrication or a hallucination," Mack says.

T RUE ANGUISH was evident at a recent meeting of a support group in Manhattan, as 30 very diverse people discussed their encounters with aliens. The group was evenly split on gender, with a variety of white-collar and blue-collar professions and a mix of races.

One young man named Bob said he'd successfully banished his abduction memories to his mental basement until, by accident, he saw previews of "Fire in the Sky." In the preview, the forest worker is lifted into a UFO by a beam of blue light.

When he was abducted six years ago, Bob said, he was taken into the alien's craft on a beam of blue light.

"When I saw that advertisement, I just broke down and started crying," Bob said.

During the meeting, several people got up and left the room in tears, overcome by the intensity of hearing others describe experiences so similar to their own. "I keep going back and forth in my mind — was this real?" said a young woman from the Bronx.

It's the extreme similarity of abductees' remembered experiences, even more than their emotional intensity, that researchers like Mack and Jacobs have found so convincing.

Despite vast differences among the abductees in age, education level, religion and even exposure to science fiction, abductees from all over the country tell a story that has amazingly little variation, Mack and Jacobs say.

Almost all abductees relate these key elements: the appearance of gray beings; a sense of paralysis at the onset of the abduction, which takes place when the beings "float" or lead the person to a spaceship, sometimes right through walls and ceilings; a medical examination upon a table that includes study of reproductive organs; a procedure that Jacobs has labeled "mindscan," in which an alien stares deeply into their eyes and apparently extracts information; and finally, telepathic instruction for the abductees not to remember what has transpired.

Many of the details provided by abductees have not been publicized, Jacobs says. For example, Jacobs says, men repeatedly describe in great detail a complex instrument used to remove sperm, even though that instrument had not been described publicly until Jacobs' book was published earlier this year.

Most science fiction accounts of encounters with aliens, including such popular films as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," have little or nothing in common with these clinical, very unpleasant exper-

iences, Jacobs says.

If abduction memories were merely dreams or fantasies, wouldn't there be much more individual variation? "There's no way every abductee could be making this all up," Jacobs says.

He and other researchers have also been struck by the strange scoop marks, linear scars and puncture marks found on some abductees' bodies. Under hypnosis, abductees usually link these scars to medical procedures performed by aliens in taking samples of tissue or blood, True Believers say.

One abductee Mack has treated had a complex pattern of seven scars on an arm, where, the man said, the aliens had done a series of tests. Mack said the fresh scars could not have been self-inflicted — the man is a quadriplegic.

"In my 40 years of psychiatry, I have never encountered anything like this [abduction] phenomenon," says Mack, who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1977 for his psychoanalytic biography of Lawrence of Arabia, "A Prince of Our Disorder: The Life of T. E. Lawrence." "I don't know how to explain this, except that it is a real event of some kind. God knows what it is."

Robert Jay Lifton, the noted psychiatrist and author who has written extensively on social phenomena, says he has informally examined some abduction reports as well as the explanations of Debunkers.

"I'm not at all convinced that people are being abducted by spaceships," Lifton says, "but it's clear something has affected them deeply. I haven't heard a completely satisfactory explanation for this phenomenon."

The pioneers in the brave new world of alien abductions were Betty and Barney Hill, who three decades ago generated a furor with their story of being captured and examined by aliens.

The Hills were not the first to claim they had been abducted by aliens. But Barney, a postal worker, and Betty, a social worker, came across as both sane and sincere, and theirs was the first reported abduction that wasn't greeted with widespread ridicule.

The Hills were driving in the White Mountains of New Hampshire in 1961 when they saw a UFO and stopped their car. Two hours later, they said, they resumed their trip home to Portsmouth, N.H., disoriented and unable to remember what had happened.

After being plagued by strange nightmares, anxiety, and in Barney's case, an ulcer, the Hills went to a Boston psychiatrist, Dr. Benjamin Simon. Simon used a technique called hypnotic regression to delve into their memories.

Under hypnosis, Betty said that when they got out of their car, aliens somehow lifted her and her husband into their spaceship. The aliens, she said, examined them, scraping samples of her skin, nails and hair and taking a fascination in Barney's false teeth. They put a needle into her abdomen, telling her telepathically they were performing a pregnancy test.

Barney described similar examinations. He also said that the aliens removed a sample of his sperm.

The Hills described the aliens as short, gray and having large, cat-like eyes.

Their story became a sensation in 1966, when Look magazine made it the centerpiece of a special, two-issue report. That same year, a book on the Hills' story called "The Interrupted Journey" climbed onto best-seller lists.

Among those who did not believe the Hills' memories represented a real experience was the psychotherapist who hypnotized them. Simon said he believed the Hills had created a strange sort of shared fantasy spun out of Betty's nightmares.

Over the next two decades, people periodically reported experiences like the Hills'. Few of the stories got past the pages of the National Enquirer.

It wasn't until 1987 that the trickle of abduction reports began to grow into a steady stream. That year, "Communion," writer Whitley Streiber's first-person account of his abduction by aliens, landed on the best-seller list — as non-fiction. Its cover depicted a haunting, gray, oval-eyed alien.

The next year, Budd Hopkins' book detailing several abductions, "Intruders," also became a best-seller. In the book, Hopkins described several people's abductions, including some in which women said aliens took fetuses from their wombs. Hopkins, an artist who became intrigued with UFOs in the 1960s, theorized that the aliens are studying humankind as part of some mysterious genetic experiment that includes cross-breeding aliens and humans.

The two books triggered a flood of letters and phone calls to the authors from people who said they, too, may have been abducted.

Hopkins insists the outpouring of reports was not caused by the books, but was simply released, as if through a broken dam. People have been abducted for decades, Hopkins says. The books merely provided people with permission to talk about strange experiences they couldn't explain to themselves, let alone to others, he says.

Today, Hopkins — who with his softly styled graying hair, bushy eyebrows and inquisitive, enthusiastic manner resembles a tousled Phil Donahue — has become something of a father confessor in the world of abductees. One corner of his spacious artist's studio in Chelsea is lined with boxes stuffed with dozens of letters from people relating their experiences.

New abduction reports are coming in to him at the rate of three a day — more than 1,000 a year, Hopkins says. People are being abducted from rural towns and suburbs and even major cities, he says. The abductee who is at the center of Hopkins' next book, in fact, says she was abducted from a 12th-floor apartment on Manhattan's lower East Side.

Rushing from file cabinet to cardboard box, waving his arms, Hopkins displays evidence that he says demonstrates that abductions are real. He's collected photos of scoop marks and scars and photos of baked circles on the ground left by departing UFOs. He's even got an X-ray of an "implant" aliens left in the nose of the woman whose story is the centerpiece of his next book.

Unfortunately, Hopkins says, aliens removed the

implant from the woman before he could recover it. The implants, True Believers say, may be tags left by aliens to aid in their repeated abduction of some individuals.

True Believers concede frustration in not being able to come up with hard, irrefutable evidence. For reasons of their own, Hopkins says, the aliens are taking great pains to keep their activities secret from us. "They're not going to give us the smoking gun." The aliens' ultimate purpose, he says, is unknown.

Until hard evidence can be found, the True Believers say, the strongest evidence is testimony of abductees themselves. Why, they ask, would thousands of men, women and children all fantasize such strange, unpleasant and strikingly similar experiences?

"We've got ourselves a major mystery here, don't we?" Hopkins asks, smiling. "We have the evidence. Let the skeptics explain it away."

Skeptics have been quite busy trying to do just that.

In recent years, as the number of abduction reports has multiplied, skeptics cited everything from hysterical contagion to "temporal lobe dysfunction," caused by the release of charged particles in the atmosphere.

Debunker Robert Baker says the real explanation is more obvious.

Baker, a psychologist who has written a book on hypnosis and who recently wrote a paper entitled "Alien Abductions or Human Productions," argues that all abductions fall into three categories:

- The vivid dreams of a real, if little-known, phenomenon called "sleep paralysis."
- False memories created during hypnosis.
- Hoaxes.

And that's it. "This whole thing is nonsense," Baker says.

Sleep paralysis, explains David Hufford, a behavioral scientist at Pennsylvania State Medical College, is a malfunction of a brain mechanism that shuts down our body's ability to move during dreams. Hufford is the author of a book on sleep paralysis called "The Terror That Comes in the Night."

Usually, Hufford says, that mechanism serves the useful function of keeping us from flailing around as we dream. But some people — estimates have ranged from 2 to 40 percent of the population — may once or several times in their life have the strange experience of partially waking up while the paralysis mechanism is still activated.

When this occurs, the dreamer sees the room around him. His brain is still generating dream images, like a film projector that's been left running after the lights of the theater go on. Vivid dream imagery "is superimposed on the real environment," Hufford says.

Perhaps because the feeling of being both awake and paralyzed is so frightening, the dreams that occur have a foreboding and frightening theme. Hufford says that 85 percent of sleep paralysis experiences are accompanied by a vivid feeling that Something or Someone threatening is standing in the bedroom.

Terrified, the dreamer attempts to escape but cannot move any muscle except those in his eyes.

He may hear footsteps, have trouble breathing and feel a heavy weight pressing down on his chest, Hufford says. In some cases, when the paralysis lasts for periods of 15 minutes or more, the dreamer may feel as if he is leaving his body. He may then have a realistic experience of floating out of his bedroom.

Because these waking dreams occur with eyes fully open, they leave an indelible impression. "It scares the bejesus out of people," Baker says.

Hufford's research found evidence of the sleep paralysis experience in many cultures through history, from ancient Greece to modern-day Cambodia. Individuals interpret their experiences in terms appropriate to that time and place.

In the early Middle Ages, Christians spoke of nocturnal attacks by "incubi" and "succubi," demons that pressed on sleepers' chests and in some cases, forced them to engage in sex. Later, people experienced visits from witches who took them on rides through the night air. Modern seafarers from Newfoundland tell stories of nighttime attacks by "the Old Hag."

Baker says flatly that sleep paralysis accounts for the vast majority of abduction accounts. "If you're reading about devils or ghosts, that's what you'll see," he says. "If you're reading about flying saucers, you'll see little green men coming through the walls."

Hufford, who has studied the abduction phenomenon without joining either the Debunkers or True Believers, is more cautious. Sleep paralysis, he says, probably accounts for "many" abduction experiences.

But Hufford also says that he's puzzled by the detailed narratives related by abductees, which, he says, are far more intricate than the sleep paralysis experiences described in other cultures. And Hufford says that sleep paralysis cannot account for abduction experiences that occur while people are awake. True Believers say about half of all abductions occur when people are awake.

"The abduction phenomenon is not a simple one, and it is not easily dismissed," Hufford says.

But Baker argues that any abduction experience not rooted in vivid dreams is planted there by True Believing researchers through their use of hypnotic regression. Since Benjamin Simon hypnotized the Hills, the use of hypnosis has been a staple among researchers working with abductees.

Any abductee who lies down on Mack's couch already knows the hypnotist believes abduction experiences are real, Baker says. As a result, he says, "it's impossible" for him and other True Believers not to influence hypnotic subjects to find spaceships and little gray men hovering in their memories.

Most abductees want to be told they've been examined by aliens, because it connects them to one of the great mysteries of this rational, irreligious age, Baker argues. But he says that people may suffer psychological damage as a result.

"People are being scared to death," says Baker, who adds scornfully that psychiatrists like Mack "ought to know better."

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True Believers insist that careful re-living of the abduction experience helps abductees exorcise the trauma that comes with it. "They can finally make sense of what they thought were crazy feelings and memories," Jacobs says.

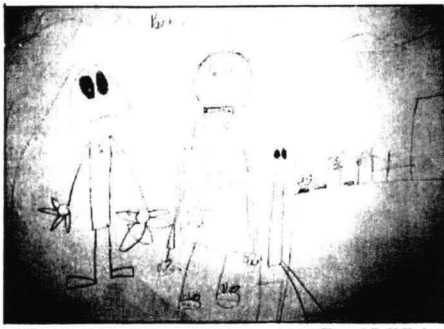
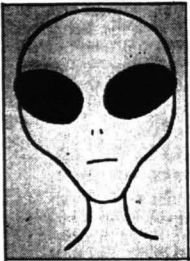
Jacobs says he and other researchers "are very, very careful" not to influence abductees during hypnosis sessions, and says that most abductees can't be led, anyway. As evidence, Jacobs points to Simon's work with the Hills. Published transcripts of their hypnotic sessions show that Simon "spent an enormous amount of time trying to influence them to believe their abduction didn't happen," Jacobs says. Yet in and out of hypnosis, the Hills stubbornly insisted that it did.

Mack, who is now writing a book on his study of abductees, says the Debunkers are unqualified to diagnose his patients at a distance. He also says they're scientifically insincere. "These are not scientists," Mack says. "They are ideologues, defending a fixed notion of reality."

Yet Mack says that he, too, finds it difficult to believe that aliens from another world are actually abducting people, given the vast distances between the stars. Mack's theory is even more esoteric: the gray beings, he says, may be from "another dimension."

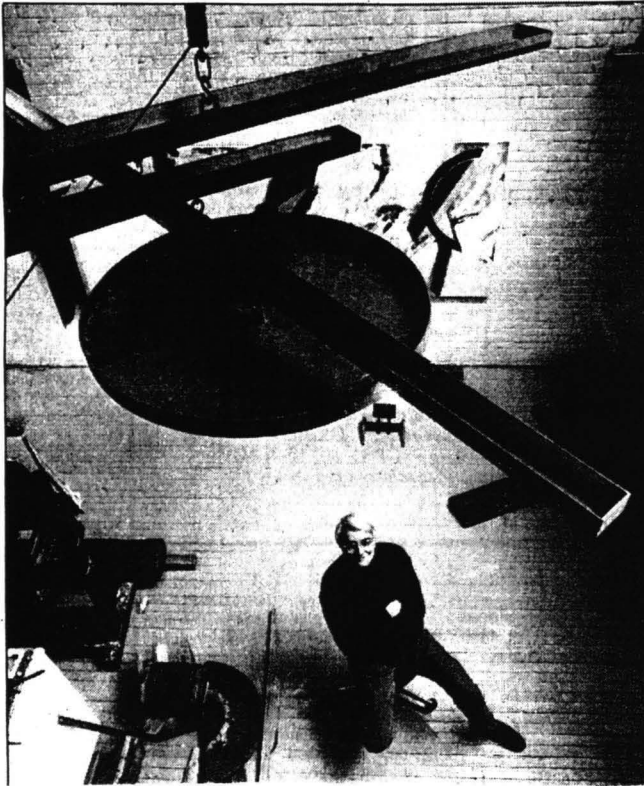
As for the abductees themselves, many are not sure what to believe. Chris, an apparently level-headed, 27-year-old engineer from Manhattan, says he's had several abduction experiences since childhood. Each time, he says, he's woken up with a sense of foreboding and haunting images of gray, oval-eyed aliens making incisions in his body, and staring into his eyes. He's noticed strange scars on his body that he can't explain.

"What the experiences really were, I just don't know," Chris says. "All I know is that the memories are there, and that I can't get rid of them." ■



Photos © Budd Hopkins

Opposite page, among the thousands of people who claim to have been abducted are, from top left, Curtis Walton, James LeFante, Brian Leger and 'Petra,' who does not want her true name revealed. Above, three drawings of aliens including, at far right, an interior drawing of a spaceship by children who claim to have been abducted. Right, UFO investigator Budd Hopkins, who says that many of the abduction stories are true.



ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - March 17, 1993

MUFON Program Features UFO Abductee Panel Speakers

by Bland Pugh

The panel consisted of six "abductees," all were local, save one lady who had driven over from New Orleans to participate. The program consisted of each "abductee" telling of his/her experience, after which questions were taken from the audience, and answered by the panel.

I was honestly impressed, as there were many interesting and 'new' bits of information that helped me put a piece or two of the puzzle into place. I talked to several of the audience during the break and after the meeting, they also were impressed. Incidentally, David Jacobs will be the speaker for the May meeting, hopefully it will not snow.

Sighting reports are a little skimpy at this time, however I had a report of a gentleman who was jogging, when something made him stop and turn around in time to observe a white ball floating from over the treeline in back of him, this ball of light was surrounded by several smaller over his head. This report came from the Villa Venyce area.

Another report came from Shoreline Park, where Judy Francoeur and Pat Gerbig were skywatching, they saw several red objects low on the Southwestern horizon. These lights were brilliant red and sat in one spot for several seconds before blinking out, then returning to the same spot again.

We have received several letters pertaining to the marks on "Bill's" hand, however all are wanting information that is useful in determining what has happened to him. We do appreciate the inquiries, and will answer all, but we are looking for answers. You may still write to "Bill" through me at P. O. Box 6111, Gulf

Breeze, FL 32561.

The visitors continue to come to the area, this past week we had another Japanese TV crew come to Gulf Breeze to film the UFO, I don't think they were successful, but they came all the same. I talked to Lou Stempler from Zelienople, PA, this gentleman told of having UFO sightings and experiences since the early 1950's, and how he was compelled to come to Gulf Breeze to find out what was going on here. Believe it or not, the man had not read the Gulf Breeze Sightings, Ray Pollock corrected that problem very quickly in his usual benevolent manner. Thanks Ray.

What keeps drawing these people here? I guess what all of this amounts to folks, is there is a reason, and like it or not, Pensacola, Gulf Breeze, and Pensacola Beach are a part of it. I have for a long time been very reserved and have kept a somewhat skeptical eye to the whole phenomenon, and still will continue to be cautious, however now I am not shocked at the stories of abduction, and alien encounters, they no longer seem like fantastic "stories," or the result of "overactive imaginations."

Along those lines I want to thank the people at the Beach VIC for referring these people to either MUFON or to me personally, it's amazing they are able to find Pensacola Beach, or Gulf Breeze at all when they ask about UFOs anywhere else. I can't believe the stories I'm told as they encounter some of the locals. I suppose these people are afraid, if they utter the words UFO they will be beamed up by "Scotty" or somebody even more sinister. Oh well, keep looking up and behind you. Remember the Hotline, 438-3261.

UFOs? Reports of local sightings attract interest

Eagle Staff Report

Several sightings of unidentified flying objects have been reported over the past several days by residents and visitors in the vicinity of the Crescent Beach.

The sightings, immediately following sunset, have attracted the interest of Mel Tennis of the UFO Network Hotline.

Tennis said he will visit the area later this week if anyone reports sightings and leaves a telephone number at the office of *The Marco Island Eagle* (394-7592; ask for Fran).

The FAA office in Fort Myers said the UFOs may be a phenomenon caused by sunspot activity or fighter planes, but reported it has no planes above 10,000 feet.

The Weather Center in Ruskin had nothing to report nor did the FBI in Tampa, although it suggested a call to McDill Air Force Base, where a spokesman said the base no longer investigates UFOs.

The UFO Network Hotline is an international non-profit organization that has been around for 20 years, employing professional consultants and trained field investigators. Currently, all its information is computerized and it has an astronomer in Manatee County, Tennis said.

CHRONICLE, Muskegon, MI - April 28, 1993

Two see unidentified 'triangle of lights'

□ Law enforcement officials said they received no reports of a UFO.

From local reports

A puzzling group of lights over Muskegon County Monday night has a few residents wondering whether they witnessed a local version of "Fire in the Sky."

"Fire in the Sky" was a recent movie detailing the abduction of an earthling by aliens. While no abductions have been reported, two residents who live in different parts of the county and who wished to remain anonymous called

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The Chronicle to report a triangle grouping of lights that appeared to the north at around 11:20 p.m. Monday and darted around for about 10 minutes.

Area law enforcement officials and air traffic controllers at Muskegon County Airport said they received no reports on the sightings. Officials from the National Weather Service said they received one call from a person who saw three lights in a triangle pattern over Lake Michigan.

A 54-year-old Muskegon woman who lives near Muskegon Catholic Central

School said she was taking her dog for a walk when she noticed two red lights and a white light arranged like a triangle over Muskegon Lake. She said the three lights appeared to be linked by a grey triangle with rounded corners.

The lights separated, and the white light shot across the sky so fast that the woman said, "I almost broke my neck tracking it."

She said the two red lights moved back and forth like a pendulum, then started to head south.

"At first, I thought they were part of a beacon or helicopters," she said. "But

I have never seen anything move quite like that. I heard nothing, so it could have been a helicopter."

To the north in Whitehall, a 49-year-old Whitehall man was walking his dog at 11:20 when he saw three lights — two red and one white. He said the white light appeared to be made up of three lights in a triangular pattern.

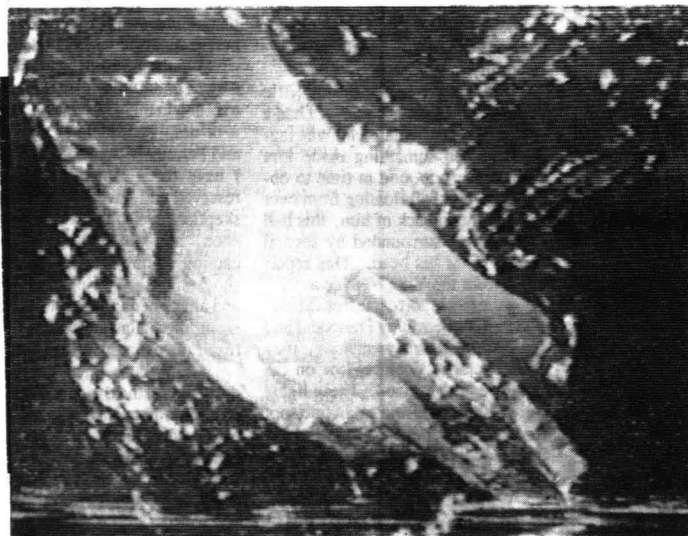
"At first I thought it was new tower out by the landfill," he said. "But after I watched for about three minutes, they started to move. I then thought it might be an airplane, but it hovered too much and did not make any noise."

UFO Crash at Southaven Park?

by Robert Sands

A local investigative group that has been researching accounts of unidentified objects on Long Island for the past five years released a report (with photos and a video tape) yesterday that claims an alien space craft crashed into a remote area of Southaven Park in Shirley just before Thanksgiving last year.

The incident happened just after 7:00 p.m. on the night of November 24, according to John Ford, chairman of the Long Island U.F.O. Network, who said that it has taken his group six months to do a thorough investigation. It was just recently, though, that his group was able to acquire the video and the photos. "We knew that something crashed into the park that night and we have, bit by bit," said Ford, "been able to finally put the picture together."



bright reddish, metallic-type object

Several motorists who were travelling along Sunrise Highway that night, according to Ford, contacted his organization and described what they thought was a plane that was going down into the park. And many local residents whose homes border Southaven reported that they heard loud rumbling sounds and saw strange lights.

"Eyewitness accounts have confirmed that a fire was reported immediately after," noted Ford. "In addition, the roads around the park were blocked off to traffic by county and park police. The next day, and for a few days after, the park was closed to the public."

One local resident who lives near the park said that for a five to six day period after the incident, his house experienced numerous power surges and the phone would ring strangely without anyone on the other end. "I ride horses in the park so I'm pretty familiar with the activities there," said the 45-year-old man who requested anonymity because of the sensitive nature of his job ("they would fire me if they thought I believed in flying saucers"). "For the next few days there were a lot of military helicopters going over the park — and I couldn't get in."

Records show that Southaven Park

said Ford.

Ford's group finally gained admittance to the park a week later. "We found an area that was burned out and some trees were bent over," Ford recalled. "A section looked like it had been plowed over by machinery." But two things were of particular interest to Ford. "We were getting a higher than normal radiation reading in the area, higher than regular background radiation. And the fence line in that area," said Ford, had no magnetic reading." Ford explained that metal fences maintain a magnetic charge from the Earth. "Something had stripped away the magnetic charge of the fence."

Last week Ford received what he had been waiting and hoping for: a video film of the crash. "I can't say where I got it from because these people who supplied the tape are afraid that the government will go after them." Because of the poor quality of the tape, Ford has been working with video specialists to try and enhance the quality of the picture and to produce stills.

The video, a copy of which was given to *South Shore Press*, shows people examining a bright reddish, metallic-type object about four-square feet that appears to be emitting a white, cloudy gas, and a hissing sound can be heard — a sight and sound that resembles dry ice that has been exposed to warmer temperatures. The next shot shows what appears to be a person trying to lift up a body near a tree, but the poor quality of the film makes positive identification impossible. In a final scene, three uniformed men (wearing dark jackets and rounded caps similar to federal SWAT teams) are seen placing a large shiny spread (similar to mylar) over something on the ground.

Ford makes no apologies for the poor quality of the video: "Things are happening fast and the guy who took the shots doesn't want to be too obvious." And he confesses that it is hard to get people to come forward and admit what they've seen. "One of the major problems in researching UFOs is that people are afraid of sounding like lunatics when describing strange, unexplainable events." But an even greater fear, notes Ford, is the government. "You get involved with things that the government doesn't want people to know and they can make life pretty tough for you."

What are Ford's conclusions about the Southaven incident? "We are still very actively investigating this event. We believe that an extraterrestrial craft, with aliens, crashed that night in the park — and we are out to prove it."

The Long Island U.F.O. Network has a 24-hour hotline number (286-3212) to which Ford encourages people to call if they have any information on the (Southaven) incident or any other (unexplainable) phenomenon. Or you can call this reporter at 281-PRESS — he would love to know what happened that night.

military aircraft.

"We have sort of ruled out the aircraft theory," Fitzgerald said, however. "Our dispatcher called the air traffic controllers in Madison and Milwaukee after getting the report and was told there were no aircraft, either military or civilian, in the area where the lights were spotted."

State climatologist Pam Knox said she believes the UFO was a mirage.

"Such things are not uncommon when there are unidentified sightings of light," she said. "The bending of light into different densities of the atmosphere is not uncommon."

Ms. Knox compared it to the common mirage of the appearance of water on a dry highway.

SHE SAID that, depending on the location of the sighting, the mirage could have been from the bending of city lights over the horizon and into the air or from a motor vehicle not in the direct line of sight.

The climatologist said the warming trend of the last few days may have provided the right conditions for a mirage.

Ms. Knox said that, with clear night skies, the planet Venus is shining brighter this time of the year, but she didn't believe it would reflect the kind of light that was reported.

Many UFOs reported

TERRY JUDD
GAZETTE NEWS SERVICE

MUSKEGON — Mysterious lights seen hovering over Oceana and Muskegon counties Monday night match the description of an unidentified flying object witnessed in Michigan's Thumb area over the last month, officials with an international UFO organization said this week.

Shirley Coyne of Flint, state director for the Michigan chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, said there have been at least 16 sightings of triangle-shaped flying objects in eastern Michigan over the last month. Other areas reporting UFOs within the last month include Caro, Cass City, Kingsley and Lake Odessa.

Like those seen in the Muskegon area, witnesses describe the objects as triangles with round corners, accented with two red lights and one white light.

She said her organization is investigating the sightings including two home videos taken of two UFOs.

"We've had a lot of reports like that," Coyne said. "What are they? No one really knows. All we have is a lot of reports."

On Monday, two Muskegon county residents described three lights in the form of a triangle over Whitehall and minutes later over Muskegon. Since an article appeared on the sightings Wednesday in the Muskegon Chronicle, that newspaper has received other calls from residents with similar accounts, some as far north as Shelby.

All reported seeing a grouping of lights capable of moving very slowly, then suddenly leaving the area at terrific speed.

Area law enforcement officials and air traffic controllers at Muskegon County Airport said they received no reports on the sightings.

Officials from the National Weather Service said they received one call from a person who saw three lights in a triangle pattern Monday over Lake Michigan.

Linda Andrews, of Whitehall, said she was the person who made the call. According to Andrews, she and her husband, Robert, were in the process of dropping their car off for repairs at 9:24 p.m. Monday in Whitehall when they saw three bright lights hovering over Colby Street.

She said the object they saw was similar to those described by other eyewitnesses — two white lights and a red light in a triangle or V-shaped pattern. Andrews said the red light was made up of three round lights.

She said the lights occasionally broke away from that formation and the two white lights almost collided. She said her husband estimates the lights were 1,000 feet above the ground.



A Beaver Dam area woman, Carol Putz, captured on videotape what she says is the UFO, upper right, which hovered on the southwest horizon Monday night. She, along with Rachel Dahm, Steve and Dawn Bahr, and Matt and Corey Bauer, sighted the unidentified flying object from a vantage point along Hawk Road, off county G. The point of light in the lower left is from a ground beacon. The picture is taken off a television screen

Just a mirage? UFO theories filtering in

JUNEAU (AP)—The unidentified object reported in the sky near Hustisford during the weekend may have actually been some sort of reflected light, Dodge County Sheriff Stephen Fitzgerald says.

His deputies, answering a report from a farmer Sunday night, saw the light and followed it. It was an intense light that faded away for intervals and then returned, the officers said.

THE FARMER reported seeing an object with a dome, with bright light coming from the dome and darker, yellow-colored lights beaming from the ends of the object. But the deputies said they didn't see any dome.

"The theory I am looking into right now is that it may have been some kind of reflective light, possibly from the planet Venus," Fitzgerald said.

This theory, he said, came from several meteorologists who contacted him.

Another theory is that the light reflected from satellites or unidentified

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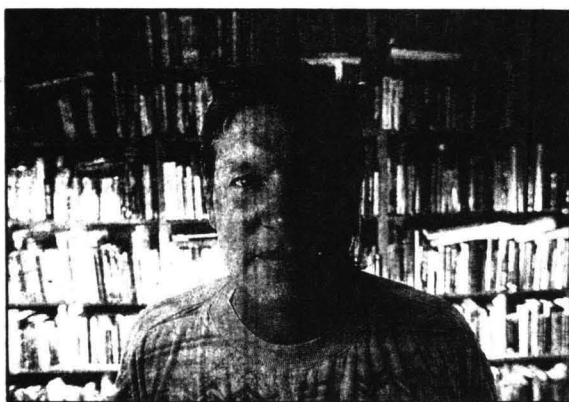
— Stephen Fitzgerald
Dodge County sheriff

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS



Fire In The Sky tells the story of a man who claimed he was abducted by aliens.

Mark Hunziker of the Mutual UFO Network has nearly 3,000 books on UFOs.
LANNIS WATERS
Staff Photographer



The wingspread was breathtaking. If the point of the ship was about a thousand feet above the canal behind her house, as it appeared, then the farther wingtip must have been over Federal Highway to the west and the eastern wingtip somewhere near the Intracoastal.

The craft didn't reflect the morning sunlight, but was smooth, like unglazed ceramic.

There was no sign of windows or portholes, but the underside of the wings was marked by gray lines forming rectangles of varying sizes; not rivets, but seams, perhaps, the structural reinforcements of rooms or compartments inside.

"Dead quiet," she says, "but so big."

No one else was on the street. After the craft had vanished beyond the trees, heading toward the Fort Lauderdale airport, Crawford waited a moment, listening, and then ran back through the

house and out to her dock to look again. But again the trees and condo roofs to the south were in the way.

Before you ask, Crawford is certain that what she saw was not a cloud.

"There wasn't a cloud in the sky," she says, "and it was too low. It was too shaped. There was nothing wispy about it. It was very solid. It was just a perfectly designed shape to do what it was doing."

"I just thought, 'Well, I'll read about this in the paper,'" she remembers, but the next day there was nothing in the paper, and for nearly a year, Crawford told no one except her two adult sons what she'd seen. She doesn't want her picture taken, or her exact address given, and except to say that she's a retired financial planner, she won't reveal her age.

"I'm really just not a factor in what I saw," she says. "I just happened to see it. I don't even

know the movie you're talking about that all this interest is coming from. See, that's like sensational. What I saw was wonderful and quiet. I didn't see any fire in the sky."

As close encounters go these days, Crawford's sighting wasn't exactly out of this world.

Travis Walton, the *Snowflake*, Ariz., logger whose adventure is dramatized in the movie *Fire In The Sky*, allegedly was abducted by extraterrestrials for five days in November 1975. As several friends watched, the story goes, an alien craft kidnapped Walton and, while on board, he was subjected to various horrifying and humiliating physical probes.

Critics charge that Walton failed miserably the first polygraph test he was given after he reappeared, and point out that the *National Enquirer* paid the group \$5,000 at the time.

Paramount Pictures, which re-

leased *Fire*, did not respond to a request for an interview with Walton or provide a spokesperson to justify the ad campaign, which boasts that the film is "based on a true story."

But if Walton won't talk, plenty of others will, and UFO encounters have grown into a cottage industry since the first reports began appearing in the late 1940s.

A 1991 Roper Poll found that nearly 3 percent of Americans believe they've had a close encounter of some kind or other with extraterrestrials. Hypnotherapists, who once helped their clients quit smoking, now peel back layers of memory to uncover suppressed abductions. In California, support groups form to help abductees compare notes, and in March, about 100 mental health professions gathered in Atlanta for a daylong conference to help them deal with patients who believe they've been abducted by aliens.

What's that overhead?
If you spot a
UFO — and are willing
to talk — you're
far from alone.
Extraterrestrial
encounters have
grown into a
cottage industry.

By RON HAYES
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

About 7 o'clock on a bright blue and cloudless November morning in 1991, Rosalie Crawford saw a spaceship as big as a shopping mall cruising over her Fort Lauderdale home.

She'd come outside to pick up the newspaper.

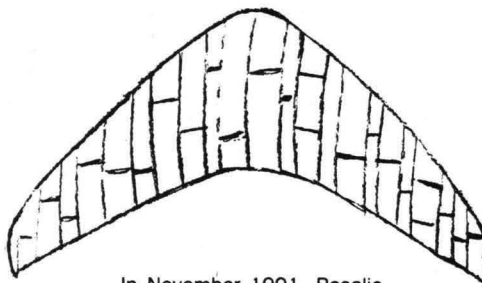
"And as I'm walking back toward the house," she recalls, "I saw this huge, huge flying ship coming over, approaching, going from north to south right over my house and then continuing on."

Seated by the pool recently in her home off Bayview Drive, just west of the Intracoastal, Crawford is calm, low-key and articulate. She chooses her words thoughtfully.

"And the size!" she says. "It was like Pompano Fashion Square flew overhead without making a sound. It was so humongous. My mind said, 'That's like a flying city block. Like two stories high and big as two blocks of streets.'"

Later, Crawford counted slowly to herself and estimated she had watched the craft for about 15 seconds before it passed out of sight beyond trees to the south. Her description of what she saw is detailed, lucid and self-confident:

The ship was a mammoth white chevron, "like the biggest boomerang you can possibly imagine."



In November 1991, Rosalie Crawford says she saw a white spaceship "like the biggest boomerang you can possibly imagine."

Perhaps a year after her sighting, Crawford happened to watch an episode of *Unsolved Mysteries* that dramatized the experiences of some people in central New York state who had seen an unidentified flying object.

The craft looked familiar. "I said, 'That's the shape!'" Crawford recalls, and the TV show moved her to report what she'd seen.

She began by trying to call *Unsolved Mysteries*, but the line was busy. So she started with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, which directed her to the Federal Aviation Administration. Everyone was polite, and after 10 or 12 referrals she was put in touch with a man in Washington state, who told her, "You are one of thousands that have seen that ship and reported it from all over the world." And he promised that

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a local representative of MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, the world's oldest and largest UFO information gathering organization, would be in touch.

The man who arrived to take her report was a 39-year-old lawn maintenance worker from Pompano Beach named Mark Hunziker.

"Jackie Gleason claimed that Richard Nixon took him to Home- stead Air Force Base and he viewed alien bodies," Hunziker says with enthusiasm. "That's written about in a book here. And it isn't just Jackie Gleason. William Shatner experienced something strange out in the desert, but he won't say what it is."

In the front bedroom of Hunziker's home, an entire wall is lined, floor to ceiling, with books about UFOs. Since 1981, Hunziker estimates, he's collected nearly 3,000 books on the subject. As he talks, his enthusiasm sometimes gets the best of him, and he jumps from case to case without pausing to elaborate.

What about Bigfoot and the Moth Man case? What about Woodbridge, England, where the aliens got out and talked with people? What about the Pascagoula case? What about the one-armed Swiss farmer?

Since 1985, Hunziker has been MUFON's state section director for Broward and Palm Beach counties. When anyone sees a UFO, is abducted by a UFO or has sperm samples taken on a UFO, Hunziker files a report. In that time, he says, the group has forwarded perhaps 10 solid cases to MUFON headquarters in Seguin, Texas, where Walter Andrus, a retired engineer for the Motorola Corporation, added them to the 1,000 other reports MUFON classifies as verified UFO sighting each year.

"We accept UFOs," says Andrus, 73, who founded the group in 1969 and has nurtured it into an international organization with 4,500 members and a monthly magazine. "The evidence and data support that we have UFOs. I don't believe. Belief has a religious connotation. But when you look at the data, it becomes overwhelmingly clear that we have UFOs."

Andrus has been interested in the subject ever since Aug. 15, 1948, when, he says, he and his family saw four silver, balloon-shaped objects move across the sky over downtown Phoenix, Ariz. Through the years, he's developed a theory about UFO abduction stories like Walton's.

"There seems to be some cloning process involved," he explains. "In order to sustain their own species, they're mixing half-breeds with humans and they're utilizing women to be short-term incubators to develop these half-breed children — half-human and half-alien."

The most popular scenario these days has aliens abducting human males and females to extract sperm and ova, mate the eggs or sperm with their own reproduc-

tive material, then return the hybrid to the Earth woman's womb to gestate. Two or three months later, the Earth woman is abducted again and the fetus removed, to be carried back to wherever the aliens call home.

"Doctors have done autopsies on the recovered bodies from crash sites," Andrus says earnestly. "Oh, yes, our government knows a whole lot more than they'd have you believe."

Surrounded by books in Pompano Beach, Hunziker eagerly agrees.

"Antonio Vilas Bollas reported sex with a female entity that landed on his farm down in South America," he enthuses. "Argentina, I think it was, or whatever. Brazil. That was the first sex encounter with these things."

"If you have one story, then you dismiss it," David Jacobs says. "You have two or three stories, you say, 'It's interesting, doesn't mean a damn thing.' You begin to have a hundred stories, two hundred stories or a thousand stories, suddenly you've got something different."

Since 1986, Jacobs, 50, has been hypnotizing people and getting them to explore their experiences as UFO abductees. So far, he has about 400 stories, some of which are detailed in his new book, *Secret Life: Firsthand Documented Accounts of UFO Abductions* (Fireside/Simon & Schuster, \$12). When mental-health professionals gathered in Atlanta to learn about alien abductions, Jacobs was one of the event's organizers. At Temple University in Philadelphia, where he's an associate professor of history, he teaches a course called UFOs in American Society.

"Hypnosis has proved to be an invaluable tool for us," he says. "The memories of these events appear to be stored in an area of the mind that is not accessible to normal recall."

Ask Jacobs why he assumes strange tales of alien mating techniques told under hypnosis are believable, and he offers a list of rationales:

■ Abductees stick to their stories, even when skeptical hypnotists try to lead them astray.

■ When psychological tests are given to abductees, they almost always react within the normal range.

■ Many cases, such as the Travis Walton experience, are multiple abductions, with several witnesses confirming the event.

■ Every single abductee was physically missing from his normal environment during the abduction.

■ When abductees are asked why the aliens have come to Earth, they have no answer. If the stories were psychological fantasies, Jacobs reasons, the subjects would invent an explanation.

"There's all sorts of problems with hypnosis," Jacobs concedes, "but once I got my sea legs, I began to realize that this is probably really happening, and for about

a year afterwards, I walked around saying to myself, 'Oh my God, Oh my God, Oh my God.'"

Philip Klass says David Jacobs is completely sincere, and completely wrong.

"In nearly 27 years of investigating famous UFO cases," Klass says, "I have yet to find one, not a single one, that cannot be explained ... Roughly one out of every three or four UFO reports turns out to be a bright planet or star."

Jacobs calls Klass "the great debunker."

A senior editor of *Aviation Week & Space Technology* magazine for 34 years, Klass, 73, has been exposing and explaining UFO hoaxes and reports since 1966. Besides publishing the *UFO Skeptics Newsletters*, he appears frequently on radio and television talk shows.

"There is simply no basis for accepting these stories as fact," he says, and ticks off a series of explanations.

Some are intentional hoaxers, a category in which he puts Travis Walton and his friend, Mike Rogers, whom Klass called "a god-damn liar" during a *Larry King Live* segment last March 12.

Some are psychologically disturbed, and others are simply seeking fame.

But the biggest villain in the growth of the whole UFO phenomenon, Klass says, is television.

"If television were to devote as much biased, one-sided coverage to the idea that people who eat spinach will come down with AIDS," he says, "many people would think if you ever ate spinach, you're vulnerable to AIDS."

He recalls appearing on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* several years ago. First two alleged abductees were interviewed, then a UFO "expert." Next, two audience members described their abductions, followed by a phone interview with a Texas woman who described her abduction.

Finally, Klass says, he got about two minutes to rebut.

"Based on the scientific evidence, it ought to be biased 99 percent skeptic and only 1 percent believer," he says. "But that doesn't sell spinach."

Klass says the trouble with people like David Jacobs and Walter Andrus — whom he calls "terribly credulous and gullible" — is that they only highlight the cases they can't explain, quickly discarding prosaic explanations that might illuminate the whole field of UFO exploration.

Imagine a homicide squad that was rewarded with pay raises for every case it didn't solve, he says. How many homicides would be solved?

"When I last checked with the FBI," he says, "roughly 25 percent of the homicide cases had not been solved. Does this prove that 25 percent of the murders were committed by extraterrestrials?"

"No."

around the back seat, the sky, out the windows and then said, "There it is in the sky." And sure enough there was this flying saucer standing perfectly still in the sky perhaps 600 feet off the ground and about three blocks south of the road.

I immediately pulled over and got out of the car to get a better view of the flying saucer. So did seven or eight other cars. My sister was afraid and wouldn't get out of the car, although she rolled the window down slightly to get a better view of the saucer.

The flying saucer was dome-shaped on top, shiny metal looking and appeared flat and/or dark on the bottom, so we couldn't get any details as to how the bottom looked. No noise. No writing or numbers on it. One man ran back to his car to get a cam-

era and another ran to get his binoculars.

As if this running startled the saucer, it very slowly began rising and moving away towards the west. Then faster and faster until it silently swooshed clear out of sight.

Several of the people who saw this saucer reported it to the Everett Herald and were subjected to snide remarks as to what they may have been drinking. Nevertheless, the paper did inquire of the Air Force. No secret planes, etc., were flying in the area at

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Unwanted fame

Officers who reported UFO subject of tabloids, teasing

By GARDINER HARRIS
Staff Writer

If you see a UFO, for God's sake don't tell anyone about it.

That's the lesson two Jefferson County air unit police officers have learned in the aftermath of their Feb. 26 dogfight with an Unidentified Flying Object. Officers Kenny Graham and Kenny Downs knew they courted ridicule when they first told their story to a reporter.

Their worst fears have come true.

Newspaper tabloids have trumpeted the encounter, radio disc jockeys from across the country have tried to get them on the air for a few laughs, and their own fellow officers have teased them mercilessly. Under orders from their embarrassed chief not to comment, the two have remained silent.

When they first revealed the episode, the officers said they spent two harrowing minutes at first chasing and then dodging a glowing pear-shaped object about the size of a basketball. In one blinding moment, the UFO shot three baseball-sized fireballs out of its middle toward their helicopter, they said.

Their story was confirmed by two officers on the ground who followed the UFO in their cruisers. But a day after their story appeared in *The Courier-Journal*, a Buechel man said the UFO was nothing more than a small hot-air balloon he had released. He said he had set lit candles into a wood frame and covered it with a dry-cleaning bag.

That explanation — which was rejected by one of the officers — did not stop supermarket tabloids from jumping on the story. "Aliens shoot fireballs at terrified crew!" screamed a headline in the *National Enquirer*.

"UFO Fires on Louisville, Ky., Police Chopper!" shouted the front page of the *Weekly World*

News. "2 cops survive most amazing encounter of 1993!"

Dozens of radio station talk-show hosts also called and tried to speak with the officers, according to police spokeswoman Wendy Peters. UFO "investigators" beamed into Louisville and asked for more detailed reports.

"We have nothing to say about the tabloid reports," Peters said.

But the media aren't the only ones hounding the officers. Numerous underground spoofs of the UFO tale have since made their way around offices in the police department and city and county governments.

One shows a picture of Graham and Downs, a computer graphic of a space saucer and the line, "JCPD's Cosmic Cowboys." A second mimics a "Wanted" poster and features a crude drawing of a spaceman with flippered feet, pointed ears, long fingers and antennae. The text states, "Wanted: Mr. I. M. Green by County Police for Questioning ... Last seen driving a pear-shaped vehicle."

Yet another is a counterfeit *Courier-Journal* story with the headline, "Nessie seen in Ohio River, River Patrol tracks Loch Ness Monster."

Immediately after the incident, neither officer was enthusiastic when a reporter who had been tipped about the sighting asked them to confirm it. Longtime police veterans, they knew they might get teased by their colleagues.

But more than the teasing, the two said they feared that the people they are sworn to protect might think two crazies were swooping around overhead watching for UFOs instead of crooks.

"We don't care if people know we saw something," Graham said in the February interview.

Downs added: "I just don't want people laughing at us. A lot of people out there trust us."

Don't pooh-pooh flying saucers; I saw one

I am writing in regards to the movie review by Dawn Raines "Fire in the Sky" (March 18). Having seen the flying saucer spotted in the sky east of Everett in the summer of 1949 or 1950, her pooh poohing of flying saucers does not wash with me.

At this time I was a young lad of about 20 years age, working at Boeing. My sister and I were driving home to Snohomish about 4 p.m. when my sister became uneasy, saying someone was spying on us. My answer was baloney! We're going 50 miles an hour and no one was behind us.

She insisted as to having a weird feeling. Then she began looking all

this time. Some air force general was quoted as saying "we all saw swamp gas rising."

Anyway, I saw a flying saucer. They do exist, and have for many years. I haven't seen the movie "Fire in the Sky."

But I see no harm in children seeing the movie and knowing that saucers do exist as long as the movie doesn't have trashy language or dirty scenes in it.

Marvin Lynd,
Puyallup



Smith, a hypnotherapist who leads support groups, with drawings of aliens

Extraterrestrials

Support group discusses what to do if you're abducted by a UFO

By Miles Corwin
Los Angeles Times writer

LOS ANGELES — 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 near Los Angeles, 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 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 an electronics store, 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.

DAILY NEBRASKAN, Lincoln, NE - Feb. 15, 1993

Professor says UFOs no fantasy

By Becky Becher
Staff Reporter

Earthlings aren't alone in the cosmos, a UNL professor said. But two UNL instructors doubt at least some aspects of the somewhat shocking theories of Jack Kasher, a physics professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Kasher said he believed at least two alien civilizations were abducting and observing earthlings, and the government was hiding information about the visitors.

"This is a big enough thing that people need to know about it, and there is a great deal of evidence to back it up," Kasher said.

Kasher, who does research for NASA and is also a consultant for the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in Lawrence, Kan., said one alien civilization was here to observe life on Earth. He's not certain what the other group's purpose is, he said, but they are conducting medical research.

The first civilization doesn't abduct people, Kasher said, but the second group does.

He said the abductions were a cross-cultural occurrence with victims from a variety of backgrounds.

"There doesn't seem to be a pattern," he said.

People from around the world who have been abducted give similar descriptions of the aliens, and describe similar experiences, Kasher said.

Kasher said most abductees described the aliens as 4 feet tall with large heads. He said they had thin, gray bodies and large, dark eyes.

Besides the similarity of descriptions, Kasher said some of the abductees have been found to carry implants. The technology used to make the implants is far beyond that which could be designed on Earth, he said.

Kasher said the implants were found in the noses or ears of the victims and could be tracking devices.

He said researchers at Massachusetts Institute of Technology were studying such implants, but their findings had not been released.

Kasher said further evidence in support of the abduction claims include strange scar tissues found on victim's bodies.

Kasher said an Omaha woman had an example of such scar tissue. When the woman's doctor examined her, he found scar tissue on her uterus which indicated very precise cuts, similar to surgery. When the doctor asked the woman about the cuts, she said she had never had surgery.

Kasher said he believed most of the people who claimed they had been abducted.

"When I meet so many people who have had the same experience, I can't imagine that they would all be mentally imbalanced," he said.

There is a support group in Omaha for people who have been abducted by extraterrestrials, Kasher said. The group, which has 47 members, meets regularly to talk about the members' experiences.

Kasher said more people probably had experienced or witnessed UFO-related incidents but were afraid to speak out.

He said the U.S. government had documented proof that aliens and UFOs exist, but is hiding the information.

He said an example of a governmental cover-up happened in 1947 in Roswell, N.M.

Kasher said the Army Air Force investigated a crash sight and found an alien spacecraft and four bodies. Officials issued a press release but later said they had made a mistake, he said.

Kasher said the major who investigated the crash sight came forward 37 years later and revealed that the Army Air Force didn't know what they had found, but it was not a weather balloon, as they had asserted.

The government does not want to release UFO-related information because it fears a public panic, Kasher said. He said the government doesn't want the public to know that if the aliens posed a threat, the military might not be able to protect them.

Victim testimonials and theories of government cover-ups aside, many people still doubt the existence of UFOs.

UNL physics professor Edgar Pearlstein is among the skeptical. He is not convinced by Kasher's claims.

Pearlstein heard Kasher speak several years ago and was unimpressed with the lack of scientific documentation to back up the abduction claims, he said.

"Dr. Kasher is a respectable physicist," Pearlstein said, "but he is glib in this subject."

Donald Taylor, a UNL astronomy professor, said he had read books on the subject, but he doubted the existence of extraterrestrials.

Taylor said he thought Kasher's claims could be truthful, but he had never seen convincing evidence. Most UFO and alien evidence was hearsay, he said.

Taylor is the acting director of UNL's Behlen Observatory in Mead. He said he wasn't aware of anyone who had spotted a UFO from the facility.

But Kasher said when he first began to research alien activity, he also was skeptical. However, he said that he approached the topic scientifically and with an open mind.

Research and discussion changed Kasher's views on the subject. Kasher said people who doubted the existence of extraterrestrials were unaware of current evidence.

The professor said he knew his claims were shocking, but he wanted people to keep an open mind. He said if they studied the evidence, they would be likely to believe it.

"This is not something off the wall," he said.

NEWS, Kenosha, WI - March 9, 1993 CR: R. Heiden

Driver 'followed' by flying saucer

A Kenosha woman told authorities a flying saucer as large as nine houses followed her car from the Racine County line into the city Friday night.

The Sheriff's deputy's report indicated it was the only reported sighting that night of the saucer.

According to the report, Cathy L. Wiley, 36, 4905 38th Ave., was driving home on 22nd Avenue with her three children about 11 p.m. when she noticed three saucer-shaped objects over Lake Michigan.

At about the county line, one of the objects came toward her and shined a bright light over her car.

Wiley said the saucer had red, blue, green, yellow and white lights.

In the area of 21st Street the saucer veered off to the west and disappeared.

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UNO physics professor



STEVE OTTO

Guess they don't redesign UFO models

They're baaack, air consultants. Give them an "I," and other Friday ottographs: What do they want and why are they back?

Earlier this week, I wrote about the recent appearance of a mysterious object in Hernando County just north of Weeki Wachee Springs.

The UFO was seen by several people, including a law enforcement officer. One man described the craft as looking like a boomerang, with blue and white running lights. The reports all said the craft hovered along the coastline for several minutes and then silently flashed off to who knows where.

This prompted a call from Mother Trib reader Donna Barber.

"It was in late 1974," she says. "We were living in North Carolina in a town called Eden, about 50 miles north of Greensboro. I was driving with two other women down a two-lane road, and it was twilight.

"Suddenly, I saw this thing coming right at us from a distance. At first I thought it was a plane, but then it was obvious that there weren't any planes like this.

"It stopped right in front of us and hovered just above the pine trees. It was dark and had blue and white lights. It looked just like a boomerang.

"I got out of the car and looked, but the other two stayed inside. I never thought about being abducted. Finally it just went up a few feet and then took off without making a sound.

"A few days later there was a small story in the local paper about the sheriff's deputies chasing a UFO down a road. I thought it was kind of funny. I mean, what would they have done if they had caught it?

"You know, once you see something like that, you tend to get interested in that sort of thing. But over the years I've never heard of anyone seeing anything that looked like a boomerang until I saw your column. It sounded like the same one."

Well, I supposed that's what happens when you build a UFO that looks like a boomerang. It's bound to come back sooner or later.

The sting from outer space

Nevada aims to keep corporate law from sheltering con-artists

By BRENDAN RILEY
The Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Attention extraterrestrials: incorporate in Nevada.

The state's loosely defined laws of incorporation are a lucrative source of government income from registration fees. They also make Nevada one of the most unrestricted and attractive places for a business to call home.

But the laws also have brought in hundreds of corporations that nobody's ever heard of before, including some run by people who claim to consult with aliens from outer space.

The legislature now is considering ways to tighten the laws to prevent possible abuses, particularly those by shady telemarketers, who have been known to peddle everything from fake zirconium jewelry to get-rich-quick schemes.

The secretary of state's office says one couple alone has incorporated more than 200 company names in Nevada since 1991 — E.J. and Doris Ekker of the Phoenix Institute for Research and Education, based in Tehachapi, Calif.

The Ekkers are listed as top officers of corporations with names like Mothership Inc., Cosmos Ventures, Cosmic Quest, Star Force Corp., Star Journey, Back to Light Inc. and Sun Vision.

Mrs. Ekker, 60, a retired nurse who also goes by the name of Dharma, claims to be a translator for Commander Hatonn, whom she describes as an extraterrestrial orbiting Earth and warning disciples about intergalactic strife.

In Phoenix Institute publications, she says her radio communication with Hatonn, which nobody else can hear, is made easier because of a colossal crystal shaped like a chrysanthemum and buried beneath a Tehachapi mountain.

All that may sound unbelievable, but Luke Perry, a Las Vegas investor, says what's involved is a down-to-earth scheme to bilk unsuspecting investors.

In a lawsuit that has focused attention on the state's anything-goes incorporation laws, Perry says \$120,000 of his family's money now is controlled by the Ekkers, who have tied up at least \$2 million in investors' funds.

The Ekkers' corporations are advertised as a way to gain privacy and protect assets from probate costs, future taxes, excessive lawyers' fees and other hassles. There's also the omniscient Hatonn for counsel.

People are advised to put their assets into the corporations, in exchange for a promissory note. Investors are told they can withdraw money or

get interest, but Perry says some investors encounter roadblocks when they try.

The chairman of a state legislature judiciary subcommittee says the activity has prompted him to look for ways to close loopholes that could be used in shady investment schemes.

Assemblyman Scott Scherer, R-Las Vegas, is putting together a report on Nevada laws governing corporate investment, and armed with citizens' complaints is bringing the matter to the attention of the secretary of state.

"There's a responsibility at the state level to have an anti-fraud scheme to protect those people if in fact they are being defrauded," Scherer said.

He also raised questions about a bill that would exempt resident agents, who file papers for thousands of new Nevada corporations each year, from laws governing telemarketers.

Scherer said the bill has been pushed by Lewis Laughlin, a Carson City businessman who runs what's known as a resident agent service, which represents nearly 5,400 Nevada corporations.

As it happens, Laughlin started out as the resident agent for many of the Ekkers' Nevada corporations.

Tom Vallas, an attorney for the Ekkers, declined to discuss his clients.



Luke Perry, who says his family trust was bilked for \$120,000, is trying to change Nevada's incorporation law.

PRESS, Grand Rapids, MI - May 6, 1993

UFOs could have been trio of small planes

Grand Rapids Press News Service

MUSKEGON — Those mysterious unidentified flying objects seen hovering above Muskegon and Oceana counties 10 days ago apparently were not so mysterious after all.

Dan Filby, a student at Baker College, said he was among six Baker College students who flew three Cessna 152s in a triangle formation over Muskegon, Whitehall and Shelby at the time of the sightings on the night of April 26. One of the aircraft was equipped with a bright flashing strobe light, he said.

The other two aircraft, he said, would occasionally flash landing lights to help the other pilots maintain formation.

According to several area residents, an odd triangle-shaped object with two white lights and one red light in each corner was seen hovering over Shelby, Whitehall and later Muskegon between 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. The reports indicated the lights were capable of moving slowly, then suddenly veering in a different direction.

All of the witnesses said they heard no engine noise and that the lights did not resemble aircraft lights.

Officials with the Mutual UFO Network in Flint, an international organization that investigates reported UFO sightings, said the objects described matched UFOs seen within the last month in the state's Thumb area.

But Filby said there is no question in his mind that the airplanes were the source of the mysterious lights over the Muskegon area. He said the three planes took off from Muskegon County Airport at around 9 p.m., flew to Manistee and returned around midnight. The three planes flew in a triangle formation most of the time, he said.

Doug Reed, chief flight instructor for the Baker College Flight Training Program, confirmed the college has Cessna aircraft and that one is equipped with a strobe light. He said the general public is not acquainted with aircraft strobe lights.

"At night it is very difficult to judge distances," he said. "Aircraft lights often appear closer than they really are."

He said the strobe light and landing lights were used by students so they could "spot each other" while flying in the formation.

Witnesses reported seeing the mysterious lights heading north at around 9:30 p.m. near Shelby. Later, residents reported seeing the lights heading south at around 11:20 p.m. in the Whitehall-Muskegon area.

Filby noted the planes were in those areas at those times.

"Based off the articles I read, the reports sound exactly like what we did," Filby said.

Filby added that around Muskegon, the aircraft broke away from the triangle formation when they did slow "spirals" to lower altitudes. He said that would explain some reports of lights veering off.

He said the aircraft flew at altitudes ranging from 3,000 to 10,000 feet. He said at that altitude, it's difficult for people on the ground to hear the engine from the small airplanes.

DAILY RECORD, Roswell, NM - June 3, 1993 CR: T. Good

UFO author says ET has phoned home

Nancy Fleming

Record Staff Writer

Contact has been established with extraterrestrials — according to author Timothy Good.

The UFO author from England has landed in Roswell and is a guest of the International UFO Museum and Research Center, 400 N. Main St.

After his international best-seller "Above Top Secret" investigated an alleged government coverup of information on UFOs, Good reported new evidence in this area with a follow-up book, "Alien Contact," published last month by William Morrow & Company Inc.

In addition to visiting the UFO Museum, Good participated in an interview Wednesday on John King's Round Table on KBIM and toured the Roswell Museum and Art Center, specifically to see Dr. Robert H. Goddard's workshop and former U.S. Sen. Harrison "Jack" Schmitt's space suit, said Walter Haut, UFO Museum board president.

Good will be interviewed today by a Dallas radio station call-in talk show, and is scheduled to leave for a lecture in Dallas.

Haut has been corresponding with Good for about six months. Although there are approximately five pages in "Alien Contact"

which discuss the Roswell Incident, Haut said he would like to see Good's interest rise in local UFO history.

Good also is a professional violinist who played with the London Symphony Orchestra for 14 years.

Among the contentions made in Good's book:

■ Confirmation by two former U.S. Intelligence directors and other intelligence personnel that extraterrestrial craft are in possession of the government.

■ Revelations by a physicist and military personnel that alien craft have been test-flown at a top-secret installation in the Nevada

desert.

■ President Ronald Reagan's UFO sighting and his discussion with President Gorbachev regarding the possibility of an alien threat.

■ Reports from intelligence officers describing communications with aliens and alien anatomy and the medical examination of a live extraterrestrial by a respected doctor.

■ A former NASA engineer's visit to a top-secret Aerospace Defense Command installation where extraterrestrial spacecraft are tracked regularly and his first-hand experience of alien technology in use by NASA.

'I don't know how I got home. I don't remember any of it'



Daily Record photograph by Henry Hawkins

Wes Crum sent his UFO art design to President Clinton and the President accepted and sent him a thank you note.

By Brenda Kilby
Daily Record Staff

EUREKA SPRINGS — Leah Haley believes she was abducted by aliens — not just once, but many times — since the age of three.

Haley, a diminutive brunette from Mississippi, came to tell her story to several hundred fellow ufologists who gathered at the Fifth Annual Ozark UFO Conference this weekend at the Inn of the Ozarks. An overflow crowd listened to her story Saturday.

Haley, who is a graduate instructor of accounting at a university in Mississippi, first realized something was seriously wrong with her while getting her master's degree a few years ago, in 1990.

"I began to have these dreams about aliens," she said. "And I had these strange symptoms, such as unaccountable scars, problems with my ears, and nose-bleeds."

At first she thought it was stress overload. Her husband, who travelled extensively with his job, was seldom home. Haley was stressed, getting very little sleep, teaching four classes and going to school full-time.

"I had three daughters, none old enough to drive, who all needed to be taken here, and there, and I was working very hard," she said.

She also began to see things in the mirror.

"I would look at myself in the mirror and see these big black eyes staring back at me," she said. "In class, instead of taking notes, I would suddenly look down and see that I was drawing pictures of these creatures."

Suddenly, she was having dreams about aliens, who took her into a spaceship and performed "various gynecological procedures" on her and then returned her to her home. These visitations, in her dreams, seemed real.

First, she told a friend about it.

"She had a brother who worked with the Air Force and asked me if she could talk to him about it," said Haley. "I said, sure, as long as he keeps it to himself."

Soon later, she confided in her husband.

"He had just rented the movie, 'Communion,' (a movie based on Whitley Streiber's book describing his abduction by aliens), and he said if I wanted we could contact someone about it," said Haley.

Shortly after this, Haley began to feel she was being followed. Her telephone had odd clicks and sometimes, when she answered the phone, no one was there.

"I also began to have more dreams," she said.

Her search for answers took her to a hypnotist in Springfield, Mo., who began to help Haley remember the times she was abducted.

"It was like opening a can of worms," she said.

Over the next three years, from 1990 to 1993, Haley began to remember many, many abductions. Surprisingly, some of these were not by extraterrestrials at all, but by men in Air Force uniforms.

She remembered being in an alien craft that crashed, probably about 1989 or 1990, and being rescued by Air Force personnel who took her to a type of hospital, drugged her, and threatened her.

"I don't know how I got home," Haley told the roomfull of listeners. "I don't remember any of it."

During the alien abductions, Haley was sometimes shown holograms of little children that she was told, telepathically, were her children.

"I remembered under hypnosis holding these children," she said.

Today Haley believes she is still being abducted regularly. Strange marks on her back have appeared, including bruises, long-lasting indentations, and an odd, circular mark that looks like the end of a computer cable. It left a one-inch mark, having seven points around its orb and one point in the center.

"I have finally accepted that I am being abducted," she said. "I realize that I have had my mind put in altered states, that they have tampered with my body and



Daily Record photograph by Henry Hawkins

Bonnie Curnock of Eureka Springs is the artist who makes the designs for the T-shirts, bumper stickers and other items on sale at the UFO Conference being held this weekend in Eureka. Curnock works mostly in pen and ink and sketches.

my mind.

"I also know that government agents have drugged me and brainwashed me," she adds.

Haley believes the aliens have picked her for some special purpose, perhaps to give her some special knowledge.

"They have shown me about some devastation that is to come," she said. "I remember one thing the aliens have told me, that time is no more linear than the Earth is flat."

She also remembers holding her halfbreed alien progeny, standing in a baby greenhouse, aboard an alien craft.

"I have no proof, no evidence, and no answers," said Haley.

Ufologists gather to explain inexplicable

By Brenda Kilby
Daily Record Staff

EUREKA SPRINGS — Ufologists, about 400 of them, crammed the conference room of the Inn of the Ozarks this weekend to share and mix with fellow believers in extraterrestrial beings.

A ufologist technically believes in UFOs, or unidentified flying objects. Some believe in crop circles, which are the controversial patterns appearing in English meadows and Nebraska wheat fields in recent years.

Others are abductees, people who believe they have been kidnapped, drugged, and taken to alien spaceships, where they were subjected to physical examinations. Sometimes surgery was performed on them, these abductees say, presenting scars

and strange symptoms as evidence.

Other ufologists are investigators, people spend their free time looking for people who have been visited by alien beings and taking their statements. Some of these write books, others write newsletters.

Sam Uptegrove, 40, of Lockwood Mo., is such an investigator.

"In real life, I am a police officer," said Uptegrove, who set up a booth at the conference and promoted his newsletter on ufology, "Amateur Ufology News."

Uptegrove says he uses his investigator's skills, as learned in police work, to identify people who have seen UFOs and find out if they have, indeed, been visited by aliens or seen an extraterrestrial craft.

"I saw one when I was eight years old," he said. "It was a large, blue light, unlike any normal aircraft."

When he was 15 years old, his interest, being heightened considerably by his own experience, brought him to investigate his first case.

"I was intrigued," he said. "I wanted to get to the bottom of it."

Over the last 20 years, Uptegrove has interviewed 1,200 people.

"I believe that between 300-400 of these had an actual experience," he said.

In December, he interviewed a man who had a close encounter of the "third kind," meaning he actually saw an alien being.

In November, during deer season, this man was in the woods in Christian County, Mo., just before daylight, waiting for the deer to begin foraging for food. In his grasp was a loaded, high-powered rifle.

"He never saw a UFO, but he saw a strange being walking through the woods," said

Uptegrove, adding that the being was four feet tall, and was only viewed from the waist up because it walked through the low brush.

"It walked like a robot," he said. "Its head didn't turn, and its arms didn't swing. It gave off a soft glow, like a firefly," he added.

The next morning, the man went back to see if he could view the creature again, but it did not reappear. Uptegrove said he gets called upon by law enforcement personnel often to talk to people who have similar experiences.

"I always follow up, just as if it were any other type of investigation," he said.

"I confirmed this story with the landowner, to get what he had said to him, and I considered all the possibilities."

Uptegrove said he thought about whether someone could have been playing a practical joke on this man.

"I decided this wasn't likely," he said.

"This man was holding a gun. A joke might have ended in tragedy."

Uptegrove has never seen an extraterrestrial, but he wants to someday.

"It would be like seeing the president," he said.

Skywatchers hope to attract aliens to Toombs County tonight

By Seth Coleman
The Macon Telegraph

VIDALIA — Ricky Monroe hasn't talked to his friend "Al" in several weeks, but he's not upset with him. He knows what kind of pressure Al is under these days.

After all, leading a scouting mission to a planet that is seven light years from your home is serious business.

Al is Altrex — a being from a world far, far away — who Monroe says pays visits to Earth with his squadron to scope out a place

People who participate in Skywatch will meet at Ricky Monroe's house in Vidalia at 5 p.m. today. The group then will go into rural Toombs County to get away from the city's lights. If you're interested in participating, call Monroe at 537-1341 and he'll give directions to his house.

to establish a base. Vidalia seems to be popular.

Or so says Monroe. He says he met Altrex

last summer.

Monroe and several other members of the Seagan, Texas-based Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network will be looking for Altrex again — and others like him — during a skywatch in Toombs County tonight.

Monroe hopes to attract the beings by shining high-powered flashlights skyward.

The special lights have "1 million candle power and can be seen for 10 miles," said Monroe, 32. "If you looked into the light, it'd burn your retina right off."

Past skywatches have attracted four to 50

people. Monroe has received inquiries about this latest planned watch from people as far away as Florida, Alabama and the Carolinas.

The skywatch was prompted by what Monroe says was a recent rash of UFO sightings in the Vidalia area. Members of MUFON take such encounters of the strange kind seriously. But many other people don't.

"UFO sightings? Man, you must have been talking to that Monroe fool," said a spokesman for the Toombs County Sheriff's

Department. "We haven't gotten any calls."

Monroe says that's because people in the area know they will be laughed at if they report a sighting to the authorities. So they call Monroe instead.

"On a Wednesday three weeks ago, there were 51 sightings between 9:50 p.m. and 2 a.m.," Monroe said. "The police just laughs people off."

Monroe says he has been intrigued with UFOs since he was taken aboard one at the age of 14. He can't offer any proof that he actually took that trip, but he talks calmly and seriously about it.

Years later, in December 1990, while taking out the trash, he said he had his second encounter. He was not invited inside the UFO this time, but he said his wife, Amanda, saw the craft and became a believer.

"Before then, she didn't believe me either," Monroe said. "She thought I was a crackpot, too."

Then last June, he met Altrex.

Monroe said he was reading a book when he started hearing a strange buzzing sound. Unable to shake the noise, he put the book down and joined his wife, who was asleep in front of the television in their living room.

Then, for some reason, his feet became cold. It was when Monroe bent over to put his socks on that it happened. He saw him.

"(Altrex) was standing right there," Monroe said just as calmly as if he were talking about a relative who was visiting. "He wouldn't let me wake up my wife, but he invited me onto the ship, so I went."

Monroe said Altrex's species doesn't have a name "because they prefer to be called living beings. They hate to be lumped into one group."

The "beings" have three basic kinds of vessels, says Monroe: a large cigar-shaped ship and a large box-car type, both of which are 100 to 200 feet in diameter, and a small triangular scout ship, which is about 20 feet in diameter.

As described by Monroe, Altrex and his ilk have blue-gray skin, heads that are much larger than their bodies and large, black, slanted eyes. The males are about 3/4

feet tall, and the females 4 feet.

"They don't have any ears or a mouth, but they don't need them. They communicate telepathically."

"I'm kinda like the ambassador for Earth," Monroe says of his relationship with the aliens.

Monroe claims Altrex filled him in on several intergalactic secrets:

- There is a race of beings called Plaidiens, who look exactly like Earthlings.

- Plaidiens are one of about 70 extraterrestrial races visiting Earth. All of them are thousands of light years ahead of Earth in intelligence and technology.

- Plaidiens are friendly (as is Altrex), but about 30 percent of aliens are up to no good. They have signed agreements with various nations around the world (including the United States, Monroe says) to provide technological information for which they are allowed to experiment on animals (which helps explain those highly publicized cattle mutilations) and abduct humans for study.

- Technology given to the U.S. government helped perfect the Stealth bomber and aided in the development of NASA's space shuttle program.

- U.S. government officials have in their possession crashed spaceships and the corpses of extraterrestrial travelers. They were also given a space craft in working order and are learning to fly the ship in the Nevada desert.

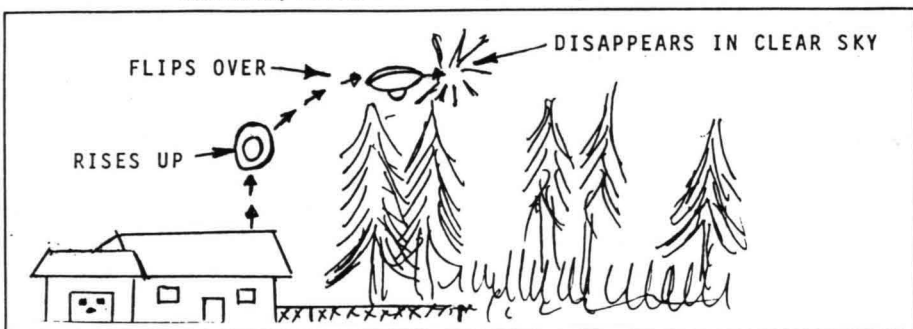
Monroe, who is a minister by trade, knows most people think he's been inhaling too many sweet onion fumes, but he doesn't care. Besides, the two most important people in his life believe him — Amanda and his mom, Shirley.

"I didn't believe him until I saw one of the ships, too," Shirley Monroe said. "I knew he must have been seeing something all this time. I knew he wasn't nuts, because I raised him."

Ricky Monroe said, "I've stopped worrying about what people think. People are going to believe what they want. I welcome them to come out (to the skywatch) and see for themselves."

"We may see something and we may not," he said. "But I know the truth."

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A Gulf Breeze resident drew this picture showing the course of an unidentified flying object which she saw last September. Investigators detected an unusually strong magnetic field in the cluster of pine trees behind the house.

Dr. Bruce Maccabee Analyzes Local Daylight UFO Sighting

by Bland Pugh

This sighting report was written up in *The Islander* several months ago. The following is an abstract written by Dr. Bruce Maccabee, an Optical physicist.

"Strong Magnetic Field Detected following a Sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object. B. Maccabee Fund for UFO Research. On Sept. 11, 1992, at approximately 5:20 p.m. the witness was entering the driveway at her home in Gulf Breeze, Florida when she saw, higher than and beyond the roof of her house, an unusual round object rise upward, tilt and disappear. The object appeared metallic and the bottom seemed to have a glow at the bottom and a red line around its circumfer-

ence. The object apparently had risen upwards from behind her house where there is a lawn, a pond and trees. The object tilted and then disappeared from view. The next morning investigators using a Schoenstedt flux gradient magnetometer, detected an unusually strong field in a small cluster of pine trees behind the house. The strongest field seemed to be at the tops of the trees. Measurements made two days later at the same location showed that the strong field had disappeared. No residue of magnetic material was found. There is no conventional explanation for this existence of the field. Results of the investigation and an estimate of the

equivalent magnetic dipole strength will be presented.

To sum it up "Dr. Maccabee has calculated that the strength of the magnetic field is equivalent to that of a powerful electromagnet, 350,000 ampere meters squared. No one knows how such a magnetic field could exist in the top of a tree."

A discussion of the analysis of this sighting will be presented by Dr. Bruce Maccabee at the prestigious annual meeting of the American Physical Society in Washington, D.C. on April 15, 1993. The above abstract is published in the April issue of the Bulletin of the American Physical Society.

Komarek Updates UFO Activities And Sightings Says That Fear Of Ridicule Subsiding

Ed Komarek, Jr., area field representative for Unidentified Flying Objects Network (UFON), a national UFO watch organization, said, this week, that activity by unidentified flying objects continues in the Cairo, Reno, Whigham areas. "And with the first hand reports of sightings by the Messenger over the past year or two, much older sightings are beginning to be reported, he noted.

"Quite a number of people have been watching star-like objects high up in the earth's atmosphere and beyond, that have not been acting like stars or satellites. These unknown objects stop, change direction, and often move in formations. I, myself, watched some of this strange activity on the evening of the 18th of April between 9 and 10 o'clock, then early in the morning of the 19th, just as it was beginning to get light. These objects are too high up for planes and they have no blinking lights," Komarek reported.

Recently reported UFO sightings include that of a triangular-shaped craft seen by three teenagers camping out in the Reno area, the mother of one of them calling Komarek to tell him about it.

Another triangular craft was reported seen by two men along Ga. 188 north of Cairo on the night of March 18th. One of the observers telling Komarek that the UFO came from the north to within an estimated 100 yards of them, then turned east, but made no sound as it passed. The base of the triangle, the forward edge, was rounded and had four lights that changed from light blue to dark blue and created a faint blue glow on the body of the craft. When the UFO made its turn to the east the lights either went out or were no longer visible, but the glow remained, Komarek related.

He added that this same type of craft had been seen by others living in the same area on another occasion.

The person who reported the March 18th sighting also reported a much more personal contact with a UFO, according to Komarek.

Komarek said the man told him that, a night or two later, while asleep at his residence in the Whigham area, he awoke, suddenly, to find himself pressed against the ceiling in a blue light, surrounded by the smell of ammonia, and unable to breathe. After a few moments, he fell back on the bed.

"An almost identical experience is reported in a book about the Gulf Breeze (Fla.) sightings by Ed Walters," Komarek said.

A sighting by two other Whigham area residents was reported by the Messenger last fall, Komarek stating, this week, that they have made an additional sighting since, this time of a small red ball of light hovering over a small pond near their residence.

One of the sightings made several years ago, but not reported to anyone "because of fear of ridicule," Komarek says, occurred in this same general area.

In that 1970s incident, Komarek said that a circular UFO with rapidly strobing lights was seen.

"And then, there's the case of a Whigham area businessman who contacted a friend

and allowed me to interview him," Komarek reported, adding that the man and his wife had an experience with a UFO in 1961 and had kept quiet about it but were now willing to go on the record."

The couple was returning home on a dirt road several miles north of Whigham when their car stalled as a circular craft passed overhead and remained in view for two or three seconds. One reaching home, the man's wife went inside immediately, but he walked out into his yard and the UFO suddenly reappeared just a few yards from him and lower than the trees.

Komarek said he described it as being circular about 25 feet in diameter, and making a humming sound like an electrical turbine. There were white and green lights around its circumference with port-holes in the upper portion.

"He watched in amazement for about 30-45 seconds and when he started to turn toward the house it took off and disappeared almost instantly. He and his wife just decided to forget about the whole thing and not talk about it because, at that time people who said

anything about seeing a UFO were in danger of having their reputations hurt, being made a fool of, or the subjects of ridicule," Komarek said.

"If anybody wants to get in touch with me for more information or to talk about their sightings, they can call me at (912) 377-7098 or write me at Rt. 3, Box 1076, Thomasville, Ga. 31792," he added.

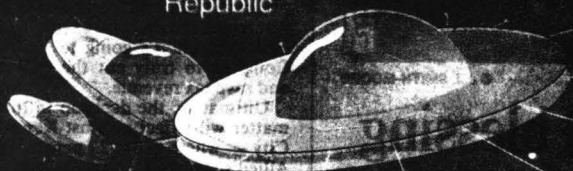
Komarek is a resident of the Beachton community and, for several years, has been active in collecting and compiling reports concerning unidentified flying objects. He joined others in a demonstration in Washington, last year, to call attention to perceived governmental secrecy about UFOs and, last fall, helped organize and host a national convention of UFO watchers and researchers in Tallahassee.



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With freedom, a flurry of UFOs

Space aliens and Marxism just don't mix. Now, though, tales of encounters — close or otherwise — are on the increase in the Czech Republic



LANCE THOMAS/The Star

By MONTE HANSON
Special to The Star

JIHLAVA, Czech Republic — If Anna Sitarova could do it over, she wouldn't tell a soul about the flying coffin she saw in February.

Few people believe her story that she and a friend were trailed by a shining object about 12 miles southwest of Jihlava in the Czech-Moravian Uplands.

"People think we are crazy," she said. "But we had a feeling it was watching us. It was a very powerful feeling."

From flying coffins to floating tires and rotating pyramids, close encounters of all kinds have kept people in the Czech Republic buzzing with stories about UFOs.

The sightings have proliferated since early this year, particularly in the eastern half of the country.

In the old Eastern Bloc, UFOs rarely were reported because Communist authorities considered supernatural topics incompatible with Marxist philosophy. But sightings have flourished since the fall of the Iron Curtain.

"People feel more free to report," said Walter H. Andrus Jr., international director of the Mutual UFO Network, based in Seguin, Texas. The network is the world's largest organization that looks into UFO sightings.

In the last year, the Czech Astroarchaeological Association has compiled nearly 350 reports of unidentified flying objects. After ignoring the topic for years, newspapers, television and magazines suddenly are filled with tales of flying boomerangs and translucent space creatures visiting people in their homes.

While most reports turn out to be hoaxes or have logical explanations, experts estimate about 5 percent remain a mystery.

"In the old days, the regime would say that UFOs were bourgeois propaganda," said Vladimir Siska, a Czech UFO buff. "People didn't report UFOs because they were afraid of being ridiculed."

Two shiny balls, beings

That hasn't been the case lately. In one of the wilder tales from the Czech-Moravian Uplands since early this year, a bus driver reported seeing two shiny balls accompanied by a pair of fluorescent beings early one morning. The driver said he was alone when the beings suddenly appeared at a crossroads about 5 a.m. A woman in Pelhrimov, a city of about 35,000 west of Jihlava, said she has encountered UFOs twice since last fall.

"It has really created a stir among people," said Marie Lulova, a 66-year-old grandmother. "Those who haven't seen it, don't believe it."

That includes Czech astro-scientists, who generally attribute UFO sightings to people letting their imaginations run wild. Experts blame everything from the moon reflecting off automobile windows to the Northern Lights to that most popular of suspects, the planet Venus.

"Usually, in these cases, people won't accept reasonable explanations," said Pavel Kotrc, a solar scientist with the Czech Academy of Sciences.

Kotrc said Venus was extremely bright on the night of Feb. 12 when a dozen people in Pelhrimov reported a shimmering light moving across the horizon. And on Feb. 9, he said, the moon was nearly full when Sitarova, a secretary, and her librarian friend, Olga Csokova, encountered what they described as a UFO shaped like a coffin.

Sitarova and Csokova aren't sure what they saw that night in the Czech countryside, but they insist it wasn't the moon or Venus.

"Everyone we've told the story to has thousands of ideas and explanations," said Csokova in an interview in her Jihlava apartment.

'Dazzling light' appears

The women said they were driving home from a health club about 8 p.m. when Sitarova's white Skoda Favorit car started sputtering in a wooded area about a mile outside the village of Zhor.

Suddenly a "dazzling light" appeared on the right side of the car, hovering just above the trees about 100 yards away, Csokova said.

They kept driving while the light followed at about the same distance and height. Then it shot to a spot on the highway about 100 yards in front of them, according to Csokova.

The women said the object, floating about 12 feet above the pavement, was about 5 feet long and 3 feet wide, emitting red light from its sides and bottom.

As Sitarova turned the car around to seek help in Zhor, the object approached and hovered about 15 feet above the vehicle. The women said it followed them about a half mile before disappearing over the trees.

Three days later, Marie Lulova and her neighbors in nearby Pelhrimov observed from 7 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. what they said looked like a bright star that changed intensity and colors.

When she looked through a telescope, Lulova said, she also saw the object rotating and changing shapes, becoming a pyramid at one point.

Sometimes it became invisible, then reappeared, she said.

"We weren't afraid," Lulova said. "We just observed it as an interesting phenomenon and wondered what it could be."

Lulova said she doesn't know why people are suddenly seeing strange flying objects in the region. "Maybe," she said, "it's some kind of experimental satellite."

Actually, it may be the power of suggestion. Jiri Burianek, a sociologist at Prague's Charles University, said increased UFO sightings could be related to what he called the "mechanism of radiation." If one person sees UFOs, the idea radiates to others.

"It's a psychological effect," he said. "If the number of reported sightings is great in the newspapers and on TV, the chances of more reports are greater."



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UFO baffles air experts

The sighting of a UFO near Crymych in the early hours of Wednesday morning has left experts baffled.

Both the Ministry of Defence and Cardiff Wales Airport have been alerted by Pentregar farm Margaret Anderson who saw the suspected UFO over her land.

"It was soon after 1.00 am on Wednesday morning," she explained. "It was a beautifully clear, still night with no clouds or breeze and there was a good light."

"It was while I was in the fields that I saw two lights in the sky, both slightly larger and considerably brighter than any star or planet."

Mrs Anderson went on to say that the lights showed none of the normal signs associated with aircraft such as red, green or flashing lights. They were travelling parallel to each other, one slightly behind the other, and both left behind short vapour trails.

"What I thought particularly noteworthy was that they did the full cover of the sky in under two minutes," continued Mrs Anderson. "These two objects were travelling extremely fast and yet they weren't making a sound - they were absolutely silent."

Mrs Anderson went on to say that neither the MoD nor Cardiff Wales Airport had recorded the craft on their radar although the airport had received a report of a similar UFO sighting.

"Unfortunately they didn't say where it was," she continued. "It would be nice to hear from anyone who saw anything unusual in the sky on Wednesday morning."

"I'm not an exponent of little green men but, being a scientist, I have a very open mind. We can't pretend to know everything about science and we never will."

CORNISHMAN, Penzance,
England - April 8, 1993

Woman sights 'UFO'

WAS it a bird? Was it a plane? Judith Kirk doesn't think so.

Now she is seeking an explanation for the strange craft she saw speeding through the sky above Paul one night last week.

"I had just got out of my car when I saw something over a field, out of the corner of my eye," said Judith, who lives near the village. "I looked round and thought: 'My God, what's that?'"

"There was a pair of very large bright lights flying parallel to each other at great speed. It was very exciting. It wasn't like anything I had ever seen before."

She added: "They left a vapour trail, and at one side there were two smaller craft. I tried to take in as much as I could, but it all happened in about 30 seconds to a minute."

The next day, still intrigued about what she had seen, Judith heard a report on the radio about a mystery craft which had been spotted over the west coast of Ireland. "It seems Air Traffic Control in Ireland had no record of a flight at that time," she said.

The sighting came just a quarter of an hour before she saw the unidentified flying object at Paul at 1 am - and the description matched exactly.

Judith contacted the British UFO Society, who told her that sightings had been reported in Wales, Bristol and Somerset, as well as elsewhere in Cornwall.

The society's Doug Cooper is keen to hear from anyone else who believes they saw the strange craft. He can be contacted on 0404 44863.

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Close encounters

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Have you seen a UFO? Do you know someone who has? Do you think UFOs exist? Call 816/889-7827 and enter 1147 to comment.

Riddle of the space aliens



A CITY businesswoman today revealed her astonishing extra-terrestrial encounter with a giant UFO.

Patricia Macleod said she was dazzled by a bright light in the sky as she was driving in the Duddingston area of the Capital. Minutes later, a huge spaceship came down from the sky and hovered just 50ft above the ground in front of her, she claimed.

Riveted

Now her staggering sighting is being investigated by Scotland's top UFO expert.

Ron Halliday, chairman of Scottish Earth Mysteries Research, is

by Barbie Dutter

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appealing to other witnesses to get in touch to help his inquiries.

Mrs Macleod (33), who owns a health food shop in Portobello, said she was "absolutely gobsmacked" by her experience, which happened in broad daylight, at around 10am, on October 21.

"I was driving along Duddingston Park South and suddenly I saw this dazzling light in the sky — I was just riveted to it," she said.

"Then it came down and materialised into a very large spaceship which looked a bit like the planet Saturn."

She added: "It looked as if it was

going to land in a clearing at the Niddrie Burn. Unfortunately, I was in a flow of traffic at the time but I stopped the car as soon as I could and ran back but it had completely disappeared."

Mr Halliday admitted he was "staggered" by the detailed account given to him by Mrs Macleod.

"This is a quite extraordinary account. She is absolutely clear about what she saw. It didn't look like a plane or a helicopter and there was no noise."

"Obviously I want to carry out detailed investigations into this most interesting incident."

"It happened in broad daylight and I hope some other people may have seen something in that area on that day."

Mrs Macleod added: "When I told my husband and a close friend what I saw, they reacted with disbelief and I know a lot of other people are going to react the same way."

Lucky

"But I know what I saw and I have always believed in UFOs. I have also had a few psychic experiences in the past."

"I consider myself lucky to have had this experience. It is almost as if I was chosen to see it."

■ Ron Halliday has set up a telephone hotline to monitor UFO sightings in Lothian. If you saw strange lights or a spaceship in the Duddingston area on October 21, or have experienced any other sightings, contact 0426 983401.



RON HALLIDAY: He was staggered by description.

UFO experts dazzled by Kelowna research

By DON PLANT
Daily Courier Staff

Kelowna may have lost its leading light on unidentified flying objects (UFOs), but the world has gained a treasure trove of research that should keep the controversy alive for years.

William Allan, a retired high school teacher who documented UFO sightings for 45 years, died at age 86 in December. He left behind hundreds of taped eyewitness accounts, books, and case reports.

"He (Allan) was the authority in Kelowna and certainly Western Canada for many years," said Michael Strainic, national director of the Mutual UFO Network in Vancouver on Saturday. "He was one of a rare breed. He had extensive scientific training, and many credentials."

Strainic and Graham Conway, UFO-BC director of special investigations, got their hands on Allan's material for the first time this weekend. And they're pleased by what they found.

"This is wonderful stuff... I'm looking at a stack of audio reel-to-reel tapes that go up to the ceiling," said Strainic. "He's



CHRISTOPHER STANFORD: The Daily Courier. Researcher Michael Strainic, executive director of UFO-BC Research was ecstatic over the files left by Kelowna teacher William Allan, who investigated the phenomena for 45 years. He died last year. In the background is Graham Conway director of special investigations and a consultant to the Flying Saucer Review.

got eyewitness accounts, interviews, documents — and we're just scratching the surface."

Allan was one of the first researchers to document UFO abductions back in the 1960s. He would investigate whether or not a victim was telling the truth by hypnotizing him. "We're talking about incredible stories told by credible people," said Strainic.

Many victims described their experiences with a similar scenario. A person is driving down a highway and arrives at his destination sometimes hours later than he should have. He can't account for the missing time until they undergo hypnosis.

Strainic has a ready answer when faced with non-believers who make the inevitable little-green-men jokes — just look at the data. "No one can look at the data and say there's nothing to it. And there's mountains of data."

Some of Allan's data will be submitted to the Centre for UFO Studies in Chicago, where nearly 300,000 close encounters have been documented. Strainic believes there's enough material in Allan's collection to provide articles and journals for a long time.

Still, most of the material remains a mystery.

"It's remained an enigma — one we've done very poorly at solving," said Strainic.



Detroit Free Press

Czech UFO sightings flying out of control

By KEVIN DREW
Free Press Special Writer

P RAGUE, Czech Republic — People in the Czech Republic have gone UFO crazy. A big part of the reason is Anna Sitarova, a 43-year-old secretary from Jihlava who had a close encounter with what looked like a glowing coffin in the sky.

She and her friend were driving on a country road on the night of Feb. 8 in the Moravian highlands east of Prague when what seemed like a brilliant star blazed over the hills toward them at amazing speed.

Within seconds the object was hovering over her car, Sitarova said earlier this month. The coffin-shaped object was about 5 feet long and over 3 feet wide and emitted a bright red light. The light seemed to captivate her.

"My legs and arms began to feel stiff," Sitarova recalls. "I couldn't stop the car. I felt like I was being compelled to follow."

She and the friend turned the car around and headed toward the nearby village of Rychnov, where they and an elderly woman watched the object from a distance.

Since her account made headlines, discussions about UFOs and reported sightings have gone into orbit. The incident has set off debate in cafes, the media and even among intellectual circles about the possibility of life beyond Earth.

How crazy is UFO fever in the Czech Republic?

The number of sightings has skyrocketed, people are packing monthly meetings and books on UFOs are flying off the shelves.

"The situation is out of control," said Vladimir Siska earlier this month. As project director at the Czecho-Slovak Archeo-Astronomical Association (AAA), Siska has been overwhelmed with reports, particularly in Moravia, the hilly eastern region of the Czech Republic.

Officials deny that reportings of UFOs were suppressed during the Communist era. However, reported sightings have risen dramatically during the past two years.

Siska says there were 40 sightings of UFOs in the Czech Republic during 1991. In 1992, 101 cases were reported. Many of these sightings have been in or around the towns of Jihlava and Brno in Moravia. Now Siska says 10 sightings a month are reported to his organization.

"In the old days, officials here said UFOs were bourgeois propaganda," he said.

The Prague branch of AAA holds monthly meetings for extraterrestrial enthusiasts. Anywhere from 50 to 100 people show up, from businessmen to students and Bohemian flower children.

Prague booksellers say books on the subject are selling at a faster pace than ever. One bookstore owner whose shop is on Wenceslas Square, for example, says he's sold 65 books on UFOs since the February sightings that made national news.

Still, all this UFO hubbub has not impressed scientists.

Sightings could be anything from Venus to the Northern lights to lightning, astronomer Vladimir Novotny of the Prague Planetarium said earlier this month.

"There are natural phenomenon that people don't recognize," he said.

EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES, Ipswich, England - March 15, 1993 CR: T. Good



■ Above: Night watcher Pamela Jackson and, right, the effect on her TV screen

HERALD EXPRESS, Torquay, Devon, England - March 15, 1993 CR: T. Good

MoD accused of 'UFO cover-up'

DEFENCE chiefs will today be accused of a cover-up over reported sightings of a UFO near a Suffolk airbase.

A former top civil servant at the Ministry of Defence claims officials have concealed information about a spacecraft landing at RAF Bentwaters near Woodbridge.

About 200 people reported seeing some kind of craft landing near the base in 1980. A confidential report on the landing was made by Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt, then deputy commander of the base, according to a national newspaper.

Lt Col Halt's report referred to "unexplained lights" and a strange glowing object that lit up the forest that surrounded the base, the paper said. The landing is supposed to have happened on December 27, 1980.

Ralph Noyes, a former top civil servant said to have responsibility for UFO sightings, is to tell a TV station that the MoD imposed a news black-out about the landing. Mr Noyes will claim the MoD said nothing about the alleged landing because it wanted to save any embarrassment.

But a spokesman for the MoD reacted coolly to the suggestions. "I would treat all this with some caution," he said. "As far as I am aware we don't have people who are responsible for UFO sightings. We do take an interest in what might be a threat to national security."

BRIGHT lights over Torbay are puzzling scientific sky-watchers.

Mrs Pamela Jackson, who saw the lights from her home in Redburn Road, Paignton, believes she has witnessed a UFO close encounter.

And the professionals have so far been unable to explain away what she saw.

Mrs Jackson was looking out over Tor Bay from her window on Tuesday night when she saw two bright amber lights close together over Brixham.

She started observing the lights at 6.45pm, and a few minutes later they began to cross the bay slowly towards her.

They moved in a straight line towards Paignton before stopping overhead, and there they stayed for an hour before moving off again to the west, again in a straight line.

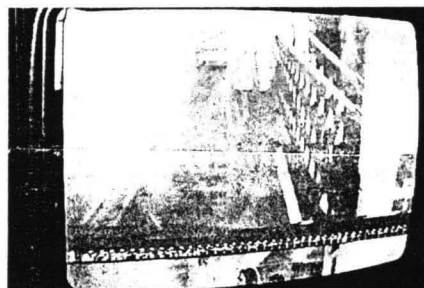
Mrs Jackson was video-recording the film "The Two Worlds of Jennie Logan" on BBC2 at the time, and when she tried to play it back later, she found it ruined by interference.

She said: "I thought it was a bright star to begin with, but when I looked through binoculars I saw that there were two lights close together."

"The lights were very high in the sky, and they can't have been an aeroplane because they stopped absolutely still and just stayed there."

"They didn't move about at all, as a heli-

Night watch lights 'UFO'



copter surely would have done. "We occasionally get interference on our TV from ships using radar out in the bay, but the signal which ruined the film recording was nothing like that."

John Murray of the South Devon College Perry Data Centre is an expert on satellite movements, and college students track space vehicles as part of the nationwide Kettering Group of listening stations.

He said: "This sounds unusual in the fact that whatever it was moved in a straight line, stopped, and then moved off again in a different direction."

"That makes it very unlikely that it was an orbital body."

"I know there was a propeller-driven aircraft in the area at the time, but it doesn't sound as if it could have been that."

"The Russian Mir space station would also have passed over at about the same time, but that would have been one single object in a single sweeping movement."

Paignton police received no calls from people claiming to have seen the mystery lights.

Amber glow ruins video tape session

■ Nick Baker takes a look at a Bulwell man's claims that we are being visited by

Alien creatures from outer space

CONTROVERSY rages on about unidentified flying objects and whether or not we have been visited by beings from another world.

But according to a Nottinghamshire man these visits have already begun and Notts and Derbyshire is an active area for UFO sightings.

Anthony James from Bulwell is the founder and leading member of the East Midlands Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association.

Set up in 1990 the group collect and investigate evidence from local people who claim they have witnessed a UFO.

Anthony set up the group when he felt the books he was reading weren't telling the whole truth about alien encounters by local people and he is now actively committed to investigating and recording all Nottinghamshire sightings.

"I believe we are being visited by beings not of this Earth," says Anthony, and Nottinghamshire is

an area where a great deal of genuine sightings have been recorded."

The last major UFO sighting in Nottingham was witnessed by thousands of local people last May when two giant triangular objects the size of football pitches travelled slowly over Calverton then into Derbyshire in the early evening.

Police and the Ministry of Defence later confirmed the crafts as 'alien'.

Anthony claims that Nottingham alone has over 100 sightings per year and although the majority turn out to be false there are still a significant number of genuine U.F.O. recordings.

Anthony has had a number of articles published on the subject and hopes to produce his own book on UFOs in the East Midlands soon.

At the end of each year Anthony's association produces a case file with all the genuine sightings in or around Nottingham.

■ If you would be interested in obtaining a copy or have experienced a UFO yourself contact Anthony James on Nottm 275623.

UFO or aircraft sighted

A resident living near McKerrrow on Highway 17 claims to have seen an unidentified flying object (-U.F.O.).

The incident occurred March 30 or 31 at about 11 pm. The man said his dogs started barking and his wife called him upstairs to look at some lights flashing in the sky. He drove his vehicle east down Highway 17 following the flashing red and green lights as they moved

to about Sand Bay Road. He stopped a few times and knocked on doors to show other people. The man said a few other people saw the lights in the sky with him.

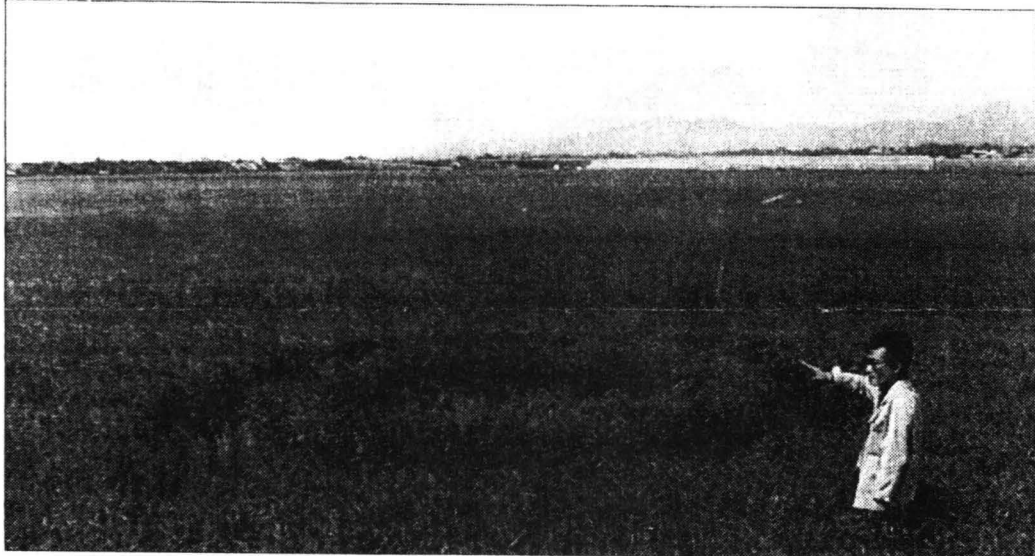
The man said a second set of similar lights came along a short time later and appeared to be closer. Both sets of lights were too far away to make out any shape.

In the mean time a call was

place to the police. The officer on duty at the time knew the caller and decided to go out and take a look. The officer said when he arrived he did see some flashing red and white lights in the sky. He said the lights were too far away to make out any shape and the way they were moving at a slow steady pace in an easterly direction it was likely a plane, jet or helicopter.

The officer called the hospital and found out no air ambulances flew that night.

The Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.), Espanola detachment confirmed a report of a U.F.O. sighting in Webbwood the evening of March 16. By the time, the officers arrived the U.F.O. had disappeared.



ASAHI SHIMBUN

UFO Os?

A man points to two circles in a rice field in the city of Kurume in Fukuoka Prefecture. A third grader and her father came across the mysterious markings while bicycling down a farm road.

Fire chief cracks UFO lights riddle

Mysterious sightings of a UFO in the Ellastone area, reported in the *News Telegraph* last week, may have been explained by one of the county's top fire officers.

Mr Alan Kurnatowski, an Assistant Fire Commander based at Buxton, says he saw a strange object on the same night as a 'flashing triangle' was spotted by several people.

He was travelling between Monyash and Bakewell when he saw lights in the sky and stopped his car to get out and have a closer look.

"There were three separate craft in the sky which each

displayed rotating red flashing beacons," said Mr Kurnatowski.

"It is most unusual to see three objects in the sky that were moving so slowly, so low down and that did not make any noise."

But Mr Kurnatowski thinks the UFOs were probably nothing more than a convoy of military helicopters that could not be heard because the wind was blowing the other way.

"They could have given the appearance of being a triangle as they were flying very close together," said Mr Kurnatowski.

Investigating the UFO phenomena

MENTION UFOs and you are guaranteed to provoke a reaction of either interest or ridicule.

Like ghosts and other strange psychic phenomena, the investigation of UFOs whets the curiosity of many people yet remains shrouded in mystery and media misinformation.

Hollywood blockbusters of goblin-like creatures zooming around in fantastic spaceships has turned the science into fairytale and, since UFOs burst into public life in the 1940s, it has been viewed as a subject taken seriously only by eccentrics and cranks.

However, a student at Lancaster's St Martin's College has joined forces with her father and written a book which aims to provide a serious and in depth discussion of 'ufoology'.

'UFOs - The Final Answer?' by teaching student Therese Barclay and her father, David, is a comprehensive investigation of UFO phenomena which does not shy away from offering possible explanations.

Although the birth of science fiction and 'flying saucers' is a recent development, reports of strange flying objects are as old as man himself. Ancient Sanskrit scriptures are filled with detailed descriptions of 'dancing suns' and 'pearls in the sky' and stories of gods who travelled in flying craft into the heavens. Strange, UFO phenomena are mentioned in the Anglo Saxon Chronicles and throughout history the classic 'flying saucer' type craft appears inexplicably in many works of art.

Explanations of UFOs are many and varied. From the obvious aircraft or satellites to mirages and planetary movements, 90 per cent of all UFO reports have detectable natural causes but there remain a number that cannot be explained.

"Many people who see something strange are often scared to come forward and report it because of the fear of ridicule and the social stigma of claiming to have seen a UFO," said Therese, who claims to have seen three lights hovering in the sky on the West Yorkshire moors which, following investigations with nearby airports, were classed as 'unidentified'.

"I've had a few strange looks when I've talked about UFOs and many people are frightened of being labelled loopy but people who thought that a flight to the moon was possible were thought of as loopy at the time. In

By Paul Wilkinson

America the subject is taken much more seriously. The Government investigated 12,000 claims of UFO sightings and, although the vast majority were misperceptions, there were 700 cases that could not be explained in terms as we know them. They even have nuclear physicists that study the phenomena full time."

Therese is not convinced that we are being visited by beings from another planet, space travel between galaxies is impossible in terms of human understanding, yet at the same time the chances of life on another planet is almost certain.

"It would be implausible to think there was nothing else out there because the universe is so vast and it would be nice to think that we are not alone."

By writing the book with her father, who has studied UFOs since he first saw one as a boy more than 45 years ago, Therese hopes to see the subject taken much more seriously.

"We always look for the rational first but there are always a number that do not fit any explanations and then the subject becomes rather tantalising," said Therese.

"Trying to understand UFOs could yield answers to many other unexplained phenomena and, just as Galileo was disgraced for his views, if ufoology was taken seriously it could change our perception of the world we live in."

The book is available from local bookstores and anyone who would like to report a UFO encounter should contact David and Therese Barclay at 46 Prospect Walk, Shipley, West Yorkshire, BD18 2LR.



Co-authors of 'UFO The Final Answer' David Barclay and his daughter Therese Barclay. - G15/34.

Riddle for Lesley over missing 'UFO' picture

JUST another routine theft or all part of a fiendish cover up by extra terrestrials?

That is the dilemma facing police as they probe the disappearance of WGC woman Lesley Clementson's handbag.

Apart from containing the usual cash, credit cards etc., the handbag, taken from the back of the YMCA charity shop in WGC town centre where she helps out, bore a powerful argument that alien life exists.

And it is last week's loss of a copy of a photograph of an alleged UFO - and its negative - which she snapped last year which is of utmost concern for Mrs Clementson of Guessens Road.

She said: "The picture is irreplaceable. It has been widely authenticated, including by the Centre for Crop Circle Studies."



The shot, taken in Hampshire, was in fact to have formed a key part of an article, with a view to a book, her electronics engineer husband Stephen had been asked to write by the crop circle centre.

Mrs Clementson, who with her spouse has become a major enthusiast in the UFO field in the last three years, said: "Without the photograph the article cannot really go ahead."

She said: "We sighted the UFO on one of our regular weekend trips to see corn circles. It was a triangle of orange lights with arms protruding."

"My husband and I watched it for around 40 minutes before getting out the camera. A lot of people think we're nuts but there is no explanation other than it was a UFO."

Mrs Clementson is pictured wearing a jumper bearing a

likeness of the aforementioned alien craft.

She made it for her husband to wear as he spoke at the annual general meeting of the Centre for Crop Circle Studies.

If you know the whereabouts of the missing photograph phone home to Mrs Clementson on WG 329878 or call Hatfield police on 276122, the Flying Saucer Squad presumably.



BAFFLING

Maybe space aliens have been busy again. Scientists are baffled by a trench that appeared overnight in a Belgian potato field. The trench was 50 by six metres wide and eight metres deep (164 by 20 by 26 feet).

Reuter photo



Was it a star that fell in Hammondville?

Couple says strange object hits I-59 Flea Market

By STEVEN STIEFEL
The Times-Journal

Sheila Prestwood knew the song "Stars Fell on Alabama," but after what happened this week, she's taking it literally.

Mrs. Prestwood was relaxing in the trailer at the I-59 Flea Market in Hammondville where her husband, Frank, is a night guard, when a strange thing happened.

"I heard the dogs barking so I looked out the window and saw it come down like a flare out of the sky and explode with a flash when it hit the ground," she said.

The next morning, they walked the grounds and discovered a rock they hadn't seen before lying next to one of the buildings. It was still warm, she said.

"It's strange," she said. "It's really something else."

The rock had broken into tiny bits which left marks in the asphalt, and the form of a coat hanger is imprinted in the ground.

The couple took the rock to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where it was studied by Dr. Rock Wilson, a geologist.

Closer examination by Linda Schram of the

National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., told Mrs. Prestwood that it is not a meteorite because the rock does not contain the materials common in samples.

"They don't know what it is," Mrs. Prestwood explained. "They've never seen anything like it. They said it must be man-made, but I wonder how they know that. I'm curious to find out what it is."

They believe it may be a piece of space junk from rockets launched since the 1960s. Schram could not be reached for comment Friday.

The Prestwoods have been featured on the TV and radio since their discovery. On Friday, they met with Don Stimpson, a collector who flew by airplane all the way from Chicago in hopes of finding a sample. He was prepared to pay \$100 per pound.

"As a scientist," Stimpson said, "I find meteorites intrinsically beautiful rocks left over from the creation of the solar system and this is the reason I am building a collection."

The Prestwoods said they may search the surrounding hillside for samples.

As Frank Prestwood said, if nothing else, they have one heck of a paperweight.



Sheila and Frank Prestwood hold unidentified object that fell out of the sky near the flea market in Hammondville.

RECORD, Pocono Summit, PA - Feb. 1, 1993 CR: S. Gordon

Ice formation's perfection cries for an explanation

MARK TREINEN
Pocono Record Writer

TANNERSVILLE — This could be one for the "Guinness Book of World Records" — if they had a listing called, "largest, most symmetrical, circular ice formation."

Well, it might not make it to Guinness, but whatever has formed on Conrad and Myra Serfass' Tannersville property was a phenomenon even local physicists and a veteran meteorologist had never encountered.

At the basin of a gradual waterfall on Cranberry Creek — in a seemingly calm pool of water — a sheet of ice about 28 feet in diameter formed a perfect circle with a well-defined edge.

“As with most phenomena, it's hard to say for certain what it is.”

Ben Gelber
Meteorologist

Myra Serfass discovered the oddity last week as she was walking her dog.

"It looks like someone took a hot iron and melted along the outside edge of it," said Pam Finkbeiner, the Serfass' daughter who lives nearby.

"It's really eerie."

But as Conrad Serfass asserts, the ice is too thin and the shape too perfect for it to be man-made.

Retired East Stroudsburg University physics professor George Learner Jr., of Tannersville, said his best explanation is a circular current called an eddy.

It's typical, Learner said, for water to flow in a full circle at a waterfall basin as it is deflected in one direction around the rim of the basin.

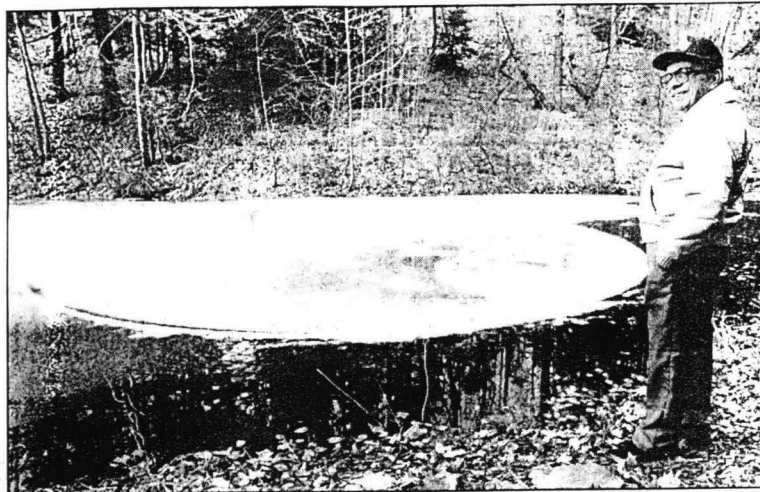
His guess was that the circular flowing water froze after the surrounding calm water, thus etching a circle in the ice sheet.

"Beyond that, it's hard to imagine how it could have occurred," Learner said.

But he's never heard of such a thing happening on ice, he said. Neither have his physics colleagues Timothy Wagner, Paul Kicska and Hla Shwe, all ESU professors.

And neither has meteorologist Ben Gelber, who also offered an eddy as the most likely cause.

"As with most phenomena, it's hard to say for certain what it is," Gelber said. "But that's the only thing I can think of."



David Baratz/Pocono Record

Conrad Serfass stands by the mysterious ring of ice along the creek behind his home in Tannersville

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Offers explanation for creek ice circle

Editor, the Record:

Regarding the creation of the mystery ice circle in the creek behind the Serfass' home:

I humbly beg to differ with all of the expert meteorologists and physics professors who were consulted.

This avid outdoorsman and nature observer believes the ice circle was not due to an eddy since an eddy in that section of stream (judging from the picture) not only appears unlikely but if it did exist, the circular current would extend to the banks which the ice circle does not.

I believe the circle is the result of a spring at the bottom of the pool "burping" up air bubbles which rose to the top and hit a skim of ice over the whole pool. As the bubbles of air reach the top they burst just under the ice and broke into thousands of smaller bubbles which then spread evenly out from the center point above the spring in an even circular progression.

This increased air causes the ice to be white while at the point the bubbles can travel no further because they are then frozen in. The surrounding ice is clearer or black ice as it appears in the picture, which causes me to believe it was a quick freeze from a sudden dramatic temperature drop.

I'd be interested in knowing what the experts think of that explanation.

JIM ROURKE
Marshall's Creek

Big Search

The British Broadcasting Corp. is considering funding a \$1.5 million expedition

across two continents to prove the existence of the elusive Yeti, sometimes known as Sasquatch or the Abominable Snowman. The eight-member team is to be led by actor Brian Blessed and is due to begin next February. Blessed said that he believes the giant hairy manlike creature, a perennial legend in several countries, is more than simple folklore. He hopes to discover it either in the Himalayas, North America or the Indonesian island of Sumatra. "We don't want to frighten him, just meet and prove the creature is out there," Blessed told the London *Evening Standard*.

SUN, Vancouver, B.C., Canada
Apr. 17, 1993 CR: G. Conway

BERMUDA TRIANGLE YACHT VANISHES

THREE sailors were feared dead last night after their yacht disappeared on a voyage through the Bermuda Triangle.

The French crew of the brand new 42ft catamaran were reported missing after it failed to arrive at the Caribbean island of Martinique from Rhode Island on December 23.

For five days, search planes criss-crossed a 7,200-square-mile area but officials called off the hunt last night, saying the disappearance was a complete mystery. No storms had been reported in the area.

Since the 1940s, ships and aircraft have been reputed to disappear in the area of the Atlantic bounded by Bermuda, Puerto Rico and Florida.

DAILY MAIL, London, England
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Mystery Lights Continue to Cast Their Spell

While Marfa has been making plans for a fun-filled three-day Marfa Lights Festival, most folks probably give little more than an appreciative nod toward the luminous mystery orbs that have provided the excuse to throw a party. Meanwhile, others have been converging on the official Marfa Lights viewing site with more serious intent.

This season's usual crowd of hopeful mystery light viewers has been swelled by more than the usual number of researchers, intent on unravelling the century-old puzzle. Those who have come to our attention include: John Barl, a science teacher from Durango, Mexico; Neil Strauss, a New York journalist who wrote a long article about mystery lights and VLFs (very low frequency emissions) for the *LA Weekly* ("Hydrogen Juke Box: Tuning in to the Music of the Ionosphere," which appeared in the May 22-28, 1992 issue); Edson Hendricks of San Diego, California who made his third trip here to try to verify a suspected connection between the appearances of the Marfa Lights and VLF emissions called "whistlers;" and two Canadian anomaly investigators.

The most important visitor to the Big Bend is Dr. Y. H. Ohtsuki, physicist at Waseda University in Tokyo. He came here a couple of years ago, with a crew, to investigate the Marfa Lights. He continued his exploration in the laboratory after he returned to Japan, and in March 1991 he published a paper in the scientific journal *Nature* (Vol. 350, pp. 108-109). In it he described the production in the laboratory of fireballs similar to the Marfa Lights. (Summarized in *The Desert Candle* 1991, Vol. 5, No. 4) More recently he published an article about crop circle effects in the *Journal of Meteorology, U.K.*, 17:115, 1992, and abstracted in *Science Frontiers* No. 82 Jul-Aug. 1992. There is some speculation that a connection exists between crop circles and whistlers. Ohtsuki's paper describes the appearance of a circle inside a closed compound in Japan.

Dr. Ohtsuki is continuing his Marfa Lights investigation in the Big Bend in August.

Hendricks is pretty well convinced that whistlers are really atmospheric responses, natural emissions in the ionosphere, which may be triggered by lightning and other things. Geological faults in motion might generate radio frequencies which in turn could conceivably trigger a whistler. Hendricks thinks he may have been tuning in on underground slippage in the general area of the Marfa Lights viewing site. It is known that under some circumstances lightning provokes ball lightning and whistlers. Geological maps of the Big Bend region show a rich pattern of faulting, and there was an earthquake in 1931, strong enough to be felt as far as south Brewster County.

Hendricks, who has listened to whistlers elsewhere, notes that those he heard on Highway 90 at the Marfa Lights viewing site, started with a sharp crack, followed by a descending whistle. This was unlike others he has heard. But it is compatible with the speculation that the whistlers were generated by rock suddenly starting to slip.

Hendricks likes to remind people that as recently as 200 years ago, the existence of meteorites was considered quite speculative. Even Thomas Jefferson disbelieved in them. The idea of rocks falling out of the sky was just too improbable sounding. Similarly, the idea that the continents have rearranged themselves in prehistory has only recently become accepted.

Still unaccepted by many is the idea of ball lightning, or other luminosity that is still not fully explainable -- such as earthquake lights EQL. Yet, in a 1988-89 survey conducted in Quebec, Canada, reports of earthquake lights were associated with 54 seismic shocks. Although the major quake of 6.5 occurred on November 23, EQL sightings were reported two weeks prior to it, in an area where no earthquake of magnitude greater than 1.5 had been noted.

Descriptions of those sightings were variously of balls of light that popped out of the ground, balls floating high in the sky moving or hovering, even "dripping luminescence droplets," and a couple appeared on the ground above no visible crack. Some lights lasted as long as 12 minutes, and some were "a few meters" in diameter. Although full explanation of these phenomena are lacking, it is pretty difficult to collect controllable information because of their rarity and unpredictability. (Summarized from "Earthquake lights and seismicity" by Marcel Ouellet, in *Nature*, Vol. 348, 6 December 1990, page 492)

Quebec is no isolated case. After the Izu earthquake in Japan in 1930, one L. Musya gathered about 1500 reports of "earthquake lights," including reports of balls of fire, sheet lightning effects and aurora-like streamers. (From *Elementary Seismology*, 1958 by Charles F. Richter.)

And in New Mexico between 1951 and 1952 there were numerous reports of luminous phenomena in the area. Researchers John S. Derr (Albuquerque Seismological Laboratory) and Michael A. Persinger (Laurentian University, Sudbury, Canada) propose 2 means by which such lights are electrically generated: "exoelectron emission," when rock is crushed, and "electrokinesis," when water is flowing through porous strata.



Does all this mean that the residents of the Big Bend region need to prepare for a major earthquake here? Not especially likely, since the Marfa Lights and other mystery or spook lights have been reported in the area for over a hundred years. But it is likely that we can hope to view the light for a long time to come.

How to Record Whistlers

For his August 1992 visit, Hendricks came equipped not only to listen to VLFs, but prepared to tape them, and to take better photographs. During a 2 1/2 week period, he visited the site almost every night, from before dusk to dawn. Since VLF emissions tend to increase at sunset, stay high all night and die down at dawn (this being because the ionosphere is distorted by the solar wind), it made sense to arrive early and depart late.

He set up his equipment at the metal corner posts that anchor the fencing that surrounds the roadside park at the viewing site. Enhanced by a couple of stout plywood boards, he constructed a simple but quite stable platform for his activities.



In the accompanying picture, his equipment is displayed. It includes: Camera with 500 mm 4 lens (ED lens, enhanced dispersion, Nikon F3HP, with motor drive); Binoculars - Nikon 9X35; Rangefinder - up to 1000 yards, "Rangematic Mark 5"; Radio - short wave or WWV to receive the exact time and reports of geomagnetic activity; Laser pointer with battery pack - to illuminate distant objects at 1000 yards in order to show up surrounding landscape objects; Sony professional quality (WM-D6C) cassette recorder; 3 Amplifiers, 1 to monitor tape recorder to see what is being recorded, a 2nd self-contained amplifier-whistler unit (to pick up whistlers), and a 3rd amplifier to be charging while the other is in use, to be periodically exchanged with it; a box to connect the loop antennae that are spread out to the left and right along the barbed wire fencing (a "home built loop antenna adapter") which adapts the antennae to the rest of the electrical equipment and makes it all compatible; a "Mini Mixer" by Midiman which takes signals from

Marfa Lights Viewers

Dear Judith -

Visiting your store was definitely a highlight in our trek to find the Mysteria-physical. Incidentally, we did see the Marfa Lights, along with and after all the confusing other phenomena they have been trying to explain the lights as. Persistence pays, 'cause we went through three hours of bewilderment and confusion as, one by one, we saw and classified the car lights, people in the distance lighting cigarettes, shadows cast by the stars and other things.

But when we began to see the lights and could agree on the random and impossible nature of what we witnessed, we were captivated for another three hours by the display. Infrequent and elusively far away, they were, nonetheless, real-ized by us.

When we venture west again we'll see you. Till then, we appreciate the Candle.

Daniel R. Boone
Cedar Park, Texas

Big Bend Geological Society Presents

Program On Mystery Lights

Does the science of geology have any relevance to the occurrence on mysterious lights in the Big Bend area? That possibility will be explored at a meeting of the Big Bend Geological Society on Wednesday, September 2 in room 300 of the Barton Warnock Science Building at Sul Ross State University campus in Alpine. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Edson Hendricks will describe his observations of an unusually high level of very-low-frequency (VLF) noise in the area around Mitchell flat, in the Marfa Lights viewing area, geomagnetism, ball lightning and "Whistlers," and the possibility that fault patterns may have an influence on at least some of the phenomena.

Mr. Hendricks is an electrical engineer and computer system designer with ViaSat in San Diego, California. For additional information call the Sul Ross Geology Department at 837-8259.

the radio and antennae through the adapter and mixes the signals and feeds them to the tape recorder to produce stereo.

Hendrix explained that "nothing like this has been assembled before by anyone else for this purpose. This is because it won't work anywhere else but here, as far as we know... especially here in the middle of power lines." He was referring to the fact that his homemade whistler detector was of such low power as to not be able to pick up whistlers anywhere they are normally heard, but that in this spot it picks them up loud and clear, and that a system that is sensitive enough for normal whistler reception would not generally work in the midst of power lines.

There are those who think that the only lights that are seen from the viewing site are automobile lights on highway 67 between Marfa and Presidio. Indeed these lights are visible. An excellent photograph of what such lights look like was published in Dennis Stacy's booklet, *The Marfa Lights: A Viewer's Guide*, 1989. There is, also, in circulation, a one-sheet guide to the Marfa Lights that tells the viewer to look in just that direction. Ignore that advice, as they maybe seen in other directions.



COLUMBIAN, Vancouver, WA - April 16, 1993

INK



By DAVE JEWETT
The Columbian

THE APRIL issue of Pacific Northwest magazine has a fascinating five-page piece on sightings that have been recorded over the years of a supposed Northwest sea monster.

And in an odd bit of timing, the magazine arrived at The Columbian on the very day that the paper's librarian, Norma Harris, in searching through back issues, came upon a sea serpent item in the June 23, 1893, Columbian.

Here's part of that item: "The passengers and crew of the steam-

er Edith, on Puget Sound, saw a sea serpent the other day. Only its head and neck were in sight, so that its length could not be estimated. Its head was like that of an immense snake, and was about the size of a man's body, the neck was of equal size."

The story continues that as the creature "swam along with the boat for several minutes, and then turning suddenly started in the opposite direction at a great rate of speed." The creature passed out of sight in the direction of Whidbey Island.

Mutilated cows found south of city

Farmers suspect cults

IAN MULGREW
Journal Staff Writer

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A heifer has been found dead and mutilated on a family farm in what is apparently the latest in a string of ritualistic killings south of the city.

Since September, seven heifers — each worth about \$600 — have been killed and six have had their sex organs removed.

Often, their blood has been drained.

The surgical neatness of the wounds and the tidy site around the cadavers has sparked speculation that the killings are the work of devil worshippers. Some claim extraterrestrials are at work.

"It's easier to imagine that it's a cult operating or dumb Druids," a frightened Doris Verchomin said in an interview Thursday.

"But some people think it might be UFOs. We are so secluded here and it was so peaceful for so many years, and all of a sudden we have one thing after another. We are so scared and overwhelmed. We can't sleep."

Since April, six female animals have been found dead within a day or two of the full moon — five were mutilated and missing body parts.

RCMP are investigating the bizarre midnight incidents on the Verchomin beef farm, about five km southeast of Edmonton International Airport.

Const. Gerald Kazimirovich said Thursday he couldn't comment on the deaths until a veterinarian had examined the most recent remains.

The latest carcass was found Wednesday morning.

The 360-kg heifer lay on its right side on a grassy knoll, a 30-cm incision in its neck, a teat neatly sliced off and sex organs removed.

The ground, still spongy from the recent rain, bore no signs of struggle, no footprints and no gore.

"We heard a lot of commotion between 1:30 and 2 a.m.," Verchomin explained. "My husband was asleep and I was too afraid to go outside. I thought of calling the RCMP but they have just tried to downplay things."

Verchomin believes the cow was still standing when the culprits began cutting at its rump.

"These cuts were definitely not done by an animal," Verchomin said. "(The culprits) usually take an ear, an eye and the tail — just a bloody stump is all that's usually left."

She said her husband was so upset he had talked of selling the farm his family has worked for 40 years.

Taking a break from haying Thursday afternoon, Roman Verchomin shook his head over the mutilations.

"Usually coyotes go for the rear end first and the udder," he said.

"There's thousands of these (incidents) reported (across North America) and the problem is that they never catch these guys. Whether it's humans or not? I suppose it is human. But there has to be more than one person involved

"It's not a coyote, it's not a pack of crazy dogs, someone's done it with a knife."

— Farmer
Reinhold Trelenberg

It's a cult or something."

Last September, on neighbor Reinhold Trelenberg's farm, a heifer was found drained of blood and missing its tail, teats and sex organs.

"Our law-enforcement people are not doing their job," Trelenberg fumed.

"I think it's a cult. Last night was a full moon and it's always on a full moon. They should be out there at night to catch these people. They don't fly in. I don't believe like some of the others that it's UFOs."

"And I don't care what anyone says — if the throat is cut, there is no animal that will do that. It's not a coyote, it's not a pack of crazy dogs, someone's done it with a knife . . . And there isn't a teaspoon of blood anywhere."

The killings on the Verchomin's farm started in April when the family milk cow was slaughtered.

They found its remains behind a barn on April 14 — its rectum and uterus were missing and its throat was slit.

There were five large crosses constructed of two-metre-long branches lying nearby.

Two months later, on June 14, a 115-kg heifer was found. Its sex organs had been removed, it had been eviscerated and its organs taken.

"The skin was missing, too, and you could see scalloped cutting marks," Verchomin said.

On June 21, the summer solstice, another 115-kg female calf was killed, but its mother apparently chased off the killers before the calf could be mutilated and the mother stood over the remains until the following day.

The would-be butchers picked another calf. Its decomposing remains were found three days later, the skin completely removed from its head.

That calf had also been eviscerated and its organs carried away.

On June 28, a 320-kg heifer was found missing its sex organs, an ear, an eye and its udder.

The Verchomin say a veterinarian who examined the previous remains said it was impossible to prove the animals were not killed by predators.

"Those crummy little coyotes are supposed to kill those two-year-olds," Doris Verchomin said incredulously.

"They don't — unless they've started to dine with a knife and fork."

She said she was unhappy with the response by police to the earlier mutilations and was worried that no one was giving credence to her family's fears.

"They told us to keep quiet before," Verchomin said.



Const. Gerald Kazimirovich and farmer Doris Verchomin examine the cow carcass found Wednesday on Verchomin's farm

Touchet Valley Ramblings

By Vance Orchard -- Waitsburg Times Columnist

While winter's heavy snows continue to blanket much of the high country of the Blue Mountains, we turn elsewhere for news about Bigfoot.

It seems the media is becoming more aware of the critter, what with several TV specials featuring him. The print media likewise has given the subject some space.

The most space I've seen given by a major newspaper in a long time was the recent two-pages in the "Deseret News" of Salt Lake City. WW native Dick Robinson (now residing in Salt Lake) brought a copy on a recent visit with his mother, Harriet Robinson. Left with her for forwarding to me, the paper now rests among my Bigfoot files.

But, I'll share some of it with you!

For, while the two-page spread concerns the many sightings and one man's 13-year quest around Utah, there is information of great interest for the Blue Mountains Bigfoot buffs.

Then, from opposite shores of the continent, I have just received a pair of Bigfoot newsletters. The "Bigfoot Track Record," issued by Ray Crowe's Western Bigfoot Society, is the bigger of the two. Bill Green's "The Bigfoot Record" of the NE Bigfoot center, Bristol, Conn., is the lesser but contains some good stuff.

I'll not only share something from each but the address of each will be at the end of this column.

The Deseret News feature is a well-written, objective piece by a staff writer, Lynn Arave. The article is the story of a 13-year search by a one-time Bigfoot skeptic, now turned believer, Ryan Layton. This 39-year-old man has become that way through his lengthy search consisting mainly of interviews with hundreds of people all over Utah.

"It's absolutely overwhelming the things I've come to find out — controversial but fascinating," he said.

Then, he adds: "In all probability they do exist ... I can't prove it to anybody, but people have indeed seen Bigfoot in un-

mistakable conditions."

The Deseret News interview with Layton runs a fascinating course, from the early beliefs that it was (and must be) of a zoological basis through religion and the psychic connection. Layton doesn't exactly "buy" this latter view, but has this statement:

"I don't rule out that we're dealing with a band of experimental or introduced species from another source, based on the fact we have no fossil evidence of Bigfoot."

The Deseret News feature included an interesting compilation of many sightings in Utah. They ranged from 1960 to 1992.

But, to me, the most intriguing part of the Salt Lake paper's spread was an interview with Dr. Grover Krantz, WSU anthropologist and no stranger to the Bigfoot of the Blues. Krantz has checked out evidence of Bigfoot here very extensively over the years. What I found intriguing was his statement regarding the ever-present possibility of fakery in tracks of the Bigfoot. Here's paragraph from the article:

"Krantz has never seen a Bigfoot, but he's studied numerous tracks and has concluded to his own satisfaction through what he points to as anthropological research that most tracks are NOT faked — he says they're just too detailed. What people really see in Bigfoot sightings can be challenged, but Krantz said nothing except an undiscovered animal could have made the footprints he's studied."

The article also drew a comment from Krantz about the 1967 Bigfoot film shot by the late Roger Patterson.

"Krantz believes the one-minute film taken of an animal some claim is Bigfoot...is legitimate. The film has too much detail to be bogus, he says, even though most of it was shot from 100 feet away. Film experts at the Walt Disney Co., examined Patterson's movies in 1969 and said they couldn't duplicate the film, even with the facilities they used to create illusion — because it was too realistic."

The Western Bigfoot Society, based in Portland, puts out a hefty newsletter monthly and the \$20 annual membership includes this. To many, the newsletter edited by Crowe is worth the price of admission!

The current "Track Record" contains a host of reports of sightings around the US plus an intriguing feature yarn. The feature concerns one man's double tragedy, two partners in a pair of Bigfoot expeditions lost their lives. In the first, we have a very rare instance of an apparent murder by a Bigfoot and in the second story, the partner simply vanished off the face of the earth.

Crowe's report indicates the man gave up Bigfoot seeking.

I doubt if he does, however, having seen so many who (once enmeshed in this thing) never give it up completely!

For those who'd like to become a member of the Western Bigfoot Society, here's the address: 8622 N. Lombard, Portland OR 97203.

While Ray Crowe's newsletter has been running for some time, the NE Bigfoot Center is a newcomer. Bill Green is director of this organization and editor of the newsletter.

The newsletter which came my way the other day contains a reprint of an article in the winter 1992 issue of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Journal. It's largely a capsulization of the Bigfoot story plus some suggestions on what to do if you see a Bigfoot. The advice seems sound but the writer ends up by making the point that many have heeded when they see a Bigfoot:

"Your smartest option is to keep any future Bigfoot sightings under your hat."

It's likely true: for every sighting of a Bigfoot which is reported a lot more go un-reported because people just plain don't want the razzing which comes or they don't want federal litigation to rear its head.

Green's newsletter also contains reference to the UFO-Bigfoot "connection," as well as some good reports forwarded to the New England organization by Ray Crowe and Western Bigfoot Society.

If interested in the NE Bigfoot Center, here's the address: 21 Benham St. Room F, Bristol CT 06010.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, Denver, CO - May 28, 1993

Officials suspect cultists in latest cow mutilation

By Dick Foster

Rocky Mountain News Southern Bureau

Another cattle mutilation has been discovered in Colorado, this time in a rancher's field south of Fairplay in Park County. Officials said Thursday they believe the mutilation was probably the work of cultists.

The mutilation is the third reported in Colorado since late last fall. The other two incidents had occurred on live cows in Costilla and Las Animas counties last November. No further clues have been found in the earlier cases.

Meanwhile, officials in Alabama reported two more incidents in two northeastern counties where 34 mutilations have occurred since October. Authorities in both states have no suspects.

The latest Colorado incident occurred this month in a field along the road to Weston Pass 4 1/2 miles south of Fairplay, said Park County Undersheriff Kevin Anderson.

A 200-pound heifer was found May 11 by a fisherman. Its rectal-vaginal area had been cored out and the left eye had been removed, Anderson said.

He said the rancher who owns the property said the calf died of pneumonia about 10 days earlier and that someone mutilated it as it lay dead in the field.

"I tend to think it's probably a cult-related mutilation," Anderson said. "We have had cult activity in the past, most probably dabblers or kids or wannabes, but not anybody who's really organized

and knows what they're doing."

In Alabama, two more mutilations occurred last week in Marshall and DeKalb counties. Fyffe, Ala., officer Ted Oliphant said circumstance were particularly bizarre surrounding a mutilated cow discovered May 16.

"The farmer found the cow on its back with its feet straight up in the air. The udder was missing and a circle of hide was taken from the belly," said Oliphant. "The electric fence wire that keeps the cattle inside the fence was melted in two places. In the adjacent pasture was a 50-foot-diameter crop circle. All the grass was spun in the same direction; it looked like polished metal. And a helicopter was sighted by a neighbor the previous day." Four days later, Oliphant said, a bull was found dead with its sex organs removed, but the farmer refused to talk about it.

Space radio tunes in 164 possible signals from E.T.

The Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — A search for aliens in outer space has detected 164 mysterious radio signals that must be studied to learn if they come from natural causes or from E.T. trying to phone Earth, scientists said Tuesday.

"At this point, we have no concrete evidence for signals from intelligent aliens. We have some possibilities we're going to investigate further," said Stuart Bowyer, head of the search and an astronomer at the University of California, Berkeley.

Detection of the 164 unexplained radio signals since the latest, most sophisticated phase of the \$400,000 search started 14 months ago was announced during the American Astronomical Society's annual meeting.

"If one of these candidate signals is really a signal from an extraterrestrial civilization, it's likely we will be able to confirm it within a year," researcher Dan Werthimer said. "But it's very unlikely that any of these candidates are really from extraterrestrials. It's much more likely that they are human-made interference or natural noise sources."



Associated Press

SERENDIP MEMBERS — Members of the Search for Extraterrestrial Radio Emissions from Nearby Developed Intelligent Populations (SERENDIP) review gathered information recently. The members are (left to right) Stuart Bowyer, head of the team and an astronomer at the University of California-Berkeley, Chuck Donnelly, David Ng and Dan Werthimer of the Space Science Laboratory at the University of California-Berkeley.

Since the 1960s, dozens of searches have been conducted for radio signals leaking into space from broadcasts or radar used by any advanced societies that might exist on distant

worlds.

Bowyer and Werthimer said the UC-Berkeley search, using a 1,000-foot-wide radio telescope antenna dish in Puerto Rico, is more powerful and sensitive

than any other, analyzing 30 trillion signals in the last 14 months alone.

A \$100 million, 10-year search by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration eventually will be more powerful once it is running full time and with more advanced equipment. That search started Columbus Day, using antennas in Puerto Rico and California.

Several other searches for radio signals from intelligent alien societies also have detected radio signals that couldn't immediately be explained. But all of them either were never heard again or were found to be caused by natural or human sources.

Early phases of Berkeley's search, which began in 1980 with partial funding from NASA, found about 130 mysterious signals but all eventually were attributed to natural or man-made causes, Werthimer said.

Werthimer said some of the yet-unexplained signals have come from the same locations in the sky a month or more after they were first detected.

"Our most interesting candidates are signals that are still there when the telescope comes back to a particular spot," he said.

That finding is "very interesting" because a radio signal that appears fixed over time "has to be from beyond our solar system," although it could be created naturally, said Edward Olsen, a scientist working on

NASA's search at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

But Werthimer said some such signals may come from within the solar system, generated by two sources that appear in the same part of the sky.

UC-Berkeley's statement said other signals needing more study include "drifting signals that could be coming from a spinning planet, and signals that rise in intensity as the telescope moves toward a point, then fall as the telescope moves away, matching a pattern expected from a stationary signal in the sky."

Werthimer said he was worried that some people might interpret the 164 mysterious signals "as evidence for extraterrestrials when it's doubtful any of our candidates will turn out to be extraterrestrials."

Then why did UC-Berkeley issue a news release on the discovery?

"It's good to let people know that we are capable of attempting contact," he said. "We want to let people know the search is worth carrying out."

The search is called SERENDIP, which stands for Search for Extraterrestrial Radio Emissions from Nearby Developed Intelligent Populations.

Every 1.7 seconds, the search monitors 4 million radio channels between 424 and 436 megahertz, the frequencies that could be emitted by radar or communications systems on an alien world.

TIMES, Huntsville, AL - April 18, 1993

Cow probe orbits around officer

By DAVID BREWER
Times Staff Writer

GUNTERSVILLE — Just when it seemed the town of Fyffe had returned to the quiet and uneventful lifestyle that it had been accustomed to before the national publicity it received from several reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in 1989, reports of mysterious cow mutilations in DeKalb and Marshall counties in the last several months have put this rural Sand Mountain town back in the limelight.

But the widespread interest that has been generated in this strange phenomenon seems to be due largely to the investigative work of Fyffe Police Officer Ted Oliphant. A former resident of Oakland, Calif., Oliphant said he decided to move to Fyffe after visiting the town in 1989 to research the UFO sightings for a film documentary he produced.

Copies of the documentary, titled "UFO-A Need To Know," are now in circulation in video rental stores around the country, he said.

In an addition to producing film documentaries, Oliphant has worked as an Air Force spokesman, a radio announcer, a television news reporter and weatherman, a sound engineer and a music video producer.

Oliphant said he first learned about cow mutilations while working on his documentary on UFOs. He is quick to add, however, that UFOs and cow mutilations are two mysteries not linked to each other.

In a recent interview at Gunterville State Park Lodge, where Oliphant said he likes to entertain family members and friends from out of state, he told *The Huntsville Times* he began a "real" investigation into the alleged cow mutilations after he was contacted by a law enforcement agent in Marshall County.

Oliphant recently held a press conference in Fyffe to discuss the results of that investigation, which he claims involved more than 30 cow mutilations in DeKalb and Marshall counties since October.

At the conference Oliphant said he and other investigators concluded that although they had not determined the cause of the mutilations, wild animal predators were definitely not the culprits as claimed by officials with the state Department of Agriculture.

Oliphant, 34, had his first experience with UFOs while serving in U.S. Air Force's Strategic Air Command at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base in Marquette, Mich. In 1987 Oliphant said he saw two UFOs while fishing for salmon at night with some friends on Lake Superior in Marquette.



David Brewer/Huntsville Times

Fyffe Police Officer Ted Oliphant shows photos he's taken during his investigation of the cow mutilations.

"We knew they weren't airplanes, and we knew they weren't satellites," he said. "What they were, we didn't know."

Oliphant said he contacted everyone from local air traffic controllers to an air traffic control center in Minneapolis trying to find out about the UFOs he and friends saw.

"But nobody knew anything," he said.

After leaving the Air Force, Oliphant worked for a short time as a television news reporter and weekend weatherman for CBS affiliate WLUC in Marquette.

Oliphant said he resigned from the television station to produce a film documentary at the Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, Mich., in Michigan's upper peninsula. He said he had been assigned by the TV station to do a feature story on the museum when he found out its director was looking for someone to produce the documentary about the facility.

"I saw an opportunity and I took it," Oliphant said.

The documentary, "Graveyard of the Great Lakes," which was funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, aired on NBC in 1988.

Returning to Oakland in 1989, Oliphant

said he worked for a while producing videos for rock musicians.

It was during this time, he said, that he discussed the UFO experience he had in the Air Force with a collector of aviation videos.

As a result of this conversation, Oliphant said, the two of them decided to produce a documentary on UFOs. So after making a list of people who claimed to have had some kind of experience with a UFO, they traveled to Las Vegas, Tucson, Ariz., Roswell, N.M., Pascagoula, Miss., Gulf Breeze, Fla., Atlanta and Fyffe to interview people.

While in Atlanta, he met Linda Howe, a former CBS director of special projects who won an Emmy in 1979 for her documentary on the link between UFOs and cow mutilations.

Mrs. Howe was recently in Fyffe to investigate how reported UFO sightings in the area might be associated with the alleged cow mutilations. She was also present at Oliphant's press conference.

For the documentary, Oliphant said he spent \$50,000 of his own money, which had been willed to him by a Bermuda couple.

Although the documentary "UFO-A Need To Know," which he said he wrote, edited, photographed and produced, was sold to a major video rental company and distributed to video rental stores throughout the country, Oliphant said he "didn't make a penny" from the deal. However, his partner, he said, made \$10,000.

Oliphant said he has already spent more than \$3,000 of his own money on the investigation of the alleged cow mutilations in the area. But with his police salary of \$208 per week, he said he is having to fund the investigation with money he inherited from an aunt in Honolulu.

Oliphant said he decided to move to Fyffe in December of 1990 and continue his investigation into the UFO sightings because he thought the town had "the most credible (UFO) stories" of any place he had been.

"I heard nobody say they were abducted by aliens," he said. "And nobody claimed to have been on board" a UFO.

"It was not just a handful who had experienced UFOs," Oliphant said. "It was a majority of the community, and then you had several police in the area say that they had seen UFOs."

In Fyffe, he said, "You have the salt of the earth people" living in the "heart of the Bible belt. They're not preoccupied about (UFOs). Nobody was seeking publicity," he said.

Oliphant said he joined the police force because "it was the best way to find out what's going on and because law enforcement had been involved with the UFO sightings."

Oliphant said he is no longer investigating UFOs, but is focusing his attention on the cow mutilations.

Oliphant doesn't have a theory about what happened to the cows, but he considers military involvement, satanism and predators as the least likely of probable causes, with predators being at the bottom of the list.