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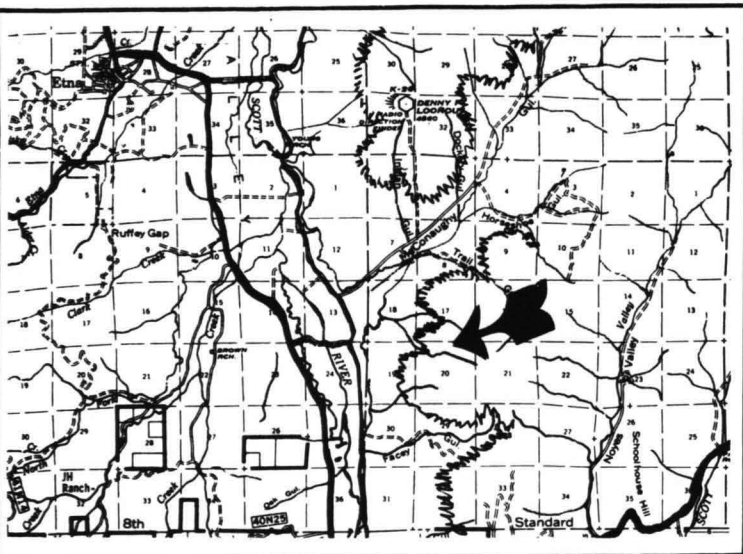
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Second UFO sightings reported south of Etna

ETNA--For the second time in the past few months, "lights" have been observed in the neighborhood of the limestone bluffs east of town and south of McConaughy Gulch.

A couple who lives near Hayden Ridge have asked not to be identified watched a half dozen lights earlier this month for about an hour and half "play around" the mountain. One spouse works for a government agency and wished to avoid the publicity. The couple said, however, "they are not the type to believe in UFOs."

Back in February, a number of people witnessed a Saturday night light show in the same general area, so vivid along Hayden ridge that callers were convinced an airplane crashed along the mountain fringing the east side of the southern part of Scott Valley.

In that instance, the number of unconnected people who saw the lights was substantial enough that the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department, dispatched a helicopter looking for evidence of a downed aircraft. But ultimately came back with no evidence of either a downed plane or any fire like people had reported.

The latest sightings on June 17 were between 10:30 and about midnight.

About the brightness of stars, the lights came from the east over the ridge and made maneuvers around the area for quite some time. area in which they were operating was when one unidentified object went south to the area of Denny Point, once when one of the lights came straight for the couple (enough to have them run into a nearby barn), and once when one went low enough to "highlight the trees" with its light. The other oddity was when a light plane flew over the area, and the lights in the sky seemingly froze until the aircraft was gone.

"Strange lights" have been reported in Scott Valley clear back into the

1800s, and in recent decades most of the sightings have been in the French Creek and Clark Creek drainages which happen to be west and slightly south of the sightings this year.

The wife in the recent sightings wondered if the two areas used as a military terrain-following training route might have something to do with the activity. "Maybe it is some top-secret thing," she said, noting "sometimes they (planes like F-16s) come over our house pretty low".

The proximity to the installation known as the Fort Jones VOR (very-high frequency, omni-directional radio) was also brought up as something "that might be attracting them." Also in some conversation, some people talk of the extensive caves in the limestone mountains which run from there eastward to the town of Gazelle. And, of course, the possibility of an elaborate prank.

No one is quite sure what it is, but people who live between Etna and Callahan have been more observant at night in recent months, that's for sure.

Islander Story Sparks UFO Ripple Effect

by Bland Pugh

A third person revealed another UFO sighting, on Friday, June 11. I received a tape in the mail of a UFO, that demonstrates all of the characteristics of the Martin "Allen" UFO (Islander article June 9). The video reveals a craft hovering in one spot just as in the tape authenticated by Dr. Bruce Maccabee and Jeffrey Sainio, when after only a few seconds it flashes away.

Included with the tape was a note saying that the video was taken on Sunday, June 6 at 5:30 p.m. The photographer, "Philip," was indoors and looked out to see the UFO, he was able to film it as it was hovering over the Sound in the Tiger Point area of Gulf Breeze before it zipped away.

The note mentions of his reading the June 9 article in *The Islander*, obviously prompting him to mail his video tape to my P. O. Box. Incidentally, we had a misprint, P. O. Box 6111, Gulf Breeze, the correct zip for that box is 32561.

This tape and the Thomas "Bryant" slide will be sent for analysis as soon as possible. I believe that they are all the same craft, if they are not then we even have a bigger mystery on our hands!

On Thursday evening, I had gone to Shoreline Park to skywatch. After walking out onto the pier with a couple of friends to talk, the Gulf Breeze UFO made its appearance some five minutes later. I couldn't believe it but there it was in all of its glory. This sighting lasted for about 5 minutes, after the triangulations were completed it was determined to be at an altitude of approximate 6,400 to 6,500 feet and was located somewhere over the Live Oaks Naval Park area.

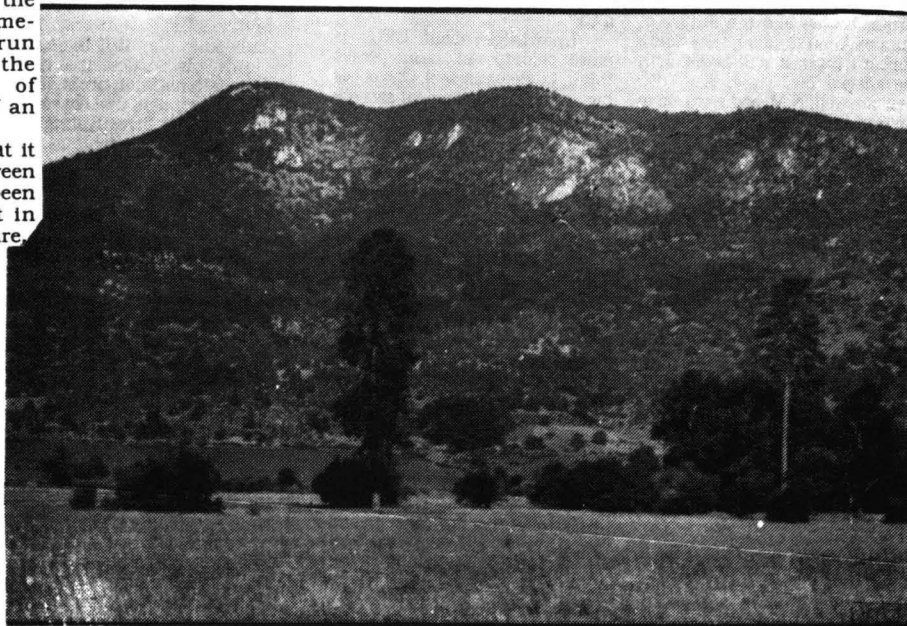
There were approximately 12 people at the park at the time of the sighting, including Nona Christie and her nephew Brian Jones from

North Carolina, Nona exclaimed "Gee Whiz" or something to that effect, "I can't believe that we saw it." As most of you probably already know a certain area of Nona's business, Christie & Co., is decorated with UFO article and posters of the "Road Shot" from the "Gulf Breeze Sightings" by Ed and Frances Walters, so Nona had a pretty good idea of what she was looking for.

The most interesting portion of the sighting was the report by another group of MUFON skywatchers who were located on the eastern end of Pensacola Beach. Their report of the sighting coincided exactly with ours, the coordinates matched also. What made the sighting different was the anomaly that appeared forty minutes later. As this group of skywatchers was recovering from the first sighting they were surprised by a small light that darted around and among them. They reported something resembling a "Firefly" that moved so fast that it looked as if it were lit by a strobe light, it seemed to be circling the entire parking area before it zipped away to the north. This same anomaly was reported last July in an *Islander* article. Dr. Bruce Maccabee and a group of fellow scientist had set up their instruments in the Ft. Pickens area when a similar occurrence caused their equipment to respond erratically.

It looks as if this is going to be an interesting summer for the skywatchers and those that have just about had enough of the reruns for a while. Usually a group of skywatchers meet at South Shoreline Park in the evenings, other groups locate on the beach at the various parking areas, both to the east and to the west end of Pensacola Beach.

That about covers it for now, remember to keep looking up and behind you, you never know what or who is watching you!



LIMESTONE BLUFFS at north end of Hayden Ridge was spot where UFO's were observed recently.

When it comes to flying saucers, they believe

BY SHANNON FARLEY
SUN STAFF WRITER

It sounds like something straight out of a science fiction movie:

Two Ventura women were driving home on Hwy. 101 from a meeting one night last November. It was after 9 p.m. outside Camarillo heading toward Oxnard when they disappeared...

At least they think they disappeared. Supposed to be home by 10 p.m., they didn't get there until after midnight, with no idea what happened in between.

UFO experts have a possible answer: They were abducted by aliens.

"They have all the signs and symptoms of being abducted," said Mike Evans, president of the Mutual UFO Network, Ventura County chapter.

Among many symptoms, including non-specific anxieties, nightmares and unidentified scars, missing time is the biggest indicator of a possible abduction, experts say.

In recent months, UFO sightings and alien abductions have made national headlines and major motion pictures. The issue was highly popularized among the general public in 1988 by Wesley Strieber's personal story in his book, "Communion."

Paramount Pictures' March release of "Fire in the Sky" about Arizona lumberjack Travis Walton's reported abduction in 1975, helped fuel growing interest in the UFO field.

Local and national authority on UFO information Michael Lindemann will discuss the history of UFO encounters in America and government secrecy surrounding UFOs on Wednesday, Aug. 4, in Ventura.

Lindemann's program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Road. Admission is \$7 at the door.

In his two-hour slide presentation, "UFOs and the Future of Human-Alien Contact," the Santa Barbara futurist will begin with the alleged 1947 crash of a UFO near Roswell, N.M. and work up to current sightings and abduction reports.

Lindemann, 44, is head of the private research organization The 2020 Group, founded in Santa Barbara in 1989 to study forces that shape the future - economic, political and environmental. Before that, he was executive director of

the now-defunct Santa Barbara Peace Resource Center.

He first became interested in the UFO phenomenon in 1989.

"I was looking at some new weapons projects of the U.S. government and puzzling over them because of the winding down of the Cold War," Lindemann said. "I was puzzling over why we were developing a whole new generation of weapons. And a consultant I work with said to me, 'Maybe these weapons are not for the Russians, but for the aliens.'"

Lindemann said his colleague's credibility spurred him to pursue the subject. Over the next four years, he researched books on UFOs, read eyewitness

accounts and talked with most of the top UFO researchers in the country. He also did his own field work.

Although Lindemann says he has never seen a UFO or met an alien, he believes evidence overwhelmingly supports the existence of both.

"I have become convinced that the UFO phenomenon is genuine, that people are really seeing things which are hard to explain within the bounds of our normal scientific assumptions," he said. "And that more and more people are seeing these things and more and more credible witnesses, including military, law enforcement people and scientists are attesting that this phenomenon is genuine."

Lindemann said lately there have been more articles and reports in the media on UFOs, especially on television. He attributes the increased awareness to a growing public acceptance of the issue.

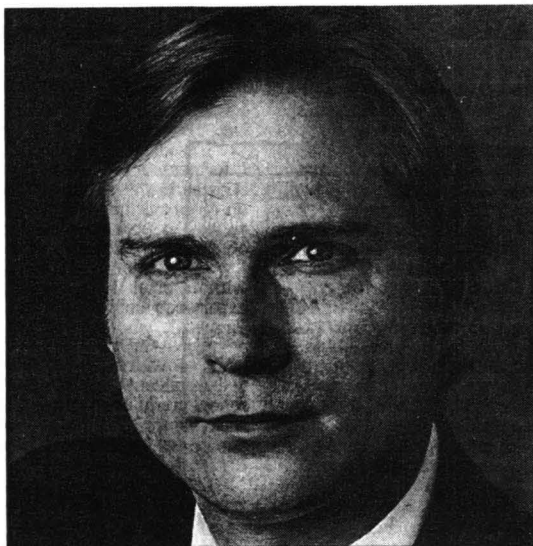
"There has been such a stigma attached to talking about UFOs that it is unclear how many untold stories there are out there. More people are talking about it today," he said. "That's partly due to a growing permission within the general public to speak about this publicly. Word has gotten out that you are not necessarily crazy if you have seen a UFO."

Knowledge about UFOs is more widespread than people think, Lindemann said. One of his big causes is government secrecy on UFO information.

"We don't really know what UFOs are, but one thing we are sure of is there has been a government policy of secrecy on UFOs since at least 1947 (the Roswell incident)," he said.

On the night of July 2, 1947, something very large crashed on a ranch outside of Roswell, N.M. A rancher found the huge wreckage and notified authorities. Officers at the Roswell Army Air Force base investigated it and issued a preliminary report that it was a flying saucer. That finding was retracted a day later, and according to Lindemann, thus began the cover-up.

"There was great concern that they (the government) didn't know what they were dealing with and it would be very difficult to explain to the general public that we have visitors from outer space. That we have no way of knowing where they come from and how they get here and what they want," he said. "We were entering the nuclear



Michael Lindemann keeps an eye on the sky.

Local UFO reports rare, but it happens

So far, there haven't been too many reported UFO sightings in Ventura County, but there have been a few, says Mike Evans, director of the Mutual UFO Network-Ventura County.

Evans, 45, of Simi Valley, took over last month as director of the 5-year-old chapter; he was a founding member. He said the group has investigated several "sightings" in the past, and is now researching an abduction case.

"One of our members who lives in Camarillo saw one (a UFO) flying over his house and a jet (flying) after it. It was flying toward Thousand Oaks," said Alice Leavy, MUFON assistant section leader.

"You see these things everywhere. You don't have to be in a desolated area," said Leavy of Newbury Park. "How many sightings (there are) I don't know, but there are quite a few per year."

The small, local group is part of the larger, loose-knit Mutual UFO Network, Inc., founded in May 1969 in Seguin, Texas. It is self-described as an international, non-profit scientific organization that covers the hard facts of investigating and researching UFO sightings.

A spokeswoman in MUFON's head office in Seguin said there are about 4,500 members worldwide, but no one was able to give figures on how many chapters there are.

The Ventura County section lists about 40 members from Simi Valley to Santa Barbara, Evans said. The group meets the fourth Friday of each month to discuss new sightings, new things happening within the field and plan events.

Membership is by invitation only "in order that only qualified, competent and sincere people may become involved," according to official literature.

Based on their education and experience, members may serve as consultant, state director, section director, national director, foreign representative, field investigator, research spe-

cialist, amateur radio operator, field investigator trainee, translator, UFO news clipping service, journal subscriber or associate member.

The monthly magazine "MUFON UFO Journal" keeps members up-to-date on sighting reports and UFO information. Locally, MUFON puts out the monthly newsletter "Swamp Gas."

"It seems like to me that the majority of people who attend our meetings have had some kind of 'sighting,'" Leavy said. "I've noticed the more people you talk to, the more people have experienced things that are unusual."

Leavy says she had an unusual experience when she was 14 living in Reseda. One night she came outside to find a huge, red ball of fire hovering over her house and her neighbor's house in their tract neighborhood. She said her mother saw it too. The experience scared her so much she was in shock. Years later, her curiosity about UFOs led her to join MUFON.

Evans became a believer while in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He said he saw some strange things crossing the ocean - mysterious lights floating under the water and across the sky.

Once, while crossing the Pacific from the Philippines to Hawaii, he saw five or six huge lights zipping in a line across the sky from one end of the horizon to the other. He said they would zigzag at 90-degree turns, taking seconds to cross the sky.

"At the time (1967-68), we didn't have anything that could do that," said Evans, referring to military technology. "They had to be UFOs."

"As the word goes around more and more people are coming out," he said. "No one used to want to talk about it. Now people are telling their stories."

- Shannon Farley
Sun Staff Writer

era and had just defeated Hitler. What we didn't want right then was to be threatened by spacemen," Lindemann continued. "They chose to not publicly speak about it until they could answer who they are and what they want. And I believe they still can't answer that. There is no political advantage to saying we don't know what's going on."

Lindemann said as far as experts know, UFOs have never attacked, but abductions are a very real possibility.

"Something is really happening. What it really is, I don't think anybody knows," he said.

"I don't know if aliens are literally snatching humans. What I know is thousands of people who are demonstrably not crazy and not lying believe fervently that they have been taken by aliens, physically examined, impregnated or lost pregnancies, or had sperm and ovum taken. And that these experiences change human lives forever," he explained. "This we know for certainty. We don't know why this is happening, but know something is happening."

Lindemann and Mike Evans of MUFON cited statistics from a 1992 Roper poll that measured unusual personal experiences and came up with the finding that as many as 2 percent of Americans might have had a UFO encounter.

"Conservatively, thousands of people have been abducted in the United States," Lindemann said.

Evans agreed. "Taking into account all the abductions that have been documented, there is a whole mountain of evidence that points in that direction," Evans said. "As the word goes around more and more people are coming out. No one used to want to talk about it. Now people are telling their stories."

Lindemann said most abduction evidence is recovered through regressive hypnosis of abductees. He said he has talked to at least six people in the Santa Barbara area who claim to have been kidnapped by aliens.

A typical abduction usually occurs at night, Lindemann said. The person wakes up and discovers somebody in the room or will recall being carried or levitated out into a craft. Typically the next morning they do not recall any details, but have a strange feeling that something happened, he said.

People also have been abducted out of their cars or out of their offices in broad daylight, he said. Witnesses seem to be put in suspended animation and don't really notice what's happening. He said the strongest linking evidence is missing time.

Abductees say aliens are studying us and are concerned about deteriorating conditions on the planet, or they need genetic material, Lindemann said, but he added that no one really knows why.

He said widespread panic over the phenomenon has in part been prevented by government secrecy. But he said it is time for the American public to know.

"I think the American people are capable of being briefed on this subject and not go off half-cocked and go crazy," Lindemann said. "I believe the government's greatest mistake is to underestimate the American people's ability to rise to the occasion. I also believe it's a situation where the government has been lying for 40 years and that's a problem."

ALIENS are us

By Ben Hellwarth
News-Press Staff Writer

As a television interviewer, Will Henry is no Ted Koppel.

Will Henry knows it.

His wife knows it.

If you catch the Carpinteria couple's self-produced show on Cox Cable's public access Channel 19 — it's about people who say they've been kidnapped by space aliens — you might come to the same conclusion.

Henry, who ran a Ventura autobody repair business for years and now does crash damage estimates for an insurance company, would readily admit that his folksy on-camera manner can hardly be compared with that of Koppel, the savvy anchor of ABC-TV's "Nightline."

But then, why should it?

At 53, Henry just made his debut on the little screen this year. Koppel has a lifetime of experience. With each future installment of Henry's "Alien Encounters" program, he hopes to go — as boldly as possible — where a TV newsman like Koppel has never gone before.

The direction of the show depends somewhat on the supply of earthlings — known in the UFO business as "abductees" — willing to talk about what happened when they were kidnapped by extraterrestrial beings.

So far, Henry has done one two-part interview, which first aired in January and has been rerun a half-dozen times.

Some might say Henry should have a lot less trouble lining up good guests than his network TV talk-show counterparts.

Why?

A privately funded random survey of 5,947 American adults conducted by the Roper Organization in 1991 found that 2 percent of those polled had at least four types of experiences consistent with a UFO abduction.

If you take those findings at face value — many critics don't — they suggest that 3.7 million Americans have, at one time or another, been kidnapped by aliens. Over the past 30 years, that works out to 340 abductions a day.

Those eyebrow-raising poll results were included in a 60-page booklet, "Unusual Personal Experiences: An Analysis of the Data from Three National Surveys." Its authors, including two university professors, created a scientific stir last year when they mailed the report to thousands of mental-health professionals, in part to encourage more sympathetic treatment of people suffering from so-called "UFO abduction syndrome."

Psychologists should treat these patients as they would war veterans, victims of family violence or others with post-traumatic stress disorder, the authors said. They said abductees should not simply be dismissed as mentally ill.

Henry shares that feeling, and although he's not familiar with the controversial Roper poll, he said it sounds as though the poll likely underestimated the true number of abductees. But even that possibility doesn't make production of

"Alien Encounters" any easier. Many people who might make good subjects for the show don't want to go public with their stories, he said, for fear of being labeled kooks.

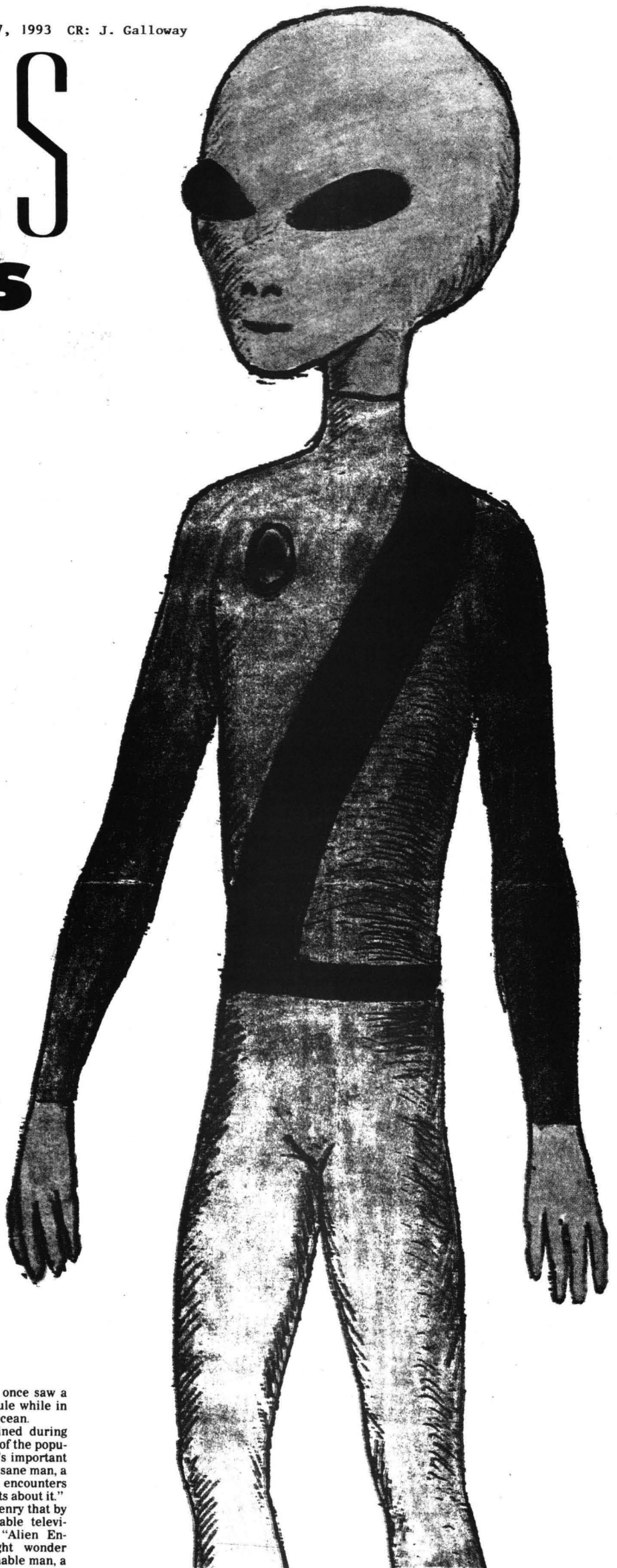
Just think about it, Henry reasons. If you were a top financial executive, for example, would you want it known that you thought you had been visited by beings from another world?

Even Maurice Minnifield, the fictional former astronaut and civic leader on television's "Northern Exposure," didn't want word

to get around that he once saw a UFO outside his capsule while in orbit over the Indian Ocean.

As he firmly explained during last Monday's episode of the popular CBS series: "What's important is a reasonable man, a sane man, a healthy man, when he encounters the inexplicable, forgets about it."

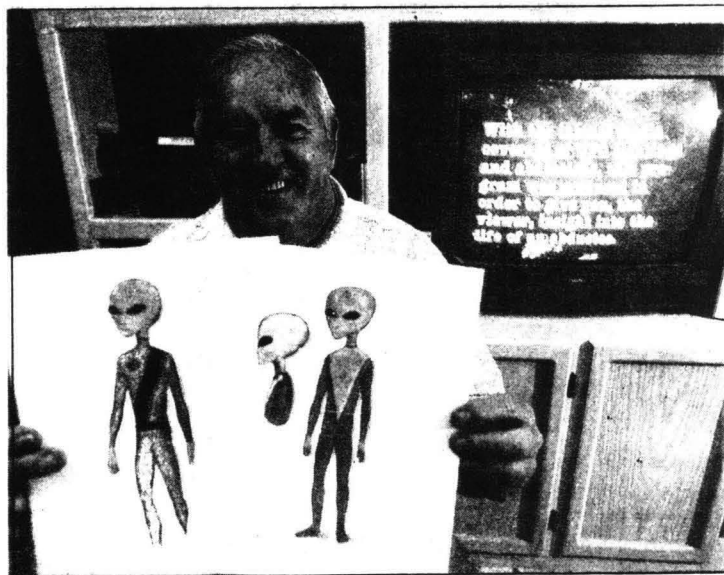
It has occurred to Henry that by appearing on local cable television as the host of "Alien Encounters," some might wonder whether he is a reasonable man, a sane man, a healthy man. Henry doesn't care.



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Joyce Galloway and C.C., short for "Sir Cool Cat" in their Carpinteria home.



Elaine Thompson/News-Press

Will Henry created the public access cable Channel 19 program "Alien Encounters," screening on his TV in the background. An artist's rendition of the beings, right and held by Henry above, "abductee" Licia Davidson says she saw are shown during the interview.

"You can't be serious all your life. It's too damn short. If you can't laugh at yourself, you've got a big problem — and I'm always kind of laughing at myself," said Henry, whose frequent chuckles and ample belly give the faint impression he could be Santa Claus out of uniform.

But just in case any corporate superiors at his nine-to-five insurance job don't share his sense of humor, Henry prefers to go by his first and middle names only — William Henry — in his new television role to avoid any professional encounters of the unfavorable kind.

As he puts it: "Why go up and ring the bell when the cat's asleep?"

An avid reader of science fiction, Henry maintains a healthy skepticism. Still, the subject deserves wider attention and is too often brushed aside by the mainstream media and the government, he said.

"I think Carl Sagan pretty well summed it up: He said it's mathematically impossible for there not to be someone else out there. He's one of the most noted scientists in the entire world, and if that man says 'yeah, it's mathematically impossible for us to be the sole ones in the entire universe,' I tend to believe him," Henry said, his blue eyes widening.

Except for the subject of space aliens, a conversation with Henry and his wife, Joyce Galloway, is down to earth. The two, who fondly refer to each other as "inseparable partners," sit together on a cushy, off-white sofa in their neatly-kept mobile home.

Their 2-year-old cat, a white Persian named "C.C." — short for "Sir Cool Cat" — occasionally rubs against someone's leg or seeks a lap to sit in. Every half-hour or so, Henry gets up and stands in the doorway next to the couch to smoke a cigarette. His wife is a non-smoker.

The son of Midwestern coal-miners, Henry left home at 17 to join the Navy, which brought him to California years ago. Galloway, 54, explains that her upbringing in the Los Angeles area, where she used to ride horses on the family ranch, was quite different from Henry's hard-boiled working-class youth.

The couple married in Santa Barbara two years ago and between them have a handful of grown children from previous marriages.

The idea for "Alien Encounters" arose several years ago when Henry and Galloway, who had just met, made a whimsical decision to go to a UFO convention in San Diego.

The gathering proved to be a mix of everything from silly T-shirts (with slogans like "Happi-

ness is being an abductee") to dead-serious testimonials by people claiming to have experienced alien abductions. One of those people was Licia Davidson, a Los Angeles woman whose story struck Henry and Galloway as particularly impressive — and "as real as the day is long," Henry said.

Henry made a point of meeting her during the convention.

It so happened that Henry and Galloway had just started learning the ropes of KCTV's public access programming — almost anyone can produce his or her own non-commercial show — and one thing led to another after they met Davidson.

"Her story was just so interesting to me that as things progressed and I got access to the (KCTV public access) studio," Henry said, "I asked her if she would like to do a production, and she said, 'Oh yes. I would like the people to know.'"

There was one "but," Galloway adds.

"The 'but' was that she wanted to be allowed to tell her story in her own words. She didn't want it jazzed up like a Hollywood production. She didn't want it done like they do on those TV shows with recreations and all of the effects. She wanted to simply tell it like it was without 'Hollywood-izing' it."

Henry and Galloway clearly held up their end of the deal. Henry's taped interview with Davidson bears no trace of Hollywood glitz, no "Star Wars"-style leaps into hyperspace or frantic MTV graphics. "Alien Encounters" has the feel of a home movie, with Henry gently coaxing his guest along. It's more of a friendly "fire-side chat" than a hard-nosed interview, he said.

The two-part program was, in fact, filmed in the Henry-Galloway home because Davidson felt uneasy about telling her story in the KCTV studio.

Henry and Galloway had just one camera to work with, so they initially recorded only Davidson's end of the interview. Two weeks later, they brought back the camera and lighting equipment to film Henry separately, seated at his desk, asking questions.

They edited the two tapes together — a tricky process — which explains the sometimes awkward flow of the dialogue between Henry and Davidson, a dark-haired woman with angular features who speaks sternly and in great detail about her experiences.

She describes her blue- and beige-skinned alien abductors, their bug-eyed features and the different functions they performed — the leader, the medical technicians. An artist's rendition of the beings Davidson says she saw are shown during the interview.

Though Henry's debut interview may have some rough edges, Davidson was a good choice as a first guest, said Michael Lindemann, the Santa Barbara author who wrote "UFOs and the Alien Presence."

"Licia is as legitimate an abductee as I'm aware of. I don't know what an abductee is, but whatever it is, she's it," Lindemann said in a phone interview.

He doesn't mean to sound facetious. The point is, Lindemann said, that people like Licia Davidson tell the same kinds of stories and seem to share common experiences — whether or not you believe those experiences are the result of being abducted by space aliens.

Davidson and others like her tend to be intelligent, and many have been tested and shown not to suffer from recognized psychological abnormalities, Lindemann said.

"That's important because it's easy to write off the entire thing as delusion," said Lindemann, who heads The 2020 Group, a small private research organization whose purpose is to study different forces that shape the future.

"Alien Encounters" could become a valuable TV program, Lindemann said, "because thousands of others have had strange experiences they're not allowed to talk about. In effect, the program creates more of an atmosphere of public permission to talk about highly disturbing events."

Henry hopes his program will provide a useful — and unique — public service.

"The ultimate goal of the show is to inform people what's really and truly happening so that they can react to it. Either good or bad. But react to what is actually happening. Don't hide it. Don't put it in the closet. Don't sweep it under the rug," Henry said.

"Don't call it 'swamp gas,'" Galloway chimes in.

"The UFO phenomenon is real, and let's attack it. Let's do it," Henry said emphatically.

Henry doesn't believe he has ever been abducted by space aliens, but he still puzzles over one strange childhood memory.

"I was about 12 years old, and I had finally inherited my brother's bedroom . . . I went to bed one evening and in the corner of my new bedroom was a large window with curtains and it was darker than midnight — black dark. And suddenly there appeared above this window a little red ball, about the size of a human thumb, very bright orange," Henry said, holding up his thumb to indicate the size of the mysterious presence.

"It kind of floated along the top of the curtain rod. Of course, I'm not moving a muscle!" he said, laughing. "I am petrified! And

then it went back out of the house through the glass window . . . I've never been able to explain it to this day."

Henry plans to do further installments of "Alien Encounters" as often as he can find willing guests whom he deems credible, a judgment he makes largely on a "gut feeling."

Davidson, who since the interview has become a personal friend of Henry and Galloway, registered high on the gut-o-meter for credibility.

Even if it was just a show, Henry's hourlong interview with Davidson has generated "lots of telephone calls from people wanting to see it again," said Susan Gosling, KCTV program and production coordinator.

Henry, who asks for viewer input during "Alien Encounters," has received about a dozen letters. He keeps them confidential, so he can't talk about particulars. He will say that most of the mail has come from mental health professionals who, like the backers of the Roper poll, seem interested in the UFO abduction syndrome.

One piece of correspondence that Henry can show is the Jan. 8 letter from a St. Louis public access station, whose director asked permission to air the interview. A station based in the little town of Gulf Breeze, near Pensacola, Fla., may also be interested in showing it, Henry said.

What would Henry envision as the ultimate "Alien Encounters" interview? He doesn't hesitate to respond:

"To go out in the desert, call them down and get some real, genuine footage of me standing there talking to them — and a lot of other people — to get their point. I mean, people want the truth? OK sport! Let's sit down and have coffee — with the aliens!" he said.

"That would be the ultimate show. Turn the camera on, sit down, and let's have coffee."

"Alien Encounters," Parts I and II, is scheduled for replay on KCTV, Channel 19, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, and again on March 17.

STANDARD-OBSERVER,
Irwin, PA - July 7, 1993
Dear Editor:

Some comments on the unidentified flying object discussion in a previous *Standard Observer*.

Perhaps you have opened the door to many troubled discussions.

Space traveling vehicles have been spotted time and time again throughout history. Isn't there an account of Joshua seeing one? There is a large number of reports in a book of the Air Force records, these are of the so-called flying saucers. The unabridged report of Colonel E.J. Ruppelt lists many accounts of unidentified flying objects. He carries many records and sightings of unknown objects. Later this effort was organized into the Air Force Project, Blue Book.

One account tells of an Air Force colonel and command pilot who chased U.F.O.'s in their F-86.

Another tells of a businessman from Boise, Idaho, who reports that on June 24, 1947, he was flying his private plane near Mt. Rainier. He saw a very bright disc-shaped object.

On July 24, 1952, two Air Force colonels were flying a B-25 from Hamilton Air Force Base to Colorado Springs. The day was clear as they crossed the Sierra Nevada and were flying at 11,000 feet over the Aerial Highway to Salt Lake City. At 5:40 p.m., one of the colonels noticed three objects ahead of them. The objects looked like three F-88's flying a Tight V Formation. It was noticed that their flight height was too high, they should have been flying lower. In one case, one of the objects flew past a B-25 at speeds estimated to be at least three times that of the B-25s.

I have on hand many accounts of space vehicles, perhaps the most interesting is the Zeta Reticuli incident. . . . Sleep tight.

Victor Jackman
North Huntingdon

Man searches for UFO sightings

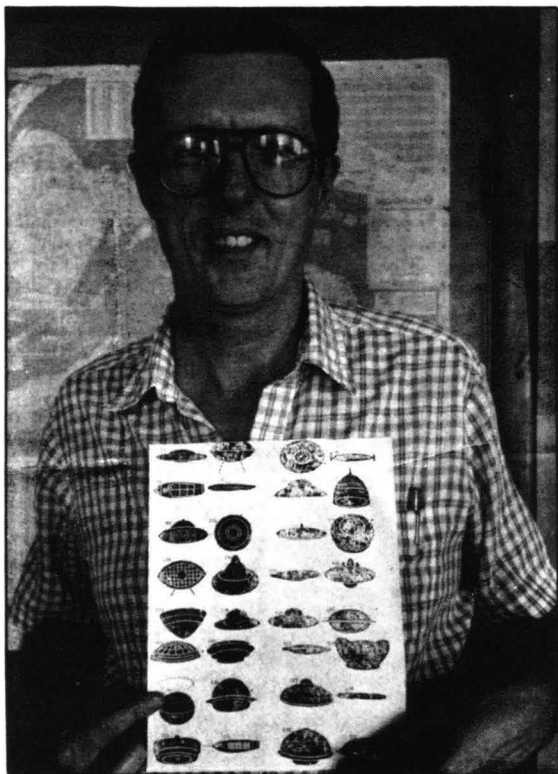
By KELLY HILLSTEAD
Banner editor

MARLETTE — If you think you have spotted a UFO, a Marlette man would like to speak with you.

Robert Snow Jr. believes in UFOs, and he needs help in gathering information about other people's sightings of UFOs. He is a field investigator trainee with the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), an international organization with more than 4,000 members who are all volunteers. He joined the group in October of last year.

During an investigation, forms are filled out, with the names kept confidential. Among things asked about the sighting are what was viewed, the time, the weather conditions, the shape of the object, a sketch of it, and personal accounts. The reports are logged in a computer. Snow also draws a sketch on his personal computer.

"People like to talk to someone who will listen and won't ridicule them," said Snow, a graduate of Marlette High School and Alma College.



Robert Snow Jr. shows various shapes of UFOs.

"Even about sightings 20 years ago, I'd like to talk to them. You have one good sighting, and you never forget. Some may not believe it and are afraid to talk about it. Nobody likes to be laughed at. People like to know that other people have seen the same thing and that they're not going crazy."

Snow, co-owner of Snow Screw Products in Marlette, said he has always been interested in UFOs. He recently uncovered a 1956 book in his attic about UFOs.

"Something is going on," he said. "A lot of people realize something is going on. There is a genuine UFO phenomenon. What makes us think that we're the only intelligent ones? We're near the edge of our galaxy, out on the boon docks. There's billions of stars in the galaxy. To think that we're the only ones is presumptuous. It's silly to think we're the only life in the universe."

Snow realizes that most people are skeptical of UFOs and other life.

"Most people are skeptical," he said. "My wife is. She said she won't believe it until she sees one. But keep an open mind. Most people are skeptical until they see one. Like ghosts, it's the same thing with UFOs - they're here and gone. We don't know all the answers

to what goes on in the universe. I gave up thinking of infinity. I think there are civilizations millions of years ahead of us, but we don't have a handle on it. It's a big mystery."

Snow has had several people talk about their UFO sightings with him. Though 80 percent have an earthly explanation, the other 20 percent have no logical explanation other than a UFO encounter.

A couple west of Kingston saw a big disc with a dome on March 3. There was one band with three lights on the left and two lights on the right.

On March 17, a Silverwood woman watched with another family members a disc with four lights rotating to the right. A Kingston person saw one on March 17 also. It had three blue lights in a triangular shape in the sky. Then a lot of lights came on. Though unsure of the shape, it was about 600 feet across.

On March 3, a couple had a sighting. They had a friend with a video camera and cruised the area for several days afterwards. Later, they saw a bright yellow light, which went out and replaced by a white flashing light, which changed to a red flashing light. The couple followed the light in the car, videotaping it. They blinked their headlights at it, there was a big flash of light, and it was gone. The video tape is still being analyzed.

Snow himself has had two sightings. The first one was in 1967 while he was stationed at Fort Myers, Va., adjacent to the Pentagon. He saw a red light over the Pentagon that was stationary. Snow left, and asked the man what happened later. He said it zipped to the right, stopped, zipped to the left, stopped, went straight up and was gone.

The other one was in April near Cass City. At first he thought it was an airplane with a blinking light. But then the light was in one spot and then switched simultaneously to a spot above it. The lights were never on at the same time. After watching it, he believed he saw a UFO. Snow called the state director and she said it was one of the more common types of UFOs.

There are a lot of different of UFO sightings. Big lights and no noise are usually what the sightings have in common. Sightings are usually at night and mostly to the north sky.

If you think you have seen a UFO or would like to talk to Snow, call him evenings at (517) 635-7158.

DAILY RECORD, Roswell, NM - July 9, 1993

Roswell Incident remains mystery

Nancy Fleming
Record Staff Writer

The Roswell Incident is 46 years old this month, yet questions still remain as to what really happened.

A group called Operation Right to Know demonstrated in Washington July 5 requesting the release of 20,000 pages of documentation the organization believes the government to have which proves the existence of unidentified flying objects.

Information concerning the Roswell Incident are thought to be among the secret papers.

What is known so far about the Roswell Incident can be found in over 100 books in a minimum of 15 languages, says Walter Haut, the UFO Museum's board president.

Even the television program Unsolved Mysteries taped a story two years ago on Roswell's unsolved mystery.

The first article on the incident, however, appeared right here in the Daily Record. On July 8, 1947, residents read the headline "RAAF Captures Flying Saucer on Ranch in Roswell Region."

The story describes a press release from Maj. J. A. Marcel, intelligence officer at the Roswell Army Air Field, indicating that a disk was recovered from a Roswell vicinity ranch, after an unidentified rancher notified Sheriff George Wilcox.

The rancher turned out to be W. W. "Mac" Brazel who was the operator of the J.B. Foster Ranch located in Lincoln County, 30 miles from Corona.

And the saucer had actually crashed on June 14, with Brazel returning to the site July 4 to pick up some of the debris — rubber strips, tinfoil, a rather tough paper and sticks.

The same article also cited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wilmot's

sighting of a "large glowing object" which zoomed out of the sky from the southeast. It was coincidental that the Wilmots reported their incident, which had occurred the previous week, minutes before Marcel's press release was presented.

The following day the paper's headline read, "Gen. Ramey Empties Roswell Saucer." The military was now

Wilcox was also reporting telephone calls at the Sheriff's Office from as far away as England.

The story continues with information provided by Haut. Haut, then 25 years old, was the public relations officer for the base. He brought Marcel's press release to the news media.

To re-cap, we have Brazel telling Wilcox who told Marcel

ship remains is the stem of the controversy. The lack of hard evidence — even paperwork on the incident has vanished — is what has fueled the cover-up fire.

Haut believes 70 percent of Roswell's population, if polled today, would agree there was some sort of crash in 1947. He cited changing attitudes about reporting or believing in UFOs could lead to more and more people demanding the government's information be released.

Haut continues to work with agencies such as the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago and the Fund for UFO Research in Washington to try to obtain more information. With each book he learns something new.

And what has the Roswell Incident done for Roswell? Tourists.

J.J. Johnston, chief executive officer and director of economic development at the Chamber of Commerce, says that in his seven years at the Chamber he's personally talked to over a thousand visitors who inquired about the incident.

Johnston passes out brochures on the two UFO museums — Outa Limits and the UFO Museum. He also noted that information on our UFO museums are included in the 29,000 Roswell Magazines (published by the Chamber) which go out to people in other cities each year.

The Roswell Incident "is part of our culture," he said. It is his belief that something occurred or "the military wouldn't have put a gag order on government officials" regarding the incident.

The search goes on... The alleged government cover-up of information on UFOs is being called "The Cosmic Watergate."

"There is no question something happened, otherwise the military wouldn't have put a gag order on government officials."

■ J.J. Johnston

claiming the UFO to be a harmless high-altitude weather balloon. Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, commander of the Eighth Air Forces, had cleared up the mystery.

Not.

Although Brazel is no longer with us, reports show he believed what he found was not a weather balloon. After all, he'd already retrieved two weather balloons previously on the ranch and they did not look like his current finding.

After Brazel had reported his finding to the sheriff, who reported it to Marcel, Marcel and "a man in plain clothes" went to the Brazel home to construct the object - which they were not able to do.

There were also non-recognizable letters, or hieroglyphics, on a few of the collected parts.

When Brazel reported his story in the July 9, 1947, edition of the Daily Record, he went on to state the publicity from the incident was driving him crazy. "If I find anything else besides a bomb they are going to have a hard time getting me to say anything about it."

who wrote the first press release. Marcel told Base Commander Blanchard who told Ramey who wrote the second press release.

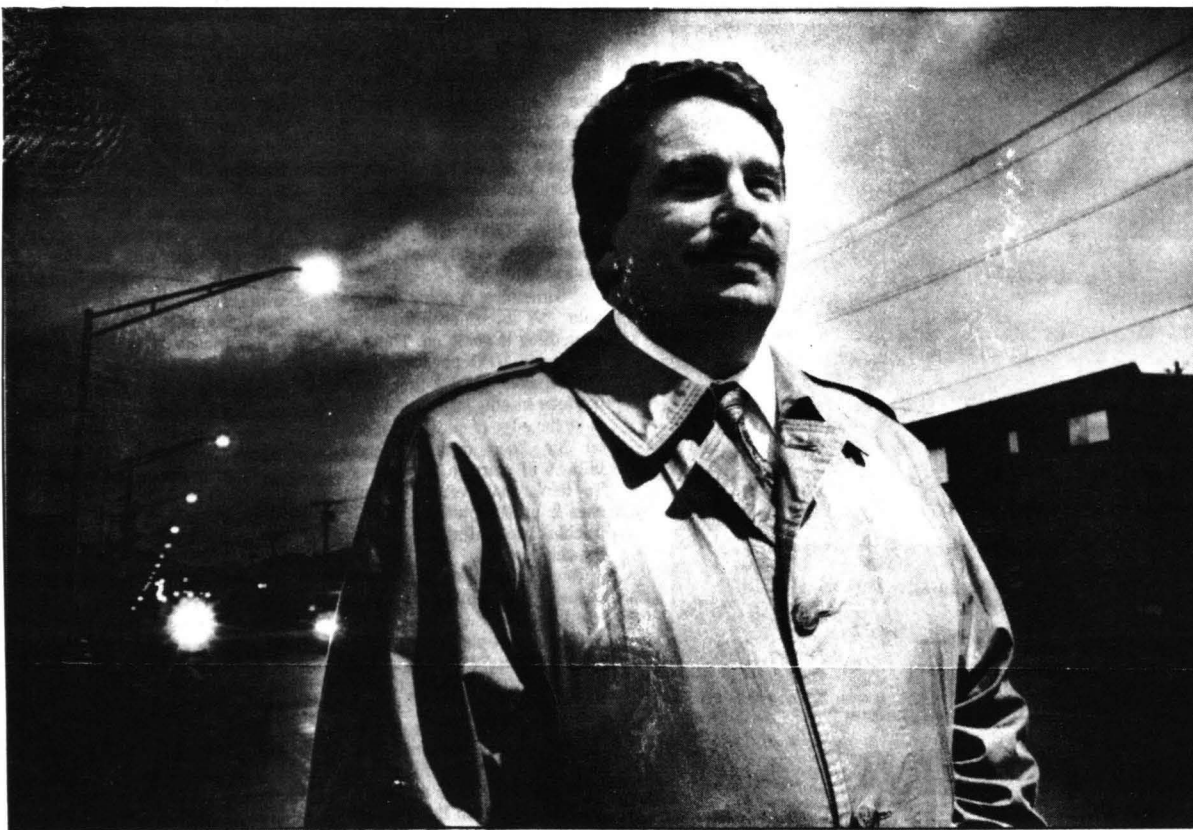
It was also Ramey, then located in Fort Worth, Texas, who talked with higher officials and had the remnants shipped to higher headquarters. Haut says there were at least nine flights by C-54s (the largest air carrier at the time) bringing the saucer pieces to Wright Field outside of Dayton, Ohio.

Not only the debris was recovered; however, as reports indicate there were alien bodies found near the crash site. Those, too, were carried off by Ramey after a partial autopsy was done by a military mortician.

Glenn Dennis, a founding member of the UFO Museum, has said in previous reports that he had received telephone inquiries from military doctors on tissue preservation on July 8, 1947. He further reported a military nurse told him of three alien bodies that were pronounced dead on arrival at the base hospital.

What is left of the alien or

His investigative skills are out of this world



Aberdeen Police Sgt. Jim Clarkson keeps an eye on the sky. The detective has made a lifetime hobby of

investigating alleged alien abductions, UFO crash landings and other unexplained phenomena.

KATHY QUIGG/DAILY WORLD

UFOs cop's hobby

□ People may snicker, he says, but deep down they have an abiding interest in the unknown.

By Barbara Henry
Daily World writer

Police most often deal with burglaries and brawls. But one Aberdeen detective's investigative skills are out of this world.

Sgt. James Clarkson, 41, has made a lifetime hobby of investigating alleged alien abductions, UFO crash landings and other unexplained phenomena.

Last weekend, he attended his first UFO convention.

For Clarkson, the most interesting part of the Bellevue meeting, which lured UFO fans from throughout the nation, was news that investigators have new ways to test claims of alien contact — close encounters of the third kind.

For the record, Clarkson stresses that he attended the conference on his own time, not the police department's. His "beat" hasn't gone extraterrestrial.

About 125 people — most of them "pretty average looking" — were on hand, according to Clarkson. There were a few "odd" types, including people who believe they act as channels for alien voices, but "we expect that," Clarkson says. "We listen to those people, but we treat them with several grains of salt."

The detective learned of several ways to test claims of alien contact.

Crop circles, or other patterns in fields that may indicate the landing of an alien craft, can be checked for authenticity by testing for radioactive isotopes and evidence of damage caused by high temperatures, Clarkson says, consulting the yellow legal pad he filled with notes during the conference.

Clarkson admits there are a "fair number of hoaxes" involving crop circles and other alleged UFO data, but he says "I would be a lot more convinced that it was a fake phenomenon if (all) these people were trying to advertise" that they had been contacted.

Many, he says, "are scared to death of somebody finding out what they've been through."

At first it seems incongruous that a by-the-book, straight-arrow cop would be hanging out at a UFO convention. But Clarkson says he isn't the only man in blue interested in the "little green men."

"You would be surprised at how many cops are involved in this stuff. It's more than you would think," he says.

Clarkson emphasizes that his UFO studies are his hobby. He takes a lot of ribbing at the station for his interest in extraterrestrial investigations.

People may snicker, he says, but deep down they have an abiding interest in the unknown.

"A lot of reasons people laugh at this are the same reasons they whistle when they go by a graveyard," he says.

Still, before speaking to a reporter about the conference, he closed his office door, saying that way the rest of the department wouldn't "hear something out of context" and get the wrong idea.

However, other officers don't tend to debate the UFO issue with him.

"If they seriously take me on, I debate them with facts," he says.

Clarkson doesn't believe all the reports of UFO sightings are hoaxes. There are enough credible people out there to convince an open-minded person that there's something strange going on, he says.

He believes when the mystery of what they've seen is solved it will bring a "shattering" conclusion that there are alien somethings watching us Earthlings. And, it's probably a life form very much like us, he says.

So far, no aliens have tried to contact him. But more than 20 years ago while working at a California radio station he got a call about some strange, colored lights floating over the Oakland hills. Clarkson went out to take a look, then called around to see if they were government planes, but no one ever claimed responsibility.

Clarkson, who has followed UFO reports since he was a teen-ager, is a field investigator and section director for the Mutual UFO network, a national group of some 5,000 members.

He has interviewed members of a Shelton family who thought they had been "buzzed" by alien aircraft and has talked to two Hoquiam fishermen who thought they were being chased by an alien craft while driving around Mt. Rainier, (where one of the first highly publicized UFO sightings occurred in 1948.)

Both groups were "highly credible" and frightened by what they had seen, he says.

Clarkson became involved with the UFO network in the late 1980s when he was studying a 1979 explosion of an unidentified object near the Elk River Bridge. An article he wrote analyzing the incident appeared in the December 1992 issue of the *Black Hills Journal*.

Clarkson doesn't believe that object was an alien ship. His guess is that it was an experimental manmade craft that failed. U.S. government officials have denied ownership of the object, but Clarkson doesn't believe them.

"They didn't want to admit they almost dropped something on Westport," he says.

Clarkson is one of many in the network who believe there has been a "worldwide government coverup" on UFOs. Among other things, they believe the U.S. government found alien artifacts in the 1940s in New Mexico. They based this on news reports of a crash of what was first called an alien craft. Later, government officials said the object was a weather balloon.

There are "good reasons why they don't want to tell us" about UFO sightings, he says — "culture shock" for one.

The nickname UFO enthusiasts give this coverup is "Cosmic Watergate," he said. The government has tried to "explain the uninvestigated," he says. The network attempts to "investigate the unexplained."

Clarkson suspects the government uses ridicule as a way to keep people from telling their stories.

But, "I think the perspective (on UFOs) is changing. What was ridiculed 20 years ago, people are now facing with a more open mind."

Clarkson is looking forward to the national UFO network convention at SeaTac in 1995. A thousand or more people are expected. In the meantime he wouldn't mind being contacted.

"I always entertain the possibility," he says. "I wouldn't mind being an abductee because then I would know (UFOs exist) even if nobody believed me."

For those who have been contacted, there's a Seattle UFO hotline at 722-3000. It used to be a toll-free call, but due to the large volume of calls it's no longer free, Clarkson noted.

HERALD, Gridley, CA - July 2, 1993



Georgie Waddell has some excellent UFO video tape. She was awakened by a bright light last Saturday and started filming at 4:32 a.m. The six minute video tape clearly shows a round object with a rectangle window near the top and dimples at the top and bottom. It hovered above the horizon to the east and finally moved further eastward but remained

visible until daybreak. It would also project flashes of light. It glowed a bright white. The display lasted for over an hour.

Beale AFB had no comment when asked if they could explain the light.

Georgie's film should make one of the UFO feature shows on television this season.

Andy Rodgers also witnessed the heavenly display.



ALIEN ENCOUNTERS

GAZETTE PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Most reports note humanoid forms

BILL KRASEAN
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

In 1959, a missionary named Father Gill and 30 villagers in Papua New Guinea saw a disc-shaped craft hover over the ocean, with several smaller crafts in the background and a much larger ship even farther away.

The sighting was not unlike thousands of similar reports from around the world since the first "flying saucers" — later dubbed UFOs — began appearing in the 1940s.

On this occasion, however, three human-shaped figures appeared on the top of the disc and returned both one- and two-arm waves from the villagers. Gill, ever a realist, was convinced the craft was a secret American project.

Others who have interviewed Gill and the villagers, however, think it was one of a few UFO sightings that are most difficult to disprove.

"The fact that the figures returned the waves defeats the argument that it was a mirage," said Michael D. Swords, professor of Natural Sciences at Western Michigan University. "In addition, there was the seemingly impossible aerodynamics, humanoid figures, real time response and multiple witnesses."

"What other hypothesis, other than the E.T. hypothesis, is there? This is the kind of thing that keeps one interested in UFO reports."

Swords has been interested in such reports for more than 30 years, since a night in West Virginia in 1959 when he and his brother Tom watched a disc-shaped object fly overhead.

Until recently, he taught a course at WMU on how anomalies such as UFO reports, psychic phenomena and other

seemingly unexplainable events can be used to teach critical thinking.

Swords was a freshman at Notre Dame University at the time he and Tom witnessed the object, which he still cannot explain. He subsequently earned degrees in chemistry and biochemistry and a doctorate in the history of science and technology.

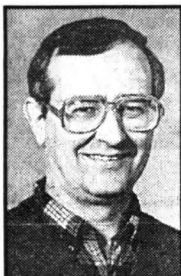
While he remains curious about UFOs — so much so he currently edits the Journal of UFO Studies published by the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies — his interest in strange things in nature is wide-ranging.

His personal library covers a spectrum of unexplained topics, from UFOs to psychic phenomena. "I'm curious about the wonders of nature," Swords said. Yet he approaches the field not necessarily as a believer but as a skeptic who looks critically at all sides in the debate.

"Belief for me is not a casual word," he said. "Belief is a powerful statement about something someone feels is true about something that is very important to them. I'm a Catholic and I believe in God, the soul, free will and an afterlife."

"As for UFOs and extraterrestrials, I can take them or leave them. I don't need them. If there are guys out there, fine. If not, fine. I'm in this field because it's interesting. It is the pure joy of the possibility of discovery."

"Is it possible that they exist? That's



Swords



Drew Barrymore kisses E.T. in the movie "E.T. The ExtraTerrestrial."

easy: Yes. But I don't have proof of extraterrestrials."

The vast majority of reported sightings can be explained by natural phenomena or by psychological and emotional factors, he said. Yet some, like the Father Gill report, are so unusual that the UFO hypothesis is the most logical explanation.

Swords is especially intrigued by a theme common to almost all reports of human/extraterrestrial contact: the aliens' humanoid form.

Consider, for example, the account from a civil engineer with the U.S. Soil Conservation District cited in the book "Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Coverup" by Timothy Good.

Grady L. "Barney" Barnett came across a disc-shaped aircraft in the New Mexican desert in July 1947, 150 miles from the Roswell Army Air Field (see related story on this page). Barnett later told friends that he saw several bodies, apparently dead, in and outside the craft.

"They were like humans but they were not humans. The heads were round, the eyes were small, and they had no hair. The eyes were oddly shaped. They were quite small by our standards and their heads were larger in proportion to their bodies than ours."

Barnett's description is but one of thousands that are similar — witness the extraterrestrials imagined by Steven Spielberg in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T.," or even that non-Spielberg light beer commercial that features dancing blue creatures.

Critics argue that the consistent appearance of aliens who have a human-like shape is an argument against the notion that Earth is being visited by denizens of other worlds. Why a human shape?

Swords argues that a human form is not only highly likely, but almost a necessity for a creature to achieve the

technology needed for space travel. He presented his arguments at the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Society for Scientific Exploration, held Thursday through Saturday in Santa Fe, N.M.

Evolution and the laws of nature may be random, he said, but organisms succeed as a result of non-random consequences. These modifications in traits allow for adaptations to climate and other factors. And while Mother Nature is conducting "billions of (life) ex-

periments all over the universe," only certain random changes lead to survival and success, he said.

Each successful change is, in effect, that which is most cost-effective. At the base is the simple, efficient cylindrical form — an opening (mouth) and exit (anus) through which food is processed.

Once an organism has that basic shape, other appendages occur at random, some useful, others not. Yet each has what Swords calls bilateral symmetry — two matching

eyes, ears, arms, legs — since DNA, the genetic material in cells, is also bilaterally symmetrical.

"If you have a structure, you are going to have a reason," Swords said. "Most creatures have two eyes. If they have more than that, it's an additional expense of energy for no structural benefit. You don't need extra junk. Four limbs are the maximum for anything bigger than an insect."

"Insects can have more than two legs since they are so small that

gravity is not as critical. And they are small enough that if they lose one leg to a predator, they can still survive. But larger creatures can't. So the fewer the better."

A head is inevitable as a place to keep the brain, he said. And sense organs like the eyes and ears are most efficient close to the brain. Hands that are freed from walking by an upright posture — which itself requires less energy for balance — all contribute to technological success as the brain

becomes more advanced.

"We are civilized because of our shape," Swords said.

An upright creature can see more distant objects, he said, an ability that, coupled with a thinking brain, translates into an abstraction: Thinking farther into the future. "Humans are the only species with a profound sense of time," Swords said. "When a chimp uses a stick to beat a baboon, he

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turns it away when he's finished. Humans keep the stick because they might need it later."

Humans, too, are predators. And predators, to succeed, need to plan ahead, to anticipate the movement of prey, he said. Prey is a richer food source than plants, and rich foods contribute to a warmer body, more movement and a womb that allows for a bigger fetal head - and brain growth.

Consequently, he said, "those things you might expect of an extraterrestrial - coloration and hairlessness, for example - you could expect to be different from humans since they are not directly correlated to success. But those things in the reported sightings that are the same - humanoid shape, large head, hands - are the same because they are correlated to technological success."

Swords said he cannot understand the unyielding lack of acceptance among many in science and academia of the notion that extraterrestrials may be visiting Earth.

"I'm totally open-minded," he said. "I'm not trying to prove anything. If experts (who doubt the existence of extraterrestrials) look at the frontier in their own fields, they have to admit that some things are open to debate. Why not in this field as well?"

"My intuition is that Mother Nature has rather few categories of success. If the environment remains hospitable long enough, some increases in brain size and function are inevitable. Does that then automatically lead to tool making and more advanced technology, or is that leap so rare that whole ecologies never make the breakthrough?"

"No one knows the answer to that question. But I feel Mother Nature, given enough time, will find a way to make that jump."

UFOs, other phenomena are subject of mall display

By The Tribune-Review

Aficionados of UFOs, Bigfoot and other strange occurrences should head to Westmoreland Mall, Route 30, Hempfield Township, for the Ninth Annual National UFO Information Week.

The display that runs through Saturday is presented by the Greensburg-based Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained. Featured will be photographs of UFOs, video presentations, UFO books and magazines and numerous government UFO documents.

PASU is a volunteer, statewide scientific clearinghouse for the investigation of alleged UFO sightings and other strange occurrences.

One of the group's most noted investigations involves the alleged landing of a UFO near the Westmoreland County community of

Kecksburg, on Dec. 9, 1965.

Just before sundown, a bright orange fireball streaked across the sky over Michigan, the tip of Ontario and western Lake Erie. Witnesses spotted the object over Westmoreland skies and some said it glided to earth at low speed in a wooded area near Kecksburg.

According to some, a military flatbed truck hauled a tarpaulin-covered object from the scene a short time later.

Many property owners in the area say the alleged UFO is nothing more than a hoax.

But PASU has interviewed dozens of witnesses who say they saw the object in the sky, after it landed and at least three who say they saw the object at two separate Air Force bases days later.

"There's no doubt that some type of object came down," said PASU director Stan Gordon. "From the information we've gathered, it was

either a highly sophisticated, man-made space probe or an extraterrestrial craft."

Clifford Stone, author of *UFOs: Let the Evidence Speak for Itself*, said he saw the object at Lockborne Air Base near Columbus, Ohio, in December 1965.

Fifteen at the time, Stone said a friend brought him onto the base and he saw military personnel maneuvering the object.

"They were bringing it out of the hangar and it was covered with a tarpaulin," said Stone. "It looked like a vanilla-filled chocolate drop."

Since that experience, Stone has done exhaustive research on the Kecksburg case.

"If it were a Soviet probe, the United States could have studied it, taken all the information they needed and given it back," said Stone. "There was no reason to keep it because that would have

been a violation of international law. I'm convinced the object was not of this earth."

PASU has been lobbying for a full congressional inquiry into the Kecksburg case.

"Until the government releases its files or there is a congressional inquiry, this case will always remain open," said Gordon.

In addition to UFO material, the display will also feature material dealing with other phenomena investigated by the group. Casts will be shown of alleged Bigfoot tracks and those of the "Eastern cougar," an animal considered extinct in this part of the country.

A special guest at the display, author/researcher Rich Berry, will answer any questions pertaining to the Bigfoot phenomena.

Anyone having information regarding Kecksburg or any other unusual phenomenon is asked to call the PASU Hotline at 412-838-7768.

POST, Newark, DE - June 11, 1993

UFOs above Newark? Well...

By Diane Heck
Post Community Editor

A strong form of cosmic energy permeated the room during the Extraterrestrial (ET) Contact Support Group meeting on Wednesday, June 2, where strangers became friends as they shared experiences of the bizarre kind.

It seemed not at all surprising that a few hours later, when the gathering ended, there were UFO sightings in Newark.

Steve Winchester, a founding member of the group, said his

friend had stepped out of the meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Newark to use the restrooms in the other building when he looked up and saw a large red light through the tree branches.

"It was very bright and silent, and was only about 100 feet up in the air," Winchester says. "It didn't surprise either of us. I actually expected a lot of ETs to be around."

Winchester's friend had never had seen a UFO before, and was very excited about it.

In another incident, a woman,

who wishes to remain anonymous, was driving home from the meeting on I-95 North at approximately 9:15 p.m. It was raining and she was near the rest stop in Newark when she saw something strange in the distant sky.

"I peered through the windshield and thought, 'What the heck is that?'"

She kept driving at normal speed while trying to get a better look at the craft. When she got almost underneath it, she rolled down the window.

"I saw no wing lights, and heard

no noise of a plane or helicopter. Soon it was hovering directly above me, and I saw that it was shaped like an equilateral triangle. One corner had a white light, the other a green light, and the third corner had an orange pulsating glow," she said.

She estimates that the object was as high as three heights of a radio tower, and it was as large as a harvest moon.

"I was rather frightened and didn't want to pull off the road. When I looked back at it, it seemed as if it was turning a little, like it was looking around. It was right over Newark. Anyone out that time of night should have seen it," she said.

When the North Wilmington woman got home, she called members of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network, Delaware/Northeast Maryland chapter), a UFO investigative group in which she and some members of the ET Contact Support Group belong.

"Trying to be scientific about it, they simply told me it was the new military plane called the Aurora that's replacing the SR71." Funny to her, it was she who gave them the information on the new plane in the first place.

She has been trained in aeronautical engineering and drafting, and used to draw cross sections of planes for DuPont years ago. "I know what I saw, and it was a UFO."

The woman considers herself quite a normal person, but does admit to having seen a UFO over 27 years ago on Silverside Road in Wilmington. "Back then, people would really make fun of you if you talked about seeing UFOs. It was hard when there really was no one to talk to," she said.

POST, Paradise, CA - July 6, 1993

Strange object lights up holiday sky

By Lorena Anderson
Post lifestyle editor

While most people were out watching the fireworks Sunday night, Judi Barron, two friends and two neighbors were watching a different kind of fire in the sky.

Barron said she and her friends saw a UFO out over the Concow area.

Barron went over to her friends' house Sunday evening. Over a game of cards, her friend told her the story of a sighting one night last month when the moon was full.

The friend and her husband and their next-door neighbors saw a brightly lit shape hovering over the

ridge across the Feather River Canyon, she said.

The shape hovered for two or three minutes, they told her, then moved in all different directions: up, down, sideways and back and forth, very quickly. Then, without warn-

ing, it took off up the canyon and was gone within seconds.

"I just politely nodded and said, 'Oh, sure,'" Barron said. "I didn't particularly disbelieve her, but I didn't believe her, either."

But a little while later, Barron

to see the actual shape," she said. "They were so bright that the neighbor said she saw them in her living room while she was on the couch."

Barron said a whole range of emotions flashed through her mind while she watched the object.

"It was frightening and fascinating. I wanted to look and run away at the same time," she said. "In the back of your mind you hope that someone will come along and say it's our experimental whatever, or a DEA helicopter doing marijuana eradication. But this thing wasn't in a searching pattern, and there was never any concentrated beam of light aimed at the ground. I'll never feel the same again."

Barron said up until last night she had never been very interested in this sort of thing.

"I guess I believed as much as I disbelieved," she said. "You'd doubt

anybody's story. But there were five of us watching it. I always said I'd believe it if I saw it, but now I don't know what to believe."

While Barron was inside calling the police to make a report, her friends told her the object suddenly turned a bit and came toward Paradise so quickly that her friend felt the need to jump back from the edge of the porch and up against the house. Then it moved back to where it had been, hovering above the Concow area.

"I didn't see that happen, though," she said. "When I came back out, it turned sideways and began moving down the canyon. It would move down, then stop for a few minutes, then continue. It followed the canyon down. If you were out at Lake Oroville, there would have been no way you couldn't have seen it."

changed her mind.

Her friends said they had been looking for the UFO most nights since they saw it last month, but it hadn't, to their knowledge, come back.

Then, at 10:15, the next door neighbor called.

"She said, 'It's back,'" Barron said.

They all ran out to the front deck to look, and sure enough, across the canyon, Barron said, she saw a large shape, brightly lit with a circle of red lights on the bottom and a bright grouping of white lights on the top.

"You couldn't make out the ac-

Barron said she couldn't really estimate how big it was, only that it must have been very large for her to be able to see individual lights on it with plain binoculars.

Barron said she called the Paradise Police Department and was referred to the Mutual UFO Network based in Seattle. Because of the holiday, no one answered at MUFON, but there is a recorded message which said MUFON is open between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dispatchers at the Paradise Police Department said no other reports of UFOs were received this weekend.

Representatives of Santa Air Force Base said they had no information on any reports from Sunday night, but because of the holiday the base was on limited duty and the people working Sunday night could not be reached.

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Experiences spurred Norman man's interest in UFOs

By KAREN DORRELL
Of The Norman Transcript

In 1977, Richard D. Seifried was an employee with the U.S. Forest Service, working in Idaho. An avid outdoorsman, he was hiking up a mountain when he heard something totally out of place in the wilderness setting.

"I heard what sounded like electronic horns, like you hear at a basketball game. Then there was a strange roar and I heard trees crashing."

Puzzled and oddly very tired, he continued on to the lookout station at the top of the mountain.

"The woman who ran the station took one look at me and asked what had happened."

That's when I discovered I was very dehydrated."

While he was gulping down fluids, he said, the woman told him there had been several UFO sightings in the area recently. Seifried knew something about UFOs. When he was in the Army before joining the forest service he worked in classified records, he said, and one of his jobs was to file reports on UFO sightings.

When he felt up to it, Seifried started back down the mountain, intending to check out the area where he had heard the strange sounds. But again, something seemed to go off track.

"Suddenly I was three miles away from where I thought I was and it was later in the day than it should have been."

His interest in UFOs piqued

anew, he became active with the Mutual UFO Network, an international organization formed to investigate the phenomenon.

"But something kept bothering me," he recalled. "Finally, in 1981 when I was in Dayton, Ohio, without telling anyone what I was doing, I found a doctor and went under regressive hypnosis."

Under hypnosis he told the doctor a startling story about what had happened to him on that mountain in Idaho. He had, he said, been abducted by alien visitors, twice.

"They took me aboard their craft, put me on a table, gave me a superficial physical exam and then dumped me back out."

The first time he was taken, Seifried said, the aliens removed a sample of tissue from his leg,

leaving an indentation scar that he still has.

"This apparently is typical for many abductees," he said. "It's like they take a scoop of flesh out down to the bone, usually in the shin or spine."

After the hypnosis session was over, Seifried said, "the doctor said he could come up with four different hypotheses to explain what I told him, but none of them held water. Then he said he believed me."

The aliens he saw, Seifried said, had "grey wrinkled skin, four long fingers with no opposable thumb, long arms, a thin slit for a mouth and large, very black eyes."

The alien pictured on the cover of the book "Communion" by Whitley Strieber was si-

milar to the ones he saw, and apparently to those encountered by the thousands he estimates have had similar experiences.

Seifried said further hypnosis sessions revealed he had been abducted earlier, when he was a young man, and he said he had another experience three years ago while camping at Black Mesa in Oklahoma. His conscious memories of the incidents — even with the help of hypnosis — are sketchy, he said, due to a mental block imposed by his captors.

Seifried said he was disappointed by the current film, "Fire in the Sky," based on the story of Travis Walton, who reported being abducted by aliens in 1975 and held for five days.

The abduction scenes were "too jazzed up," Seifried felt, and he is concerned that they will create fear in possible abductees struggling to deal with an experience they don't yet understand.

A recent Roper poll, he said, indicated that as many as one in 50 Americans feels they have had one of four experiences consistent with a UFO abduction.

"I think that's a little high," Seifried said, "but I believe there are thousands who have had this experience and who are angry or frightened and need help dealing with it."

Seifried says MUFON stands ready to offer help, including sessions with a psychiatric nurse and hypnotherapist. The group can be reached at 329-1005.

What if you should see a UFO?

By KAREN DORRELL
Of The Norman Transcript

A person who sees something in the sky that he can't recognize or explain — an unidentified flying object, in other words — may feel he has two choices: He can tell somebody what he saw and risk disbelief and possible ridicule, or he can keep his mouth shut.

Richard D. Seifried offers a third alternative: Call him.

Seifried, a Norman resident, is director of investigations for the Oklahoma affiliate of the Mutual UFO Network Inc. His wife, Jean Waller, is state director.

MUFON, an international organization founded in 1969, is composed of "people seriously interested in studying and researching the phenomenon known as unidentified flying objects," according to its literature.

There are around 50 members in Oklahoma, Seifried said, about half of whom are trained as volunteer investigators.

"When a sighting is reported," he explained, "we talk to the people involved, fill out forms, gather statistics, tape their recollections and make maps of the location. We then send the information to the international headquarters in Se-

quin, Texas, with a copy to the regional director."

Seifried offers these suggestions for anyone who sees something they think may be a UFO:

"Watch as closely as possible. Make mental notes. Take a photo if you have your camera but don't leave the area to get a camera. Try to get other witnesses to the sighting."

"As soon as possible," he concluded, "write everything down. And then call us."

Seifried and Waller's number is 329-1005.

There are a lot of sightings in Oklahoma, he said, "most frequently nocturnal lights. Last year there probably were 24

across the state. The prime area seems to be north and east of Oklahoma City."

Sightings tend to run in patterns, he added.

"We have a lot in October, because it's such a clear month. Most of those turn out to be Venus being more visible than usual, but some are legitimate."

Recent sightings, Seifried said, include one by four people at Tuttle in January, one in Oklahoma City and even one on Porter in Norman last fall.

State law enforcement offices and agencies know about MUFON, he said, and many will contact the group when a sighting is reported to them. In addition, Tinker Field "has referred our last four cases to us."

However, many people, after making an initial report, become reluctant to discuss the experience further, Seifried said, either for fear of ridicule or sometimes, he suspects, because they have been advised to say nothing.

"Following a reported UFO crash in New Mexico in 1947, the government cracked down and suppressed a lot of information," he said. "Investigators have managed to get some through Freedom of Information requests, enough to prove that the government is still investigating UFOs even though they say they're not."

Air Force pilots are advised not to report sightings, Seifried said, and commercial pilots "are harassed if they try."

The 1947 crash is the subject of tapes which will be shown by MUFON from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Norman Public Library. The tapes consist of interviews with private citizens, military personnel or journalists who either themselves were witnesses of events following the discovery of the crashed debris or who had relatives or friends who were.

The program, according to a letter that came with the tapes, "allows the witnesses to tell their stories in their own words." Their comments indicate that "a craft and aliens — both dead and alive — were found at two crash sites. There is also evidence that witnesses were threatened with physical harm — even death — if they discussed the event."

The showing is free and open to the public.

CNN Show Airs Beach UFO Sighting

by Bland Pugh

On Friday of last week, Dr. Bruce Maccabee was a guest on the *Sonya Live* program that airs on CNN. He and Ed Komarick of Georgia were featured. During the interview Dr. Maccabee spoke about the Gulf Breeze UFO and the sightings that have been occurring here. He showed several slides of UFO's that have been investigated of late. One of them was the Martin Allen photo that shows the object hovering over Pensacola Beach. In this interview Dr. Maccabee was asked by Sonya "Why do you think the government is holding information (on UFO's) back?" Maccabee said "They probably know something we don't. We don't know what the government hasn't released, all we can do is make deductions based on interviews with witnesses." He then went on to show several pictures taken from video, he spoke about the Martin Allen tape, "The one in Florida was particularly interesting, I think it is the first video we have of a UFO moving along very slowly and then all of a sudden accelerating to an extremely high rate of speed and then going out of the field of view of the camera faster than the cameraman could follow it." He went on to say, "I estimate that if it were a 1000 feet from the camera and it was 8 to 9 feet in diameter that within 1/30th of a second it achieved an acceleration of about 500 g's..." Sonya...."Bruce, is there a way that

people could call this experience to them?" Maccabee answered, "Not that I know of, although some people have tried that. UFO sightings tend to happen more or less independently of who happens to be looking." Dr. Maccabee then went on to tell the story of the Gulf Breeze sightings, he talked about the numbers and the many videos and pictures that had been taken over the years. He also mentioned that Gulf Breeze might be a good place to begin looking for UFO's.

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In the article I wrote about the Allen sighting, I reported that there was another picture involved and have since reported a video tape that was sent to me through the mail. Both of these have been sent to Jeffrey Sainio and Dr. Maccabee for analysis. I have had the opportunity to talk to Sainio and can report that he has run preliminary test on the video. Needless to say, he was very impressed with both the video and the picture. This past weekend, the MUFON International Symposium was held in Richmond, VA. I have not had an opportunity to talk with Maccabee, since he and Sainio both attended this conference. However, I will pass along the results as soon as I have them.

I have had another daylight sighting reported to me in the past few days. However, I have not been able

to sit down with the witnesses as yet and discuss it with them. I have talked to one of them over the phone as she reported it to me.

Briefly, they were driving along Hwy. 29 just north of Pensacola, she was dozing in the passenger seat when her husband saw something crossing the sky in front of them. It was large and cylindrical shaped, it was moving slowly. He woke the wife up and showed her the object, as he did so, it stopped and began to go back the way it had come. The color was gray, no sound was associated with it and there were no other witnesses present. They did not have time to stop the car and get out to look. She mailed drawings of the object to me, as yet I have not received them because of the holiday mail.

For now, I guess that about covers the UFO front, don't forget there is a skywatch every night at South Shoreline Park. You are welcome, bring your chairs and a little bug spray. No adult beverages, please.

Remember to keep looking up and behind you.

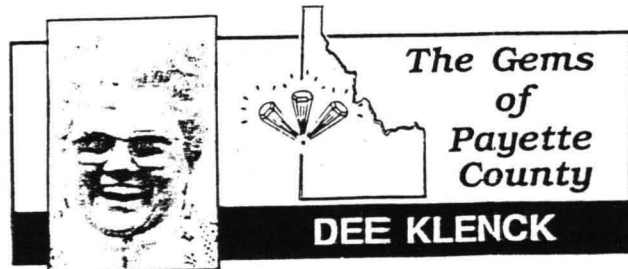
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Countdown

When Ed Walters, author of the book "The Gulf Breeze Sightings," commented that on November 11, 1987, at the site of Gulf Breeze, he saw and photographed a UFO, he may not have realized that seven other people saw the same object on that same day and during the years to come up through 1993. As a researcher, I think that there was a deliberate space of 30 years between the UFOs that hovered over Gulf Breeze, starting on November 11, 1987, and the UFOs that hovered over and landed around Levelland, Texas, November 2 and 3, 1957, the Salton Sea, California, November 4, 1957, and the object seen and reported by the crew of the USS Sebago about 200 miles south of Gulf Breeze and on November 5, 1957. The only reason that I can suggest, for the interval of 30 years, is that the time-scale of the UFOs might be shorter than that of planet earth. For example, 1,000 years on earth might represent 24 hours to the UFOs. On this basis, the 30 earth-years between the Gulf of Mexico sighting in November, 1957, and the Gulf Breeze UFOs during November, 1987, might represent about 45 minutes on the time-scale of the UFOs. This seems to suggest that some kind of countdown has started that is building toward a climax. The sightings of the UFOs might continue until we know just why they have continued to visit and to hover over Gulf Breeze, Florida.

Yours very truly,
Kenneth Lloyd Larson
Los Angeles, CA

Mysteries and speculations surrounding UFOs examined



This subject is familiar to many; speculated about by experts; denied by so-called intellectuals; feared by most and yet the general public is fascinated with its possibilities. Why?

Because since the beginning of time, man has been captivated by mysteries, secrets and the unknown. No one has the answer, and yet everyone has an opinion.

We are talking about Unidentified Flying Objects or UFO's for short. Some think the whole matter is hog wash - others swear by the saucer shaped objects that operate from a stand still, go up, down, backward and forward with the speed of lightning. Burned patches in fields that are unexplainable; intense rays of light that can blind you; journeys attested to by some who claim abduction; sworn testimony that aliens have invaded our territory; others are convinced or a government cover up; and livestock mutilations that defy motive, justification or purpose.

Books, pamphlets, letters and documents have explored this subject from every angle. If it is a hoax - it is a very expensive one and why would anyone wish to introduce such a scam. How do they intend to benefit?

If it is an imagined scenario, how could so many people scattered world wide, all swear to the same type of occurrences. Especially since many of the witnesses are highly regarded individuals which include military men, professional pilots, law enforcement and other citizens, who have absolutely nothing to gain.

If indeed it is fact - why the cover up by authorities? Is it to conceal a possible invasion by alien forces. If so, cannot our technology out smart them? Then there is the question - Are the UFO's built by these visitors from another planet or are they built on our own, in secret places?

That brings to mind that a genius named Nikola Tesla actually designed the first helicopter and aircraft that resemble a flying saucer, back in the days when avia-

tion was a new born babe. They could take off in a vertical position and had unbelievable acceleration capabilities. Few people outside of engineers know of him but one of his 800 government held patents included the famous Tesla coil. Also he discovered alternating current used in every home and business building throughout the world, today. It is considered far superior to direct current which Thomas Edison is given credit for.

Lt. Col Robert Bowker (Retired) of Payette is an avid student of the UFO phenomena. His library is extensive and he might be convinced to share the knowledge contained therein. In fact, he stated there is a formulation of interested individuals that belong to the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON) headquartered in Seguin, Texas, who are anxious to contact and receive information regarding sightings and evidence of UFO visitations to this planet.

Many very important personalities have pursued this subject and all are convinced beyond any doubt that alien beings have not only been seen here but some of their aircraft have crashed. There are even stories circulated that our armed forces have been in actual combat with them, and that underground caverns in remote areas of the world are outfitted to rejuvenate the aliens.

Colonel Bowker admits to having seen two saucers. He was part of a FAA flight crew on a returning aircraft from Wake Island in 1950 when all of sudden their direction finder went berserk. It began to spin so rapidly it seemed to be destroying itself. At the same time a series of red lights in a straight line, just ahead appeared to be stationary and in a flash it darted out of line of sight. When the equipment was later examined, it had no defect and operated normally.

Repeated efforts to bring the public's attention to this mysterious force has resulted in an ambivalence attitude.

In some instances, according to

Colonel Bowker valuable documents proving the existence of the UFO's have disappeared never to be recovered.

Another of the more fascinating aspects accredited to alien being is the constant reports of mutilated animals being found. In and around Sand Mountain, Alabama, between October 1992 and March 1993 - at least 26 cattle have been located butchered in an unknown fashion. There are no foot prints, tire tracks or trails that lead to or from the carcasses, and in some cases every bone in the animal's body has been broken as if it fell or was dropped from great heights.

There have been no witnesses, no suspects and no motive. Extensive coverage by the local media of that region indicate everyone including law enforcement and the owners of the beasts are baffled.

The strangest part is how the incisions are made, that remove different segments of the anatomy. One eye, one ear and the tongue may be surgically cut out as if by a high density laser light or beam. The tissue is not torn or sawed on, as would be the case if a predator attacked the cow. Each cut is of a precision nature.

In another animal, the genitals, reproductive organs or digestive tract may be removed and in all of the carcasses not a drop of blood remains. Something else that is very interesting is the fact that predators including birds will not feed on the mutilated flesh. They seem to be instinctively aware that a very unusual happening has occurred and they want no part of it.

Colonel Bowker is in addition fascinated by the world of HAM operation and has been for 62 years plus. He is one of approximately 250,000 radio operators in this country alone.

He explained there are very stringent regulations governing the use of wave frequencies. For instance, an operator is not allowed to use obscene language over the air, or interfere with another's broadcast or falsify SOS messages or utter scandalous conversation. The government has the authority to not only confiscate the offender's equipment but can actually imprison and/or fine them without court litigation if they persist in violating the code. If anyone is interested in either of the subjects covered in this column I am certain Colonel Bowker will be happy to accommodate.

sightings of triangle shapes, the classical disk shape with a dome top, cigar-shaped, every shape imaginable."

It was enough to draw a visit from Christopher Early, the state director of the UFO network. "What I saw was mainly airplanes," says the Atlanta retiree. "There are certain people, they're selected. I don't know why."

Mr. Early says he's never been chosen for a UFO ride, but he sympathizes with those who have been. "The real problem is ridicule," he says. "It puts you in a vulnerable position. People think you're nuts."

That doesn't seem to faze Mr. Monroe, who is sticking to his story about an extraterrestrial named Altrex who appeared in his living room in Vidalia one day and flew him down to Florida to tour an underground installation. It's a tale far too remarkable to attempt to summarize here.

"Please mention," Mr. Monroe says, "that I'm available for speaking engagements."

MUFON Writer Locates UFO Sighting Site

by Bland Pugh

On Sunday afternoon, my wife and I decided to go out to the beach and enjoy ourselves for awhile. Not particularly caring for crowds, I decided to kill two birds with one stone. Armed with a camera, Thomas "Bryant's" picture and map, we headed for the east end of Pensacola Beach. Of course the lure of the surf was beckoning, but I had more on my mind than wading in the emerald waters of the Gulf. I had an idea of what I was looking for but I also knew it was going to be like looking for the proverbial "needle in a haystack."

We grabbed a cooler of drinks and headed across the dunes for the Sound. Three quarters of the way across I figured this fellow "Bryant" must have really wanted to be alone, then I remembered the reason he and his lady friend had gone there in the first place, it made sense to me. After walking for about 20 minutes through the dunes we saw something that caught our eye, it was a couple of scrub pines and a dune with some growth on it. I pulled out the photo and began trying to match up what I was looking for. There it was, a clump of trees that appeared to have a notch and a dune with scrub brush growing on it. I looked through the view finder of my camera, adjusting the telephoto lens a couple of times, taking out the "Bryant" picture again and studying it for a moment, I knew I was there. I couldn't believe my eyes, I was standing in the same spot Thomas "Bryant" had been on when he shot his picture of the UFO on April 2, 1993.

I measured the distance to one group of trees, then figured the elevation of the UFO based on the configuration the camera lens presented to me, attempting to establish some factors that might help determine the height, distance and size of the UFO.

After we had taken pictures of our own and finished the measurements, we decided to walk over to the Sound and cool off with a quick dip. I worked my way up to the top of one of the sand dunes and looked around. To my surprise I found a lake there and marsh grass. I knew there were some small lakes on the western end of Santa Rosa Island but I didn't know this one existed. As many times as I have been in this area of the beach on skywatches, it just never occurred to me that I was that far away from the Sound. My point about this marsh area is; it sure would be a good spot to put something you didn't want anyone to see, if you get my drift and I am not talking about a golf course!

These pictures will go to Jeff Sainio in Wisconsin for analysis. I sure hope this will enable him to give us some idea as to how big this UFO might have actually been.

Another TV crew visited us this past week. They were from Chattanooga, TN, Rebecca Williams and her husband Scotty had been to Fyffe, AL, on Tuesday, they'd investigated the cattle mutilations and had talked to Terry Baker the Editor of the local paper there. The next day, they came to Gulf Breeze. Gary Watson and I met them for lunch. Afterwards we showed them the Martin "Allen" and "Philip" video tapes and pictures. They were impressed.

Rebecca and Scotty came to Shoreline Park South that evening and interviewed those present. Unfortunately we did not have a sighting. If you remember last year, TV crews were battling almost a thousand, as it seemed every time a crew would come to town the UFO would make its appearance.

For now I believe that covers the UFO report for this week, remember to keep looking up and behind you.

Somerby UFO sighting related in publication

By Charlie and Dori Somerby

Nearly six years ago as we were taking our nightly stroll along Hickory Shores Boulevard in Midway, we spotted a flying object seemingly following the shoreline of East Bay.

Since that Veterans Day sighting, we have appeared on many television programs and have been written up in many newspapers.

It appeared as though the spotlight had gradually shifted to others to our intense relief.

Now, suddenly, we have received in the mail pages 284 and 285 from an unidentified publication that evidently is a Who's Who in UFOs.

Listed is:
SOMERBY, CHARLES
"In the Gulf Breeze sightings, the first period of photographic contact came when on 11 November 1987 when the witness, Ed Walters, took five photographs of the UFO near his home.

There was some independent witness corroboration of this when Charles I. Somerby and his wife Doris apparently reported seeing the same UFO in the sky at the time of this photographic

encounter.

Their description of the UFO is very similar to the objects on the photographs.

Unfortunately, the independence of their testimony is somewhat clouded by the fact that Ed Walters sent the photographs to the local Sentinel newspaper of which Mr. Somerby is a former editor and his wife, the present editor's mother.

It must be said, however, that the sheer weight of evidence in Gulf Breeze has convinced many top American UFOlogists of the validity of this case."

Before each interview, we brought out the relationship aspect of the sighting. Also the fact that after witnessing the object on a Tuesday night and not seeing or hearing news in the media of the sighting, we decided to say nothing about it.

But a week later when we dropped in at the Sentinel office, we were amazed to see Ed Walters' pictures on the made-up front page and at that point admitted that we had seen exactly what was laid out.

At that point, we had no idea of the identity of the photographer.

Vidalia harvests UFO sightings as well as onions

By Paul Kaplan
STAFF WRITER

Vidalia is known worldwide for its sweet onions, but the little town had a decidedly out-of-this-world feel one night in March, when more than 50 sightings there were reported to the Mutual UFO Network in a four-hour period.

Since then, more than 100 additional sightings have been recorded in and around the southeast Georgia farming town, says Ricky Monroe, section director for the UFO network. "They've come in all shapes and sizes. We have

SIGHTINGS

What were those strange balls of light that sparked Mariemont's Leonard Stringfield's quest for the truth about UFOs?

By Joe Rosenberger
For EastSide Weekend

We're sitting on a carefully landscaped terrace in Mariemont, tucked away on a wooded hillside. As a startling variety of wild birds chatter and whistle in the trees overhead, Leonard Stringfield begins his careful account. It's obvious from the steady meter of his narrative that he's related these stories many times, yet his calm manner is at odds with what he's saying.

In the nearly fifty years he's been at it, Mr. Stringfield has earned an international reputation for his research in a phenomenon that he has witnessed but once himself—the puzzling mystery of UFOs reported by ordinary folks all over the world.

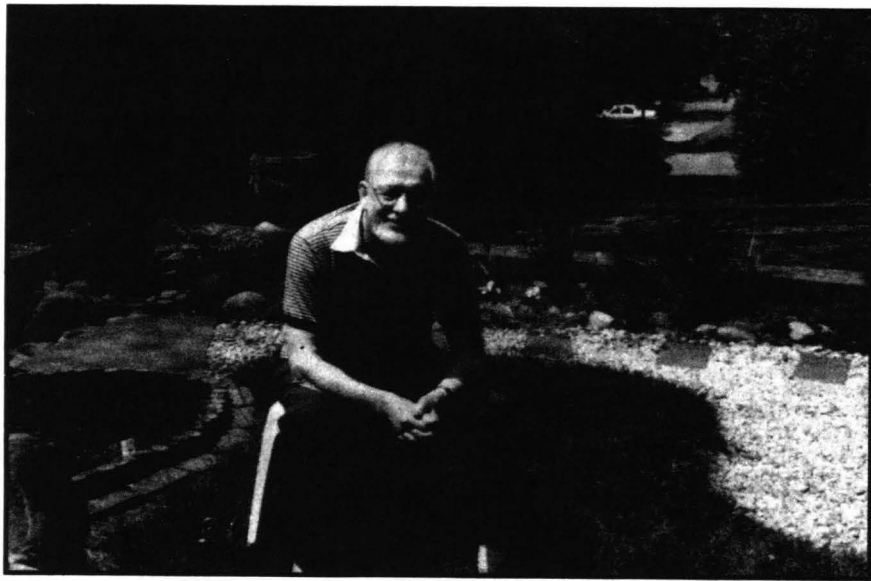
While the subject of UFOs has tantalized the imagination of the public for years, supported by tabloid accounts and Hollywood movies (the highest grossing film of all time, "E.T.," dealt with the subject), Stringfield's approach has been a careful, nearly dispassionate one. The reaction of the general public, on the other hand, has varied from firm disbelief to new-age mysticism. But there are responsible research organizations with professional membership.

In the mid-1940's, while serving in the Fifth Air Force in S-2 (intelligence),

Len was aboard a flight near Iwo Jima in the Pacific that encountered what were dubbed "foe-fighters"—strange balls of light appearing to fly in formation nearby. Of the twelve men aboard, Len and one other GI witnessed three luminous balls of light reverse course, then accelerate away at speeds clearly in excess of sophisticated aircraft.

The incident left them puzzled, but the main concern was the flight to a defeated Japan to head up the occupation forces, so they were asked not to comment on what they'd seen—a pattern of coverup that became standard operating procedure.

Once, in the Philippines, he saw an intelligence memo



Mariemont's Leonard Stringfield has earned an international reputation for his research on UFOs — an interest that dates back to the mid-1940s when, as an Air Force S-2, he himself witnessed sightings of UFOs near Iwo Jima in the Pacific.

detailing reports of unidentified flying objects, but at the time considered it just another aspect of intelligence work. "My big concern at the time was survival. In the 31 months overseas, 26 were in a combat zone."

"The Orbit"

After the war, undaunted, Stringfield began collecting reports from observers who had stories to tell. The collection grew into a small circulation newsletter called "The Orbit," published on the Stringfield kitchen table.

"I got a call in the late sixties from a Washington radio personality named Frank Edwards, asking my permission to mention the newsletter on his show. The next day twelve letters arrived in my postal box, about what I expected. But the following day, a notice in my box said 'see the postmaster.' He had a huge box filled with orders. In all, I got about 16,000 letters."

Family and friends helped send out brief questionnaires in reply. "I agreed to look into the most promising cases. Suddenly I was on the national map, so to speak."

Unlike many of those interested in the phenomenon, Stringfield accepts as fact that the earth is being visited by intelligent, non-human beings: aliens. His interest, rather, has been focused on pursuing reports that the governmental or military agencies have buried.

He dates the modern UFO era as beginning in July of 1947, when one of the best-known incidents occurred in Roswell, New Mexico. At first rumor, then actual first-person accounts, surfaced of the crash of a strange aircraft, complete with non-human bodies.

The military took over the investigation, allegedly removing the craft and bodies to secret storage at one or another military installation. Len dubbed this sequence of events the "crash-retrieval syndrome," and Dayton's Wright-Patterson Air Base was the most frequently mentioned repository for the remains.

Clearinghouse
As Stringfield's research became known, he

functioned as a clearinghouse for information on UFOs, and was enlisted by a captain at an Ohio air base to help screen similar reports as part of what was the Ground Observer Corps, a wartime affiliation of civilians who watched the skies for hostile aircraft.

"I was assigned the code of Foxtrot Kilo Three Zero Blue. In August of 1956, Cincinnati had a rash of sightings. I mentioned all this to my friend Ed Chapin, a columnist at the Times-Star. Strangely, when he phoned the air base to confirm my story, they denied knowing anyone named Stringfield. It was the pattern of military coverup that is still in use—denial and ridicule."

National recognition

After publishing his first book, "Inside Saucer Post Number Three Zero

Blue," (the title refers to his assigned military secret code), he found himself besieged by inquiries. But it was after the May, 1977 publication of his second book, "Situation Red," by Doubleday, that the replies and requests for his time became nearly too much.

"I was trying to manage an advertising and public relations department at work, then I'd come home to my second full-time job."

Fawcett later brought out the paperback, a strong seller considered one of the most levelheaded and plainspoken treatments of the subject. Stringfield made the rounds of the talk shows, often to hostile or cynical hosts.

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"What's frustrating is that there are actual witnesses out there who have been frightened into silence." He has spoken with more than 42 people with firsthand knowledge of UFO crashes and recoveries, some medical experts, some military personnel.

About those bodies at Wright-Pat

The stories of the stored bodies at Wright-Patterson have become part of modern folk myth, even spawning a 1980 movie ("Hangar 18") about the incident. While Stringfield thinks of the film as little more than hype, he is adamant that there are preserved bodies and vehicles.

"They're not likely at Wright-Pat now, even if they once were. But I'm convinced the physical evidence exists, and it is being preserved somewhere, in the highest degree of secrecy."

To the question of why such a momentous event—perhaps one of the most important in history—is being covered up, Stringfield replies that those in charge feel that revealing the details would cause social, psychological, and economic upheaval.

Cincinnati abductions

As for the alleged alien abductions that make the news from time to time (most recently in the film "Fire in the Sky"), Stringfield feels there is more than a kernel of truth.

It is estimated that two million Americans have been abducted. All have remarkably similar details; even over the years it's remained fairly consistent. This is a serious ongoing business.

What is their intent? "It is probably beyond our ability to understand, but I don't feel it is benign. We're being studied, much like we would study wildlife. And it seems that the abductions are repeated on humans throughout their lives, maybe with ongoing experiments. It's clear that they're here to accomplish their own mission. Whatever that intent is, it's not readily apparent to us."

Where do they come from? "We don't know. We're convinced that Einstein's theory is true, but maybe these beings are capable of travel faster than light, utilizing methods beyond our drawing boards."

Why now? "It's interesting that the modern UFO era began during the war years, when weapons and communications technologies were becoming more sophisticated. It's also interesting that many sightings occur near military installations or places where our technology is most concentrated. Maybe we're at a point in evolution where we're worth studying."

What about Cincinnati? "I know of more than 100 abduction cases in our tri-state area. There are true professionals involved in studying these incidents, preferring to keep their names out of the spotlight. I assure you they are involved."

Stringfield's most recent book, "UFO Crash/Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum," is a research work intended for serious investigators. Published privately, it's available by mail. "It's so much trouble publishing with a major house, layers of editors and lawyers. I have no desire to entertain a public whose attention span is short. I'm a researcher, so I judge my work as not sensational in nature."

He continues to be a prominent figure despite his reticence. Recently, a

Hollywood crew from the TV show "Sightings" flew in to interview him, but later elected not to run the segment

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since his work lacked the glitzy dazzle that the producers felt necessary for TV.

"This is not entertainment. The crash-retrieval syndrome is serious business."

He's interrupted by his wife, leaning out the door to announce that a local television station is

calling to request an interview. Stringfield slowly gets up, apologizes for the interruption and heads inside with an expression of resignation. "Probably a request for an interview," he says, shuffling off to answer yet another round of questions. **ESW**

JOURNAL-GAZETTE, Fort Wayne, IN - July 15, 1993 CR: J. Hamm

Aliens? Maybe not, but Ligonier residents saw something

By JANICE KARLOVICH
Staff Writer

LIGONIER — Two Ligonier police officers and a rural Ligonier family have reservations about saying they spotted an alien spaceship Tuesday night, but so far they have been unable to explain away the strange sighting.

Elizabeth Glasson was on her way home from an auction near Ligonier when she noticed a large, sphere-shaped object with 10 red flashing lights hovering about 20 feet above the field next to her home in northwest Noble County.

"It was too close to the ground to be an airplane," Glasson said. And it was too quiet to be a helicopter, she added.

"I know it sounds strange," Glasson said. "But I did see something unusual, but I'm not sure what it was. There has to be a logical explanation."

Glasson's husband, son, daughter and her daughter's boyfriend also spotted the unidentified flying object.

Lending credence to the Glasson's story, Ligonier police officers Tom Lock and Mike Stoner also

said they saw a quiet, low-flying object with red lights on it near West Noble High School about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Lock and Stoner said they thought it was an aircraft in trouble at first, but then realized it was too quiet to be an airplane or a helicopter.

"We saw this great big object, maybe like a 747 (jet)," Lock said. "We followed it for a while, (then) we stopped the car. There was no sound or anything."

Stoner said all he could see were two flashing red lights just above the tree line.

"I'm not convinced it was an extraterrestrial aircraft, he said. "As dark as it was, I can't say what it was."

Glasson said she thought the lights were from a firetruck at first. But as she stopped on Sparta Lake Road along with several other cars to get a closer look, she realized this was no firetruck.

"I saw red flashing lights, and I never saw anything like it before," Glasson said. "It was just like hovering there."

"We didn't see it at first, but then we saw it in the distance going for Cromwell," said Glasson, who immediately called the Noble County Sheriff's Department and the Indiana State Police.

About 10 minutes later, Glasson's daughter, Angie Bish, and her boyfriend, Shaun Brown came home.

"She said, 'You wouldn't believe what we just saw,'" Glasson said. "And I said, 'Yes, I would.'"

Angie Bish and Brown spotted the craft hovering about 10 feet off the ground near a barn on Sparta Lake Road about a quarter-mile south of U.S. 33, Glasson said.

The Indiana Air National Guard said they did not have any military flights in the Ligonier area Tuesday night.

A spokeswoman for Grissom Air Force Base in Peru said she did not know whether the base had flights in the area Tuesday night, but said it was possible.

The Noble County Sheriff's Department and the Indiana State Police said they had only one report each of a UFO citing.

"I just hope someone has an explanation," Glasson said. "I've never believed in UFOs before."

W.G. Eslinger

Black Choppers at UFO Scenes



One of the persistent mysteries involved in the UFO phenomenon is the continuing presence of black, unmarked helicopters in various parts of the U.S., including the Arkansas and Missouri Ozarks.

The Ozark UFO Network has issued a public alert to the seven counties of its organizational area regarding multiple sightings of these unidentified craft during the past 18-24 months. Frequency of activity appears to have increased in 1993. W.G. Eslinger, director, requests anyone who sees a black, unmarked helicopter in flight or on the ground call the Network immediately at 501-741-7278. Photographs and video film should be taken if possible.

The Network is attempting to document the identity of these craft and their occupants for the following reasons. (1) They appear within hours of major UFO sightings, (2) they appear soon after the mutilation of livestock initiated by UFO occupants, and (3) private citizens report being intimidated or endangered by them. Add to this intrigue is the possibility of illegal covert activity. All of these issues are related to public safety.

There are no apparent markings on the craft for identification purposes. Many are reported to be jet black in color; others are very dark

green which appears to be black at a distance. During the cattle mutilation events in northeast Alabama earlier this year, these craft were reported by police as being light blue with gray bottoms, Bell Jet Rangers with no markings.

Squadrons of these craft have visited Searcy Co. within hours following major UFO sightings there during the past two years. In early February, a massive cylindrical-shaped UFO appeared in the sky over Bull Shoals under a bright moon while two smaller UFOs maneuvered low over the lake and dam site. Shortly thereafter, five or six helicopters, flying illegally without lights at a very low altitude of 300-400 feet, spaced only 50-60 feet apart, appeared in that area as witnessed by an ex-FAA air traffic controller.

From Canada to Alabama press reports this year have given news of the resumption of cattle mutilations, now known to be the result of activity by UFO occupants. Helicopters have been seen in connection with livestock mutilation events during the past 20 years, especially in the western states. Arkansas including the Ozarks, has had its own experiences with these events over the years. These events have proved to be very costly to the livestock producers

involved. After several visitations during the past 2-3 years, northeast Alabama farmers are fed up: they await the next visits of helicopters and/or UFOs with high-powered rifles. *Ark. Democrat-Gazette*, April 28, p. 14A; March 8 CNN TV newscasts, livestock "mutilations" involve removal of hide and tissue samples, vital organs, and virtually all the blood by precision methods not known to our scientists.

During the 1993 summer, Black helicopter flights over Carroll Co. have been reported to be numerous. Low altitude flights over Eureka Springs were observed late weekend afternoons on March, 28, April 10 and 11, during which time the home of a UFO researcher was encircled several times, and an UFO abductee was approached at close range. On March 17, the homes of two UFO research project participants in Flippin were buzzed by two black helicopters, one of which received two low passes. A resident of Pulaski Co. who had participated in the Ozark UFO Conference held in Eureka Springs April 2-4 reported her home buzzed by black helicopters soon thereafter and a few times since. These intimidating activities are, of course, illegal under FAA rules.

Television news and documentaries have helped to increase public awareness of this mystery. But who is flying these unidentified craft and how have they managed to avoid detection of their identity for so many years? Speculation includes involvement by the military, federal police agencies, crim-

inals, UN secret police forces, and "unknown entities". With no comment or action by government authorities to clarify the matter, it will remain for the public to find the solution.

If one or more government agencies are involved, why do they have so much business in the Ozarks? The Vietnam and Desert Storm wars required covert black helicopter activity against known enemies. Is there another war here in the Ozarks? If so and we are paying for it, should not we have the enemy identified? Why the intimidation of law-abiding citizens? Who has ordered such outrageous, arrogant conduct?

Another important question: Whoever the helicopter owners and occupants are, why are they interested in the UFO presence in the Ozarks? For 50 years official U.S. government policy has been to deny the existence of the UFO phenomenon or any government activity related to it. Yet during the past 2 1/2 years many citizens have witnessed U.S. Air Force multi-million dollar planes in pursuit of UFOs in the Ozarks.

We urge prompt reporting of sightings of UFOs, black helicopters, and other phenomena. Inquiries regarding unusual, unexplained experiences and prevailing trauma, and other requests for information are welcome. All reports and interviews are treated confidentially.

Our central mailing address is Ozark UFO Network, P.O. Box 1919, Harrison, AR 72601, telephone 501/741-7278.

Professor Describes UFO Abduction Patterns

Gulf Breeze On "Sightings"

by Bland Pugh

One of the main things about being a UFO investigator is being constantly on the lookout for changes and different twists within the phenomenon. It seems that over the past few years, as I have stated several times before, there is more and more evidence that the abduction phenomenon is here to stay. Dr. David Jacobs was here this weekend and gave a talk at the Gulf Breeze Recreation Center. He is a Professor of History at Temple University and is a leading authority on UFOs and abductions. He talked about the many cases that he has worked on over the years and of the many hypnotisms he has per-

formed on persons that have been or feel as if they have been abducted.

The bottom line of his presentation was, yes, UFOs are here and yes, they are taking people for research and examination, then returning them. This has become clear, not only through his research, but that of many other investigators as well. The apparent reason for abductions is very simple, they are here for the purpose of hybridization. Why? Who knows. Dr. Jacobs certainly did not have an answer but after doing regressions on over 800 subjects, the pattern is there. Over and over the theme is the same, abduction, examination, and

samples taken. There are reports of small beings or fetuses being presented to some of the experiencers during their ordeal, and many reports of seeing larger beings that are inconsistent with other aliens which have been reported over the years (possibly the product of the hybridization?).

Dr. Jacobs' theory is that these visitors are not benevolent nor are they here to make us rich, cure all diseases, stop wars, lift us to a higher plane of spiritualism or any of the other feel good reasons that have cropped up in the last 40 years. They are here simply to examine, draw samples (ova and sperm) and pro-

duce a hybrid for their own use. Nothing more, nothing less. He said this could continue for another day, week, year or century, or it could stop tomorrow.

For more on this subject you might want to read his book, *A Secret Life*. I'm sure it will be much more informative than I could ever be.

While at the MUFON meeting on Sunday, John Shelburn State Section Director of Bay County told me that the next evening after the reported sighting in last week's *Islander* (by David Holcomb), he received a report from the Sandestin area of a similar incident. There were numerous lights seen out over the Gulf. One was a large white light that was well out over the horizon, then there seemed to be many other smaller red ones that were in lines or groups that seemed to appear and disappear, then turn and travel at rates of speed inconsistent with known aircraft towards the larger white light. The

sighting lasted for quite sometime. John is going to write the report up and send me a copy. Hopefully, we will be able to pass along some of that information.

There will be a UFO special on FOX TV this Friday evening May 21. The "Sightings" TV show will be on UFO Hot Spots and will include a segment on Gulf Breeze. Several of our local MUFON members were interviewed for the show. Check your local listings for time and channel (Cox/Multivision Channel 11).

Well guys, keep looking up and behind you. You never know what is watching you!!! Hotline, 438-3261.

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach,

FL - May 19, 1993



FOREIGN NEWS

UFOs frequent visitors here

THERE WERE a lot of flying objects buzzing and roaring over the city yesterday, but all of them were doing so legally, as part of the annual airshow.

Last week, though, somebody did see a UFO. If you take the literal definition of Unidentified Flying Object, anything up in the air that somebody doesn't recognize would qualify.

In this case, a Brocklehurst woman said she and her son saw an object with several tiny lights and some larger lights hovering in the sky. It eventually disappeared over the horizon.

UFOs are nothing new to this area, as it turns out. There have been a number of sightings in recent weeks, but they go back a lot further than that.

About 40 years ago there was a newspaper report of "a mysterious orange ball" over Kamloops.

"The ball was reported spotted about 6:40 p.m. and was confirmed by numerous witnesses who telephoned RCMP and Mount Lolo Radar station," the newspaper report said.

"A spokesman for the USAF Radar Station said, however, that machines at the base had been unable to identify the object. He said that it had not been visible from atop the 3,500-foot mountain."

It was the second such sighting in three days, and the object was said to be "traveling fairly high and going west. It was a silver object with a centre of a bright orange

MEL ROTHENBURGER



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

color."

Those who saw it were emphatic that the thing was not a balloon. Neither was it a case of one individual who might have been imagining something or who had been enjoying too much sherry with an evening meal.

Seven people were standing at Oak and Tranquille when the orange ball came into sight over valleyview.

Among those people was Doris Collings, who was quoted at the time as saying: "It seemed to follow the river and we watched it out of our range of visibility in the direction of Savona."

"If it had been at 5,000 feet it would have been travelling at the speed of an average plane — but we could not determine its height. Certainly it was larger than the planes we see and it was not at all the same shape."

"It was a pale flame color, similar to candle flame but it had not the appearance of fire."

Other reports flooded in.

Frank Fayers, who at the time was North Kamloops fire chief, said the object was "as big as a planet! It looked as if it was on fire and travelling at a high rate of speed."

How the eyes can deceive. The flying object turned out to be not so mysterious after all. Neither was it as big as a planet, nor even an airplane, and wasn't travelling that fast, either.

"Turned out some boys had rigged up some kind of kite and placed a candle in such a way as to let the heat give a lift to the thing," said Mrs. Collings, who now lives in Chase. Asked yesterday if she believes in UFOs anyway, she said, "Oh, hell, I don't know. There are definitely some pretty strange things out there."

Who knows what the woman from Brocklehurst actually saw. Could have been floating candles, or swamp gas, or maybe it really was little green men from outer space, here to do experiments on the locals.

It would be terrible if an answer were found to every UFO the way it was to Mrs. Collings' "mysterious orange ball." The notion that there's somebody else out there in the universe, maybe somebody who can solve a few of the problems we haven't been able to work out ourselves, is at least mildly reassuring.

EVENING NEWS, Edinburgh, Scotland - Aug. 3, 1993
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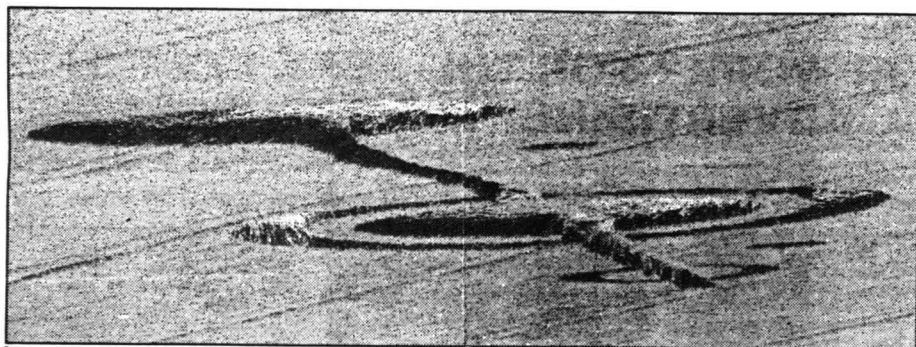
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Some mistake Shirley?

■ AMERICAN actress Shirley Maclaine cancelled a flight from South Africa to the US when a local woman invited her aboard a UFO.

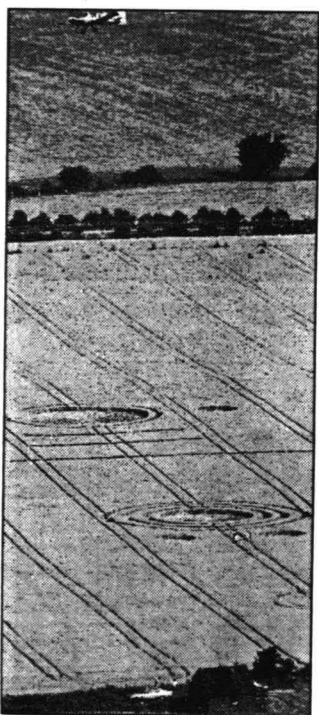
The woman told Maclaine that she and her daughter had been abducted by a UFO a few years ago and the aliens were returning to take them on a short trip. The actress accompanied the woman and her daughter to the "landing site", near Johannesburg, but won't say what happened there.

□ City to host event titled "The Enigma Continues"



■ MYSTERY: an aerial view of a crop circle which appeared in a field at Westbury

Conference set for crop circles



■ FAKE: this crop circle is known to be the work of hoaxers

By Sally Pook

BATH is to host an international conference on the phenomenon of crop circles — entitled "The Enigma Continues".

Experts from all over Britain and North America are due to speak at the conference this weekend where the latest theories about the mystery circles will be discussed.

Bath has been chosen to host the conference because of the large number of crop circles that have appeared in the area.

Founder member of the Centre for Crop Circle Studies, Leonie Starr, said: "We try to have our conferences in areas where crop circles have appeared and there have been many around Bath."

"One of the reasons that we have so many in Bath and Wiltshire, is that there is a vast amount of ancient sites there and they have tended to happen around these sites."

Experts have produced many theories about the origins of the circles. Some believe they are caused by extra-terrestrials, others believe they are created by nature spirits, meteorological conditions or the Earth's energy lines.

Many circles have formed in the Avon and Wiltshire area, including several near the White Horse at Westbury, and others in Devizes, Radstock, Newton St Loe and Avebury.

Experts say they have been appearing since the 1970s and became more frequent and more complicated in the 1980s — then increasing and becoming more widespread in the early 90s.

Until recently they have been concentrated in Southern England but are now appearing in Scotland, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Oxfordshire.

Ms Starr said: "There is more to this than meets the eye."

"There really is a really big area to discuss. We know of the hoaxes but there has never been absolute proof that they are hoaxes."

"And it doesn't explain all of them. We cannot rule out extra-terrestrials, we can't rule out anything."

"We are hoping to encourage local people from Bath to come along to the conference."

Subjects that will be discussed this weekend include the effects experienced by humans when they enter crop circles — some people suffer headaches, become agitated or even experience visions.

Sightings of UFOs and coloured lights near the circles and noises including trilling and buzzing heard near to them will also be discussed.

■ The conference, organised by the Centre for Crop Circle Studies, will be held at the Guildhall, Bath, on August 6, 7 and 8. Tickets for non-members cost £25 for one day or £40 for two days and are obtainable on the door or from the conference organiser at 136 Guildford Park Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5NN.



Going round in circles

JOHN VIDAL'S amusing little piece describing the demise of the great British Crop Circle (July 30) is pure invention.

He claims that "only 45 crop circles have been found this year compared with more than 400 in each of the last two years." The Centre for Crop Circle Studies has kept a comprehensive database of all reported occurrences. There were about 250 events in Britain in each of the last two years. So far this year we have had more than 80 accounts from more than a dozen English counties and also Scotland, America and Switzerland, compared with between 100 and 120 reports received by the same time last year.

As Vidal chuckles over the gullibility of crop circles loonies, he appears to accept unquestioningly the claim that pensioners Doug Bower and Dave Chorley made "most of the 5,000 circles in Britain in the last 10 years after drinking sessions." This would require them to average at least five

crop circles for every night of the growing season for 10 years, and to be able to operate simultaneously in East Anglia, Scotland, Yorkshire and Cornwall! (The gentlemen themselves only claim to have made up to 200, mostly in Hampshire).

While Doug and Dave were accomplishing this superhuman feat, who, I wonder, was busy making the circles in Japan, Siberia, Canada, South Africa, Australia, Hungary and all the other countries where they have appeared before the 1980s? There are numerous eye-witness accounts going back as far as the 1930s and two descriptions of something similar from the 17th century.

So are we dealing with a huge international conspiracy which has been in operation for at least 60 years? Am I so very loony in thinking that this explanation is as far-fetched as any other?

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YORKSHIRE POST, Leeds, England
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Close encounters on Ilkley Moor

WALKERS on Ilkley Moor may spot people searching for a Close Encounter next month.

A weekend course studying the alleged presence of UFOs in the Bradford area has been organised by paranormal enthusiast Stan Leggard, who runs the Mountain Hall centre near Queensbury, Bradford.

Speakers include local man David Barclay, who has published a book which claims the area is a "hot spot" for UFOs.

Mr Barclay became interested in them after seeing a metallic, cigar shaped object the size of a

jumbo jet in the skies over Bradford.

His book, *UFOs — the Final Answer* includes a claim by a local man that he was abducted by aliens on Ilkley Moor and taken inside their spaceship.

Mr Barclay said: "I will be talking about this and various other sightings and experiences of UFOs in the area, and I am willing to take the group up onto Ilkley Moor on the Saturday night to show them where the abduction took place and see if we can spot anything."

The course will be held on June 19 and 20.

'There is definitely something out there'

NINETY-FIVE per cent of supposed UFO sightings are easily explained, with a logical reason for an experience which at first glance seems to be an out of this world phenomenon.

The reasons are many and varied, from some kind of atmospheric hiccup to an unusual form of aircraft making an unscheduled flight.

These simple answers doesn't alter the fact that five per cent of reported incidents never get explained, leaving plenty of room for theories on other life forces.

Although her main interest is outer space, you don't get many people as down-to-earth on the subject as Gloria Dixon.

Gloria, the North-East researcher and investigator for the Independent UFO Network and a member of the British UFO Research Association, doesn't need to hear anyone else's cynical view as she's got more than enough scepticism of her own. But what she does say with the authority that only comes after years of study and research is "that there is definitely something out there."

Gloria's over-riding fear is that she'll come over as some kind of crank and is anxious people realise that those at the sharp end of UFO investigation take it very seriously indeed.

Interest

"There isn't enough scientific interest being taken in the subject," said the housewife, speaking at her home on the outskirts of Newcastle.

It is the release of the movie *Fire in the Sky*, which recounts the case of an Arizona logger who disappeared for five days and returned with a story of alien abduction, that has prompted this sudden surge of interest in UFO's. But for Gloria it's a subject which has fascinated her for more than 20 years.

"I first got interested when I lived in America and I read Project Blue Book, which is about the US airforce's UFO investigation unit which was disbanded in 1969," she said.

Meeting a number of people who claimed to have had "close encounters" fuelled this interest but it wasn't until three years ago after attending a BUFORA conference that Gloria decided to get actively involved.

Gloria is down to earth on Space

By BERNICE SALTZER

The investigator laughingly explains how many incidents have simple answers.

"I had one woman in Whitley Bay phone me who was in a panic because she was bathed in blue light," said Gloria.

"And it turned out to be just a laser being beamed from the MetroCentre."

That doesn't alter the fact however that, according to Gloria and her colleagues, "there are unidentified aerial phenomena going on globally."

One of the most striking cases recorded took place in Redcar ten years ago and is one of the few that Gloria actually believes was an encounter of some kind.

A young couple were woken up by their young daughter's screams and went to comfort her, noticing an oval-shaped saucer outside in the garden.

"They went to leave the room and the husband just disappeared," said Gloria.

"She saw two or three entities at the bottom of the stairs which were two or three feet in height and the next thing they remember was they were in bed with their daughter beside them." The experience greatly unnerved the couple who underwent hypnosis to try and recall the whole series of events. It's easy to be dismissive but Gloria claims that their distress and recall was such that it's hard to disbelief their story.

And that's not the only case which has come to light which defies any explanation:

1980 - Alan Godfrey, a policeman in Yorkshire saw a hovering object above him. The next thing he knew was he was 100 yards down the road and 20 minutes had elapsed. Three colleagues working in the area that same night also recalled seeing lights over the Yorkshire Moors.

1976 - At Fencehouses on the outskirts of Sunderland, a woman and her daughter both claimed to have seen a small object and tiny beings.

1979 - A Gateshead woman asleep in her bed heard a whirring sound "like a lawnmower", confirmed by a neighbour. A few nights later saw lights and then a small craft appear outside her bedroom.

1988 and 1989 seems to be years when a number of sightings took place, with stories like those which have arisen in the north mirrored around the world. People who have never met each other and have nothing in common reveal the same stories time and time again; of cars which cut out when bathed in a mysterious light, of radios which are full of static.

"In some cases a percentage have wounds similar to radiation burns," said Gloria.

Loss of time is a familiar theme in these cases, with people who think events have occurred in a matter of seconds discovering they have been missing for hours. In America a great deal of research has taken place with people who claim to have been the victim of alien abduction and in

some cases some fascinating film footage has been taken of unusual crafts.

One of the most bizarre situations to come to light are the thousands of cattle mutilations which have taken place around the world since the 70's.

"They started in the Colorado area," said Gloria.

Mutilated

"Lots of cattle that were found badly mutilated yet there are no tracks leading to them and no blood anywhere."

In these cases organs have been removed with surgical precision, giving all the indications of having being cut out with a laser.

Gloria has endless information at her fingertips and while she is sceptical until given proof, she is open minded enough to believe that there could well be other life forms in existence.

"How can we be so arrogant to think that in a galaxy this size, we are the only life which exists?" she said.

"I don't know if some of these things are internally generated but what I do think is that some of these things are real."

■ The Independent UFO Network is holding an international UFO conference on August 14 and 15 at the University of Hallam, Pond Street, Sheffield, South Yorkshire with speakers attending from around the world.

Anyone wanting to attend or wanting further information can contact organiser Philip Mantle on 0924 444049.



Pilots tell of cockpit close encounters

AMANDA PERTHEN

BRITISH Airways pilots yesterday told of sighting shiny spaceships just yards from their cockpits.

One, Graham Shepherd, set up a 'Captain's Log' inviting other airmen to report their close encounters.

Captain Shepherd was astonished when he saw a UFO on a routine flight from Edinburgh to London.

He revealed in a radio interview: "It was a sunny day and the controller at Preston said we had very fast-moving opposite-direction traffic on the right-hand side. "Three of us saw a shiny disc object moving towards us at very high speed."

Shiny

"I haven't come to any definite conclusions, but I would say it was a flying machine not of this technology, not of this earth," added Captain Shepherd.

Fellow pilot Captain Paul Coomber also had an amazing encounter on a flight over Germany. He said: "An aircraft going the other way passed — with two shiny white spherical objects, one larger than the other."

"Another small object appeared. All three were stationary for a few seconds, then they all disappeared with great acceleration in different directions. It was such great acceleration that I doubt whether any human could have stood it."

Jenny Randles, of the British UFO Research Association, believes there could be a serious mid-air collision.

"Since 1991 there has been a whole series of mid-air encounters."

"The fact that one of these incidents was picked up on radar is significant — it proves there was something definitely there," she added.

But astronomer Peter Andrews said the nearest star is too far away for space travel.

BA said: "We don't have enough expertise so we can't give any useful comment."

'Lights in sky' UFO alert

By NIGEL DANDO

FAMILIES went on UFO alert today as mystery flying objects lit up the night sky above Bristol.

Neighbours in one street left their beds and dashed into the road as the glowing objects whirled silently above them.

Police received a number of calls about the lights, which hovered over south Bristol for more than five hours.

But this afternoon all the experts admitted they were baffled about what had happened.

Bristol Airport air traffic controllers said nothing unusual had shown up on their radar screens.

The Civil Aviation Authority said it had no

EVENING TELEGRAM,
Coventry, England
July 12, 1993

UFO sighting probe

A SIGHTING of a "spacecraft" in north Warwickshire, is being investigated by the British UFO Research Association.

A woman living in Arley reported seeing the object at 1.15am on Sunday.

Coventry-based UFO

investigator Tom Orton said: "She described it as a kind of craft with a domed top giving off a downward white light."

"There were also a number of coloured lights rotating in sequence. She estimates it was about 50 feet off the ground."

CR: T. Good

eight objects moving very slowly across the sky.

"They were there for hours in four different groups."

"The main object glowed brilliantly white and then suddenly took off at a fantastic speed."

Baffled

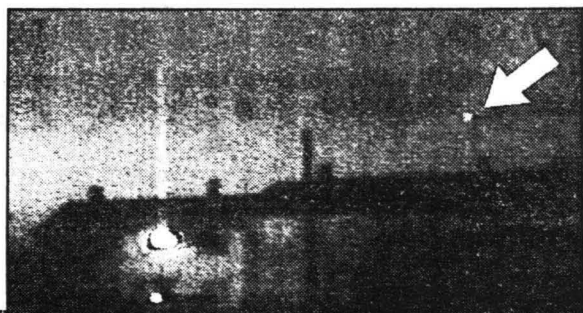
Police spokesman Ian Gibson said: "We received calls from Hartcliffe and Stockwood about mysterious objects in the sky."

"There appears to be no earthly reason for what people in south Bristol saw."

Bristol Weather Centre said there was no obvious meteorological explanation for the mystery lights.

● All the experts are baffled. What do you think caused the lights?

Write and let us know. Send your letters to: Bristol UFOs, Newsdesk, Evening Post, Temple Way, Bristol, BS99 7HD.



THEY WERE THERE! Hartcliffe families point up to where the lights, arrowed in inset, were spotted



Scanning the skies: Junichi Yaoi, centre, and his film crew, search for evidence of aliens near Bonnybridge with a ufologist, Malcolm Robinson

UFO-hunter makes Earthfall in Bonnybridge

By John Smith

A JAPANESE television director, writer and presenter, with a mission to prove that aliens are observing life on Earth, landed on a small corner of central Scotland yesterday.

To aid him in his quest to find out whether UFOs have indeed been hovering over Bonnybridge in Stirlingshire, Junichi Yaoi brought with him a five-strong television crew from the Nippon Television Network, the country's largest station.

Frivolous is not an epithet which can be applied to Mr Yaoi, 57, who in the last 25

years has made 50 documentaries on UFOs.

The two-day Bonnybridge visit is part of a European and American tour to find material for the two-hour "Junichi UFO Special". It will be the sixth annual documentary to go out on the channel — last year's attracted an audience of 24 million.

The crew travelled to Scotland after interviewing leading ufologists at a major exhibition in Finland, and speaking to people in Sweden, Norway and Denmark who claim to have seen UFOs.

Bonnybridge district councillor Billy Buchanan, whose

unbridled enthusiasm for UFOs was largely responsible for the documentary team's visit, claims there have been more than 200 sightings of unexplained objects in the area.

He is delighted at the Japanese interest in local phenomena. He said that he wanted credibility given to people who had reported seeing UFOs — some shaped like flying saucers, and in one case like a huge Toblerone bar.

"It's a small community, and some of them have had ridicule poured on them. I've had the same. I've even had posters put about showing me interviewing ET."

Something had definitely been going on: not everyone could have been making up stories, he added. "It's like a jigsaw puzzle. Hopefully when the Japanese analyse the pieces they can come up with a theory that proves what has been happening."

Mr Yaoi said that he was convinced UFOs existed. He had seen four — the most memorable a brightly lit cigar-shaped craft which hovered briefly over Tokyo in December 1979.

He said that he was convinced that aliens, far more advanced than mankind, were studying life here... but might

not be finding it easy. "For a higher level of science to speculate on a lower one is difficult."

However, a leading Scots ufologist, Ron Halliday, is taking it all with a pinch of salt. A driving force behind the establishment last November of the Scottish UFO Report Line, he said that he was convinced most of the Bonnybridge sightings were down to a Scottish-Power helicopter working in the area.

"Billy Buchanan and others have really been giving this welly. It's become a bit of a circus. Amid the hype it's difficult to know what to make of it all."

Visitors from Mars?

SIGHTINGS of UFOs in the Reading area have rocketed.

From Emmer Green to Twyford, the *Chronicle* has been inundated with callers anxious to report sightings of visitors from outer space.

Colin Murray Brown, from Baughurst, was parked by a field along the A4 between Twyford and Reading on Friday night, when he became aware of a strange light in the sky in front of him. "I thought, initially, that it must be a reflection in the windscreen of the light from some kind of vehicle or building situated to the rear of the car."

After stepping out of the car with his wife, Mr Murray Brown discovered that the shaft of light led up to an illuminated object of cylindrical shape, resembling a short, fat cigar.

The puzzled driver said: "It seemed to be an extra-terrestrial spacecraft."

Valerie Barrett, of Emmer Green, was returning from her local with her husband when she too noticed a large illuminated oval-shaped object in the night sky.

"My husband maintains it was a light shining through a cloud but I stand by my theory that it was little green men from another planet," she said.

Mrs Barrett added that her son and several other people followed the UFO as far as the BBC monitoring station in Emmer Green before it disappeared.

The *Chronicle*, however, believes it may have solved the mystery of the Phantom UFOs — and far from slipping into our solar system from Outer Space, it is highly likely they have drifted across from deepest White Waltham.

For the past two weeks an airship has been circling above the Reading area as an aerial advertisement. Among the earthly products being promoted by the floating commercial have been Classic FM radio.

Book features family's close encounter

Teynham's UFO gets into print

A REPORTED close encounter with an apparently alien flying object near Teynham Church, at 5.45pm on 6 December, 1991. She called to her children and they all watched as it remained there for about half an hour, before disappearing.

Mrs. Lynne Yates says she saw a large UFO hovering a few dozen feet above Teynham Church, at 5.45pm on 6 December, 1991. She called to her children and they all watched as it remained there for about half an hour, before disappearing.

The account is included in *Alien Update*, edited by Timothy Good, one of the world's leading experts on the UFO scene.

Timothy, who also wrote the best-seller *Alien Liaison*, has brought together the experiences and expertise of a team of international UFO-watchers with sightings as diverse as a huge boomerang-shaped craft over Pennsylvania, bizarre animal mutilations in Canada and the mysterious crop circles which have appeared all over the world.

Mrs. Yates' experience — reported at the time in the *East Kent Gazette* — is listed in the chapter headed World Round-up of Selected Reports. She says: "At first, it looked just like a huge star, but something shot off from it and then lots of different beams of light started flashing. It stayed round for about half an hour. It is nothing like I have ever seen before. It was oval on top, but you could not see the bottom because of the red, yellow, green and blue lights." She said it then flew off and disappeared below the horizon.

Alien Update edited by Timothy Good, is published by Arrow Books at £4.99.



■ Teynham Church, site of the Yates family's close encounter. Inset: How we gave the story front-page treatment in 1991.

JOURNAL, Bristol, England - July 30, 1993
GROUP FORMED AFTER SIGHTINGS

UFO plot thickens

THE UFO plot thickens as increasing numbers have been sighted, hovering over Bristol.

A new society, Bristol UFO Research, which started two weeks ago, has set up a 24 hour UFO hotline and already they have been inundated with calls.

Their coordinator, Lee Winterson, says the activity over Bristol has been very exciting and all of the 64 calls centre around three different types of object. One of particular interest is a dark, cigar shaped object, which emits orange lights.

Astronomers have offered possible theories as to their origin, but so far the Bristol UFO buffs have discounted them.

Emminent astrologer, Patrick Moore, has suggested they could be the Northern Lights or a Sun Spot, but as time goes by and the sightings continue experts say this is highly unlikely.

Some of the objects have been captured on film and will be analysed by professionals, to try and hi-light the detail.

At an international UFO confer-

By Emily Compston

ance, at Bristol University's chemistry department last weekend, Philip Mantle, from the UFO Research Association said he was sure the film clearly showed the planet Venus and not an object from outer space.

The Ministry of Defence denies the existence of UFOs, however they are also unable to explain what the mysterious sightings have been of.

The Bristol UFO group would like to hear from anyone who thinks they may have seen something on 0275 839818.



Figures spotted moving under 'UFOs'

by ALAN THOMSON

A THIRD eerie UFO sighting has been made in the Ivybridge area in less than a week as a Plymouth city councillor told today of a Close Encounters-type experience.

Councillor Hermann Welch described how he watched shadowy figures walk around underneath a glowing unidentified flying object hovering near the ground.

Just six days before, on July 20, John Kingwell, an Ivybridge Community College caretaker, and his family watched "out of this world" lights hovering near their Cornwood home for about 30 minutes.

On July 24 four Ivybridge schoolchildren saw a moving object with coloured lights cross the skies over the town.

The Ivybridge sightings come on top of Ministry of Defence figures showing that of the 80 sightings they have recorded this year, 10 were in Devon or Cornwall.

On July 26 Mr Welch made his sightings between 9.50pm and 10.45pm.

Today the Labour councillor said: "What I saw had four bright lights at a higher level and several coloured lights below. The whole thing appeared to be hovering."

"Two of the lights moved off and then came back again. Then it glowed bright red beneath them, lighting up the ground."

Walking

"It was then that I thought I could see some movement below the lights like someone walking around."

"I would like to think it was a farmer with a couple of combine harvesters but I could have sworn the thing was hovering."

Mr Welch watched the lights through binoculars from his Mainstone home before losing sight of it.

Two days before, Ivybridge Community College pupils Mathew Millen, aged 12, James Corrigan, 14, Alistair Patrick, 13, and schoolgirl Wendy Ashworth, 11, watched a cigar-shaped object, ringed with multi-coloured, apparently rotating, lights for more than 30 minutes.

Mathew, of Trematon Drive, said: "It must have been about 9.30pm and we were outside my house when James said: 'Look up there!'"

"It was moving quite fast and it had mostly white but also green and red lights that seemed to be flashing in sequence and moving round the middle of it. There was a black line right round it and through all the lights."

"After half an hour I went in to tell mum and dad but they didn't believe me and said it was time for bed."

Mathew's parents, Steve and Sue Millen, thought it was a ploy by their son to stay up a little later but were amazed when they read the report of Mr Kingwell's sighting in the Evening Herald.

Mr Kingwell's UFO shares uncanny similarities with both the later sightings.

Questions

Again the cigar-shaped object had flashing coloured "disco-style" lights and it hovered for at least 30 minutes over the edge of the moors behind Mr Kingwell's home.

Today he said: "I'm glad I'm not the only one to have seen something strange - it really was out of this world."

Ufologists have asked Mr Kingwell to complete questionnaires.

Ministry of Defence officials ruled out a conventional aircraft in Mr Kingwell's sighting and say they will consider the possible causes of the subsequent sightings when they receive full reports.

What's that? Alistair Patrick, James Corrigan, Mathew Millen and Wendy Ashworth search the skies

Pictures SUSANNAH BINNEY



The youngsters with Councillor Hermann Welch

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Michael Glickman

Round In Circles

by JIM SCHNABEL

292pp £16.99

Hamish Hamilton

CROP CIRCLES have been found in the fields of Britain and several other countries for the past fourteen or fifteen summers. Since 1990, as the markings have increased in number and in complexity of form, so too has the desperation to explain. Yet the circles remain implacably resistant to scientific analysis.

If the paranormal is something which science cannot currently rationalise, then the crop circles are paranormal. If the miraculous is something that is beyond our present comprehension, they are miracles. Yet unlike most examples of the paranormal or the miraculous, the circles remain for weeks where they have been placed - measurable, photographable, visitable.

Round In Circles is essential reading for those who, disturbed by such incongruities, need the reassurance of glib explanations. The book opens with a detailed account of the early years of research into the crop circles. Jim Schnabel is a sociologist - and rather more interested in the students than the subject. Somehow he always manages to be in the right place at the right time - notebook or tape-recorder to hand - to overhear crucial conversations or confrontations between the leading protagonists. If he missed them at the time, he was sufficiently trusted to

be offered recollections and confidences at a later date. These he betrays.

The mystery of the circles is never engaged. Even Schnabel has been close enough to realise that he can throw no fresh light on this subject. But the personalities involved are softer targets, and he sets about his hatchet-job with a well-written viciousness. The ordinary vanities and rivalries, the humdrum ambitions and humiliations of decent people, are gleefully recounted as though, in some way, this will diminish their efforts to resolve a perplexing riddle.

He does not like New Age, but he aspires to New Journalism. Great sections of writing are in a breathy Tom Wolfe style. Like many Americans, he is intrigued by the residue of the British class system but, unlike Wolfe, he is hardly equipped to perceive the subtleties.

The book's subtitle is "Physicists, poltergeists, pranksters and the secret history of the cropwatchers", and the key word in this small litany is "secret". Schnabel, it soon becomes clear, is a fully paid-up conspiracy theorist. The second half of his book lurches into a farrago of astonishing claims: the crop circles are symbols of black magic, satanism and witchcraft; the people involved have mutilated and sacrificed domestic and farm animals; they may also, he suggests, have had something to do with murder - of a priest.

These secret hoaxers create circles to "hasten the end" and to bring about some kind of Reaganite "rapture" - after which they will be swept up in Unidentified Flying Objects to watch the holocaust below. Not an ounce of real evidence is offered to support this crazed nonsense.

After these remarkable allegations, Schnabel also claims to be a regular circle hoaxer himself. Whether or not this implies that he, too, wishes to speed the inevitable Armageddon, it is certainly, on a more mundane level, an admission of criminal trespass and damage to property, for which, no doubt, he will be duly prosecuted.

This is a dishonest and dishonourable book. Dishonest because it contains lies, inaccuracies and distortions - and the author knows it; dishonourable because the real motive for writing is never admitted.

Two orthodoxies are challenged by the crop circles, the scientific and the religious. In supporting scientific orthodoxy, Schnabel approvingly cites the work of Dr Terence Meaden who developed the now discredited hypothesis that the circles were caused by particular meteorological conditions. But then the wretched Meaden, too, is sacrificed. He is selectively quoted to expose the most extreme scientific bigotry.

Schnabel's own religious position, that of a Catholic zealot, is not mentioned here, yet it seems that this is what caused the book to be written. He knows there is a mystery here which, unbearably, challenges his beliefs.

He himself may have hoaxed a few circles, but he knows better than anyone that they could not all - some 3000 events in eight or nine countries - be hoaxes. Yet like all zealots, he is driven to deny that which he most fears. It is disconcerting when our comfortable certainties are challenged. Schnabel knows how easily we can be persuaded to accept fairy tales.

Michael Glickman is an architect and inventor

From a press release issued by the Centre for Crop Circle Studies/Canada:
The crop circles have returned once again. Despite claims to the contrary, they are not all the work of hoaxers. Scientific tests have yielded positive results in show-

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ing that the plants involved from some formations have been genetically altered (eg. cell structure changes and accelerated seed growth rate up to 75 per cent normal) in an unexplained fashion. Many plants also show effects similar to that caused by microwave energy, not damage by human feet or boards! Copies of lab reports are available.

Update:

- Over 2,000 reports worldwide to date (and growing).
- Mile-wide set of five concentric rings in Spain last September. (Copy of video pending).
- Reports this year so far from England, Scotland, the U.S., Canada, Switzerland and Japan.
- 80-foot circle in sunflower plants near Altona, Manitoba on July 5.
- 193-foot pictogram formation in wheat near Kennewick, Washington State on May 29. (Lab reports and photos are available).
- Other reports from other parts of the U.S. as well. (eg. CNN - Kentucky, July 4, 1993).
- Circles in and of ice in Pennsylvania in February. (MIT report available).
- Formations appearing very close to highways and around London in England. Very large pictograms appearing last few weeks.
- Major increase in UFO/anomalous light activity in England over fields. Videos of disks/lights. Also police and military activity.

UFO is spotted by police

CR: T. Good

POLICE reports have triggered an investigation into a huge catamaran shaped UFO with lights which has appeared over the South West.

Most of the 40 sightings have come from police officers on duty.

The 500-foot long, silent object was spotted throughout the region.

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Next Taos study to focus on those who hear the hum

By Deborah Baker
The Associated Press

SANTA FE — An investigation found no source for the mysterious Taos hum — a low-frequency sound only some people can hear — so scientists are turning their attention to those who hear it.

"We're all very disappointed. We hoped we could help these people," said Horace Poteet, a scientist at Sandia National Laboratories and a hum-hearer himself.

A team of scientists and engineers reported Monday that sensitive instruments failed to reveal the source of the noise.

The hum has been the object of complaints in the Taos, N.M., area since 1991, and the city of Albuquerque investigated similar complaints in 1989, the report said.

Most hearers say the noise begins

abruptly, never abates, interferes with sleep and is more noticeable inside a house or car than outside. Some describe it as sounding like a diesel engine idling in the distance.

Some hearers ascribe other health problems to it, including dizziness, headaches and nosebleeds.

After publicity about the phenomenon in New Mexico, about 100 hum-hearers called the investigators or Taos residents with similar complaints from Taiwan, most western U.S. states, Wisconsin, Michigan, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York and Maryland, the report said.

British researchers have been studying low-frequency sounds and vibrations since the 1970s, and government agencies get about 500 complaints a year about mysterious hums, according to the report.

As a next step, the informal New Mexico investigative team wants to test Taos-area residents who are bothered by the noise.

"Our aim is to understand why some people hear this, and others not, in the same environment," said James Kelly, a hearing specialist at the University of New Mexico.

The team's investigation raised questions about electromagnetic fields, according to the report.

"It was apparent that stray (electromagnetic) fields along the ground were quite strong, even well away from any power lines," the report said.

There was nothing conclusive linking them to the hum. But the scientists also said they couldn't eliminate the possibility that some people are unusually sensitive

to the growing volume of electromagnetic noise from electric gadgets, microwave communications and cordless phones.

"Whether that's the cause of the hum, we don't know, but we can't write it off," said Joe Mullins, chairman of the University of New Mexico's mechanical engineering department and the team's leader.

Another likely candidate, says Kelly, is otoacoustic emissions — sounds produced in the ear itself.

Scientists in the last 10 years have learned that receptor cells in the inner ear don't just receive sound, but vibrate actively and can be provoked to resonate at particular frequencies, the report said.

"It's possible that something in the environment is causing people's ears to emit sounds they can then hear," the report suggested.

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Huron, Ohio, Wants You to Come See Its Own Sea Monster

Loch Ness Is Commercial Ideal To Which Boosters Aspire; Tourists Leery About Erie

By DANA MILBANK

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
HURON, Ohio — Memphis has Graceland, San Antonio the Alamo. Huron's main attraction is an uncooperative population of sea monsters.

Based on a handful of sightings of a "serpent-like creature swimming in Lake Erie," the town's government in 1990 proclaimed Huron the "National Live Capture and Control Center for the Lake Erie Monster."

A local zoologist with a twinkle in his eye produced a seven-page report concluding that there are 125 green and scaly monsters in the lake, each 35 feet long, weighing two tons and able to swim at 220 miles per hour.

A Huron businessman provided a pond in which to put a monster (once one is caught) and lined up pledges of more than \$100,000 for its capture. Citizens have contrived ways to anesthetize and net the beast, or at least net some tourist dollars.

Loch Ness West

Monster-drawing competitions, monster T-shirts and monster burgers were cooked up to make Huron a sort of Loch Ness West. The result: A few curiosity seekers actually have stopped by for lunch on their way to nearby Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky.

Trouble is, three years into monster mania, Huron has failed to convince many people that even one serpent, let alone 125 of them, actually dwells in Lake Erie. With its monster still at large and locals losing some of their initial enthusiasm, Huron is struggling to keep any tourists at all in the monster's thrall.

The effort just doesn't get much encouragement. Ohio wouldn't play along and grant an application for a permit to hunt the monster. In Scotland, the town of Inverness (home of the Loch Ness Monster) rejected Huron's request to be a sister city. Inverness already has three sister cities.

"I'll be honest with you," says George Sheard, a retired bread salesman who is Huron's \$300-a-year mayor. "We're not getting people coming to the lake to see the monster."

Needed: A Selling Point

A sad thing, too, for Huron, a bedroom community of 7,000 where the Huron River meets the lake 50 miles west of Cleveland. Its coal and ore industries collapsed more than a decade ago. To judge from the welcome sign at the edge of town, Huron's major distinction seems to be that it is the "Home of Jim Springer, State High School High Jump Champion, 1988 and 1989." Or, if you'd prefer: the "Leading Ohio Builder of Steamships—in the 1830s."

Huron really does have a monster — a 35-foot, four humped, spike-tailed construction with red fluorescent eyes, floating on a 300-foot leash in the Huron River, in full view of highway traffic. "Outriggers under the water keep him stable," says Tom Schofield, watching his plastic and plywood creation from his front porch. The thing broke loose once, and Mr. Schofield caught it weeks later heading for deeper water.

The living, breathing monster, on the other hand, has been sighted just this month, so monster mania is rearing its ugly

head again. Charles Douglas, a recreational boater from Cleveland, seriously claims to have seen the critter on July 3 while walleye fishing. "There was something there, and it didn't want us to get close to it," says Mr. Douglas.

But for the most part, monster or monsters have been making themselves scarce, which is just as well given all the jet skis buzzing in the Huron harbor and the boats crowding the Huron basin. During the recent Huron River Festival, children had to content themselves with drawing fanciful likenesses in the Lake Erie Monster Chalk Drawing Contest, as parents urged them on. Said one: "Take your green and make eyes, big, big eyes. Give him humps on his back. Now, make him a long tail."

A Beast to Emulate

Huron's is a monster-come-lately in the U.S. Dozens of other lakes and lake towns had first dibs on beasts, from Lake Champlain, between Vermont and New York, to Flathead Lake (Polson, Mont.). In Scotland, the daddy of 'em all, the Loch Ness Monster draws 1.5 million tourists to the lake each year, bringing to the Highland region more than \$100 million. The Scottish monster had a considerable jump on Lake Erie's: It was first spotted in the year 565 and has been actively pushed since 1930. It has one other thing going for it that Huron lacks: believers.

"Trying to launch a monster is more difficult in this day and age," says Alistair Macpherson, tourism director for the Loch Ness area tourist board. "We live in a more skeptical age."

Tom Solberg, who had been looking for a way to publicize the Huron Lagoons Marina, which he owns, thought up Huron's monster promotion three years ago while sitting at his bar one Sunday morning. He picked up a newspaper and said, "Holy mackerel," a sea monster. The story of a sighting gave him commercial

ideas. A sea monster might be just the ticket for promoting his marina.

Mr. Solberg quickly offered his containment pond to house the monster, got businesspeople to pledge reward money they figure they will never have to part with, and turned a fishing boat into the Lake Erie Monster Capture Craft. The chamber of commerce introduced a new line item into its budget: The Lake Erie Monster Fund.

The Vegetarian Hypothesis

Mr. Solberg, 52, is a tall, robust angler who looks as if he could reel in the beast if anybody could. In his marina office, he displays a fair collection of monster memorabilia, including a couple of oversized lures and a huge fishhook he says he plans to bait with a head of cabbage.

Mr. Solberg's accomplice is Charles Herdendorf, the professor emeritus of zoology at Ohio State University who drafted Huron's capture plans and, in his fashion, documented the monster's existence. To trap the beast, which he has named *Obscura eriensis huronii*, Dr. Herdendorf suggests using a net the size of a football field and a tranquilizer gun. "Being an emeritus professor, I can do things like this," he explains.

More dispassionate observers, of course, reject Huron's monster as a fish story. "Oh suffering cats," protests Nicholas Hotton, a Smithsonian Institution paleontologist. "The Great Lakes were formed 65 million years after the last Mesozoic reptile went belly up," he says. And besides, Lake Erie is "too damn cold" for monsters. Those who espy a sea serpent most likely are seeing wood, a wave, a school of carp, or perhaps a nasty-looking sturgeon.

The scariest thing in Lake Erie, scientists say, is quite a bit smaller: the inch-long zebra mussel, which clogs water intakes and clings to the hulls of boats.

MONSTER TALES

Sightings of Caddy no illusion to Victoria biologist

WILLIAM BOEI
Vancouver Sun

No Virginia, there is no cadborosaurus.

Not one you can look in the eye at the aquarium or the museum, at any rate.

But Ed Bousfield snorts at the suggestion that sea monster stories have more to do with summer tourism promotions than with science.

"As far as I'm concerned it's a bona fide zoological subject," says Bousfield, a biologist at the Royal B.C. Museum in Victoria.

He's talking about the cadborosaurus, nicknamed Caddy and named after Cadboro Bay near Victoria. It's said to be up to 20 metres long with a head like a horse's, a long, snake-like neck and a tail like a dragon's.

"It's just a question of time until we comply with the technical needs of having a specimen, and/or five seconds of videotape, or a good still photograph of one on the surface," Bousfield insisted Monday in a telephone interview.

There hadn't been any reported

sightings of Caddy since 1987 until a series of newspaper stories last summer.

Since then, Bousfield said, there have been dozens of reports, many of them from people who saw something as long as 50 years ago but said nothing for fear of being ridiculed. There were five new sightings last year and two or three so far this year.

Bousfield said he has no problem believing the reports, including one from a couple of pilots "who almost landed on top of two of them in Brentwood Bay a month ago."

"When they say they were taxiing at 40 miles an hour and this thing was leaving them behind, why wouldn't I believe them?" Bousfield asked.

The fact that there's no specimen or documented proof places the study of the cadborosaurus in the field of cryptozoology. (The crypto part means concealed or secret.)

Bousfield and fellow cryptozoologist Paul LeBlond — a University of B.C. oceanographer in his day job — are working on a book about the cadborosaurus that may be ready in

time for Christmas.

They're drawing on more than 100 accounts going back to 1855, including half a dozen reported instances when small specimens were found or caught, only to be lost or discarded.

Bousfield, who has built up a biological profile of the cadborosaurus, says the females come ashore to give birth to live young on summer nights, possibly in Saanich Inlet.

"Occasionally they linger on the

beach until daylight, if it's a dark day. And if you happen to be lucky and be on the right beach when the female's there, you might see it."

The cadborosaurus is probably cold-blooded and reptilian, he says. It's closely related to whatever lives or lived in Loch Ness, and to Ogo-pogo in Okanagan Lake. In fact, he says, Ogo-pogo is a cadborosaurus trapped in the lake when the Columbia River was dammed 60 years ago.

Police say cat killings intentional

By MICHELE MAJORS
Staff writer

The mutilation of five cats in various parts of Carrollton has police investigating the grisly discoveries as intentional killings.

The first of the bodies appeared in early June. The most recent finding was late last month, said Police Sgt. Robbie Robinson.

"Some of the paws were cut off and heads cut off and insides removed," he said. "It is possible that an animal has done this because of the way the bodies were dismembered. We're not ruling out that possibility. But what we're going on is an intentional killing."

Sara McKenzie, Animal Control manager for the city, said the only wild animal that could have been re-

sponsible for the mutilations is a coyote.

"We had thought at the beginning it would possibly be a coyote," McKenzie said. "We do have coyotes (in Carrollton)."

Anyone missing a cat should call Animal Control at 466-3420. Anyone with other information should the Criminal Investigation Division at 466-3300.

CHRONICLE, Carrollton, TX

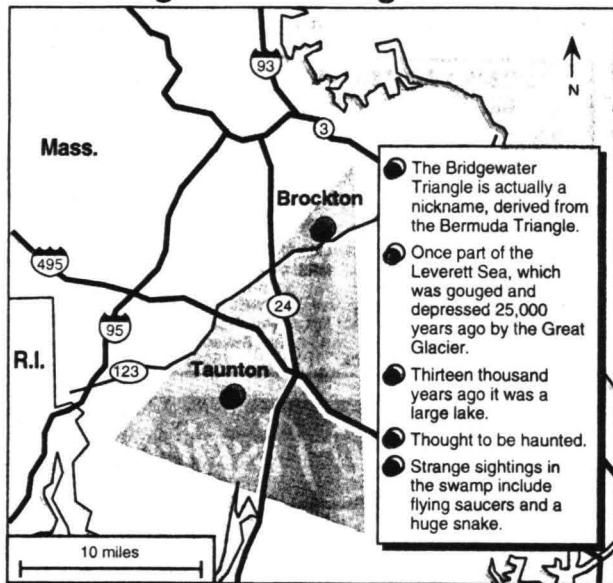
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Bizarre sightings commonplace here

The Bridgewater Triangle



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By Bob Cubie
ENTERPRISE STAFF WRITER

Police officers getting stressed out from all the calls about a "big cat" roaming the woods and back yards of Easton, Mansfield and Stoughton, should count their lucky stars. They could be getting sightings of:

- A huge snake as big around and as black as a stove pipe.
- A black dog that kills ponies.
- A mountain lion that kills cattle, pigs and sheep.
- A "Big Foot" that screams and crashes through brush in the night and picks up the rear ends of police cruisers.
- A 6-foot-tall prehistoric bird with a 12-foot wingspan.
- Strange lights.
- An American orangutan.
- Flying saucers.

For the past two weeks, people in the Easton area have been in a flap over sightings of "a large cat." Such sightings would not be unusual in the Hockomock Swamp, which is part of an area sometimes referred to as "The Bridgewater Triangle."

The people who have reported the most recent "Bridgewater Triangle" sightings have described "a large, light tan cat, as tall as a Great Dane," or "a crossbreed between an American house cat and an African or Asian jungle cat, weighing around 500 pounds."

Easton Police Chief Stanley P. Bates, who has lived in Easton for 27 years, is "more puzzled by the interest in the big cat" than by the sightings.

"We had 500 calls on this cat one day," he said, amazed. "And on a day when we had an armed robbery and a car chase that ended with the car flipping over and a man being killed, the cat story was the one on Page One of all the newspapers. The other stories ran on inside pages."

"The cat story went out over the wire services and we began getting calls from reporters all over the country. When they called, I'd ask, 'Do you want to know about the highway death, the armed robbery or the cat?' They all said, 'Oh, the cat.'"

"People love it. It's all they talk about at the coffee shops."

Such stories are old hat in the "Bridgewater Triangle." The triangle's corners are Abington in the north, Freetown to the southeast, and Rehoboth to the southwest. The area includes Brockton, parts of Middleboro, Taunton, all the Bridgewater, Raynham, Mansfield, Norton and Easton.

"Bridgewater Triangle" is a nickname derived from the Bermuda Triangle, the place where ships and planes have mysteriously disappeared. Its part of the Great Hockomock Swamp, which covers approximately 200 square miles and is possibly the largest swamp in the northeast United States.

According to geologists it was once part of the Leverett Sea, which was gouged out and depressed 25,000 years ago by the Great Glacier.

When the glacier receded, most of the land it once covered sprang back. The Leverett Sea did not. Thirteen thousand years ago, it was a large lake, but through the centuries it filled up with vegetation, debris and silt and became an

impassable swamp with deep pools, several rivers and streams and patches of dangerous quicksand.

The swamp, a self-perpetuating 7½-billion-gallon water storage area, is considered one of the state's most valuable natural resources.

It's had human inhabitants for thousands of years.

In the 1960s, archaeologists discovered an 8,000-year-old burial site on Grassy Island in the Hockomock Swamp. Like most stories about happenings in the swamp, this one takes a weird twist. When the graves were opened, some red ochre in the graves reportedly bubbled and dissolved. When photographs of the graves were developed, they were all blank.

In the early 1980s, workers clearing land for the construction of Interstate 495 in Norton found hearth stones, stone sinkers for fishing, stone knives, arrow heads, stone tools, pottery and barbed harpoon tips, which may have been used shortly after the ice age when the area was still cold enough to attract seals, whales and walrus. These are thought to be remains of a paleolithic people who came to the area shortly after the glacier receded.

Later digs uncovered several 500-year-old dugout canoes.

The swamp had always been a source of furs and food and a haven for native Americans, who called it "Hockomock," or "Place

The swamp was always thought to be haunted.

Colonial records report a "Yellow Day" when the swamp shone with an eerie yellow light. There have been recent reports of strange lights above the power lines that run through the swamp. Balls of fire, called "spook lights," are seen almost ever January on the railroad tracks behind Raynham Park.

In 1978 customers of a restaurant in Rehoboth claimed UFOs caused a power failure. When the lights came back on, two large, perfect circles were found in the dirt behind the restaurant.

On March 23, 1979, Jerry Lopes, a WHDH newsmen, reported sighting a UFO at the junction of routes 24 and 106.

"It was shaped like home plate," Lopes said in an interview on his station. "It had a bright red light on its top, a powerful white headlight on the bottom, and a line of red and white lights around the edge."

When the strange craft flew overhead, Lopes said all the power in his car went out and it stalled. There were, he said, stalled cars all up and down the highway.

In the 18th century, there was a tale of a large snake appearing in the swamp every seven years.

In 1939 Civil Conservation Corps workers in Raynham saw a huge black snake "as big around as a stovepipe." It coiled for a moment, raised its spade-like head and disappeared into the swamp.

There have been many sightings of large, unknown birds.

"Years ago there was quite a flap over a prehistoric bird that had flown over somebody's car," said Chief Bates of Easton, "but we never had any physical evidence that it existed. And from time to time we'll get people who say they've seen a UFO."

The big-bird flap occurred in the summer of 1971, when Sgt. Thomas A. Downey of the Norton Police Department, now a patrolman in Brockton, was driving home along Winter Street in Mansfield. He was approaching Bird Hill in Easton when he saw a large black bird he described as six-feet tall with a wingspan of 12 feet. The bird flew straight up and disappeared into the night. Downey reported it to Easton police, who searched the area but found no indication of a large bird.

The triangle even has a Big Foot, a large, hairy, animal that walks upright like a man. A 1970 Bridgewater police report called it "a big, hairy, bear-like animal that walked erect."

A farmer reported the creature had killed and mutilated his pigs

and sheep. A resident reported that a large upright-walking creature was thrashing around in the back yards and woods of his area.

Police investigated in their cruisers. One officer was sitting in his cruiser when something picked up the rear of the car. When he spun the car around and turned on his floodlight, he saw a what he called, "A huge, hairy, upright bear" running into the woods.

In Raynham, a night watchman at the Raynham dog track, reported a series of horrible screams that scared him and upset the dogs. Large 18-inch footprints were found in the snow south of the town.

A large black dog was seen in Abington in 1976. The "Killer Dog" reportedly ripped out the throat of several ponies belonging to Phillip Kane of Abington. Kane said the dog was the size of a pony. According to Kane's daughter, who did not want her name used, "A man came to the door with a picture of an Irish Wolfhound and wanted to know if the dog looked like that, but it didn't look anything like it."

The dog was sighted along the Old Colony Railroad tracks by Abington Patrolman Frank Curran. Curran fired a shot and missed. The dog looked back, then walked calmly away into the woods.

In June 1979, Mark St. Louis, 30, of Brockton and Peter Blumberg, 27, of Stoughton, who grew up in Bridgewater, were canoeing through Lake Nippenicket on the Bridgewater-Raynham line when they saw a small ape-like creature on an island.

"We dubbed it the North American orangutan because that's what it looked like," said St. Louis. "We approached the island to search for it, but we couldn't see it."

Great cats, lions and phantom panthers are sighted regularly, which is not surprising, since lynx and the catamount, a small mountain lion, are indigenous to the Northeast.

The lynx, or bobcat, is striped, weighs between 25 and 45 pounds and has a short tail and tufted ears. The catamount, once so plentiful in the region that it is Vermont's state animal, grows to four feet, with a 2-foot-long tail, and weighs as much as 150 pounds. In winter it has long tawny fur and feeds primarily on small mammals.

This is not the first big cat sighted in the area.

In 1972 Rehoboth police organized a mountain lion hunt after a large cat killed and mutilated

some cattle.

Chief Bates believes a big feline stalks the woods and swamps of Easton and Mansfield, but like everyone else, he doesn't know how big it really is.

"People saw something," he said. "We've got the video. Shortly after the video was taken, a large cat, like the one in the video, was seen on Tammy Lane, a short distance away. We also have a recording of a woman made a year ago of a large cat yowling in her back yard."

Animal experts had said it's everything from a large dog to a half-breed cat.

"I've found through experience that there are as many animal experts as there are experts on what's wrong with the economy — with as many different opinions," said Chief Bates.

There are some who claim these sightings are supernatural.

In the Oct. 24, 1980, Enterprise, writer Neil Downing interviewed

author Loren Coleman, who gathered most of the stories of weird sighting in the area for a book called "Mysterious America."

Coleman spoke cryptically of the area.

"This is an area of many Satanic cults and other groups," said Coleman. "People often see strange things, but try to put them into conventional frameworks because the unknown is so scary. But they should look out. The Bridgewater area is one of focused phenomena. It's likely that things are going to keep happening here."

"Keep an eye on the Bridgewater Triangle."

Holding office, as he does, in an area surrounded by "The Great Cedar Swamp," Bates is used to strange sightings, and is not at all worried about "strange happenings."

"The Bridgewater Triangle?" He said with a laugh. "It puts us on map, and it's amusing."

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Bylines

By Ev Bey

About this time of year, when mid-summer days are long and hot, over-active minds spice up the news beat by reporting sightings of Bigfoot, a mystical (mythical) creature that haunts mountainous areas like Plumas County.

Dear wife believes!

In other regions, the primordial giant is known by various names: the Hairy Man or Sasquatch, in the Pacific Northwest; the Abominable Snowman, in Alaska; Arulataq in Eskimo; Yeti, in the Himalayas of Tibet.

He has been variously described as 8-12 feet tall, covered with thick black hair from head to toe, long swinging arms that seem to touch the ground at his feet, little or no neck, a face somewhat like a gorilla with a large head and sharp canine teeth — and a serious body-odor problem.

Nobody has ever captured one, there are only occasional fleeting sightings reported. Usually Bigfoot leaves huge, humanlike footprints — the only evidence of its existence.

Hairy Man is reported to be more curious than predatory, but so horrendous-looking that people run off in fright.

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where spirits dwell."

When the Wampanoag sachem Metacomet, or King Phillip as the English knew him, took to the war-path in 1675, he took his followers into the swamp, where he knew the English would not follow, then came out to raid Middleboro, Bridgewater and surrounding villages and farms, killing more than 600 English settlers.

The English finally mounted a midwinter attack on the Wampanoag's main village in Mount Hope in Rhode Island and wiped out most of the tribe.

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Bigfoot's existence is almost as legendary as the famed Lochness Monster.

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Practical jokers often get into the act, too. Like the trio of school teachers who raised havoc in remote Quinhagak, Alaska, by tramping around in the snow with large foot-shaped pieces of plywood to make fake Hairy Man tracks.

Later, when discovered, they apologized and visited village classrooms to show off the wooden feet and assure the children there was nothing to fear.

In Vining, Minn. — a community of only 81 population — a bodacious bronzed Bigfoot sculpture is on display...just the pedal extremity, all of 12-feet tall. It's quite lifelike except for one podiatric quirk — an oversize big toe that often serves as a convenient platform for children (as well as silly adults) to pose for pictures.

There have been sightings in locales varying from the mountain forests of central Hubei Province in China, to a report by eight Spalding, Idaho, residents near a national historical park's visitor center, to a multiple sighting of two hairy monsters and a baby ("Littlefoot?") by Paiute Indians on the Bidwell Reservation in Modoc County, to the western Canadian Rockies in Alberta, Canada.

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In late 1989, we even had a reported encounter with the creature by an unidentified Plumas County resident who thought he saw Bigfoot tracks near C Road off Highway 70 near Portola. Department of Fish and Game officials who checked it out,

determined that they were bear tracks. Case closed.

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Officials in Browntown, S.C. once had a teenager report his auto being chased at speeds up to 40-mph by a tall wet green creature after he changed a tire at about 2 a.m. near a bean field. The so-called "Lizard Man" left large tracks near Scape Ore Swamp, which a Bigfoot researcher later identified as being made by a "skunk ape," a colloquial name for the Hairy One.

An analysis of hair reportedly belonging to China's version of the Abominable Snowman has been said to prove the existence of the legendary giant "wildman," a rare and advanced primate that is similar to man, nicknamed "Fei Fei" by Chinese scientists who conducted the tests.

Atomic and chemical tests claim to show levels of calcium, iron and copper to be higher in the hair of the "wildman" compared with amounts in the hair of nine other mammals, including man, black bears, golden monkeys and orangutans.

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Advertisers have even got into the act: Pizza Hut now making tracks with its 1-foot by 2-foot rectangular pizza dubbed "Bigfoot."

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A "Bigfoot Hotline" has been set up by the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research (412) 823-1834 and Jon Erik Beckjord conducts research as the curator of Malibu's Bigfoot Museum and self-appointed president of the National Cryptozoological Society (in a room adjoining the bar at the Trancas Restaurant in Malibu).

Dear wife is convinced!

--'Bye for now!

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Mutilations leave many questions

By BILL JACKSON
Tribune Staff Writer

The possible mutilation of a horse last week in northeast Weld County follows a pattern that resulted in a rash of similar incidents throughout the United States and the world nearly 20 years ago.

Weld County Sheriff's deputies were called to the Doris Williams ranch at mid-week after Williams found her favorite horse dead in a field about half a mile from her home. It appeared that one eye had been removed, and there were smooth, cutting-type marks around one ear and down a jaw. The skin had been removed from that area. It also appeared part of the animal's tongue had been cut out.

Deputies called for a county truck to take the carcass of the horse to laboratories at the Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital for tests.

Initial reports from CSU officials indicated the horse died as a result of a twisted bowel. Veterinarians believed the cuts on the animal's head and neck were "jagged-edged" and probably made by predators.

Williams, however, said she didn't believe the report.

"I expected this kind of an answer. I guess the predators are carrying scalps now. I'm getting madder by the minute as I think about their report, and I'd really like to see that report," she said. "I find it hard to believe my horse died from a twisted bowel, because it doesn't ring true here. ... My horse was eating well and was in good health."

She said there were too many questions left unanswered.

"Why was his tongue cut out? What happened to the pieces of hide that were taken? Just too many questions ...," she said.

That incident, plus two others in Weld in the past couple of months — a dead cow with a missing embryo near Mead and a cow near the Williams ranch belonging to Delbert

Castor that CSU officials said apparently had been cut with a sharp instrument — bring back haunting memories of mutilations of the 1970s.

Then, like now, the reports began in southern states and worked north as the summer months wore on.

Earlier this year, reports of mutilations began in Arkansas and Alaba-

"Why was his tongue cut out? What happened to the pieces of hide ... ? Just too many questions."

**— Doris Williams
owner of dead horse**

ma. Tissue samples from one Alabama cow, examined by a Denver pathologist in late April, showed that blood around the cut tissue had been "cooked" — indicating temperatures of at least 300 degrees had been used to either make the cuts or cauterize them.

A white substance found on another mutilated cow in Alabama was sent to a molecular biologist who said it was composed of aluminum, titanium, oxygen and silicon — not a substance that occurs in nature.

These recent cases, not unlike those of the 1970s, fit the "classic mutilation" pattern — sex organs removed with an oval incision, rectums cut out, tongues cut out, jaws stripped to the bone, milk sacs removed, and sometimes internal organs removed. Many times the animals would be void of blood. Tracks would rarely be found around any of the animals and there were reports that predators — such as coyotes — would not touch a mutilated animal.

Theories about who or what was behind the mystery abounded, ranging from the military or other government entity to religious cults to UFOs.

Reports of unmarked helicopters and/or unidentified lights around mutilation sites were common.

By the mid-1970s, thousands of mutilation incidents had been reported in most states and many foreign countries.

While federal agencies, such as the FBI, claimed not to be involved in investigations of the incidents, U.S. Sen. Harrison Schmitt of New Mexico, a former astronaut, called a national conference on the matter in April 1979 in Albuquerque. It drew a large crowd but offered no answers to the mystery.

Reports of mutilations were filed occasionally in the 1980s — including some in Weld — but did not reach the fury of activity of the mid-1970s.

There have never been any arrests made in connection with any mutilation, and many law enforcement agencies continue to say the animals die of natural causes and the cuts and incisions are made by predators.

Tribune reporter Bill Jackson was working for the Sterling Journal-Advocate at the height of mutilations in northeast Colorado and has followed the mystery since that time.

Touchet Valley Ramblings

By Vance Orchard -- Waitsburg Times Columnist

With the past winter laying one of the heaviest mantles of snow on the Blues ever seen it isn't strange we haven't heard any good Bigfoot stories for a long time.

Until May 25, that is!

That's the day John Landon of Walla Walla, who recently purchased a few acres up Dry Creek above Dixie, spotted a pair of the big foot prints.

It was the first report of the season and the last since all that activity by Paul Freeman and his filming of one or two of the huge man-like creatures last fall: the Bigfoot of the Blues!

Landon was out "running a check" on his new land holdings "a few miles east of Dixie," when he came across the two tracks.

At the time, he was following a faint game trail as it quartered up a slight hillside. The two tracks showed up in an outcropping of clay-bearing, damp soil, exposed in a six-foot section of the trail.

Landon says the big tracks measured 14 inches long and about six inches or more as the toes were spread far apart. One of the tracks had an oddity: a middle toe was only half there.

"It was like maybe a toe had been broken and was sticking up or else it had been cut off," Landon surmised.

Landon said the tracks were 50 inches apart, a real long stride, considering it was going up hill.

If you put two marks to measure 50 inches on the ground then try to put a foot on each mark, you'll find it'll be a hefty stretch, even if you're over six feet tall.

Landon said he found no evidence of a foot print on the trail before or after the wet soil exposure in the trail.

On either side of the area the trail was in rocks or dry grassy conditions.

Highly interested in the Landon sighting was a caller the other day: Matt Nunn of Sandy, Ore. A retired teacher, Nunn has become an avid Bigfoot tracker. He wants to come to the Blues to investigate a report of a "Bigfoot catching fish somewhere near Milton-Freewater."

I put him in touch with some one who I'd heard had seen a Bigfoot more than once in the vicinity of Harris Park on the Walla Walla South Fork.

Nunn said he "would be up some day soon to check that out." He also is likely to come to Dixie to check on the Landon sighting.

Wherever the Bigfoot trackers go to look for the creature it's going to have to be pretty far down from the upper reaches of the Blue Mountains. According to Wes Sumerlin, who was up the Tiger Canyon road to the junction at the top, snow is real deep up there yet and the junction was as far as his rig would take him.

It looks like July at least before much headway will be made into the Blues.

There was a week-long Bigfoot

bash at Harrison Hot Springs, B.C. recently. By the time I got confirmation and the dates, the thing was over. Would like to hear what it was all about, if any reader took it in.

News of an upcoming Bigfoot Daze at Carson, Wash., was relayed to me by former Waitsburg/Walla Walla resident, Roger Thornton, who now makes his home at Washougal, WA (P.O. Box 572). Thornton cites a note he got from Harry Schumacher, who runs "Bigfoot Park," and RV campgrounds at Carson. Dates for the annual bash are Aug. 28-29. Roger promises more data as time goes on, and adds that "there still isn't any good (Bigfoot) activity down here yet — seems way too quiet after all the reports of 30 years ago."

That last was in reference to the wide extent of Bigfoot activities reported several years ago in the "downriver" area in which Roger now once more finds himself.

The enclosure in Roger's last letter of a brochure about the Bigfoot Park, was but one of several such names of firms or enterprises which have adopted "Bigfoot" for its name.

Al McVay, long-time Walla Walla Chamber manager before retiring to Federal Way, Wash., contributed the most.

Al's material was headlined by a "Bigfoot Pizza" sack he begged from a Pizza Hut in Kirkland. He also sent me clippings of advertisements for:

1. A "Bigfoot Pest Control" firm.

2. An ad featuring a pair of Bigfoots sporting Red Wing boots.

3. An item in a business newsletter that Bigfoot Industries of Kelowna, B.C. (they make RVs) will be leasing a plant at Boardman to make their product in the U.S.

4. A cartoon labeled "Bigfoot Meets the Creature from the Black Lagoon," with a huge foot crushing the lagoon creature.

Oh, yes, Roger sent me a cap from the "Bigfoot Inn," at Washougal, a stomping place I gather has quickly become a favorite of Roger's. On the cap is a cartoon of a relaxed Bigfoot, quaffing a cool one while sporting a very broad grin.

Thanks, Roger and Al ... you made my day!

A further footnote or two:

*"Bigfoot of the Blues," my book on a disk for computer owners, has lately received inquiries from Switzerland and Florida, along with request for the printed book of same. The latter should be off the presses and rolling into my garage late this month.

*Some commentary on Grover Krantz' book, "Big Foot Prints," along with some thoughts by a Bigfoot tracker of many years, Mark A. Hall, of Minnesota, will be the burden of an upcoming column here. What either Krantz or Hall has to say is likely to be of much interest to you Bigfoot aficionados!

I promise.
Stay tuned!

Professor explores theory of Romans' ancient voyage

He says evidence points to landing on Texas shores

By Victoria Loe

Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

Valentine Belfiglio has always been intrigued by the notion that ancient Greeks or Romans might have voyaged to the New World.

But his curiosity was only that until he began leafing through an unlikely source, *The Book of Mormon*.

In the book, given to him by a couple of proselytizing Mormons, he found passages describing the voyage of the followers of Jared. According to the book, the Jaredites traveled on barges for 344 days across "that great sea that divideth the lands" and came ashore "upon the shores of the promised land" — in Mormon theology, America.

What if the book described a real, historical event? What if he could find other, more conventional evidence of a Roman

landing in, say, the fourth century A.D. on, say, the Texas Gulf Coast?

The 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage was approaching. What better time to wrestle with the question: If not Columbus, who?

The 58-year-old history professor was also eager to sound a note of transoceanic harmony, an antidote to the chorus of Columbus-bashing.

"Deep down," he said, "I wanted to find something that would bring us together rather than tear us apart."

Most archaeologists and historians dismiss the notion of ancient trans-Atlantic contact. But they concede that some ancient vessels, including the Romans', were capable of making such a voyage.

So Dr. Belfiglio, who teaches history and international relations at Texas



The Dallas Morning News: John F. Rhodes

Professor Valentine Belfiglio believes that reports of a mysterious shipwreck and buried bridge timbers in Galveston Bay support the theory of a Roman landing off Texas shores.

Woman's University in Denton, began haunting the museums and libraries where one might logically expect to uncover evidence, if it existed.

What he found — reports of a mysterious shipwreck and buried bridge timbers in Galveston Bay, accounts of Roman coins unearthed in Texas, apparent linguistic and cultural similarities between the Romans and the Karankawa Indians — was enough to convince him.

"I believe they were here," he said.

He hasn't swayed other scholars, but Dr. Belfiglio doesn't mind.

"That's what's fun," he said of the give-and-take of learned debate. "Is it true? Is it not true?"

He began his research by reading ancient writers such as Plutarch and Pliny the Elder. From them, he learned that the Romans knew the Earth is round and that they were familiar with the Canary Islands, far out in the Atlantic. From those islands, currents sweep southwesterly around the tip of Florida and into the Gulf of Mexico.

Next, he hit the library in Galveston. There, he found an 1886 issue of *The Galveston Daily News* that described the discovery of a wrecked ship of unusual design.

"Her stern . . . is put together in such a manner as to contradict any reasonable supposition that she was a vessel fashioned even as early as the sixteenth century," the paper reported.

"It is composed of the most massive and solid oak, fully six or seven inches in thickness, and the pieces laid crosswise over each other secured with huge iron spikes . . . about fifteen feet in width."

After reading up on Roman ship construction, Dr. Belfiglio decided that the vessel was "similar in every respect to a Roman cargo ship."

But experts on Roman shipbuilding say otherwise.

"It doesn't sound like a Roman ship to me," said Barto Arnold of the Texas Historical Commission, the state's nautical archaeologist.

Instead of iron spikes, he said, most Roman vessels were held together by intricate mortise-and-

tenon construction, in which tongues carved in one plank fit into grooves in the adjoining plank.

Dr. Fred Hocker, a professor of nautical archaeology at Texas A&M, just wrote a book on ancient ships. He agreed with Mr. Arnold's reading of the Galveston account.

"That's not built like any Roman ship I'm familiar with, he said."

Both archaeologists said, however, that Roman sailors could have made it to the Gulf Coast, by design, or accident.

"Roman vessels were fully capable of sailing across the Atlantic — or being blown across it," Dr. Hocker said.

Mr. Arnold said, "I think people back then got around a lot more than we give them credit for."

Dr. Belfiglio also was excited to read a 1915 news account of timbers found buried 15 feet below the bottom of Galveston Bay. These, he theorized, might be the remnants of a Roman bridge.

But it needn't take 1,500 years for 15 feet of sediment to build up, Dr. Hocker said. In some locations, it might take no more than 700 years.

The origin of the ship and the timbers might be in doubt, but Dr. Belfiglio had two examples of forsure Roman artifacts. Some years before, he'd stumbled on accounts of two Roman coins found in Texas.

One was discovered in a sand dune on St. Joseph's Island. The other, even more interestingly, was recovered from the bottom of an Indian mound near Round Rock — a fact that would appear to date its arrival in the New World as sometime before 800 A.D.

Perhaps, he speculated, the coin had made its way to Central Texas on a Roman canal boat plying the Colorado River.

Maybe, but maybe not. Jeremiah Epstein, one of the first scholars to investigate the Round Rock coin, concluded that it probably was not original to the mound. It's more likely, he wrote, that the coin was dropped on the surface of the mound much later and carried to the bottom by rodents or tree roots.

Dr. Epstein, an emeritus professor of anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin, is one of several scholars who have pointed out

that Roman artifacts are common throughout Western Europe. That being the case, some of them made their way to America mixed in among beach pebbles used as ballast on European ships.

But Dr. Belfiglio had yet more evidence. Perhaps his most ingenious bit of research was a comparison of various words in Latin and the dialect of the Karankawas, a now-extinct Gulf Coast tribe.

The comparison yielded "many, many similarities," he said, "too many to have been coincidental."

Among the words he paired were the Karankawan *caha* (house) and the Latin *casa* (hut); *mal* (die) and *mala* (jaws of death); *notawa* (swim) and *natare* (swim); and *tal* (this) and *tale* (of that kind).

He also noted gleefully that the Karankawas, like the Romans, enjoyed wrestling, archery and ball games.

But Dr. William Newcomb, an expert on Texas tribes, isn't convinced.

"Lots of people wrestled and played with balls," he said.

Dr. Newcomb, also an emeritus professor of anthropology at UT-Austin, declined to comment on the linguistic analysis — or to suggest anyone who could.

"I don't know of anybody still above ground" who's an expert on the Indian dialect, he said.

But he did venture an overall opinion: "I can't imagine that the Romans influenced the Karankawas in any significant way."

Dr. Belfiglio is accustomed to such discouraging words. After his theory was published in the *Italian Journal* he got letters assailing his thesis with words such as "absurd" and "ridiculous."

He hasn't let them bother him, though.

"People have to draw their own conclusions," he said. Besides, for him, the joy is in the hunt. He'd love to spend some time on St. Joseph's Island, combing the beach for more coins or other Roman goodies.

"Research of this kind is a lot of fun," he said. "It's like a hunger. It takes hold of you."

And if he did find the remains of a Roman ship buried in the sands?

"It would be a big deal," said Mr. Arnold. "It would be dynamite."

Was it Sasquatch?

CLACKAMAS CO. NEWS, Estacada, OR - June 16, 1993

Youths find BIG footprints near home

By DAVID BATES

Managing Editor

Was it Bigfoot?

That's the question two youths are asking after finding about four large footprints in the woods near Kinzy Road southeast of Estacada.

Charlie Young and Sean Martinez, both sixth-graders at Estacada Grade School, found the prints less than a mile from Young's house.

Both had been playing near the Clackamas River a week ago Sunday when they started back up the steep, densely wooded hill.

They said they found what looked like large footprints, each about four feet apart and measuring more than a foot long during the climb up.

"At first we thought it was our own footprints," said Martinez. "Then we ran up the hill because we were freaked."

The boys returned the next day to measure the stride and take pictures.

"It looked like it was running from something, because they were big steps," said Young.

The youths said they have both heard stories of Bigfoot sightings in



Charlie Young and Sean Martinez pause where they found footprints in the woods near Kinzy Road southeast of Estacada.

the woods along the Clackamas but had never really believed them. Both said that they had been doubtful about Bigfoot stories.

Until they saw those prints.

"When we were going down, I

told Charlie that 'you'd better believe in Bigfoot because there's one in these woods.' I was just kidding."

The boys said they plan to stay out of those woods from now on unless they're with someone.

Editor's Note

This space was originally intended for a photograph of the footprint. What we discovered, unfortunately, was that dirt doesn't reproduce well, particularly when it's in the shade. The print I shot appeared to be a bit longer than 12 inches and five to six inches wide. It also included, if you looked closely, five "toe" prints. In lieu of a good picture, the boys' word will have to suffice. - DB.