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UFOs no joke to local believers

By D. Wade Booth
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For centuries, claims that extraterrestrials visit Earth in flying saucers have generated controversy and fascination.

From prehistoric cave paintings to Old Testament and ancient Syrian text references to film and print media of today, mankind has written about and portrayed unidentified flying objects darting through the heavens.

For some, UFOs are a crackpot joke. But for North County researchers, UFO reports are serious, whether fact or fiction.

UFOlogists — the term used to describe UFO researchers — claim governments have quashed the truth about UFOs for fear economic, religious and political systems would crumble if people knew the facts.

Members of Orion, a group of about 50 UFOlogists in San Diego County, say the U.S. government has stifled the truth on UFOs for decades. Orion, formed five years ago, investigates UFO sightings in the county.

"We strongly suspect the government knows more than they're telling us," said Gary Davidson, a



Staff Photo / Bill Wechter

Gary Davidson, left, an Orion researcher, and Mel Podell, Orion treasurer, point to a lighted flying disc in a video taken by a group of people in La Quinta desert last New Year's Day.

researcher for Orion living in Oceanside.

The cover-up controversy began June 24, 1947, when pilot Kenneth Arnold said he spotted several "flying saucers" while flying over Mount Rainier in Washington. Newspapers reported his story.

A few days later, a similar story made national news, raising fears that H.G. Wells' "War of the

Worlds" had become reality.

On July 2, 1947, newspapers reported a flying disc from another planet had crashed in flames at a ranch near the Roswell Army Air Field in New Mexico, the United States' only nuclear bomb facility.

First Lt. Walter Haut issued the following press release:

"The many rumors regarding the flying disc became a reality

yesterday, when the intelligence office of the 509th bomb group of the 8th Air Force, Roswell Army Air Field was fortunate enough to gain possession of a disc through the cooperation of the local ranchers and the sheriff's office of Chaves County. The flying object landed on a ranch near Roswell sometime last week."

The military also recovered alien bodies, reportedly dissected by military forensic specialists ordered to go to their graves with their secrets, Orion members claim.

The commanding general of the 8th Air Force issued a blanket denial of the earlier release, claiming the downed craft to be a balloon. By then, the story had run in more than 30 papers and on dozens of radio stations.

"The story was then quashed, and in 1947 the press didn't question the government like they do now," said Mel Podell, the treasurer of Orion who lives in Encinitas.

UFOlogists said other sightings started flooding in after Roswell, including reports by military pilots of strange flying objects tracking their planes.

"It was too powerful to release, especially considering the Cold War," said Don Ecker, research director for UFO Magazine. "It's just like the atomic bomb. I don't think, from a national security standpoint, they want other countries having this technology."

But not all who study UFOs believe in them.

Philip J. Klass, who has been researching UFOs for nearly 30 years, said flying saucers and little green men are fantasy. Klass held a senior editor position for Aviation Week & Space Technology Magazine for 35 years. Klass is a founding member of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of

Who ya gonna call?

People who believe they have seen a UFO can call Orion's 24-hour hot line at 460-8088.

Claims of the Paranormal, an international association of scientists, academics and writers who question such issues as UFOs, astrology and ghosts.

"In nearly half a century of reports, nobody, nobody, has found any credible evidence to indicate we've been visited by any extraterrestrial craft," Klass said.

Davidson said skeptics aren't hard to find.

"I found a lot of skeptics," he said. "They come up with their own little, cute explanations to explain a UFO away."

Residents phone in mysterious sightings

Several unidentified flying objects in North County have been reported to Orion in recent years.

Orion attempts to rule out explainable terrestrial objects when it investigates sightings. Researchers use a computer-generated map of planets and stars to explain possible UFO sightings. Orion also contacts military bases and airport radar operators to see if they can provide an answer for the sightings.

The following are the most recent unexplained local sightings reported to Orion:

1. On Jan. 29, two 13-year-old boys saw an object hovering in Oceanside near Rancho del Oro Road and Oceanside Boulevard. The mother of one of the boys called authorities, who referred the call to Orion. Gary Davidson, an Orion investigator, said one of the boys appeared traumatized by the UFO sighting and could not sleep for several days. The boys described the object as oval with a triangular object revolving inside. A series of laserlike lights emanated from the triangle. Davidson said the description matches that of sev-

eral sightings in Gulf Breeze, Fla.

2. On Sept. 9, 1992, a 40-year-old Oceanside city employee reported a cigar-shaped, lighted craft above the Oceanside water-treatment plant near Interstate 15 and Gopher Canyon Road in Deer Springs. While working the night shift at about 9:10, the man heard a deafening, low-pitched humming noise. He looked up to see a 300-foot-long object drop from the sky and hover at an altitude of about 2,500 feet. It had red and green lights on its sides. After a few moments, the noise stopped and the object glided from east to west at speeds estimated to be 75 to 100 mph, the worker said. The Sheriff's Department referred his call to Orion. Another man living about a third of a mile from the plant also reported seeing the object. Camp Pendleton officials told Orion that the craft was not theirs.

3. In June 1990, at about 11 p.m., a credit manager at Palomar Airport on his way home spotted a strange object near Palomar Airport Road and Business Park Drive. He described it to Orion investigators as triangular, with



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two or three bright lights shining on the ground. The object hovered and did not appear to be a conventional aircraft. He also heard a low-pitched humming noise, similar to that of a jet engine. After about 90 seconds, the object shot straight up and disappeared. Davidson is convinced the craft was not an airplane or helicopter.

4. On the evening of Oct. 15, 1989, two families saw a W-shaped craft flying over their homes from east to west on Borden Road and Butterfield Lane in San Marcos. The families reported seeing the



An artist's rendition of what the two 13-year-old boys saw.

object, which had rotating and blinking lights, about two minutes apart. They described it to Orion investigators as being about the size of a football field. It vanished over the Pacific Ocean, they said.

Therapist hears from alleged UFO victims

By D. Wade Booth
Staff Writer

Their stories of alien abduction are strikingly similar, yet they have never met.

Claiming they have been whisked away into spaceships from another world, alleged abductees relate their horrifying stories to Yvonne R. Smith, a certified hypnotherapist in Pasadena specializing in alien-abduction cases.

In the past 3 1/2 years of specializing in alien-abduction cases, she has received dozens of referrals from doctors treating patients who claim space creatures have victimized them.

"They don't feel they are in control of their lives anymore," Smith

said. "They dread the night, (and) don't know when or where it's going to happen again."

Smith has treated about 50 people from varying socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds. Men, women, doctors, lawyers, blue-collar workers, police officers, housewives, artists and entertainers all have shared their gripping stories under hypnosis, Smith said.

She doesn't think her patients are wild-eyed crazies or publicity-seekers.

"I feel very strongly that something definitely is going on," Smith said. "I can't say exactly what it is and who they are, (but) I've always kept an open mind, not thinking we are the only living creatures in the universe."

Many were driving, and others were at home when abducted, Smith said. Some said they awoke to find a humanoid-looking alien standing in their rooms. Others related experiences of paralysis before aliens took them through windows or walls to their ships, she said.

In one case, Smith said, a man allegedly abducted was with other people in a car when taken to an alien ship. She said the others "switched off," and did not remember anything but seeing bright lights.

In many cases, those abducted remember what happened, while the people who witnessed it experience a "missing-time syndrome," Smith said. Other times, the abductees don't remember what happened until put under hypno-

sis, she said.

Most people reporting abductions claimed aliens operated on their reproductive organs, Smith said. Men said the aliens took sperm samples.

"It happens with almost every male abductee," Smith said. "Many men say that they know now how a woman feels being raped. He's humiliated and has no choice."

Many women abductees claimed human-looking creatures stole their eggs.

Sometimes, the aliens took people into a spaceship room and showed them half-human, half-alien babies whom they had cloned. Abductees reported aliens have been crossbreeding humans with their race, Smith said.

OBSERVER, Charlotte, NC
April 11, 1993

The Observer Forum

Carl Sagan ignores UFO evidence

The writer is public relations director, Mutual UFO Network-N.C.

Carl Sagan (March 7 Parade, "Are they coming for us?") be-



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lieves UFOs are hallucinations, but he refuses to deal with the electromagnetic effects of UFOs on machines and instruments, the sensory effects on animals, the physical and chemical effects on soil samples or the physiological effects on human beings.

In common with UFO investigators, Sagan is pursuing government funding to search for extraterrestrial life — but out there, rather than down here. Both directions deserve serious scientific scrutiny.

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Mohawk Valley Journal: The Columbia Crop Formations

'Intense energy beam or vortex'?

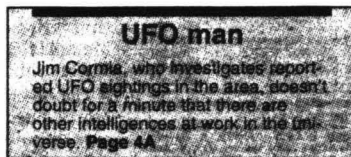
Environment: Columbia crop formation is called "authentic;" more study planned.

By MARY L.S. CLYNE
Observer-Dispatch

COLUMBIA — When a strange formation appeared in July in a field of oats off Route 28 in the Town of Columbia, a lot of people got excited.

"UFOs!" everyone said breathlessly, citing a report, never verified, from an unknown long-distance truck driver who said he had seen a "round cylindrical shape" hovering overhead nearby a few days before the pattern in the ripening grain was noticed.

Among those hastening to the scene were investigators of unusual phenomena, including members of MUFON, the nationwide Mutual UFO Network, and the Central New York Questers, who



UFO man

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poked and probed, measured and mapped, and took samples, according to an established protocol, of soil and plants from both within and without the formation.

At the time several of those investigators said they doubted that unidentified objects or forces of any sort were involved, however much they might, in light of their professed interest in such phenomena, wish for a genuine case of space visitors. Now, with preliminary results in hand, they may get that wish.

The findings are extremely preliminary, MUFON investigator and state

section director Jim Cormia of Ilion said. Cormia and Ron Taylor of Baldwinsville sent their samples to a biophysical laboratory in Michigan for analysis. Final results are not in yet because some tests take weeks.

But other tests are complete, and the findings, given to Taylor over the telephone and to Cormia personally at a recent MUFON convention in Vermont, indicate that the Columbia crop circle is indeed "authentic."

Taylor, who spent many hours within the field investigating the Columbia circles, said in a news release, "All we can say with some certainty as a result of our studies of crop formations to date is that the legitimate crop formations are formed quite rapidly by some intense energy beam or vortex which swirls and flattens the grain stalks, leaving

structural anomalies in the cellular structure of the grain."

He has himself moved from initial skepticism that this was a legitimate formation toward accepting it as one, although he doesn't associate crop formations with UFO landings and won't ... until he has seen the biophysicist's complete report.

These first results indicate that the Columbia formation is indeed a "legitimate" crop circle. They give no real clue as to how the patterns were so neatly incised into the crop, but they seem to show that the formation was not a hoax, and was created by no agency known to man.

The samples were sent to agronomist and biophysicist Dr. Michael Levengood of Michigan, who has tested plants from scores of crop circles abroad, in Canada and from the formation discovered last May in the state of Washington.

Levengood makes microscopic analysis of plants within the formation and compares the findings with the same tests on plants outside the formation.

Within the formations for which no known explanation exists, certain cell changes have taken place that don't occur under any other circumstances known to man. These changes aren't found in plants damaged by known means, whether the agency is weather or man-made. Other tests, not yet completed, involve seeds from plants within and without the formation.

Doug Rogers of the Connecticut Center for Crop Circle Studies said Levengood was looking for evidence of "flash heat" applied to the grain stalk. This heat, created by unknown means, allows the stems to bend without breaking and the plant continues to grow.

The cells stretch without bursting to accommodate the greater area along the outside bend of

the stalk, and because the cells haven't ruptured, normal growth processes continue. At the inside bend, the cells compress without breaking, and there too the flow of plant fluids is uninterrupted, allowing growth to go on as if nothing had happened, Taylor explained.

Rogers said the Columbia design is similar to crop formations found in Saskatchewan. In England, where most crop circles are found, most are round; the more elaborate designs are peculiar to the North American continent, he said.

That leads some to conjecture that there are two groups of unknown intelligences out there, he said. But the biggest story is that, having experienced one legitimate crop circle, central New York can almost anticipate another.

"These are usually not one-time occurrences," he said.

A UFO investigator believes E.T. visited us this summer

By MARY L.S. CLYNE
Observer-Dispatch

ILION — Jim Cormia, who investigates reported UFO sightings for MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, and is the national organization's state director for the counties of Herkimer, Montgomery and Fulton, doesn't doubt for a minute that there are other intelligences at work in the universe.

And they've been peeking at us this past summer. The reports he is at present investigating occurred:

• June 10, 8:45 p.m., Sauquoit. A boy coming home from a school concert with his mother saw a bright light on an object in the sky.

A short time later the baby-

sitter, being driven home by the boy's mother, saw a bright light hovering overhead. The two women watched for about three minutes before the light dimmed and disappeared. The mother attempted to videotape the light but her camera, freshly charged and loaded with new film of which only a few minutes had been used to tape the boy in concert, refused to work.

• June 10, 11:15 p.m., in the same general area, a college student returning from a friend's house saw a stationary bright light emanating from a flat, round object at tree-top level. She watched it for less than a minute before she became afraid and drove away.

• July 23, 1 to 1:20 a.m. a man returning from work saw a craft

with a bright light hovering overhead.

• July 30, between 3 and 4 a.m. a man living near West Winfield saw something hovering over a field; the object passed directly overhead, making no sound.

Many more have had similar experiences, Cormia believes, but are reluctant to talk about them. He urged anyone who has seen an unidentified flying object to contact him at 3 Monroe St., Ilion. He'd also like to hear from anyone with anything to report relating to crop formations or animal mutilations. Names are kept absolutely confidential, he said.

"Things are going on, big time," he said. "These kinds of activities have really been progressing in the last 15 years."

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - Sept. 15, 1993

RED LIGHT UFO Still No Kiss & Tell

Last week's *Islander* report by Bland Pugh will no doubt polarize UFO buffs and debunkers again with Kiss and Tell hypotheses about the origins and sources explaining the famous Gulf Breeze UFO affectionately known as "Bubba". I hope the real point behind Bland's article about the discovery of a weather balloon isn't lost in all of the controversy. The plain fact of the matter remains that serious scientific field research like that conducted by Bland Pugh, Greg Peterson and the members of the Gulf Breeze Skywatchers demonstrates the dedication that exists toward solving the Gulf Breeze UFO mystery.

As one of the workaholics behind the photo and video analysis of the Gulf Breeze UFO enigma and UFO Consultant to "Unsolved Mysteries", I agree with Bland Pugh's conclusion that the Red Light still remains a mystery, a very puzzling one indeed. Having witnessed the Gulf Breeze UFO myself on no less than twenty occasions and analyzed dozens of videos of the famous Red Light Bubba, it would never have occurred to me to compare it to a weather balloon. Meteorological devices like the Radiosonde are designed with small lightweight battery packs for transmitting a radio signal with the weather data. They aren't capable of generating the kind of power required to emit the tremendous amount of luminosity consistent with Bubba sightings. They also don't have power navigation capability to maneuver against the prevailing wind as we've observed in the Red Light's performance on many occasions.

Nonetheless, all Unidentified Flying Objects or UFO sightings need to be investigated if we are ever to solve these mysteries, even objects discovered on the ground that appear to have come from the sky. Some seem to have explanations and some don't fit the template of known human engineering capabilities. It doesn't necessarily mean they are alien space craft. There is a lot of bizarre phenomena in the scope of human endeavor, we can't always find a rational answer. A perfect case in point involves a report I received from a Deputy Sheriff of the Escambia County Sheriff's Department this summer. It seems the deputy was travelling in his cruiser late one night on patrol heading east on Santa Rosa Island toward Big Sabine Point at about 30-40 m.p.h. He noticed a bright red translucent light coming in his direction no more than ten feet above the highway. As the object approached his cruiser to within fifty yards, it immediately shot out over the Gulf at a high rate of speed. The officer exclaimed, "It was the strangest thing I've ever seen out here!" Whatever it was, it certainly appeared to be outside the realm of known human engineering. It is events like that, that challenge our analytical abilities. All we can do is collect the facts and report our findings, we leave the conclusions to those who care to speculate about the facts.

We will be happy to evaluate any photos or videos that you might wish to send to my attention. They will be returned postage paid with our comments, confidentiality assured.

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MAIL TRIBUNE, Medford, OR - Sept. 9, 1993

Sky object believed 'daytime fireball'

Mike O'Grady was fishing on the Rogue River with two relatives Tuesday when he saw an object zoom across the sky and fall out of sight behind a hill.

The object looked spherical and bluish-green, and was traveling extremely fast, he said. It appeared to land west of Takelma Park.

O'Grady, a salesman at Lithia Honda in Medford, wasn't the only person in the Rogue Valley to see something strange at about noon that day. Jerry Barnes, an engineer with the city of Medford, was talking on the phone at work at 11:50 a.m. when he looked out his window and saw a bright object with a tail falling out of the sky to the southwest.

Barnes cried out, but no one else in the office was looking in the same place at that moment. "Since then I've been the butt of numerous

UFO jokes" around the office, Barnes said. "That's why I hope somebody else saw it."

Both called the National Weather Service, which has not received any other calls, a spokesman said.

Dick Pugh, a science teacher at Cleveland High School in Portland who has a special interest in meteors, said the object sounds like a "daytime fireball," a piece of space rock that entered the earth's atmosphere. About four daytime fireballs are reported in the state each year, Pugh said.

Such objects are not considered meteorites unless they are found on the ground. Only four meteorites have been found in Oregon's history, he said.

He said he's interested in tracking down the object if it landed, and asks anyone else who saw the object to call him at 280-5120.

FOCUS, Fridley, MN - Aug. 10, 1993

UFOs in New Brighton? Man reports seeing unusual lights

Did space invaders boldly go where no man has gone before - to New Brighton?

A 31-year-old New Brighton man reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO) in the sky while he was swimming in his Silver Lane apartment's pool at about 9:30 p.m. Aug. 1.

The man reported seeing a bright light traveling in a zigzag pattern across the sky, according to a police report. The light allegedly traveled in a half-circle and left in the opposite direction, the man reported.

A New Brighton officer responded to the man's phone call and also reported seeing the lights, the report stated.

New Brighton police are unsure of the source of the lights. The man said he called the FBI and U.S. Air Force, but was told those agencies no longer take UFO reports, the report stated.

Reports from a UFO Investigator

Triangular UFOs and nocturnal lights in southeastern Wisconsin

BY CHARLES GOLDMAN

Wisconsin hasn't experienced a UFO case of the magnitude of the Roswell incident, but there has been a recent flurry of UFO reports.

During the recent UFO flap in southeastern Wisconsin, six videos were taken of unusual nocturnal lights. Many reports came into newsrooms of local TV stations; it was through them that I was able to contact area residents who saw strange objects in the evening sky or videotaped them in the night sky.

At first some said these lights and objects must be Venus because the planet was the most prominent light in the evening during February, when most of the reports came in. But Venus is found in only one specific quadrant of the night sky and has quite obviously a star-like light, while many of the nocturnal lights witnessed were neither in the position of any known bright star or planet, nor did they behave like stars and planets.

The lights and objects seen in Wisconsin moved by changing their positions, strobed in strange sequences, shined beams of light, had higher luminescence than stars or were revealed on videotape to be objects—not stars or planets at all.

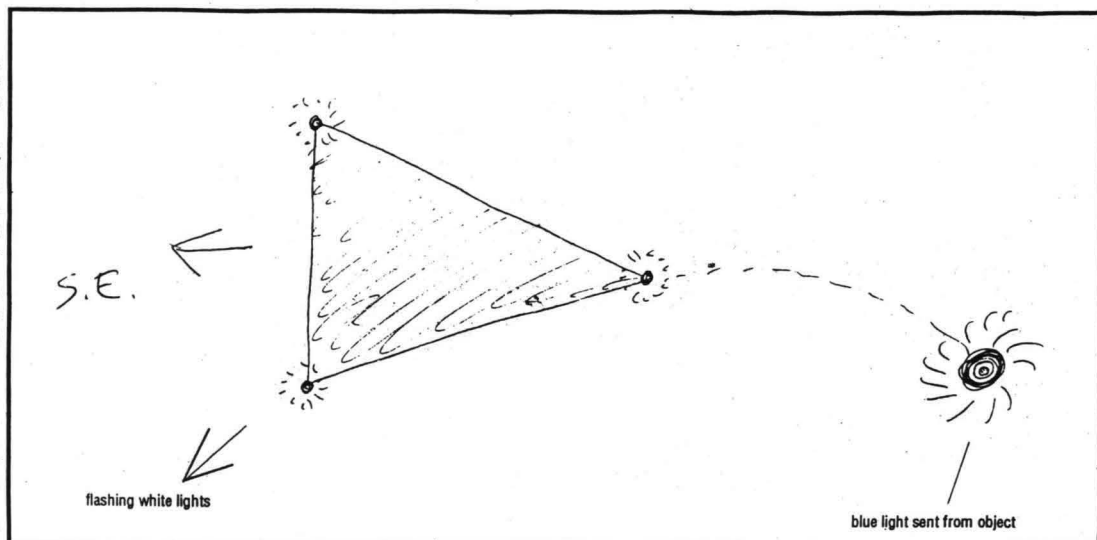
Also, eyewitness accounts of sightings strongly suggest that several differently-shaped crafts were operating in southeastern Wisconsin starting in late December. Videos were shot of moving or hovering unidentified objects in Beaver Dam, Hustisford, Fort Atkinson, and areas just north of Milwaukee. A triangular object was observed crossing a highway near Fort Atkinson and videotaped. The triangular craft (or crafts) is the one type being reported which, in the following cases, rules out Venus.

A report of a black triangular craft with lights on it seen in Waukesha was discussed again earlier this month on the Channel 12 news, during a follow-up report on UFO sightings. The TV audience heard one officer reporting it over his radio, but it is unclear what happened during the investigation to verify the officer's account.

The first report of a triangular craft to appear in the metro area involved a young man returning home to the suburban community of Cedarburg around 9 p.m., Feb. 1. The young man, who did not give his name, described to police a large, black UFO with bright lights at each point, hovering just above a Cedarburg water tank off Wauwatosa Road and Sherman Road. It had nine lights in all, including a bank of brilliant white lights on one side. His phone call was recorded by the Cedarburg Police Department and part of it aired on the Feb. 4 evening news.

He reported seeing the object from the east looking west, from the north looking south, in his rear-view mirror, and from over his shoulder out of his rear window. The sighting lasted the length of his ride through Cedarburg, due to the placement of the water tank on the side of a high hill.

Cedarburg Police Chief George Rees said his department was very concerned about the sighting. Two of his officers witnessed bright beams of light from the vicinity of the sighting, but made nothing of it until learning of



Kevin Crump's drawing of what he saw Feb. 4, 1993 near Fort Atkinson.

the young man's report.

In Beaver Dam, a young man out searching for UFOs was hit by a beam of bright white light from a "V" shaped object Feb. 4. This report is just now being investigated.

One of the interesting features of the sightings has been repeatability—there is a tendency for witnesses to obsess on UFOs after they have seen one. Almost every person I interviewed in regard to their initial sighting has since had others. In the case of a Feb. 4 Fort Atkinson sighting, there have been five additional sightings of oddly behaving nocturnal lights.

The fourth sighting of a triangular object took place on Highway 12 and Star School Road between the cities of Whitewater and Fort Atkinson. This is the most detailed report of a sighting I was able to get. This investigation is ongoing, since sightings in the area continue unabated.

Kevin Crump and his Grandmother Betty Barnick, who own an antique dealership in Delavan, travel home every evening to Fort Atkinson using Highway 12, most often between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Crump carries an RCA Camcorder in his car with which he likes to tape anything newsworthy; plus he makes short, creative videos with his friends.

On Feb. 4, Crump and Barnick were returning home via Highway 12 at about 6:35 p.m. when they spotted a fire engine and decided to look for the fire. Both were carefully watching for lights or the fire when Crump spotted something in the sky from the driver's side window.

"We thought at first that it was a low-flying plane," Crump said. "Then all of a sudden it shot out a blue glowing ball from the tail-end of the craft. It looked like a flame ball from a Roman candle. It shot out about two inches, in ground to sky distance, with a trail of twinkling lights. The blue ball just hung in the sky over the old school to our left."

They pulled off the road to get a better

look; Crump grabbed his video camera and opened the door while Barnick decided to stay in the car. Crump said, "I looked up and saw the ship just about directly overhead. I could see a faint outline of the ship because the moon was above it."

"The moonlight reflected off the black metallic surface. It was the shape of an oblong triangle with a light at each point—a red and a blue light at the front and a white light at the back."

This craft was unusual in that it traveled with the base forward instead of the point first, as with most conventional aircraft. Crump then tried to videotape the UFO but realized that he hadn't attached the battery pack to the camera. By the time he retrieved it from the car, the object had moved a considerable distance.

"It was heading toward Whitewater. I aimed the camera toward the ship and started taping. I filmed the triangular craft first. Then I took a close-up of the blue ball that the ship shot out."

Crump and Barnick then started to drive away when Barnick yelled, "Pull over, it's turning around!" Crump quickly turned onto Star School Road and headed east past a farm and over a hill to a clearing on a curve.

"There it was in the sky, and it was not alone. There was another bright light below it above the trees. It was a tremendous bright light, brighter than any star or planet in the sky. There was a flashing light way up high. At first I thought it was a plane; there were planes in the area at this time. But I realized that it might be the blue ball that shot out of the ship."

Crump and Barnick then drove into Fort Atkinson, stopping at the local Sentry. Crump waited in the car and noticed that the light was still there, so he taped it again.

Jeffery Sainio, Mutual UFO Network Staff Photoanalyst, believes that the strobing of the light captured by Crump on video was of an unusual nature. He ruled out the possibility of firecrackers or an airplane, and consid-

ered it unconventional. He adds that there isn't enough on the video to say unequivocally what it was.

Due to the unusual circumstances of the sighting, I believe it is likely that Crump and Barnick witnessed a UFO and then attempted to videotape it somewhat successfully.

Beyond the original tape Crump made, there have been multiple witnesses of UFOs in the Fort Atkinson area, and strange creature sightings have occurred near there as well. Crump has taken more footage of nocturnal lights, some of it clearly showing a triangular light display.

The latest report of a triangular UFO involves a 7-year-old boy who saw a black triangular craft with lights on each of the points, perhaps 100 feet in length. It projected a white beam of light and vanished in an instant. This happened in the city of Milwaukee in early February and was investigated by Don Schmitt.

Why people in southeastern Wisconsin began witnessing UFOs from December until the present remains unknown. Perhaps we were watching the sky more, because Venus was so prominent. But objects—not just lights—were observed. There may or may not be natural explanations for these events.

In January a farmer and his grandson saw what the farmer described as "three machines" hovering next to a fence across the road from his property. The "machines" took off and flew in an arc between his barn, silo and some trees.

Nobody has a clear picture of what these reports mean, but one thing is clear: UFOs are being reported and must be accepted by researchers as real experiences. UFO events demand scientific analysis and not skeptical derision, since many of these events have left physical and mental scarring on humans and other species.

Charles Goldman has been an independent investigator of Fortean phenomena for 23 years.

Popular "Bubba" Lights Local Sky

Bright Colors Flash Again

by Bland Pugh

On Wednesday evening, of last week, the Skywatch group was at Shoreline Park for its nightly vigil. At about 9:00 p.m. I had walked out onto the pier with a friend of mine to discuss an upcoming BBQ. We both happened to look towards the beach at the same time and there it was hovering at about a 18 or 19 degree elevation. The UFO was its usual brilliant, glowing and pulsing red color. We'd watched it for a couple seconds when the crowd on shore spotted it, of course you could hear the usual murmuring of excited voices exclaiming "There it is, it's glowing, it looks like it's pulsing, can you see it moving?" Then the occasional

outcry of "Bubba" scattered in the din of excited voices. After watching a few minutes with my binoculars, I began to realize it was moving slowly to the west and seemed to be climbing. I put down the glasses and marked a lighted position on the horizon to confirm this, looking back through the field glasses again I could see what I thought might be another UFO about seven or so degrees and to the lower left of the main object. Again putting down the glasses, I was able to confirm there had indeed been movement to the west.

Approximately four minutes into the sighting, the UFO began to turn into a dazzling white and startling

pulsing white light, which seemed to sparkle. The intensity of the blinking was almost like a signal that it was building up its energy to take off. After seeing the Martin "Allen" and the "Philip" video's, I could almost bet this was what it was doing prior to the awesome acceleration that I knew would take it out of sight. The only thing missing was the absence of the glowing material that sometimes is ejected and falls to the ground preceding its disappearance. Just as I predicted to myself, the UFO blinked out, with the ruby red light barely visible, pulsing ever so slightly before completely disappearing. Among those present at Shoreline were Leo, Joan, and Bob Browning, Melanie Archer, Judy Franquer, Pat Dorrain Gerbig,

The next evening, I had an occasion to talk to Anne Morrison, another MUFON investigator. She told me that she and her husband had been approaching the Bob Sikes Bridge from the north, when she saw the UFO hovering over the beach to the

southwest at approximately 152 degrees. They pulled off the road across from Mel's Marina and watched as the UFO hovered and pulsed. Anne told me that she had gotten azimuth and elevation of the UFO. She also told me that another MUFON member was in the #1 pull off to the left inside the Ft. Pickens gate. He saw the UFO but figured it was an airplane and didn't bother to film it, even though he had his camera set up. Later he guessed the compass bearing would have been somewhere around 90 degrees.

This was one of the best sightings of the summer. I would imagine that total, there were 15 to 20 witnesses that we know of. If you happened to have seen this UFO please contact MUFON, as we would like to get as much information as possible.

We've had even more visitors from across the country as the summer progresses. Most have been guests on Pensacola Beach. They read the UFO report in *The Islander* and are fascinated and then lured into com-

ing out and trying their luck. If you haven't been out skywatching, let me tell you, it sure beats the heck out of being a sofa spud and channel surfing all night. You are welcome any evening.

MUFON skywatch tips for the month of August.

Once again, this year the Perseids should be closely monitored on the nights of August 11-12, since the proximity of the meteor shower's parent comet Swift-Tuttle, created dramatic Perseid displays in 1992 and 1991. Although the comet is now leaving our vicinity, watchers should still observe the sky for a sharp peak, possibly around 11 p.m. or midnight on August 11 (up to 200 meteors or more per hour?), and then continue to scan the heavens through the morning hours of August 13.

Folks, I guess that about wraps up the UFO report for the week. Remember to keep looking up and behind you. Philip, I'm waiting.

UFO research by Soviets to be revealed

■ **Springfield meeting:**
This weekend, a lecturer will
unveil what he found in
previously classified Soviet
documents.

By Chris Bentley
The News-Leader

The former Soviet Union launched "massive, unprecedented secret studies" into reports of UFOs during the 1980s because it wanted to gain alien technology to use against the United States, a UFO researcher said Thursday.

George Knapp, a former investigative reporter for a Las Vegas TV station, studied hundreds of previously classified Soviet documents related to UFOs over the past two years.

He said they show that since the time of Joseph Stalin, Soviet leaders spent millions of dollars studying the possibility of UFOs — and came up with evidence that confirms Knapp's belief that UFOs and alien civilizations do exist.

Knapp is scheduled to speak publicly for the first time on his Soviet research Saturday in Springfield at the second annual Midwest Conference on UFO Research.

About 300 tickets have been sold for the weekend-long conference, which last year attracted people from across the country.

"We're very excited about having George here to unveil his research," said Denise Carpenter, one of the conference organizers.

Knapp said Thursday that Soviet UFO research intensified from 1960 to 1990, when all of the superpower's military units were ordered to investigate UFO sightings in detail, making the nation "one giant listening post for UFOs" for 10 years.

"It will never be created again," he said,

INFORMATION

What: The Midwest Conference on UFO Research.

Where: Quality Inn North, 3050 N. Kentwood Ave., just north of the intersection of Glenstone Avenue and Interstate 44.

When: Today through Sunday.

Hours: Today, 7 p.m. to about 10 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., with breaks for lunch and dinner; Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to about noon.

Price: \$40 for the entire weekend, or \$10 for today only, \$25 for Saturday only, \$10 for Sunday only.

For more information: Call 833-3108, ask for the Midwest Conference.

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - July 28, 1993

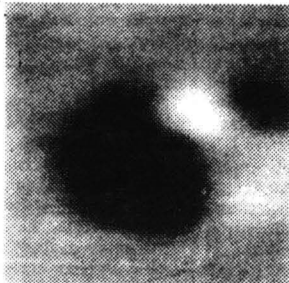
UFO Avoids Midsummer Sizzle, Keeps Tourists In Suspense *Expert Declares Video Authentic Documentary*

by Bland Pugh

It has been quite sometime since the Gulf Breeze UFO "red light" made an appearance. This has been a disappointment for some summer vacationers, as we last saw the UFO around June 10. There have been some anomalies seen and a few objects that have been confused as the UFO, but nothing that could be confirmed has been sighted.

I continue to receive reports from Jeffrey Sainio on the "Philip" tape, he seems to be extremely impressed with its quality. The following is an excerpt of a letter I received from Jeff:

A hovering spherical UFO is seen through a window for some 10 seconds, until the UFO zips leftward off-screen. The camera is presumably hand-held, and bouncy, but the windowsill (visible most of the time) is useful as a reference. Focus is proper for the duration. The video quality is good; color is stable, exposure is OK, and the magnification is unchanging.



Hovering Spherical UFO

The photo published here shows a sub-pixel-resolved image derived from expanding and averaging 8 frames of the UFO while it hovered. The image verifies what seems apparent on the video; A bright spot, presumably sun-reflection, is consistent with the claimed direction, time, and sun position. There are presumed artifacts to the right, typi-

cal for video; the bright upper spot on the UFO causes a dark spot to its right, while the dark lower spot generates a light spot to its right. This is perfectly typical of camcorders and should not be assumed to be part of the UFO....in an additional paragraph Sainio says: The UFO moves about 90 times its own diameter per second.

On a personal note, all of us in the local MUFON chapter want to wish Patti a speedy recovery from her recent encounter with Sacred Heart Hospital. Patti was able to come to the skywatch on Saturday evening and it sure was great seeing her smiling face there again. Keep looking up, Patti.

Remember, those of you who would like to come out on a skywatch, we are at Shoreline Park South every evening beginning around sundown. Most evenings we are there until 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. We welcome all who wish to come and join us. You would be amazed at the interesting people

who do come out, they are from almost every state in the union and from all over the world.

One more tid bit....Rebecca and Scotty Williams of Channel 12, Chattanooga, TN sent Gary Watson and me a copy of the broadcast she did on the evening news, Rebecca is the News Anchor for that station. Her report was a three part series. The first, was based on the current sightings occurring in the Chattanooga area. She then reported on the cattle mutilations and UFO sightings in Fyffe, AL. Third, Rebecca covered the Gulf Breeze sightings, showing the Martin "Allen, Philip, and Bryant" pictures & videos. Let me tell you something folks, the quality of that broadcast was amazing, it was totally void of sarcasm and cutesy remarks, only factual reporting and fair coverage were presented. What a breath of fresh air that was!

Well folks, that's it for this week, remember to Keep Looking Up and Behind You....

BLADE-CITIZEN, Oceanside, CA - Sept. 5, 1993

Nevada site raises suspensions

By D. Wade Booth
Staff Writer

Among UFOlogists, a site dubbed Area 51 in the desolate Nevada desert is the cornerstone of controversy for their claims of a government cover-up of extraterrestrial visitors.

UFOlogists claim the military has been testing their SR-71 spy plane replacement there. And, they say, the technology used to make such advanced aircraft is either absconded from or perhaps given to them by alien visitors.

They said they believe the craft is not military and claim the government is hiding recovered unearthly technology there, perhaps in underground bunkers.

"UFOs are seen out there all the time," said Don Ecker, research director for UFO Magazine. "There have been dozens of videos taken by civilians of anomalous objects rising above the mountains and performing heretofore unbelievable and nonprosaic acrobatics."

UFO skeptics say the site is simply a testing ground for conventional military aircraft.

The cloak of government secrecy and high security surrounding the site at the huge Nellis Air Force Base Range between Tonopah and Las Vegas, Nev., only fuels their suspicions.

Officials from neither the U.S. Air Force nor U.S. Department of Energy, which has facilities at Nellis, will disclose what occurs on the 3 million-plus-acre range, but acknowledge they have tested some of the fastest, most advanced planes in the world there.

Air Force Col. Steve Martin, a spokesman for Nellis, refused to acknowledge Area 51.

The U2, X-15 and SR-71, or Blackbird spy plane, and the F-117 stealth fighter were tested there years ago. Last year, after more than 30 years in flight, the Air Force retired the Blackbird after a supersonic, record-setting coast-to-coast flight.

"The Air Force has never retired anything without a replacement," Ecker said. "They are flying stuff out there that literally defies imagination."

UFO experts said "Senior Citizen" or the "Aurora Project" is a code name for the latest aircraft reportedly being tested at Area 51. They claim a combination of methane and hydrogen gas powers the aircraft. Witnesses have said the exhaust from the jet puffs out jet trailings rather than a steady stream common with most planes.

CR: D. Clements

Findings interested Stalin

Knapp said he plans to make a TV documentary and possibly write a book on his Soviet research. He said his findings include:

■ Stalin himself demanded to be briefed by scientists on the possibility of UFOs, and approved studies of reports of the crafts.

■ In "the most spectacular incident," in 1984 a UFO hovered over a Soviet base for intercontinental nuclear missiles in the Ukraine for about four hours.

Just before the UFO disappeared, the missiles' control panel lights came on, indicating the missiles were suddenly ready to be launched. Then the UFO vanished and the panel lights went off again.

"The interpretation was that it was showing us it could control our own weapons, and use them against us if necessary," Knapp said.

■ Over the years, 40 Soviet warplanes reported encountering and firing upon UFOs.

Almost all of the UFOs disappeared as soon as they were attacked, but three turned on the So-

"Some of it sounds like the most far-out, New Age stuff. You have to slap yourself and remember who it was doing it — and they were damn serious."

— George Knapp, UFO researcher

viet jets. All three planes' engines immediately stopped, and they crashed, Knapp said.

After the crashes, the Soviet policy for pilots who encountered UFOs became, "Get the hell out of there," Knapp said.

■ Soviet spies reported that U.S. astronauts had several encounters with UFOs that were kept from the general public.

"We knew that already, but this gives us more information," Knapp said.

■ Soviet scientists were studying "remote viewing," a telepathic means of looking at areas far beyond normal eyesight.

"Some of it sounds like the most far-out, New Age stuff," Knapp said. "You have to slap yourself and remember who was doing it — and they were damn serious."

Security adviser helped

Knapp began investigating UFO sightings as a reporter for a Las Vegas TV station, and obtained U.S. documents on UFO research. About two years ago, he quit journalism to research UFOs full-time.

When the Soviet Union collapsed, he decided to try to get a look at Soviet UFO research.

"It occurred to me, 'Hey, the same sort of thing might have been happening there,'" he said.

He hired Nikolai Kapronov, a Russian scientist who had worked as a national security adviser for the Soviet government, to set up a Moscow office and begin trying to obtain UFO-related documents.

French and British researchers also were after the Soviet records, Knapp said, but Kapronov's expertise helped guide the U.S. team to the material first.

speaking by phone from his office near Las Vegas.

Knapp said their motivation was simple: "They basically said, 'If we could figure out how the UFOs work, we could kick America's butt on Stealth technology.'"

They also wanted "plasma-beam weapons" to use in Star Wars plans, he said.

They didn't obtain the secrets they wanted, he added.

In addition to Knapp, seven other top UFO researchers and a panel of people who say they have been abducted by UFOs are scheduled to speak at the Springfield conference.

Topics will include "The Bible and UFOs," unexplained patterns that have appeared in crop fields and NASA footage of UFOs.

Carpenter said the NASA lecture, by physicist and astronomer Jack Casher, is interesting because Casher originally believed NASA's explanation that flashing lights filmed outside space capsules were just fragments of ice.

"His whole thing was to try to prove that NASA was right and that it was ice particles, and instead he proved the opposite," she said.

UFO Forum wants secret files opened

BY JIM JONES
Editor

A group of demonstrators who marched in front of the White House Monday to demand that President Clinton make a full disclosure of government UFO secrets and hold a public inquiry into the phenomena, have kindred spirits in Southeast Volusia.

"My personal goal is to expose as many people as possible to the UFO/ET facts, and let them make their own decisions," said Jenna Bartlett, 61, of Lime Tree Drive.

Bartlett, founder of UFO Forum, a group that meets in Edgewater twice a month, said, "I believe the wealth of investigative material available proves the existence of UFOs and that extraterrestrials are here, and that this material nullifies the tabloid's sensationalism and government disinformation."



BARTLETT

Bartlett has been interested in UFOs for nearly 50 years, or "since I was old enough to realize it was immense vanity to think we're the only ones" in the universe.

"I remember asking my mother, 'Isn't it crazy that we're supposed to be the only intelligent beings in the universe?'"

Although she has frequently despaired that the government would ever open its UFO files, she believes that may change in the near future, thanks in part to Operation Right to Know, the group that organized Monday's demonstration in Washington.

Bartlett subscribes to the theory that a secret government organization, the Majestic group, which was started by President Harry Truman, has succeeded in keeping the lid on UFO secrets.

"Reagan made some very strong statements. He came right out and said, 'They are here.' There's no question that he knew. And of course, Jimmy Carter saw a UFO and said so. Carter, before he was elected, said he would open up the UFO files and declassify them. But after he got into office, he didn't," Bartlett said.

even though UFO believers themselves are divided on what they show.

The photographs show three circular-shaped cloud formations and one larger cigar-shaped formation, against a gray horizontal backdrop of stratus clouds.

Bartlett believes the three circular formations could be "scout ships" and the cigar-shaped cloud could be a "mother ship."

"They just sat there in a group," she said. "They had been there about two hours and yet they were gone within four minutes after the launch."

"Although I'm crazy to see them (UFOs), I try to keep an open mind," Bartlett said, acknowledging that her photographs may depict only an interesting weather phenomenon.

Bartlett believes Florida is a "hot spot" for UFO activity, citing interest in the space program and the Gulf Breeze sightings a few years ago, when alleged UFO photographs were published in the *Gulf Breeze Sentinel*.

Bartlett was employed as a probate and taxation paralegal for a law firm in Manchester, N. H., before giving up her job to move to Florida and write fulltime.

She has completed six unpublished science fiction novels on "near-future environmental things." She also writes free-lance articles on dogs, horses, hiking and backpacking and is planning to write some short stories on UFOs.

While Bartlett moved to Florida to write fulltime, her interest in UFOs sometimes overshadows her pursuit of a publisher.

"I wrote President Clinton that I objected to paying one hundred million dollars for SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) when the evidence is overwhelming that ETs are here and the government knows it! Maybe Operation Right to Know's march at the White House July 5 will help to bring this to his attention," she said.

"I have to believe we're being watched and helped. These entities are here to help," she said.

"The dissenters and debunkers are those who have not taken the trouble to read about the phenomenon," she said.

While Bartlett concedes there "may be some very good reasons" why the government hasn't made its UFO secrets public, she believes "90 percent of the population already knows. They have to let the people know."

Bartlett is appalled by the sensational treatment usually accorded UFO believers. And while she knows many will never share her belief, she says, "I don't care anymore."

UFO Forum began meeting once a month in March with about five people. The group has grown to about 25, ages 17-75, and now meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Edgewater Library from 7-9 p.m.

"It's sort of like Alcoholics Anonymous. You don't ask anything specific unless they volunteer. Many have been ridiculed. They don't want to come right and share their experiences. It's like heaven to be among people who aren't calling them crazy," she said.

While many keep their feelings or experiences with UFOs to themselves, Bartlett said she has never kept her beliefs a secret. She relates one experience when taking a taxi to a UFO meeting. "I got in with all my paraphernalia and the driver said, 'You believe in that junk?' Then immediately, he said, 'I've seen two of those things.'"

"There are many, many more sightings than people can report," she said.

While Bartlett is an ardent believer in UFOs, she sadly admits that she has never positively seen one.

A native of Maine, she once saw some strange lights in the sky in New Hampshire, where she spent most of her adult life.

"And then there was nothing else until I came here," she said of her move to Edgewater two years ago.

At a January launch of the Endeavour space shuttle at Kennedy Space Center, she photographed some strange cloud formations which she believes could be UFOs.



PHOTOS BY JENNA BARTLETT

THREE SAUCER-SHAPED clouds could be seen near Kennedy Space Center before a January space shuttle launch.



COULD THIS CIGAR-SHAPED cloud be a 'mother ship'?

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Astronomers examine UFO reports

By Greg Kavan

Assistant Editor

It is estimated by some that 15 million people claim to have seen an unidentified flying object, a UFO.

People believe wholeheartedly that they have seen one of these flying saucers, changing colors in the sky and moving quickly through space.

Dr. Gary Carlson, astronomy, said UFOs are a recent invention.

"Only technological societies have seen UFOs. Many people think if we can do it, why can't someone else?" Carlson said.

According to NOVA, a weekly program on public television, the UFO phenomenon started in 1947 in Washington state when Kenneth Arnold claimed to have seen an object. The United States government soon became involved fearing that a Soviet attack would not be able to be reported, due to the telephone lines being tied up with UFO reports.

This spawned project Blue Book in which the government recorded all sightings. The project was stopped some years later when it was decided there was not enough evidence to warrant the project's continuation.

According to Theodore P. Snow, author of *The Dynamic Universe*, the possibility of space craft coming to earth is very rare.

"The nearest star is four light years away; calculations based on known propulsion systems indicate that it would take roughly 40 years to get from there to here . . . and the estimated energy needed would be enough to power the entire United States at present consumption rates for a hundred years."

Although astronomers conclude that there probably are not UFOs most believe that there is probably life in the universe other than earth.

According to Carl Sagan, a well-known and highly respected astronomer, "The most optimistic estimates, in the view of many, about the number of civilizations that might be in the galaxy is on the order of a million, which means that only one in roughly 200,000 stars has such a civilization."

Many efforts are currently underway to try to

communicate with these other possible civilizations.

Most utilize a radio telescope to send and receive messages, periodically testing various frequencies and aimed at various star clusters.

According to Snow, there have already been some projects started to contact other life. Project Ozma in the 1960s, searched for signals from nearby sun-like stars and project Serndip utilizes a special instrument attached to a radio telescope.

"Recently NASA initiated a project called *High Resolution Microwave Survey* which will use a combination of dedicated telescopes and shared time on other facilities to carry out a search of over a million stars," according to Snow.

Carlson said there have been projects to send messages to other civilizations, but scientists don't expect an answer for the next 10,000 years.

"It is a long-term project," Carlson said.

According to Jay M. Pasachoff, author of *Astronomy: From the Earth to the Universe*, the message was sent to the globular cluster M13. Contained in the message is information about the earth coded in binary numbers.

We may be getting some "free air time" though, according to Snow, because each radio and television show is sent into space. Snow estimates that there is a sphere with a radius of over 50 light-years filled with our broadcasts.

"You can imagine a wavefront surrounding the Earth, traveling at the velocity of light, and carrying on it Duffy's Tavern, the 1928 election returns, and Enrico Caruso arias," Sagan said.

According to George Wald, a biology professor at Harvard, "There is no question that we live in an inhabited universe that has life all over it." Krister Stendahl, a leading theologian of the Lutheran Church and professor at Harvard Divinity School, said he is hopeful for other life in the universe.

"When I think as a theologian on the possibilities of life beyond Earth and even communication with such life, my first reaction is, that's great! It seems always great to me, when God's world gets a little bigger and when I get a somewhat more true view of my place and my smallness in that universe," Stendahl said.

Roswell's Legacy

Flying saucers and military cover-ups

BY GILLIAN SENDER

If Don Schmitt has his way, by the end of 1994, Roswell, New Mexico will be a location known to most people. Back in 1947 a UFO allegedly crashed in Roswell. Schmitt, author and UFO investigator, has spent the last five years trying to prove the military recovered the bodies of extraterrestrial beings from the crash and covered up the evidence.

As the special investigator for the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), Schmitt said he is dedicated to continuing the work that Dr. Hynek began. Until his death in 1986, Hynek was considered the pre-eminent authority on UFO phenomena. A physics professor, Hynek became involved with UFOs as a scientific consultant to the Air Force Blue Book Project. He coined the phrase "close encounters of the third kind," and worked as a technical advisor on the movie of the same name. Schmitt spent eight years working and training with Hynek. A good UFO investigator, explained Schmitt, is judged according to the amount of solved and explained cases, not by the number investigated. Schmitt said he solves more than 90 percent of the UFO cases he investigates.

Schmitt said prior to investigating the Roswell case five years ago, he often would publicly express his skepticism concerning crash recoveries. He and author Kevin Randle "thought we could go down to Roswell and prove once and for all that [a cover-up] didn't exist. The government couldn't keep something of this magnitude a secret. And they haven't. The Roswell case has been leaking for years."

Schmitt and Randle recorded 500 interviews with retired generals, colonels, captains, military police, intelligence and other military officials, and civilians.

"We have six generals telling us that it is true—Roswell happened. We have eight living witnesses describing the recovered bodies, and we have two dozen witnesses describing the material [the unfamiliar material retrieved at the crash site]," Schmitt said.

In the 1991 book *UFO Crash At Roswell*, Schmitt and Randle document the July 1947 events. Research suggests there were two crash sites: debris was retrieved at one site; extraterrestrial bodies at the other. A few months ago, Schmitt secured a deathbed statement from a military official. "That's the eighth deathbed statement just on the bodies alone," he said.

Numerous witnesses said the material was as thin as newsprint and light as a feather. It couldn't bend, burn, or be dented with a sledgehammer. It was lighter and stronger than anything they had ever seen.

Schmitt said there have been several cases where families discover just prior to the death of a loved one that the person had been involved in the Roswell events. For example, in the last two days of one MP's life, "all he could talk about was Roswell." The family is bitter because the MP lived with his fear for all these years; they feel robbed because the last few precious days of this man's life were spent talking about Roswell, Schmitt said.

In 1947, the 509th Bomb Group based in Roswell was the only atomic bomber group in the entire world. Typically, the 509th shared very little with their families. The United States, although fresh from a World

War II victory, felt threatened about developments in communist Russia—Roswell Army Air Field was a top secret, extremely sensitive military base.

On Sunday, July 6, 1947, rancher Mac Brazel carried some strange debris into the Roswell Sheriff's office. The military was immediately notified, and Colonel William Blanchard and Major Jesse A. Marcel arrived at the scene to examine the material.

Numerous witnesses describe the material as "thin as newsprint and light as a feather. It was slightly flexible but very strong. The material would not bend, nor would it burn or be dented with a sledgehammer. The material was lighter and stronger and more fire resistant than anyone had ever seen, and heaven help us if the Russians had that type of material at this time."

Early the next morning, Brazel took the military officers to the crash site. Marcel said in a 1978 interview that the material was "nothing from the Earth." He described the debris area as "three-quarters of a mile long and 200 to 300 feet across, with a gouge at the

top end of it that was about 500 feet long and 10 feet wide."

On the way back to the base later that night, Marcel stopped at his home to show the debris to his family. Although Marcel has since passed away, Schmitt interviewed Marcel's son, Jesse Jr. In a hypnotic session, Jesse Jr. described the material to Schmitt and John Watkins, a psychologist, professor, researcher and hypnotist. Under hypnosis Jesse repeated that his father said "the debris was from a flying saucer."

On July 8, 1947, Walter Haunt, the 509th Public Information Officer, released a press release that stated in part, "The many rumors regarding the flying disc became a reality yesterday. ... The flying object landed on a ranch near Roswell sometime last week." Later that day, the military retracted that press release and said the debris was identified as a weather balloon.

The Air Force invited a newspaper photographer to take pictures of military personnel posing with a weather balloon. All the hoopla surrounding the recaptured flying

saucer died down and remained dormant until Marcel began speaking to the press nearly 30 years after the incident. Schmitt said if Marcel were the only one talking he would not be working on the case, but Marcel is not the only one who talked. Over time, witnesses—albeit reluctantly—gave matching testimony.

"The military has done a damn good job of discrediting the subject," Schmitt said. "You name it; they did it: pressure on the press, editors, reporters."

Several journalists working on the case told Schmitt and Randle that military personnel searched their offices and removed recorded interviews, papers and notes regarding the Roswell incident. After Roswell, the military moved in to stop all reports. "Project Blue Book is a master plan of manipulating the press," Schmitt said.

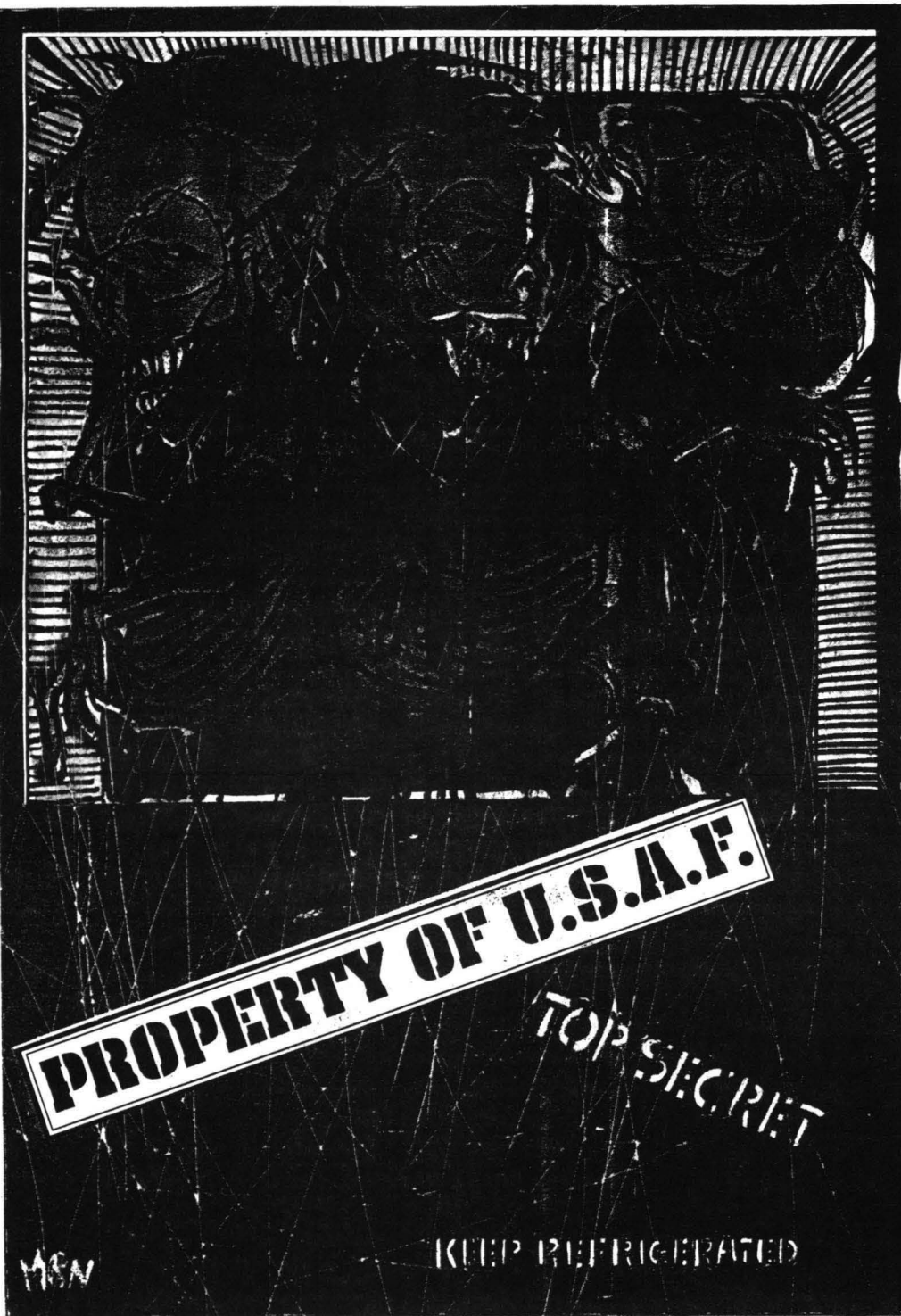
Project Blue Book was the Air Force's official UFO investigation program. All the Air Force's UFO investigative cases are declassified and supposed to be in Project Blue Book. In 1948, the Air Force investi-

gated UFOs under the name Project Sign. Later the program's name was changed to Project Grudge, and in 1953 it became Project Blue Book.

"Project Blue Book's objectives were twofold," said Mark Ridley, librarian at the Modern Military Reference Branch. "The first was to determine whether UFOs posed a threat to United States security. The second was to determine whether UFOs exhibited any unique scientific information and advanced technology that could contribute to scientific or technical research."

On Dec. 17, 1969, the Blue Book Program was terminated. An official Air Force press release stated in part, "The decision to discontinue UFO investigations was based on a number of factors. ... No UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of a threat to our national security. ... Between 1948 and 1969 the Air Force investigated 12,618 reported UFO sightings. Of these, 11,917 were found to have been caused by material ob-

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—illustration by Mark R. Nergaard

jects such as balloons, satellites, and aircraft; immaterial objects such as lightning, reflections, and other natural phenomena; astronomical objects such as stars, planets, the sun, and the moon; weather conditions; and hoaxes. Only 701 reported sightings remain unexplained."

Project Blue Book was eventually declassified and transferred to the Modern Military Reference Branch and National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Schmitt's mentor, J. Allen Hynek, was hired by the Air Force in 1952 as a scientific consultant for Project Blue Book, but after discovering that some of the more dramatic unexplained sightings were transferred elsewhere, he started CUFOs. Brad Radcliffe, Schmitt's assistant at CUFOs, explained, "Hynek felt Project Blue Book was merely a public relations front. Reports of lights in the sky were forwarded to Project Blue Book. But the ones with police officers chasing [the UFOs], or people reporting alien beings, or the Air Force encountering UFOs, were reported to Langley Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., Wright Patterson in Ohio, and the Pentagon."

Schmitt said Hynek told him several times in private conversations that "UFOs threatened national security so they were not part of the Blue Book system. It was part of another investigation."

Schmitt said one of his Pentagon sources, a colonel, told him, "There is a top-secret investigation that continues today. There is a top-secret organization on top of Blue Book, and that is where your Roswell case is."

There is no mention of the Roswell Case in Project Blue Book. Edward Reese of the Military Reference Branch of the National Archives said he has been dealing with Project Blue Book since 1973. He made extensive searches among the released documents under the subjects MJ-12, majestic, unidentified flying objects, UFO, flying saucers,

extraterrestrial biological entities and Aquarius, and "these searches were all negative."

Reese admitted he finds it "strange" that there is no mention of Roswell, even though there is an official military answer. "Although the Air Force listed a balloon as an explanation for the Roswell case, the balloon is not listed in Blue Book."

If a weather balloon is the reason for the Roswell incident, then the case should not be classified. Several weather balloons were recovered in the 1940s and '50s, but none of these cases was classified and the finders were often given permission to keep the balloon.

The Roswell case is still guarded by intense security. The retired officers are often reluctant to speak: "They are still under military regulations that make any disclosure sensitive to UFO material punishable by a forfeiture of any pension and benefits, plus a \$10,000 fine and/or prison," Schmitt said.

Schmitt said several top military officials say they are "sworn to secrecy and couldn't talk to us. Why after all these years are military men telling us they are sworn to secrecy for a weather balloon?"

Schmitt said when initially contacted, many officers at first deny their involvement with Roswell. In Schmitt's book, *UFO Crash At Roswell*, a plainclothes senior counter intelligence agent, a member of the predecessor to the current CIA, is quoted throughout but never mentioned by name.

"At first he would say he wasn't there. Then when we showed him documents that place him there, he would say, 'well, nothing was recovered.' Then he would tell me he was there, but it was a radio sound balloon. But that is the wrong balloon. The official explanation is a Rawin target balloon. Why is he telling us that it is the wrong balloon?"

However, in Schmitt's follow-up book to *UFO Crash*—scheduled for release in late

1993—the counter-intelligence officer, Sheridan Cavitt, is identified. Cavitt leaked crucial information to Schmitt and Randle. "We have him on tape saying it could very well have been a flying saucer," Schmitt said.

Critics contend that military officers would be reprimanded for speaking out of line. Schmitt disagrees. "Officially they can't talk to us. But they talk to us off the record." There is also a Catch-22. If the debris are from a weather balloon, then where is the violation? "But if it is the real thing, and if there is a reprimand, then they are blowing the cover. They are conceding that they did break security," Schmitt said.

For example, Brigadier General Arthur E. Exon, while a lieutenant colonel, was at Wright Field in July 1947. In *UFO Crash At Roswell*, Schmitt wrote, "He was there when the wreckage from the Roswell crash came in and was aware of the recovery in New Mexico. He knew that it was brought in and knew where it was sent. ... He saw the wreckage, and learned from his colleagues that the bodies had arrived on the base."

"Here we have a general officer telling us that Roswell happened and that it is true," Schmitt said. He is a general—who is going to reprimand him? "And as Exon told me, he could tell the vice president where to go," Schmitt added. "This is his testimony. He can't prove the physical reality of Roswell, but he can tell us that it happened."

As the officers reach their declining years, more and more are beginning to talk. In addition to the eight deathbed statements describing the bodies, the second book will include eight living testimonies. All the testimonies described the bodies identically: "They are humanoid; approximately 4 feet in height. Slightly disproportionate heads; larger eyes; ashen grey skin, and wearing aluminum one-piece jump suits," Schmitt said.

The Air Force vehemently disagreed with Schmitt's conclusions. An Air Force press release states in part, "Periodically, it is erroneously stated that the remains of extraterrestrial visitors are or have been stored at Wright-Patterson AFB. There are not now, nor ever have been, any extraterrestrial visitors or equipment on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base."

Before believing the government, Schmitt said people should examine the evidence: Government documentation and the testimony of collaborative witnesses. Schmitt said six congressional offices are convinced there is a cover-up. "The question is, will they push for hearings?"

Congressional hearings could exercise subpoena power with many witnesses who are still sworn to secrecy. But time is running out; the witnesses are getting older.

Schmitt believes 1994 will be a key year for the Roswell case. Documentaries by CBS, CNN, and French and Australian production companies are in the works; a well-known movie star will portray Major Marcel in an upcoming film.

This publicity could very likely ensure the opening of government documents. With the release of part two of *UFO Crash At Roswell*, the movie, and the numerous documentaries, Schmitt hopes public pressure will push the government for a full disclosure.

"They might not have all the answers but they do know the truth," Schmitt said. "The truth being the UFO phenomenon is real. I am convinced of this."

The government's current position is similar to the last scene in Steven Spielberg's film, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, where, after the government finally receives the mysterious ark, officials place the ark in a crate and bury it with thousands of other crates. Hynek, a close friend of Spielberg, told Schmitt this was Spielberg's intent. After nearly 50 years, the cover-up is beginning to unravel.

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Out-of-space ideas on the fate of Mars probe

By GARY SOULSMAN
Staff reporter

If you're listening, Mars Observer — phone home.

Without you, it's getting harder to tell science from science fiction.

The probe was attacked by Martians to see if there's life on Earth, goes one joke.

Not so, says Wilmington's George Wolkind.

"The probe was damaged by a thought-projected energy beam and blew up. The evidence will be found near the moon Phobos."

He's more than half-serious.

We may never know what happened to the \$980 million spacecraft that stopped communicating with NASA this week. But opinions are in ample supply.

Wolkind is a 48-year-old painting contractor and student of UFOs. He argues that extraterrestrials are more than movie fodder and that they blew up the probe to get our attention.

Which, in his view, is not the same as believing Elvis pirated the spacecraft to Graceland or that "Benlate ate the Observer."

■ NASA suspects transistors ... A3

It's hard to tell what's silly or not when it comes to space.

"I think there's something on the Observer that may threaten the universe, including our own planet," said Cary Dickey of Wilmington, another believer in alien life. He wonders if NASA had a hidden agenda with the mission.

"We're not being told anything because it's considered top se-

cret," he said. "That implies other life may have intervened. Space entities have been known to stop us from doing things that threaten the rest of the universe."

Dr. Norman F. Ness strongly disagrees. He's president of the Bartol Research Institute, an astronomy and physics center affiliated with the University of Delaware.

Ness and a team had a project on the Observer. To him, theories about aliens and NASA are interesting but for what they say about people rather than science.

His team was hoping to learn Mars' magnetic field and measure its pull. Now it looks as if a miracle is needed to recover the craft, he said.

"I can assure you what happened has everyone very de-

pressed," he says. "We don't need this for science or for the reputation" of NASA.

George Reynolds, Maryland section director of the Mutual UFO Network, which investigates UFO sightings, says speculation about aliens stems from a theory about extraterrestrial bases given credence several years ago. It was promoted by Richard Hoagland, an educator and former consultant with the Goddard Spaceflight Center in Greenbelt, Md., and other organizations.

He used a computer to analyze pictures of Mars taken on earlier NASA missions. He argued in a book called "The Monuments of Mars" that the photos showed pyramids, a pentagonal building and the crushed walls of a city.

This week, Hoagland was heard

from again. He complained that a "rogue group" in NASA shut down the Observer to keep pictures from being shown.

"There is an inside group that does not want this pursued. Maybe they literally pulled the plug," said Hoagland.

A spokesman for NASA said nothing could be further from the truth. Others in Delaware found the alien and NASA theories unbelievable, too.

"I cannot accept that it was shot down by an alien or that our government is keeping something from us," said Stephanie Wright, director of aerospace education for Delaware schools. "I've been assuming the problem was another human error and I keep hoping they are going to get it fixed."

Group supports those who have seen UFOs

First meeting brings 25 to share stories

By Fran Schwiermann
Staff Reporter

An object in the sky the size of a football field followed her automobile as she drove up Beechwood Road with her children, one woman said.

Bright lights swooped down on them at Stonelick Lake, said two girls.

These three people were among the 25 who shared experiences during a UFO support group meeting June 29 at the Milford branch of the Clermont County Public Library.

Organizing a group for those who have had "close encounters" has been the dream of Peggy Black, a Wayne Township resident whose husband, Jerry, has investigated UFOs for 43 years.

The Blacks had one UFO sighting together, and Peggy believes she has been abducted. No one other than the Blacks identified themselves during the support group meeting; participants agreed to be quoted only if they remained anonymous.

"Sometimes you can't even talk to your family about it because you're afraid of being thought of as an oddball or that you were drunk," Peggy Black said.

She wanted to start a support group

similar to Compassionate Friends, a group the Blacks joined after their 4-year-old daughter, Melissa, died from brain cancer in 1982.

"We don't have the answers about UFOs and extraterrestrials," Jerry Black told the group, "but we know they exist."

One woman said during the drought of 1988 or 1989 she had been in a pool with her two children at their home on Branch Hill-Guinea Pike when they saw a "classic flying saucer, that eventually drifted off."

Another woman said she was driving home about dark on Round Bottom Road with her three children in 1976 after shopping for school supplies.

Just as they were ready to turn onto Beechwood road, they saw a "huge, football field-size object."

"I realized it's what people call a UFO," she told the group. "I wanted to stop to get a better view, but my children were crying."

The object, which made no sound, followed them. "I was more curious than frightened," she said, but the children were so afraid she took them into the house to calm them down and didn't get a closer look.

Two young women reported that while they were walking at Stonelick Lake, four lights shone down on them for about 30 seconds, then swooped down on them.

Another woman said she had "blacked out" in a ditch at Stonelick Lake after an encounter.

Black took names and addresses on cards, but those attending did not identify themselves during the meeting.

He welcomed those who did not feel comfortable speaking during the meeting to phone him later. "We're not here to challenge or investigate. We're here to listen."

The group will meet every other month. Those interested may call Black at 625-2613.

Two other UFO researchers attended, Brian Thompson of Cincinnati and Pat Packard, who is organizing a local group, Association for Scientific Knowledge.

That group will do its own polygraph, photography and psychological inquiries rather than using a national organization. Packard wants to investigate recent reports of people claiming to have implants inserted by extraterrestrials and women who have said they have had fetuses taken from them.

Some in the group had theories about their experiences, from "gods of our past," or "someone from another dimension and spiritual world," or

"beings from a world where nuclear waste has killed their ability to reproduce."

As a few of the conversations drifted to cattle mutilations and Big Foot, Thompson channeled the discussion back to UFOs.

The Blacks' own experience happened in the 1970s as they were driving home from Indiana. Three lights followed them and changed formations in the sky.

Peggy Black recently underwent hypnosis, in which she saw her husband abducted and placed on a table.

However, Jerry Black said, "I'm not willing to buy that until I go under hypnosis myself. I'm not comfortable that something happened that I can't control."

A month later, a neighbor reported seeing something hover over the Blacks' house, then streak away.

Black has investigated the 1975 abduction of Travis Walton, the basis of the movie, "Fire in the Sky."

He paid \$525 for a polygraph test of the woodsmen involved. "They passed it, so I believe it is a credible case." The polygraph test is mentioned in the credits of the movie, he said.

However, the experiences aboard the spacecraft as shown in the movie were "inaccurate," Black said. Producers said they were to indicate the fear Walton felt.



Black

UFO abductees find some friendly faces

By George de Lama

LOS ANGELES—The Rodney King civil rights trial is over, the anniversary of last year's riots has come and gone, and anxieties over the possibility of renewed civil unrest have given way to more mundane Southern California concerns.

Take the folks who gather the last Sunday of each month in the suburban La Crescenta home of hypnotist Yvonne Smith.

The meetings bring together local residents who have been abducted by aliens. This encompasses a growing number of people, it seems—enough for them to form their own support group.

Smith and members of the group say they know this sounds a little bit different, especially to people not from California.

But something definitely is going on out there that the government does not want people to know about, Smith says.

"Because it's controversial, there's still a certain stigma attached to it," she says, referring to what she describes as the increasingly common abduction-by-aliens experience.

The hypnotist says her 30-some clients include doctors, teachers, corporate executives, artists, construction workers and other average souls. Many of them were referred to her by psychologists and researchers in the field of UFOs.

The tales are eerily similar, Smith says, even though most of her clients never have met before nor told many people of their experiences before joining the abductees' support group.

"They'll be driving down the highway and see a light and a craft that's not a conventional craft, and they'll stop and stare at it," Smith says. "Their next memory they're down the highway a few miles, a couple hours have passed, and they can't account for the time."

That's called time loss in the field of extraterrestrial study, and it's common in the literature, Smith says. Many of her clients report being taken up into the aliens' crafts and examined, rigorously and invasively, by "humanoid" creatures curious about human sexuality and reproduction.

"Generally they have no hair, very large black eyes, no nose, ears and slits for mouths," she says. "It varies, but they're very much describing the same sort of beings."

Smith's clients have been poked, prodded and studied, shot up with needles and fitted with implants to help aliens track their subjects. Some of the men report that their sperm was extracted.

"People have scars and marks on their bodies that they can't explain, including very, very fresh incisions like those from surgery, on people who haven't had any surgery," she says.

Roofer John Stone, 36, says it has happened to him. He first remembers being abducted by aliens in 1980.

He was driving down Interstate Highway 5 late at night, about 80 miles south of Sacramento, Stone says, when a strange craft flew from side to side, very low, in front of him.

The next thing he knew it was several hours later, and a woman he planned to meet that night was not happy about his explanation for being late. "I told her I saw a UFO and she said, 'Oh sure,'" Stone says.

Since beginning hypnosis with Smith last year, Stone has undergone regression therapy and found that he remembers being abducted once before during childhood, he says. His latest brush with aliens came last month, but having the support group has helped immensely, he says.

"These things I'm telling you, I know they sound like bizarre statements, and I always kept them to myself," Stone says. "Until now that I met this support group, and I feel like finally I belong somewhere."

Smith has heard all the skeptics and all the jokes, but is convinced her clients do not suffer from delusions. Don't be surprised, she says, if similar support groups spring up around the country.

'We're being studied, for what reason I don't know.'



TRIBUNE-REVIEW, Greensburg, PA - Aug. 22, 1993 CR: S. Gordon



Stan Gordon of Greensburg, director of PASU, greets Sharon Tinkey of Greensburg

Aliens, Bigfoot draw crowd

By Cathy Lubenski
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

"Feel my head," Terry urges, indicating a spot on the top of her head. "This is where the aliens inserted a probe."

A tentative feel confirms a deep indentation in her skull.

Terry (not her real name) is a 43-year-old Brownsville-area housewife who claims to have been abducted from her bedroom by aliens hundreds of times since 1967, but more recently "two or three times a week."

Is it real? Real enough for tears to form in her eyes as she tells about the 7-inch needle inserted into her navel as part of a gynecological examination by extra terrestrials during one of the abductions. Doctors tell her she now has scar tissue on her ovaries, but she's never had any operations to account for it.

THE UNEXPLAINED

Terry was one of thousands of visitors to the ninth annual MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) and PASU (Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained) display Saturday in Westmoreland Mall, Greensburg.

The display was part of "a nationwide effort to bring the serious study of UFO sightings to the attention of the public" and ended a nationwide observance of UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) Information Week.

Stan Gordon of Greensburg, director of PASU and a state director of MUFON, greeted skeptics and believers alike yesterday, listened to their stories, and handed out sighting forms and information packets.

Seated at a table surrounded by plaster casts of alleged footprints made by Bigfoot in western Pennsylvania, Rick Berry, author of *Bigfoot on the East Coast*, took down names and phone numbers of people who think they might have seen the elusive 7-foot-tall, hairy creature.

David Shirley of Crabtree, bending over a previously classified Air

Force document, reflected the feelings of many when he said, "I'm not a believer; I'm not a disbeliever. If the government has records that they're holding, I believe they should let us know."

What if he saw something he couldn't explain? "I'd keep my mouth shut," he said. "They label you a kook if you say something."

SEEING BIGFOOT

That feeling was widespread. One tall young man stood patiently in the three-deep crowd at Berry's table waiting to talk to him. He refused to talk to anyone other than Berry without constant reassurance that none of the information used could identify him. He finally agreed to be called George (not his real name) and to say he's 23, lives in Greensburg and is employed by a weekly newspaper.

As a 19-year old at a Greenville college, he thought he saw Bigfoot while with some friends near some woods near the college late one night. "It was 7 feet tall and weighed about 300 pounds," George said. "It could've been anything or anyone ... maybe it was just a very large person."

But George believes Bigfoot exists. "There's just too much evidence, there have been too many people like me who have seen something that can't be explained any other way."

George has a need to be believed. "I could tell my parents," he said, "and they would think I need medical help."

BIGFOOT RESEARCHER

Berry, 30, is a former Green Beret who left the military to write books and research the Bigfoot phenomenon. He's never seen a Bigfoot, but has found footprints in Virginia on two different occasions.

A map of the East Coast on the back of his book shows 350 sightings in Pennsylvania since the early 1800s. Maryland is the only state even close to that number with 232 sightings.

"Pennsylvania is a hotspot for Bigfoot sightings," Berry said, "and Stan (Gordon) thinks there's a

connection between UFO and Bigfoot sightings because whenever there's a rash of UFO sightings, there are always a bunch of Bigfoot sightings, too."

Berry believes in Bigfoot and feels that one will be taken dead or alive in the next five years as man encroaches on the forests that are its home.

Anyone who wishes information on Bigfoot or has some information to share with Berry can write to him at P.O. Box 106, Stuart's Draft, Va., 24477.

ALIEN VISITS

Terry, the Brownsville housewife who's survived multiple alien abductions, also demanded secrecy. "I'm selective who I tell," she said. "My own family doesn't support me, they're very religious and they don't believe me."

Despite her hesitancy, her story is not unique. Gordon said reports of alien abductions are on the rise in the United States, as are cattle mutilations.

He feels the two may be part of a major genetic research program on humans conducted by aliens.

Gordon appeared on TV's "Unsolved Mysteries" in 1990, on a segment devoted to a UFO sighting in Kecksburg on Dec. 9, 1965. Eyewitnesses said an object came down in their area and that the military hauled it away on a flatbed truck. The military claims there was never anything to haul away, that the sighting was nothing more than a meteor that never hit the ground.

Gordon feels that a Congressional hearing and the granting of immunity to military personnel will clear up the controversy once and for all.

Gordon is committed to the dissemination of information about UFOs. He wants to know about sightings in western Pennsylvania.

Anyone who wishes an information packet from Gordon or who has information for him can write to 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, Pa. 15601.

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The UFO files Government should come clean

Demonstrators in Washington took advantage of a slow news day Monday to clamor for release of all government documents concerning Unidentified Flying Objects.

They claim the government is withholding 20,000 pages of information that proves the existence of UFOs.

Many sightings and events have been reported over the years, many of which apparently cannot be explained, and many whose explanations would not be acceptable.

There can be no national security issues involved here. What, if anything, could exist and be as superior as some reports indicate? Such technology could surely have zapped us long ago if its masters chose.

Acknowledging its existence wouldn't alter the fact. It is unlikely the government is withholding a deep, dark secret.

The government adds to the mystery by being mysterious about what, if any, documents it possesses. They should be released.

Dexter UFO sighting still a mystery 27 years later

By Douglas Iika
THE DETROIT NEWS

Was it swamp gas or aliens from another planet?

Michigan's most famous UFO case — March 1966 in the Dexter and Hillsdale areas — remains a mystery.

Witnesses included a man and his son who said they saw a spacecraft in the swamp behind their home, Dexter police officers who watched strange lights, and Washtenaw County sheriff's deputies who engaged the lighted objects in a high-speed chase.

The Michigan sightings were included in the last official U.S. government investigation of UFOs: Project Blue Book run by the U.S. Air Force.

Frank Manor, then 47, said he and his son ran toward some red and blue lights in a bog by their house.

"I got within 500 yards of that thing, and it looked pyramid-shaped," Manor said. "It had a light here and a light there, and what

looked like a porthole. It wasn't like the pictures of a flying saucer, and it had a coral-like surface."

Former Dexter Police Chief Robert Taylor said he rushed to the Manor house after they called police.

"We saw it from the hill; it looked like it was down in the swamp," Taylor said. "We saw the red glow in the swamp, and with the binoculars we could see it. It was a pulsating red light. We couldn't see anything but the lights."

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Deputy Buford Bushroe also responded to the Manor call.

"I didn't see the one that landed, but at 11:15 p.m. we were heading back into Ann Arbor when I looked up and saw these bluish-green, brilliant red and white lights," Bushroe said afterward.

"Either the lights went off or it took off with a tremendous burst of speed. It was about 1,500 feet above the ground. It moved along at about 100 mph. We were doing 70 (before losing it), and it stayed well ahead of us."

The U.S. Air Force sent J. Allen

Hynek, an astronomy professor at Northwestern University, to investigate the Hillsdale sightings.

Hynek concluded the strange lights were caused by swamp gas, a natural phenomenon that occurs from the decaying process of organic matter in swamps.

Hynek was supported by another Air Force investigator, Doug Fulton of Ann Arbor.

"Gases escape from the swamps, like this one at Dexter, and they'll ignite through spontaneous combustion. The gases are luminous, and they'll change in color from red to orange or blue. And the flame comes and goes very quickly. It's very weird, and it might look like anything."

The Air Force explanation was disputed by William E. Van Horn, Hillsdale County's civil defense director.

Van Horn said swamp gas could not account for high levels of radiation found near the sightings, or for the presence of boron, a metallic powder not normally found in the area.

NORTH COAST NEWS, Ocean Shores, WA - June 16, 1993

The crash that didn't happen

by Jim Clarkson

Last week Jim Clarkson told of the documents of eyewitness accounts of military activity in the area that night, and the military's denial of any involvement in the incident.

This week, he delves into the cover up and the crash site to finish the article.

Cover Up

Somehow the establishment theories of what happened, or didn't happen, at Elk River in 1979 are hard to accept when I consider the ever-increasing quantity of documented evidence that the government's treatment of UFOs amounts to nothing less than a cosmic Watergate. It is a grand lie told loud and long since 1947 and anyone who disagrees is ridiculed or, in some cases, intimidated into silence.

There are a number of excellent books available that treat this subject in-depth but, beyond all of the writing, I am swayed even more by an anecdote related to me by a now-retired FBI agent.

The agent said that his brother, whom he described as a very sober and conservative airline pilot with many years of service, was flying a domestic shuttle flight in broad daylight under normal conditions and good weather. Suddenly, the flight attendants and the passengers were in a state of panic. The pilot looked out the window and saw what had caused the commotion.

A large silver disk, complete with illuminated portholes, had matched course and speed with the airliner. He called to ground control and received radar confirmation that there was indeed an object of the size he described appearing on the screen. After a few minutes, the disk changed course, accelerating away from the airliner as if the plane was parked on the runway.

When the airliner landed, the flight crew and pilot were ushered into a room. There, two men in dark suits quickly flashed some type of government identification. Along with the company managers, they informed the crew members that if they wanted to keep their jobs, they would keep their mouths shut. Who can afford to lose a job or a pension, the pilot was reminded.

The immediate reaction to the story is: what about all the passengers? They saw it too, didn't they?

Most of them will be afraid to say anything. They will have all gone in a hundred different directions. And since no one prints the story and it doesn't get aired on television, it didn't really happen, did it?

Perhaps there should be a new definition for UFO — instead of Unidentified Flying Object it might also represent Unfortunate Fallacies Oppress.

Crash Site

The most disquieting quote from the Elk River crash came from an Army Major Padua at Fort Lewis. "We are not guarding anything at Elk River," he said. And at the time of the statement, made one week after the crash, it was true. The military had already come and gone, taking whatever it was they had found. But the major did not say that they had never guarded anything at Elk River.

In the course of investigating the Elk River crash I met a delightful gentleman who is also a very talented painter of Western scenes. He introduced me to his long-time friend and fishing companion, a retired policeman named Ed. Together, they drove me to the area where they believe the crash occurred.

I stood on a hillside surrounded by healthy young replanted trees about three to four feet high. I looked to the north and saw the Elk River Bridge and Highway 105 about two miles away across the mudflats. On the hillside below me there was a large, oblong area of scrub alder and brush surrounded on all sides by carefully planted trees.

Admittedly, I am no woodsman. I asked Ed what he was trying to show me. He smiled and asked me why anyone would waste the land, why plant all over an area and then leave one oblong patch to the wild alder trees? Then he told me that if you scrape the soil bare and then leave it, the area will be overrun by the scrub alder trees and brush in short order.

I cannot prove it, but I believe I

have stood at the crash site. Something fiery did fall out of the sky over the Elk River Bridge in November of 1979. But the reality of trying to maintain a career and a family and balancing this with the quest to learn the truth about the crash became too much. I have had to let it remain a very real and perplexing mystery.

I wonder how many more such mysteries remain unsolved for want of time and resources of the people who would fight the cover-ups, the maze of government and military bureaucracies. Perhaps our whole perspective on the universe would be forever altered if we, like true scientists, quit denying the existence of seemingly unexplainable events and open our minds to a new and larger reality.

Lest the skeptics dismiss what preceded without further analysis, I submit that the author is a law enforcement officer with 17 years of experience and further, that successful investigations are founded upon the accurate analysis of information and a wise assessment of the credibility of witnesses. The same standards of scrutiny that are employed in a criminal investigation have been applied in this case.

There is no doubt in my mind that the majority of the witnesses interviewed were sincerely conveying their account of an event they will never forget, that Sunday night of November 25, 1979, when a fiery UFO traversed the skies over Grays Harbor County from Elma to the Elk River Bridge, turned southward and crashed in the hills across from the mudflats.

If the evidence for the reality of this event was presented in a court of law, there is proof beyond a reasonable doubt that it occurred.

Where the mystery lies is in determining the identity of this aerial intruder and, more to the point, in answering the questions of why elements of the military sealed off the area, retrieved all the wreckage, and then, having removed or obliterated all the evidence at the crash site, went on to deny that they were ever here.

These questions lie at the heart of the Elk River crash and the entire UFO controversy.

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - July 21, 1993

Video Captures UFO's Exit Into Space

by Bland Pugh

Two weeks ago, I sent Jeffrey Saini copies of the Thomas "Bryant" slide and the "Philip" video for analysis. On Wednesday evening, he called to say that he'd just enough time to do a couple of preliminary tests on the two samples that I'd sent. I knew Jeff had been extremely busy, in that he has been analyzing my photos and tapes, plus others that have been sent to him from around the globe. Jeff was in Richmond, VA, at the MUFON International symposium over the 4th of July holiday weekend, where he showed the "Allen & Philip" video tapes and picture (slide). Those seeing this presentation were just a little more than excited. Both the "Allen" and the "Philip" tapes are highly significant in UFO research, as both show a UFO disappear. Accounts have been coming in for over 45 years from people saying they were observing a UFO when suddenly it would vanish. Now, the phenomenon has been captured on video tape. Jeff has said he feels that the UFO accelerated, then slowed as it exited the screen. He went on to say, it looked as if it were "cruising," just as you'd punch the accelerator on your car and then coast.

For those of you who have not seen this tape, let me attempt to paint a picture for you. The UFO is hovering in one spot for approximately ten to twelve seconds. It then darts to your left so fast that it becomes an elongated line. I'm sure many of you have tried to take a picture of the Blue Angels and when you have gotten your pictures back you probably were disappointed that they were streaked. This is caused by several things, camera movement, or the object moving faster than the film could absorb the image, thus causing a streak. If that explanation doesn't work for you, try setting your camera at 1/2 to 3/4 of a second, then take a picture of a car passing by several feet from you at about 55 m.p.h. while you hold the camera on one spot. I think you'll see what I mean.

A footnote to the "Philip" case...Saini has requested more information concerning this video. Since I received this tape through the mail with a written note only, I have no way of knowing how to get in

touch with "Philip." I would appreciate "Philip" contacting me again at: P.O. Box 6111, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561. I will know how to validate "Philip." We have need of more information as this will help authenticate this video and contribute to the solutions that the scientific community seeks in this phenomenon.

I had a call this week from Holt, FL, a gentleman there told me he saw four to six lights revolving in a clockwise motion for quite a long time. He, his wife and sister-in-law were sitting in their living room one evening last week when his sister-in-law began to hear something that sounded like a bug or buzzing sound outside the window. He went out to investigate and saw a group of lights moving around just above the tree line. He and the others watched this phenomenon for about thirty minutes when they decided to call a neighbor that lived down the way. The neighbor and his wife drove up to the house and watched the anomaly for quite sometime. After they had left a C-130 flew over, it had no bearing on the lights and did not disturb their pattern. After watching for quite a while longer, the man decided to go back into the house. He came back out thirty to forty minutes later and discovered that the lights had disappeared.

While on skywatch this weekend, someone asked me what I meant by "my drift" in last week's article. I had written the following: "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!" "My drift" simply meant, dear hearts, if I were a UFO driver that swamp would be one heck of a place to park a UFO if I didn't want someone to see me. Dig?

That about wraps up the UFO update for this week, remember to keep looking up and behind you.

HERALD, Titusville, PA - Aug. 23, 1993

UFO Reported

to TOM BOYLE
Herald Staff Writer

An unidentified red light which moved across the sky was seen about midnight on Saturday by several area residents.

Arnold "Ron" Heth told *The Herald* that he saw the mysterious object while looking out the kitchen window of his residence on Fort LeBoeuf Trail, west of Titusville.

He stated that he first noticed the light in the northeast sky on the edge of some pine trees.

"I thought it was a reflection," he said, "But then realized that it wasn't. I called my wife and looked at the object through our binoculars. It appeared to be a big, red image of something."

After several minutes the couple got out their camera, but by this time the object started moving in a southeasterly direction "towards Dempseytown."

Heth called the Corry-based state police and *The Herald* newsroom. Herald sports editor Rob Gates, who was the only one in the office at that time, spoke with Heth and then called the Seneca-based state police.

By this time the reported object had moved out of site into a cloud formation, according to Heth.

Heth described the object as being reddish-amber in color and "not large in size, about as big as a small moon."

He stated that the object was in view for about 20 minutes.

Neighbor Moe Schrock, who also saw the sphere, described it as resembling a plate. He said that the object headed south, started blinking, then dropped from the sky.

Schrock stated that the object appeared to be about 1,000 feet above the ground.

Georgian says evidence exists of UFO visits

But he says U.S. government is keeping it hidden

Mark Bondurant
STAFF WRITER

BEACHTON, Ga. — He calls it the mother of civil rights movements.

Ed Komarek, 43, a land investor who lives in rural Grady County, believes the U.S. government is withholding evidence — documents, crash debris, even extraterrestrial crash victims — that would show that Earth has been, and is being, visited by intelligent life from other planets and stars.

"This is a cosmic civil rights movement," Komarek said. "We are being kept from knowing the totality of our own existence and the existence of the rest of the universe around us."

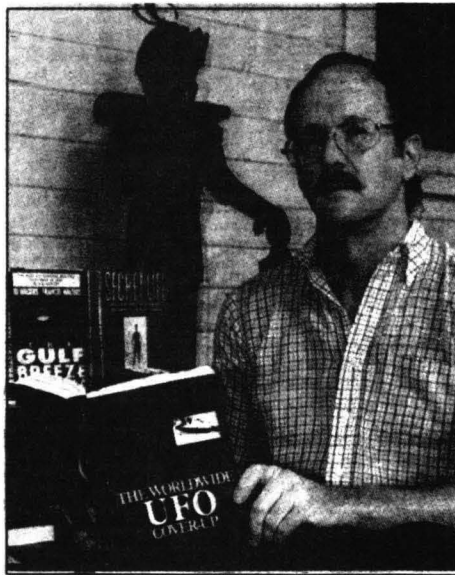
The national media covered Komarek in July when he and about 45 others marched in front of the White House demanding that the government disclose UFO "secrets" and launch an open, public in-

quiry into the phenomenon. He is co-founder of Operation Right to Know, a UFO activist group of about 200 members.

"I came to know this was real and not just believe that it was real," Komarek said. "What's important is not whether you believe or disbelieve. What's important is that you become informed."

Komarek said he had his first encounter with a UFO two weeks before his first Washington, D.C., demonstration in March 1992, but he was convinced that other beings were visiting Earth even before then.

Komarek said the night of the sighting, he had been working north of Cairo. "It came in as a bright red light with purple in the middle... it came in from the east going toward the west," Komarek said. "As it slowed down, the bright red light got dimmer... when it was hovering, there was no sound. It was hovering just over



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Ed Komarek, from Grady County, says the U.S. government is hiding evidence of UFO visits.

the treetops. Then it started to accelerate and the red light got brighter and brighter."

Komarek estimates there is a UFO sighting within a 30-mile radius of his home about once a week. People report sightings to him, he said. Acquaintances have told him they have been abducted or have had regular contact with extraterrestrials, he said.

W.C. Poppell, 56, of Whigham, said he and his wife were returning home from a visit with neighbors in 1961 when a flying craft passed over their car, and the ignition immediately cut off.

"She knew it was nothing like she'd seen, and I knew it was nothing like I'd seen," said Poppell, who sells storage tanks for fertilizer and chemicals. Poppell said that after it had passed, he restarted the car and drove home. But once home, he said he walked down the driveway and the craft returned, hovering for about 45 seconds, just 15 feet above him.

Poppell said the craft was about 25 feet in diameter and resembled two plates put together. Bluish-green lights encircled the craft. It appeared to be constructed of metal, and it made a humming sound as if it carried a turbine, he said. Suddenly, it flew west at "unbelievable speed," Poppell said. "It was like a flash and it was gone."

Bruce and Anne Morrison of Pensacola, Fla., have spent a few hours nightly for the past few years watching for UFOs at Gulf Breeze, Fla., across the bay from Pensacola.

They said they have documented about 180 sightings, which normally appear as one or a few blood-red lights. The red lights turn into a brilliant white ball, which flashes and fades to nothing, Morrison said.

Philip Klass, former editor of *Aviation Week & Space Technology* magazine, has written four books on UFOs, "looking for the prosaic explanations" to sightings. He is chairman of the UFO subcommittee for the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

Klass said that at least some of the lights the Morrisons have seen are red road flares suspended from balloons or kites. Road flares burn for 12 to 15 minutes and none of the red-light UFOs has appeared for longer than 10 to 12 minutes, he said.

Klass said Ed Walters, who made \$250,000 to \$500,000 on book and television rights when he broke the story of the alleged UFOs at Gulf Breeze, could be responsible for flying the flares past the UFO watchers.

"When I go to investigate a UFO case, I look for prosaic explanations," Klass said. "The problem with people like Ed (Komarek) and many others is they don't want to find prosaic explanations or they're too lazy to dig."

Facts dictate fresh look at UFOs

The phenomena are too widespread and too serious to keep ignoring

By GEORGE W. EARLEY

When private pilot Kenneth Arnold saw nine, fast-moving, crescent-shaped, tailless objects flying near Mount Rainier on June 24, 1947, he rang up the curtain on an aerial mystery that persists to this day.

Arnold clocked their speed at nearly 1,300 mph, faster than any known jet plane, and told newsmen in Pendleton that they "flew erratic, like a saucer would if you skip it across water." A newsmen dubbed them "flying saucers."

Within a few days, saucers were being sighted in virtually every state, and the U.S. Air Force began what would be a 22-year investigation of saucer sightings.

The Air Force called them "Unidentified Flying Objects," or UFOs. Quickly deciding that the objects were not alien spaceships, the Air Force embarked on a campaign of explaining away the sightings as hoaxes, hallucinations, and/or misperceptions of various conventional and astronomical objects.

By harping on the few kooks who claimed to have flown in UFOs or met lovely ladies from Saturn, the Air Force managed to hide its unexplained sightings behind a "laughter curtain."

But at times the curtain slipped. By implying that airline pilots were flying drunk when they reported UFOs and by "identifying" other UFOs as stars that had not even been visible at the time of a reported sighting, the Air Force fueled the growing clamor for an independent scientific study of UFO reports.

Eventually the public, political and media

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outcry forced the government to sponsor an 18-month, \$550,000 study by a team of University of Colorado scientists headed by Edward Condon, a respected physicist.

But the study's objectivity quickly became questionable when Condon bluntly remarked, "My attitude right now is that there's nothing to it."

Released in 1969, the committee's report listed 30 percent of its cases as unsolved, but stubbornly concluded that "further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation science will be advanced thereby."

The Air Force, with a sigh of relief, promptly stopped its investigations and sent its files to dead storage.

For their part, the UFOs refused to go away — people worldwide continued to report seeing them.

Saucer sightings have never been peculiar to America. England has reported more sightings per square mile of territory than has the United States. In China, UFOs were suspected of being Soviet spy devices; in the former Soviet Union, UFO reports were denounced as a capitalist scheme to justify the manufacture of war materials.

Meanwhile, peasants in remote Third World countries who knew nothing of the political and scientific arguments over UFOs also reported — and still report — seeing them.

And so the mystery continues, only compounded now by new and disturbing claims.

Almost since Arnold's sighting, there have been reports of humanlike beings seen around landed UFOs. Such claims, along with tales of trips in flying saucers, were almost universally rejected.

But while we expect supermarket tabloids to scream, "I Was Kidnapped by UFO Aliens," it is disquieting to learn that a growing number of sane, sober, publicity-shy people, both here and overseas, have made similar claims.

Their unpublished reports, given quietly to UFO investigators, have been remarkably consistent. They tell of being abducted by small, humanlike creatures with big heads

and large eyes who subject their captives to a variety of often painful medical procedures.

"Intruders," a 1992 TV docudrama, drew on literally hundreds of abduction reports for its script and characters.

The extent of this newest twist to the ongoing UFO mystery was shown by the results of three 1991 Roper Organization polls. When extrapolated from the nearly 6,000 people interviewed, the polls show that perhaps as many as 2.5 million Americans believe they have been abducted by aliens over the past several decades. And alien abduction reports have also come from foreign countries.

Given such extensive worldwide reports, we appear to have a mystery deserving of more attention than either the scientific-medical community or the news media are giving it.

Like the police when investigating a crime, investigators have not published all that they have learned in studying abductee reports. This means that when two people, widely separated in both time and space (New York 1987 and Portland 1991, for example) report the same experiences right down to those unpublished details, the possible validity of those experiences is strengthened.

While it can be argued that some abductees may have generated their stories from subconscious memories of wild tabloid tales, no evidence of this has been found among those professionally examined by doctors and psychiatrists. Nor can that argument hold for overseas abduction reports.

This leaves us with two uncomfortable possibilities: The abductions are real events, imperfectly revealed. Or they represent the visible tip of a growing, worldwide psychosis unprecedented in psychiatric history.

Either possibility demands compassionate professional study, not the shallow cynicism of sneering skeptics.

Forty-six years and no solution... isn't it time for a truly objective and scientific/medical study of all aspects of these UFO reports?

Daylight Sightings Replace Familiar "Red Light"

Photographers Capture Hovering UFOs

by Bland Pugh

UFOs continue to make appearances over the Sound and over the Pensacola Bay. There seems to be some sort of change in the usual "red light" sightings that have been so prevalent here in the Gulf Breeze area. Now it seems that we are having reports coming in of UFOs being spotted during daylight hours.

I received a report that a UFO was spotted over the Sound at 4:55 p.m. on Friday afternoon. The witness saw an object thinking it was a boat or something on top of a barge, he dismissed it and continued his activities. Something made him look back, when he did he realized there was no barge, as he could see a strip

of white sand under and behind the object. This indicated that what ever it was, seemed to be hovering or floating above the surface of the water. He could see a glinting and the reflection of sun. After a few minutes he grabbed a camera and began shooting. He was able to get two pictures before the object shot up to about 1000 feet in the air. It then hovered there for a few seconds before zipping straight up and out of sight.

Bruce Morrison announced at the Pensacola MUFON meeting that he'd just received a tape of a UFO hovering over the Bay on August 4. This tape will be shown at the next MUFON meeting, if the photo analysis and the authentication of the tape is completed in time. I have not seen this tape nor do I have any more details.

Folks, this is what you have been asking for. I have seen the videos and the pictures of them all, with the exception of the Morrison video and let me tell you, if these pictures and tapes are not real, Steven Spielberg has come to town. Time and time again I hear the question asked at Shoreline Park, "Why don't we ever see it in the daytime?" "Why does it only come out at night?" Obviously, it is now making appearances during the light of day for all to see and photograph. I know the next question I hear, "Why?" I don't know the answer to that anymore than I know the answer to the first questions. All I can say is get your camera's and your sunglasses out and keep looking up and behind you.

The stream of out of town visitors continues to flow into Gulf Breeze

and to Pensacola Beach. It seems that every evening someone from another state comes to Shoreline Park to skywatch and try their luck at seeing the UFO. It is amazing that the Gulf Breeze UFO is still so well known and publicized worldwide as I get calls almost daily.

One more note, Judy Francoeur one of our regular skywatchers has been under the weather, we wish her a quick recoup and hope to see her at skywatch soon.

Remember to keep looking up and behind you.

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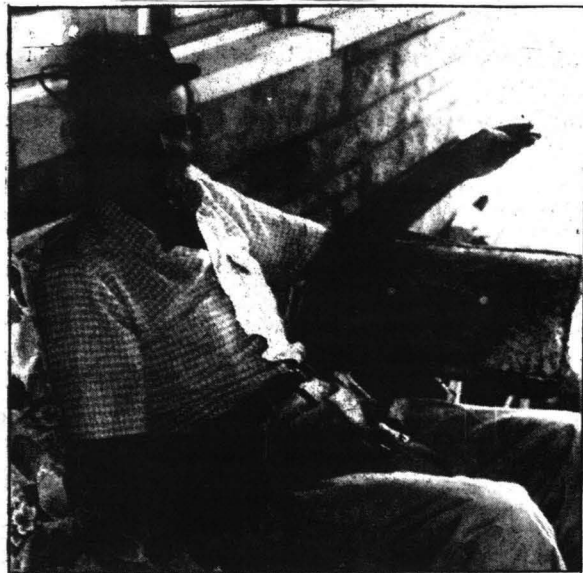
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They come from afar...



They appeared — as they usually do — at dusk. Silent, in the sky, resting, as if they had come great distances. One big, the other much smaller (lower right in top picture) as if it had fallen behind on the journey. They were spotted first by Gwendolyn Witherspoon, 7, of St. Helena. "I rolled my bike back to the house and told Mom and Dad," she recalled. Glenn Witherspoon saw his daughter's concern — saw what she saw in the northern sky a few nights ago. He got out his camera and tripod and took these pictures, lest someone later accuse him of seeing things. After he took a few time exposures the light faded. The entire Witherspoon family maintains they were clouds. Reinhard Jarschke, director of the Angwin Flight Center and a weather instructor, agrees. Lenticular clouds associated with high velocity winds heading toward mountains, he said, forming on the leading edge and dissipating on the trailing edge so they appear stationary. There are no known statistics, however, on the number of times that UFOs have been mistaken for clouds.

(Photos by Glenn Witherspoon)



Lance Fossitt sits on his front porch and points to the hay field near his house where several odd-looking circles have appeared. Fossitt says he has never seen anything like these circles before.

More circles crop up

Last week's strange occurrences with an unexplained imprint in a hay field have uncovered another strange set of markings on a farm near Peach Grove.

In a hay field next to Lansing Fossitt's house are at least four odd-looking circles.

Fossitt's daughter-in-law, Brenda, said the circles appeared around July 18. The day after the hay had been cut and baled.

She said they were sitting on the front porch and her husband, Ronnie, looked over and saw the circles.

Each of the circles are different sizes with the largest being around 24 1/2 feet in diameter down to the smallest at nine feet across.

The circles in Fossitt's field have a different appearance than the one found on the Schlueter farm.

They have a deep dark green rim 10-15 inches deep and have a lighter

green center color.

Fossitt said he had never seen anything like the circles before.

He has owned the farm since 1953. The field the circle-like markings are in has not been fertilized for approximately 10 years, Fossitt said last week.

The markings are approximately 300 yards from the Fossitt home and are very noticeable from the road.

Fossitt said several of his neighbors have noticed them as they drive by on Highway 10.

The unusual markings are confined to one area of the 12-acre hay field.

This was the second cutting of hay on the field, which contains alfalfa, brome and clover.

No soil samples have been taken from the Fossitt farm.

Specialists say the circles could be caused by a fungus that grows in a circle.

UFO or big star?

□ HPP man insists he saw a saucer

By Crystal Kua
Tribune-Herald

Unidentified flying object or bright star?

For 41-year-old Jon Adler of Hawaiian Paradise Park, what he said he and other members of his family saw early yesterday morning was definitely not a star.

"It was a classic, saucer-shaped UFO," Adler said.

Adler said his wife first saw it when she looked out of their bedroom window at about 3:15 a.m.

"She saw this big light hovering over the ocean," he said. "Beams of light came off it."

Adler said his house is about a quarter of a mile from the coast and the object was about a half-mile offshore.

His wife watched it for about five minutes before she woke up her husband.

"I got up, looked up and there it was," Adler said. "It was a still, moonlit night," he said.

He said he took out his binoculars to get a better look at it. Besides being saucer-shaped, he said he also saw seven lights on it that formed a ring of lights — a central light with three lights on either side.

He was surprised that the ob-

ject stayed hovering for a full 15 minutes.

In that time, he was able to walk around his house, wake up four of his five kids, pick up his cordless phone and call a neighbor to have him look outside.

He said there was no sound coming from the "craft" either. "There was absolute silence."

Adler said that the manner in which the object went out of view, caught him off guard.

"It just diminished, withdrew from the atmosphere," he said. "Vroom!"

He expected it to be more erratic.

He said that he reported the incident to police and he was told that a couple of officers saw what he saw.

Puna police Lt. Dale Fergestrom said that Adler's call was the only one received by police reporting the sighting.

Officers in Hawaiian Beaches, however, did see what Fergestrom described as a "very bright star" at about the same time Adler reported his sighting. Fergestrom said there were clouds in the sky and when a break in the clouds occurred, the officers saw what they said was a bright star.

Asked what he was thinking while viewing the object, Adler replied, "I was supposed to see it."

Special programs fill the bill

Once you get past the major application programs — like word processors and spreadsheets — and games, most software is written to fill a niche. The programs may not be wildly popular, but they will fill a need of a certain type of user.

Obviously, as any marketing expert can tell you, some niches are bigger than others.

That's the case with a pair of programs recently arrived from Software Marketing Corp., the Arizona firm that seems to specialize in databases aimed at various niches. They have marketed Autoworks, Computerworks and Bodyworks which are all collections of information aimed at curious people.

THE LATEST ONES fit in that category, but that's about the only similarity between them.

PharmAssist — The Family Guide to Health and Medicine, is likely to find a very large niche. **UFO** — This Planet's Most Complete Guide to Close Encounters, will probably find a devoted, but much smaller audience.

I found PharmAssist to be fascinating. Like many of the drugs it describes, its effects were mild at first, but gradually became almost addictive.

As the name implies, it deals with drugs — prescription, over-the-counter and illegal. My wife described it as a "PDR for the computer," referring to the thick Physicians Desk Reference that helps both doctors and pharmacists stay up to date with the



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rapidly changing world of pharmaceuticals.

As with the PDR, you can look up a pill or capsule by its brand name, generic name or even its distinctive shape and color. The program gives you buttons to click on for information on its class and use, general information, the time it needs to take effect, what to do if a dose is missed, adverse effects, interactions with other drugs and overdose symptoms. It also has graphic "caution alert icons" that will quickly alert you to possible reactions with alcohol, bad hearts, age, pregnancy or such.

MY FAVORITE, since I'm at the age where I am beginning to collect an impressive array of ailments, was the section on "what to use for ailments."

A click here gives you an alphabetical list of ailments, ranging from AIDS to Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome. Selecting any one will give you a graphic and text explaining the problem. You get access to a list of drugs available for the problem, and an explanation of how the drug ac-

tually works.

The program also has a big section on abused drugs, complete with the street names, technical names, and even the federal penalties for possession of various quantities.

And rounding out the information is a section on First Aid, with step-by-step illustrations where warranted. It covers such things as burns, blood loss, bites and stings, strokes and heart attacks, shock, sprains, and so on.

THE BIGGEST SINGLE PROBLEM I can see with this program is that the information on drugs changes constantly and it should be updated.

The same might be said for UFO, since a new rash of sightings might break out anytime. But after a while all the stories seem to sound the same so maybe an update isn't so critical.

UFO lets you set the parameters for what type of encounter you're interested in. The parameters include photographic evidence, death or injury involved, abduction involved, psychic phenomena involved, motion picture evidence, multiple witnesses, multiple UFO's or cattle mutilation involved.

You can set your time frame, ranging back into antiquity.

I'm not sure how complete the database is. But if you really want details, the program is also offered on CD-ROM.

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UFOs, sex steam up bizarre psychologist malpractice suit

By JOANNE BOYD
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Unidentified flying objects (UFOs), extraterrestrial experiences and sexual misconduct figure prominently in several lawsuits filed against a prominent Sacramento psychologist.

Two women have filed malpractice complaints in Superior Court against Dr. Richard J. Boylan, alleging he interpreted their problems based on his own interest in alien encounters. In both cases, the women say Boylan told them that as children, they had experienced extraterrestrial encounters.

Boylan is president of the Sacramento Valley Psychological Association and a licensed clinical

ment was involved in an elaborate cover-up of the extraterrestrial presence.

Boylan also is accused of sexual misconduct with Diana, involving nude massages. The sexual intimacies stopped short of intercourse, according to attorney Joseph George, who represents both women.

Because Diana viewed Boylan as a father-like figure, she was not able to consent to his touching any more than a child could, George said.

"What he has done is to these women is not treat the presenting problem," said George. "He also caused further damage with the ET phenomena. He interpreted everything in their life in that context."

Now both Diana and Dorothy are extremely paranoid as the result of their therapy with Boylan, the lawsuit states. Each woman became convinced the CIA or FBI had an interest in them and was keeping them under close surveillance.

Boylan's attorney, Rick Linkert, said his client is engaged in scientific research and wouldn't try to convince his clients that they have had an ET experience because then his data would be based on inaccurate information. He also said the bulk of Boylan's clientele came to him for reasons that have nothing to do with ET issues.

"But because Dr. Boylan will treat people with ET experiences and not automatically view them as delusional or fantasy, this makes him an absolute target for lawsuits," said Linkert. He added there is a tremendous spectrum of beliefs among researchers. Many noted psychologists are investigating unusual phenomena such as near-death experiences. Although Boylan would not discuss the specifics of the lawsuits, he denied the allegations, referring to them as "false, slanderous and libelous."

On the other hand, the psychologist is outspoken in his belief in extraterrestrial influences. As the author of a book published last year, "Extraterrestrial Contact and Human Responses," Boylan said he is one of a growing number of psychotherapists who treat clients who have had such experiences.

"Some clients come with absolutely clear recall of the ET experience, while others have just enough recall to know something has happened to them," said Boylan. "They come to me because they have had such an experience and want to share it with someone."

However, according to George, Boylan shared more than the ET experience with his clients. The complaint states he invited one of the women to a UFO conference in Las Vegas where he encouraged her to address the convention and write her story for publication in his upcoming UFO book. He also is said to have sat nude with her in a hot tub and provided "body work" through massage and sexual touching.

Additionally, a third Sacramento woman, Karen, has filed a lawsuit against Boylan which doesn't involve any UFO experiences but alleges sexual misconduct.

According to George, sexual misconduct among psychologists is grossly under-reported.

psychologist who maintains an office on O Street. He denies any wrongdoing, but readily affirms his belief in paranormal phenomena — the subject of his recent book.

According to the lawsuit, the psychologist allegedly invited both of the women, Dorothy and Diana, to attend sessions of an evening therapy group called CE-4 or Close Encounters of the 4th Kind, which met at his house. Because of the sexual nature of the complaints, the plaintiffs' attorney requested their last names be withheld from publication.

During these meetings, the lawsuit states Boylan told his clients about noteworthy UFO events and about how the United States govern-

Unlike other professions, by their very nature, psychological therapy sessions are difficult to monitor, said George. Because clients are emotionally dependent on the therapist, there's an imbalance in the relationship and once the bond is broken, the damage is done. "Clients are very vulnerable and are often too embarrassed to reveal these events," he said. "They blame themselves, not the therapist."

George said because 8 percent to 10 percent of licensed male psychologists have had sex with their clients, safeguards have been enacted to address this problem. A bill recently passed under Civil Code Section 43.93 prohibiting sexually contact between a client and therapist for two years after the termination of therapy.

George added his clients sought counsel from Boylan, not because of extraterrestrial experiences, but because of traumatic "this world" injuries that included a violent rape. "They had some very horrible, unfortunate events on this earth. The ET was strictly his agenda," said George. "It would be analogous to a patient presenting with a serious cardiac condition and the physician treating him for a sprained wrist."

Also, the women who have filed suit against Boylan are low-income clients who were told he would treat them at a reduced rate or for free.

Despite the allegations against him, Boylan said he intends to go forward with both his practice and his research on ET phenomena.

"It's a highly exotic realm, but the pieces fit together," the psychologist said, adding he is convinced a government coverup exists. "ETs come and go and will — and the government is not comfortable admitting they can't do a damn thing about it," said Boylan.

"There is some contact and sharing of technology between the government and ETs, and the government has recovered downed saucers," he added. "The government should come clean with why there's a need to make this so highly classified."

Boylan's second book on close extraterrestrial encounters is due out this fall.

The California Psychological Association, a professional group to which Boylan belongs, has no record of the complaints alleged in the lawsuits or any other complaints being filed against Boylan, a spokesman said.

Flying saucers sightings reported in Hudson area

By Greg Wilson
Journal staff writer

NORTH BERGEN — Robert Herzig is sure he saw a UFO over Tonelle Avenue Wednesday night. So are the other four passengers who were in his car.

Although their descriptions of a brightly lit flying saucer match an independent account given by another area resident, yet another skywatcher — a policeman, no less — thinks the close encounter may have been with a blimp.

"We thought it was a blimp, at first," said Herzig, a 34-year-old manager at a Jersey City apparel company. "But it was hovering in a fixed position. We watched it for a good two or three minutes while we waited for the light to change."

"Suddenly, it took off in a flash of light, faster than anything you've ever seen. It moved southeast, toward Hoboken."

Marian Terminato, a passenger in Herzig's car, said the craft cast a "gorgeous glow" from evenly-spaced lights before it sped away.

Police in New York City, Hoboken, and North Bergen said they received no calls about UFOs Wednesday.

"We usually only get those calls when there's a full moon," cracked North Bergen Police Lt. Timothy Kelly.

But a Fairview police officer, who refused to be identified, said he saw something in the air Wednesday night around 10 p.m.

"I saw something flying up there, but I'm pretty sure it was a blimp," he said. His description of the craft's flight pattern matched Herzig's. "It had a lot

of bright lights on it and it was moving very fast."

No blimps were tethered in Teterboro Airport Wednesday. The Blockbuster Blimp was moored at Linden Airport until yesterday morning, but was not in flight at the time of Herzig's alleged sighting.

There were no unexplained blips on the radar screen at nearby Teterboro Airport, according to Bill Van Bruinisse, manager of the airport's control tower.

Another alleged sighting came at Fairview Little League Field, also around 10 p.m. Little League mom Patty Strobel said she and about 15 others watched a UFO hover for several minutes high above the field.

"We were all saying 'Beam me up, Scottie,' and making the Vulcan sign with our hands," Strobel said yesterday. "It was about 50 feet in diameter, round, with a bunch of lights on it and one big beam on top."

George Filer, a retired Air Force major who compiles information on UFO sightings for New Jersey Mutual UFO Network, said UFOs most often are seen travelling northwest to southeast. He described Herzig's experience as fairly common.

"But until one lands in Giants Stadium and we can all walk up and touch it, people aren't going to believe it," Filer said.

But Filer said some, if not most, UFO sightings may have natural explanations, such as "ball lightning," a phenomenon where bolts of lightning flash in a circular formation. Another possible explanation, according to Filer, is meteors.

September Skies Reveal Unexplained Activity

by Patti Weatherford

September has turned out to be a hot month in more ways than one. On three occasions beginning on September 8, 1993, there have been reports of unexplained phenomena in the skies of the Gulf Breeze/Pensacola area.

On September 8, 1993, around 7:48 p.m., Greg Liss and five other witnesses reported seeing a large, amber, egg shaped ball in the sky to the NNW of their location at Greenbriar Circle in Tiger Point. Greg estimated the size of the object to be 10 feet in diameter and traveling, silently ENE at about 10 m.p.h. He observed it for about 15 seconds when he suddenly heard the low rumble of a helicopter. Toward the west he saw a large helicopter appear from behind the roofline of a house and watched as it approached the egg-shaped light. Suddenly, the light disappeared like a rheostat. About 3 seconds later, he could make out a dim ring of 8 independent lights. This ring of lights then accelerated to 30 m.p.h.-50 m.p.h., as the helicopter veered due north. He watched for another minute and as the ring of lights got farther

away, it looked like a red bar with two white dots. The light then appeared like a star, getting smaller and smaller as it moved away and vanished. Total viewing time was about 1 and 1/2 minutes.

On September 14, 1993, about 8:20 p.m., Brian Boldman and other witnesses at Shoreline Park saw three orange balls of light appear instantly. The lights formed a triangle and stayed bright for only about 2 seconds, then dimmed and faded to nothing. There was no sound associated with the sighting. The elevation was 8 degrees - 10 degrees and azimuth 180 degrees, which would be south of Shoreline Park. Brian, who is an aircraft mechanic and pilot, described the triangle as being angled approximately 15 degrees to horizontal and larger than a plane.

On Thursday, September 16, 1993, a similar sighting was reported by skywatchers at Shoreline Park. There are no further details as of this writing. If you have any information regarding these sightings or others, please contact the MUFON Hotline-438-3261.



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STEVE CHILTON enters the mysterious world of the UFO investigator

IT'S TOUGH being a UFO investigator based in Coventry. There just aren't that many sightings in the sky for a start. And then there is a credibility problem. A large number of people think you are off your planet.

"Unfortunately a lot of people who we could work quite well with are put off by the image," says Tom Orton.

"They think we are looking up in the skies for little green men. A lot of astronomers have this view of us."

The 37-year-old local government worker has been a member of the British UFO Research Association for 18 months.

In that time he's spotted meteors, satellites, and several police helicopters. But no UFOs.

That they exist he doesn't doubt, though he dismisses the theory prevalent among UFO enthusiasts in the States which holds we are being visited from outer space by beings on inter-planetary study missions.

"There is no evidence to link UFOs with other worlds. But there is a lot of evidence to say there are things moving about in the sky and landing."

"It's an area that is not being investigated by conventional science."

"The ET theory is in some ways the simplest explanation although the planets are so far away I do not think it would be possible."

He does not however discount the idea of a parallel universe to our world. A concept he accepts is harder for people to envisage than Martians dropping in.

The mystery surrounding the phenomenon is what drew him to the association.

The organisation undertakes investigations of sightings, sometimes on the referral of police or Ministry of Defence.

Nothing as spectacular as the Fire in the Sky case has come his way.

On general release from last Friday, the film tells the story of Arizona woodsman Travis Walton who claims to have been abducted by aliens and held captive for five days.

If the story was a hoax, it's been a pretty good one that's lasted 18 years.

The logging crew which went out with Walton haven't budged from the tale of how they stopped to watch an unusually bright light in the sky.

Walton got out to investigate and was thrust to the ground by a force of energy.

The crew fled in terror and were held by police, who understandably didn't believe their story, on suspicion of killing their workmate.

Five days later Walton turned up dishevelled and disorientated to recount his incredible story.

The account has become a classic case for UFO buffs.

In America particularly it has added to the theory that aliens are systematically gathering information to add to their genetic library on the human race.

Tom Orton has some rather more mundane explanations for sightings he's investigated around Coventry.

Eyes TO THE skies



UFOs in the movies: the famous Fire in the Sky case, about an American who claimed to have been abducted by aliens, has been given the Hollywood treatment



Fact or fiction? UFO buffs will always have a hard time convincing the sceptics

"Unfortunately a lot of people who we could work quite well with are put off by the image. They think we are looking up in the skies for little green men."

Tom Orton, UFO investigator

"There was an incident where a lady in Leamington was convinced she had seen something unusual."

"It was a bright round light behind the clouds moving across from east towards west and then north-west, making no sound."

"It was moving more quickly than a plane. We have contacted

police and air traffic control and even advertised for people who may have seen it."

With no-one else apparently having seen it, Mr Orton concluded it was probably a plane or helicopter.

He remains undeterred and welcomes people contacting him about other possible UFO sightings.

It's an interest that he realises carries the risk of being branded a loony but he says a surprisingly high number of people share his belief in the existence of UFOs even if they have no explanation for their existence.

"My family are very supportive and all the other people who are aware of my interest in the UFO question say there is an unresolved riddle."

"The question is being ignored by the authorities. All the research is being done by amateurs."

"It will always be labelled a crank subject as long as science ignores it."

THE SIGHTINGS THAT MADE HEADLINES

□ A pilot of a Boeing 737 coming in to Gatwick in April last year reported passing a "black lozenge-like object" at 14,000 feet. It missed the wing by just 30 feet.

□ In October 1991 amateur astronomer David Morley spotted a UFO hovering over Foleshill, Coventry, at 11.30pm. The 40-year-old engineer described it as a hazy spherical object with "no flashing lights and it definitely wasn't an aeroplane."

□ Traffic on the M25 ground to a halt on a spring morning in 1989 as a "flying saucer" manned by a

figure wearing a spaceman's suit passed overhead. It turned out to be ace self-publicist Richard Branson in a hot air balloon playing an April Fool joke.

□ In January 1988, a family in Australia reported being chased in their car by an egg-cup shaped UFO along a remote highway, plucked from the ground and covered in volcanic ash. The mother said her voice and those of her children had become slurred during the incident.

□ On the same day 50 miles away the crew of a fishing boat also claimed to have been buzzed by a UFO and that their voices had become distorted.

□ Earlier that month Rugby School pupil Zena Steir spotted a UFO while studying the moon through her telescope. She described the object as like a swimming jelly fish: flat, grey-green with pink blobs. She called the police and eight officers took turns in looking at the object. But later other UFO watchers claimed it was only the planet Jupiter.

UFO FILE

Strange craft was no 'copter — says woman

An Ashbourne woman was left frightened and shaken after a "close encounter" in the Green Road area of Ashbourne last Wednesday evening.

It was the latest in a number of UFO sightings reported locally this year.

The woman, who has asked not to be named and for the exact location not to be given, was returning home alone in her car soon after 11pm.

"Suddenly I became aware of this thing stationary above the houses, my attention drawn to it by its whirring and the lights which suddenly flashed on, lighting up the whole road."

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing."

"It was disc shaped with a dome on the top and red and yellow lights all round coming on and off, and with the black outline of a door."

"It was quite low down, about the height of two houses above the roofs and about three buses long."

"I was terrified. It was as though it was staring at me, the lights going on and off."

"I stopped and looked at it for a few moments, and as I got out of the car it started to move off quite slowly up towards Greenway and over towards Windmill Lane."

WARMINSTER JOURNAL, Wiltshire, England

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Not A Hoax

Unidentified flying objects have been spotted over Clay Hill again.

Not only has Ken Rogers taken up residence in Warminster again, but he now has a 20-year-old assistant, clairvoyant Sebastian Russel from Southampton — and he has seen them.

Three U.F.O.s of triangular shape and shining brightly were seen — by Sebastian — on the same night that families in Bristol saw a colourful display of U.F.O. lights.

Television astronomer Patrick Moore thought the Bristol lights were a display of the Northern Lights which can be seen over Britain — but Sebastian is convinced his U.F.O.s were the real thing.

The son of psychic parents, he has been abducted by aliens a hundred times, both physically and spiritually.

"They don't speak," he says, "they speak their feelings."

What do they transmit this way?

"Peace, harmony, tranquility," says Sebastian, "that's their message."

"I'm helping the people of Warminster to understand that U.F.O.s are not a hoax."

He has asked people who have been abducted by extra terrestrials to get in touch with him.

LIFESTYLE

Flying saucers and little green men have always been the stuff of science fiction but reporter MARK SAXBY talks to a man who has spent years investigating the mysterious ways of UFOs.



'The alien has landed'

As he sat among his clocks, each telling a different time, there was an eerie atmosphere surrounding Chris Lawson. But through that atmosphere came a conviction; a conviction that what he was saying was right and nothing I could utter would change his mind. Speaking almost like a teacher educating his pupils about the world, Chris spoke of his fascination for Unidentified Flying Objects. Since the beginning of time, people have wondered if there are other lifeforms in the universe. And this interest has been prompted by thousands of reported UFO sightings, some of which were genuine while many others proved to be fake. Chris Lawson has no doubt there are aliens. Ever since he was a boy he has been fascinated by the subject and has spent the last five years studying the various sightings and talking to those who have seen them. "I have been absolutely convinced since I was ten years old and have put a lot of time and effort into bot-toming out UFOs in the last five years," he said. "UFOs are highly topical and of interest to most people. If anyone is in company and they mention a UFO sighting or UFO movie then virtually everyone is interested. People are now more open-minded than they have ever been." Chris, of Sunnybank, Hull, is keen to list the famous names who have advocated the existence of UFOs. Former US president Jimmy Carter, ex-chief of defence Lord Hill-Norton to name but two. But alien sightings are not just restricted to UFOs. "There have been many hundreds of cases of human abduction by aliens," said Chris. "People have been voluntarily subjected to lie detectors afterwards and found to be telling the truth.



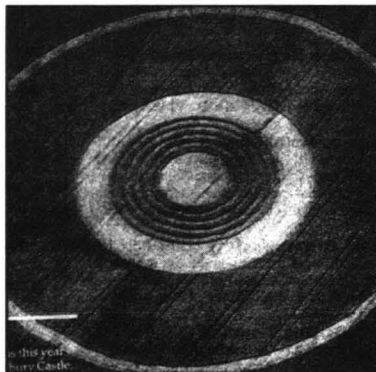
"Plus a great many of the stories from all over the world tally in details such as the size of alien, size of the rooms and spaceship. It can't be a co-incidence when stories in Venezuela are matching those in Sweden and England." Mysterious circles left in corn fields are another example of alien intervention according to the UFO fan. He explained: "It is astonishing that for about the last 19 years crop circles have been occurring. Something or someone or some force is playing with us." The widely-believed claim that the circles have all been forged by humans is discarded by Chris. He quotes an incident in Wiltshire

when a gathering of the world's top scientists carried out several months of crop circle studying. Armed with top photographic and heat seeking material they waited for something to happen. And on the last day of their session they captured a ball of orange light on film which hovered at ground level for eight seconds before leaving behind it a complex crop circle. But it is another phenomenon that Chris finds the most fascinating of all. "Farmers in the East Riding have found 3,000-4,000 pound bulls dead in the fields, completely drained of all liquids such as blood and water," he said. "Their eyes, sexual organs and

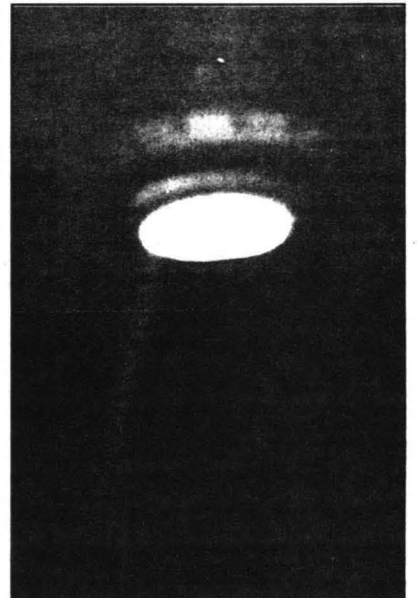
other vital organs were all missing and these items were all removed with lazer-like equipment." And according to Chris, no drugs were found inside the bull while lazer has only been used in surgery in the last ten years. Yet, he says, there have been approximately 20,000 of these cases recorded since the early 1970s across the world.

But the icing on the cake for Chris came when he visited Ed and Frances Walters of Florida, USA. They had been visited by aliens on a number of occasions but were scoffed at by the authorities. But when they were given a "forgery-

proof" four-lensed camera the Walters took 30 good quality pictures of alien spacecraft. Chris himself believes he has seen a UFO. He was driving alongside the M62 near Gilberdyke when he and two others witnessed a stationery light hovering without vibration three or four hundred feet above the ground. "I drove down the motorway half-an-hour later and the light was still there. Nothing can hover for that time without vibration," he said. ● Chris has given numerous lectures to colleges and other organisations about UFOs. Anyone interested in inviting him to speak on the issue can contact him on Hull



TOP OF PAGE and FAR RIGHT: Pictures of suspected UFOs taken in Florida (courtesy of Ed and Francis Walters); LEFT: Chris Lawson who is absolutely convinced of the existence of aliens; ABOVE: Aerial photograph of corn circles; RIGHT: A diagram of the layout of corn circles.



Aliens putting stamp on Prairies?

By Marg Ommanney
of The StarPhoenix

In time, mysterious circles and other patterns left on earthly vegetation will disappear

But the argument over what they are and who or what put them there may never vanish.

Argument or not, there is one thing on which all investigators of these phenomena agree: The circles and other patterns are, for the most part, not hoaxes.

They are a genuine mystery. "Crop circles are fashioned by a form of intelligence that's not human," Chad Deetken said in a telephone interview Thursday from his home in Vancouver.

"The more circles I see and the more facts I gather, the stranger and more real this phenomenon becomes. Most scientists are turned off. They're so conservative, they're so specialized, they're so skeptical. They're so sure science has the answer to everything.

"In this case, it has no answer whatsoever. Science is totally, totally baffled."

By profession, Deetken, 48, is a student loans administrator at three B.C. colleges. But since May 1990, he's donned a second cloak, joining a small, tightly knit group of Canadian and British crop-circle investigators.

"I was watching an item on TV

Since 1980, Deetken has investigated more than 100 crop formations. Although most occurrences are in an 80-square-kilometre area of Wiltshire, England, about two dozen circles are reported each summer in the three Canadian Prairie provinces — the majority in Saskatchewan.

The happenings, which first appeared in England about 1978, began as simple circles, gradually evolving in complexity over the years. Rings were seen around the circles, then patterns, like numbers on a dice, and, what the investigators call satellites — smaller connecting circles.

"Now, we see extremely complex patterns in England, some of them are 400 to 600 feet long, huge. There's that evolutionary process which leads one to believe there's something coming up. It's leading to something.

"There's no apparent language, at least that we can understand. There's a mathematics involved in it, a mathematical relationship between the sizes of the circles. It's based on the diatonic or musical scale.

"There is a hint of something there, but what it is, we're not quite sure yet. We aren't smart enough to understand or it's teasing us to keep our attention."

Deetken just returned from a month-long stay in England where he and his colleagues examined 30 new formations.

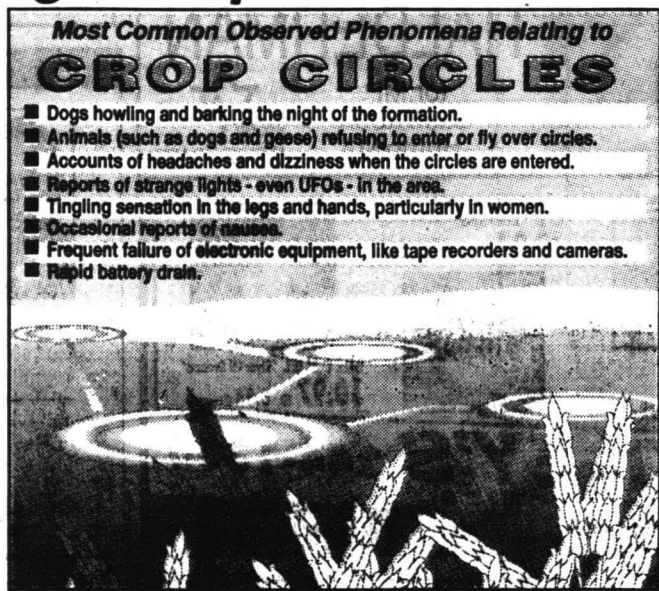
The investigators use a lot of electronic instruments, like magnetometers, which measure magnetic forces or fluctuations in the ground. Combining resources and skills, the researchers focus on different aspects of the crop circles.

"We're examining them in a scientific manner. Although we haven't solved the mystery, we are eliminating possibilities."

However, they have made some fascinating findings.

For three years, a plant biophysicist in Michigan has been examining plant tissue from affected areas. Deetken says the findings are beyond question.

"The cells in the affected stalks are expanded, which shows the plant underwent an intense heating. There's an energy involved,



—SP graphic by Kathy Munroe

about crop circles in England. From that moment on, I was absolutely hooked.

"I thought there had to be something there that defies our sense of reality. It had the potential of being very, very important and very, very big."

which for a split second heats the liquids in the plants and expands the cell walls. This weakens the plant, allowing it to fall over."

Deetken said the biophysicist has also found that microscopic hairs on the stalks of these plants are singed. Not burned, just singed.

Also, the seeds are somehow altered. Under laboratory conditions, they germinate 30 to 35 per cent faster than seeds from an outside control group and have an accelerated growth rate.

In England, government and military officials are — privately anyway — extremely interested in crop-circle incidents, Deetken says.

"They're concerned about what's happening. They see it as something threatening, like UFOs. But they won't admit publicly they are interested. They don't want to cause panic. I think the Americans are quite interested too."

However, Deetken isn't impressed with the Canadian government's reaction. When a farmer in Warner, Alta., reported a formation in his field two years ago, scientists at a nearby federal agriculture research station said his whole crop would have to be quarantined. A "disease" was their solution to the overnight appearance of four striking circles of varying sizes.

He says there is a definite campaign by governments and the military to "trash" or "debunk" crop circles and reports of UFOs. The campaign is well orchestrated and effective, but there is not one shred of evidence to back up the debunkers.

Even the two well-publicized elderly British men — Doug Bower and Dave Chorley — who came out of nowhere to claim they "conned the world" by creating circles themselves in the dead of night, have been unable to prove their assertion or reproduce a legitimate formation.

"In 1990, there were 1,000 new crop-circle formations in a three-month period. That's in England, alone.

"These men or no other human can re-create the things that we find. It's just not possible.

He thinks many people, "in the back of their minds," know there is another reality, but have never had the courage to take a close look. It's easier to believe crop circles are hoaxes or to come up with a simple, yet ridiculous explanation.

"Some formations are very simple, so there is always the possibility they might be a hoax. But in most, there are many intricate little complexities in the way the crop is laid down.

"It's very odd. It cannot be physically reproduced. You'll just have to take my word for it."

Deetken says most people don't feel comfortable with the knowledge there's some sort of intelligence out there trying to interact with us, something we can't explain or control. In his mind, there is no doubt that an intelligent entity is behind the crop circle formations. He would feel foolish trying to explain it otherwise.

He says the "intelligence" is invisible and appears to be interacting with us on purpose. It chooses agricultural fields because they are the perfect surface.

"You couldn't pick a better canvas on this planet than a crop field. The crop is easy to manipulate and there's a 100-per-cent guarantee someone will see it."

"Since there is no direct message, I can only surmise it's a way to raise our awareness or sensitize us."

"It is related to UFOs, but I don't know if they (UFOs) are actively or passively involved. Maybe they are just as interested in the phenomenon as we are."

Deetken says he knows it sounds weird, but he wonders if the crop formations could be formed by spirits or entities from the past, talking to us in the present about the future.

Some speculate UFOs are actually time travellers, journeying back from the future and attempting to communicate through the circles.

The jury is out. Some think alien intelligence is behind the crop circles. Some think it's extra-dimensional intelligence or parallel intelligence. But we all agree it's an intelligence that's not human.

"There's a real sense of optimism among us, not fear. These things are fascinating and I can't fathom why more people aren't interested, why they pooh-pooh everything."

"Crop circles are real. There's no doubt."

Satellite idea throws light on UFO riddle

By Michael Bimpson

UFOs, Northern lights or satellites? The debate is raging on over strange objects spotted in the night sky by a group of stunned neighbours.

It started in the early hours of Monday morning when residents of Hartcliffe, Bristol, stayed up all night watching whirling lights silently moving above their heads.

Mystery of 'body' that fell to earth

SOLDIERS, police, firemen and even a helicopter searched a golf course yesterday after startled players thought they saw a body fall from the sky.

The mystery six-foot long object plummeted to earth in front of Kevin Brand and John Dyson as they played at Cirencester Golf Club.

They abandoned their game and began a frantic search in the rough for the "body" — which appeared to be wrapped from head to toe in brown cloth.

Police with tracker dogs were called in — and so were fire crews using heat-seeking equipment, an RAF Sea King helicopter and soldiers from the Duke of Gloucester barracks.

But yesterday afternoon Gloucestershire police spokesman Inspector Mike Pennington said the hunt had been called off.

Two women golfers and a local farmer also saw the falling object — and other witnesses telephoned police to raise the alarm.

I went to see for myself and although I'm certain they are not stars, I'm no wiser about what really causes the dazzling display.

It was with some scepticism that I set off to investigate after several late-night telephone calls from Hartcliffe and Stockwood.

I went to join about 20 of them in Pavey Close, Hartcliffe, as they settled down to watch the night's performance.

Through binoculars, I could see an elongated object, blue and orange in colour and with a shimmering appearance. It clearly wasn't a star.

At 1.55am I saw — with the naked eye — a white object streak across the sky.

I caught a glimpse before it disappeared, but there was no time to train binoculars on it.

Gloucester astronomy expert John Fletcher says they sounds like television or weather satellites.

He said: "It is probably satellites shining. They are 100 to 200 kilometres away and there are 6,500 of them up there."

"Reflected light shines through them from the sun which makes them redden as they get lower down."

UFOs or not?

Dear Sir,
"Flying Bedstead"

Whereas I am delighted by your "Lights in the Sky" article in your May issue prompted your reader, Mr Martin of Tredressick, to write such a stimulating reply, I feel it necessary to put the record straight on several points he made.

I must confess to being somewhat surprised at having been told by him that what I saw "looked like a diamond in black velvet" when in fact it bore no such resemblance to this description whatsoever.

Secondly, I thought I had made it clear that the lights I saw tracked from West to East on a course between Padstow and Camelford, before being lost to view, and therefore could certainly not have "gone up the coast towards Wales all in a matter of three hours" as stated by Mr Martin.

Thirdly, it is my understanding that satellites at heights of about 3600km (22,000 miles) and with orbits lying constantly over or near to the equator appear not to be moving and are then referred to as being geostationary, as they are orbiting the Earth

at the same speed as the rotation of the Earth.

It is not possible to have a geostationary orbit other than over the equator. It should also be pointed out that all geostationary satellites are far too faint to be seen with the naked eye.

It is also not possible to have a weather satellite situated over St. Minver or hovering anywhere else in the world, unless of course it happens to be on the equator.

Any suggestion that what I saw could have been the American 'Sky Lab' must be immediately discounted owing to the fact this particular satellite disintegrated and burnt up some six years ago.

Finally, although I cannot vouchsafe for the total demise of the Tom Tom, despite the recent increase in the Peregrine Falcon, Carrier Pigeons are still used quite extensively in a number of areas, while Morse can be listened to at any time, day or night, on any short wave radio receiver.

Yours sincerely,
Derek L. Johnson

UFO sightings

DERBY: Police were puzzled by sightings of a UFO over Derby.

A caller at 11.50pm on Saturday had seen a red light "like a flare" flying over Kedleston Road towards Markeaton Park.

Another stargazer at 12.25am on Sunday reported a UFO over Swarkestone Road heading towards Sinfen.

A police spokesman said: "It is a mystery. We have no idea what it was but both calls said it was a red light."

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Centre getting reports of 1993 crop circles

By Marg Ommanney
of The StarPhoenix

In Prairie fields, the 1993 crop of circles is beginning to sprout, Canadian researchers say.

Two circle formations have been reported south of Calgary and one near Altona, Man.

According to Paul Anderson, national co-ordinator for the British-affiliated Canadian Centre for Crop Circle Studies (CCCS), the phenomenon has been confirmed this summer in seven U.S. states.

Reports are also trickling in from other countries, including Switzerland, Japan and Spain. As usual, many formations are appearing in England, the hot spot of activity.

Anderson, who also represents MUFON Canada (Mutual UFO Network), says the number of incidents is decreasing, but the formations that are appearing have increased in complexity. They are also surfacing in more and more countries.

One formation that appeared Aug. 1 in a New York state oat field, was the size of a football field. It was a complex pattern, Anderson said, with circles and pathways. Strange lights were seen above the field the night the pattern developed.

One of the Alberta formations was similar in size and design.

"There is a new trend this summer," Anderson said Friday. "Many of the formations are appearing close to highways where they are certain to be seen by many travellers."

"There are also some bizarre incidents. In England, when circles appear, a lot of farmers are cutting down their fields immediately to stop trespassers. They're tired of people stomping through their property to see the configurations."

"One farmer cut down his crop over a newly discovered formation and the next day, in an uncut area nearby, an identical formation appeared."

"There is also a major increase in reports of 'discs and UFO' activity."

A year ago, an odd finding near Milestone surprised Daniel Clairmont, provincial director for the Saskatchewan branch of MUFON.

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If you wish to report UFOs or crop circles contact:

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A farmer discovered three separate swirls in his wheat field. The outside boundary of the swirls formed a perfect rectangle. The farmer had never seen a crop formation, so assumed the pattern in his field had been caused by wind.

Then, walking into the centre of the formation, he noticed something else: A very flat, very dead porcupine.

"Close examination showed no signs of wounds," said Clairmont. "However, it was evident this unfortunate creature had been flattened to a thickness of three inches by some weight or powerful force. Its legs were spread out underneath it in the form of an X."

"It looked like the porcupine had been dragged through the formation."

Although it was estimated the dead porcupine had been lying in the formation about seven days before it was discovered, it did not smell and there was no evidence of decomposition.

Furthermore, it was reported the porcupine's quills were all pointing in the same direction as the swirls of wheat.

Other porcupines have been found dead in crop circles. Why? Most animals will fly or scurry away if they are frightened. However, it's suggested porcupines stay put, relying on their sharp quills for defence.

Anderson said CCCS is anxious to hear about new crop-circle formations.

"You can quickly tell if a formation is a hoax," says Anderson. "They are not all hoaxes and they are certainly not normal."

City and country of incident: Mexico

Date of incident: February 21, 1992

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City and country of paper: Mexico

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FIRST MEXICO-CHINA ENCOUNTER ON UFOs

By Luis Ramirez Reyes

* Mutual agreement to exchange information

* Men in black, extraterrestrials, effects and mechanisms

On February 21, 1992, the First Mexico-China Encounter on UFOs took place in Mexico.

The CIFEEAC (Centro Investigador de Fenómenos Extraterrestres, Espaciales y Extraordinarios, A.C.-Center for the Investigation of Extraterrestrial, Space and Extraordinary Phenomena, A.C.) of Mexico and the National Association for the Investigation of UFOs in China headed by professor Sun Shili (who is the First Secretary of Commerce of the Embassy of the Popular Republic of China in Mexico), decided on a public exchange of information, following a year's close relationship.

Five subjects were discussed by as many experts, the first expert representing China, the other four, Mexico.

Professor Sun Shili spoke about the arrival of cosmic ships, their behavior and the acts of the crews in China, and also explained his organization's activities, roles and achievements.

The Association has 40,000 members and branches in all of the Chinese provinces. Investigations are oriented in two directions: to confirm the (UFO) phenomenon as atmospheric when fire balls are seen in the sky; and the second one, to confirm its extraterrestrial origin.

"My team collected more than 2,000 UFO cases, and among them in some provinces there is an excess of flying saucers covering thousands of kilometers by day or night in front of thousands of witnesses."

Sun Shili claimed he has metallic fragments fallen from the sky after a UFO appeared, which were tested by U.S. scientists who certified their different nature.

And as regards cases, he reported one of a 21 year old Chinese field worker who was kidnapped three times in two months for three, seven and nine days respectively, by unidentified flying men (sic-Tr.). The man was lifted by his back and traveled with them from city to city, to a distance of up to 2,000 km (approx. 1,240 miles) from his place of origin. Government officials signed a document vouching for the experience, which the man's neighbors also attested to.

When talking about the subject "Chronology and UFO Effects", Carlos Guzmán, director of Extraterrestrial Phenomena of CIFEEAC, said:

"One of the biggest UFO waves in our history happened in 1965, particularly in Mexico city. On May 12, 1991 three elongated silvery ships were seen in Huejutla, Hidalgo; three days later an oval-shaped craft was seen, emitting light flashes, in Real del Monte. On June 2, 1991: the first night sighting by dozens of residents in Pachuca was reported. About 15 triangular lights were counted, like the one seen in Belgium in 1990, according to photographs and videos seen on Mexican TV."

The speaker showed the slide from a local newspaper which reproduced the UFO's maneuver, and spoke about the hundreds of phone calls made to the TV station.

He pointed out the electromagnetic effects of interstellar craft, among which are disruptions in compasses; alterations in the operation of internal combustion engines; electrical clocks that stopped; apparent failure in automobile headlights which went back to normal once the UFO went away; blackouts in cities or large areas, especially when the UFO was detected over or close to some electrical power plant.

Federico Dominguez, director of Space Phenomena, spoke about the "Men in Black" which cause so much concern because they "may be members of some countries' state secretariats; they may also be hybrid entities, aliens, cyborgs or humanoids."

Some investigators have been threatened by these mysterious characters who not only dress in black, but who even wear military uniforms and carry credentials from federal agencies.

"Maybe we are being controlled by beings from outer space to avoid a nuclear war which would endanger our planet, the solar system, and, why not?, the universe itself. Might we adults perhaps, be the babies of the universe?"

Engineer Rodolfo Garrido Cotham spoke about the "Navigational Systems of UFOs." He pointed out that "the objects found in fields in Winchester, England, in the Alberton plains in Australia in 1967, and in France (1966) after UFOs had landed, lead us to relate certain quantum physics theories to the generation and interaction of two fields, one generated horizontally, the other induced orthogonally."

"It is necessary to point out that these orthogonal fields are ionized and superconductive with the Earth's electromagnetic field; they are so dense they create supergravity fields and disturb space and time. Thus, there is a possibility to pass into other dimensional states, as stated by Dr. Freedman, based on Kaluza's 1929 relativity theory, and on Schrödinger's differential equation system, who demonstrates mathematically that Einstein's relativistic universe, integrated by the four basic forces, is formed by 11 dimensions which contain the four we know about."

"There is the theoretical possibility of a dimension with speed and force properties that are contrary to those of our universe: it is an unimaginable speed can cover great distances in a short period of time."

The author broached the subject "Extraterrestrials Yesterday and Today." Man has always been accompanied by entities who were given different names: demons, angels, fairies, elves, goblins, gnomes, "chanques" ... when in fact they are beings from other worlds.

A young man said that he once saw very clearly that some small beings, similar to goblins, were entering and leaving his parent's bedroom. They then played tricks on him, because he used to take baths listening to music in a transistor radio and they changed the stations. Later, together with one of his brothers, they witnessed the appearance in the hall of their home of a taller being who smiled at them and disappeared before their surprised eyes. "I know of a man in Monterrey who, first in a personal interview and then through TV programs in Miami and Sultana del Norte, confessed to having had contacts with extraterrestrials for 20 years. He even had a prostate operation in their spaceship. They suggested he build machines that would help his fellow man to avoid illness, and he traveled with them to their world, in the Pleiades. And finally, a society lady is also in contact with tall, blond beings (one of them says he is her teacher, named Orkam), and they are at present carrying out genetic and therapeutic tests on her."

It was concluded that "we must be careful of the existence of thousands of entities who are depending on the human race. They contact us for our good if we are open to their frequency, but if they are the small, big-headed ugly ones, to harm us."

Mexico-China Agreement

In this first UFO encounter, CIFEEAC and the National Association for the Investigation of UFOs in China signed an agreement to exchange information and knowledge about the UFO subject, whose main items are:

1. Exchange of information.
2. Exchange of interviews with UFO witnesses.
3. Visits to both countries (Mexico and China).
4. Formalize relationships between both organizations.
5. Publication and exchange of bibliography.
6. To hold conferences, first in one country, then in the other; after that, in the rest of the world.
7. Both organizations to participate in those events.

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UFOs spotted

VISITORS from outer space could be keeping an eye on Crawley — for more people claim to have seen UFOs.

Last week Crawley mum Diane Munro said she saw a strange object hovering above her lfield home.

And this week two more people have come forward and told of similar spooky sightings.

Derek Blyth was looking out of a window at his home in Westfield Road, West Green, on the same day that Diane reported a

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mysterious glow.

Derek said: "We suddenly saw what looked like a large red ball with a trail of smoke behind it before it fell to the ground. At the time we didn't know what it was and got quite panicky at seeing the thing fall."

But when Derek and his wife Pat read about Diane's sighting they thought they must have seen the

same unidentified flying object.

And Simone Clark has backed Diane and Derek's sightings too as she saw a similar object flying above her home in Ferring Close, Ilfield, a couple of years ago.

Simone said: "I saw something falling from the sky. It had red and blue lights that were really bright and it was bigger than the moon. It was as if the object wanted to be seen."

Derek added: "We're just pleased someone else saw it too because then we can't be going nuts."

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NEWS ABOUT BUSY UFOs IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW — It's UFO season in Moscow. Russians take this stuff seriously.

One news agency reported Thursday that two UFOs visited Moscow in recent days and a third surprised a military pilot in eastern Russia.

The first, sighted on the night of Aug. 4, spent almost an hour flying over the Penta Hotel in downtown Moscow, trailing white and blue fire.

The second was seen swooping down on a 24-story building Aug. 5.

The third "did not cause any harm to the pilot although he flew around it twice. It was very bright, and made of a silver-like metal."

The newspaper Ivestia recently reported that a local aircraft plant was building its own flying saucer, 82 feet in diameter, weighing 120 tons and costing \$70 million.



Book offers some big tales about Bigfoot

SUMMARY: Walla Walla Vance Orchard would tell you to file his new book under non-fiction. Some might disagree.

By RICHARD S. CLAYTON
Of the Union-Bulletin

Vance Orchard never intended to become an authority on Bigfoot. It kind of was a part of his job at the Union-Bulletin.

As a roving reporter and outdoors columnist for more than 30 years, Orchard, 75, spent much of his time traveling, hiking or camping in the Blue Mountains.

And whenever there was a report of a Bigfoot in the rolling hills outside Walla Walla, he was the reporter expected to look into it.

After a while, Orchard, who retired in 1983, began to take an interest in the mysterious man-like creature discussed by anthropologists, mystics and tabloid columnists alike.

In the past 20 years, Orchard has collected an "apple barrel" full of newspaper clippings and accounts of sightings in the Blue Mountains and elsewhere.

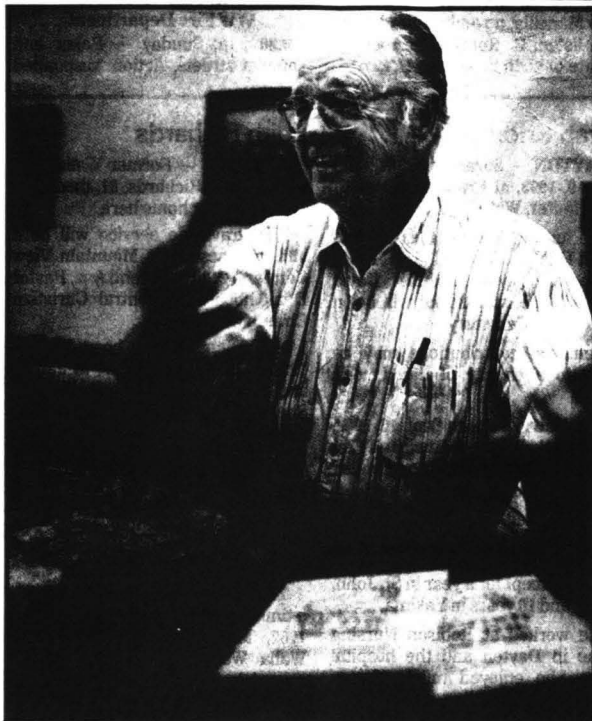
In his latest book, "Bigfoot of the Blues," Orchard sifts the best stories from his barrel and highlights those he has gathered from people who claim to have encountered Bigfoot in Walla Walla's hilly back yard.

The book was printed earlier this month by Walla Walla's Inland Printing and is available for \$9.95 in local book stores.

Orchard, who has written more than a half-dozen books on local events and history, said he has heard of 20 to 30 reported sightings or other evidence of Bigfoot in the Blue Mountains. Some go as far back as 1900, he said.

He fills his latest book with his folksy retellings — and some firsthand accounts — of several of these encounters, including those of Paul Freeman, a former U.S. Forest Service employee who reportedly still scours the Blue Mountains a few days a week for irrefutable evidence.

Freeman claims to have spotted his first Bigfoot when he was patrolling the Mill Creek watershed in 1982. Since then, he and family



U-B photo by GREG LEHMAN

In his book, "Bigfoot of the Blues," Vance Orchard collects many of the reported sightings and encounters others say they have had in the Walla Walla area with the hairy, man-like creature. Orchard is shown here with a cast taken locally of a reported Bigfoot.

members say they have had several run-ins with the creature.

Orchard tells of the ridicule and taunting Freeman and his family have faced since he first shared his accounts with local and national media.

The book explains how Freeman's determination to disprove his detractors first lead him to carry a rifle in hopes of shooting and killing a Bigfoot.

Freeman claims to have captured two recent sightings on videotape. One last year, Orchard said, shows two Bigfoots growling and throwing branches and other debris at Freeman, while he hides under upturned tree roots.

Orchard's "Bigfoot of the Blues" shares the results of an analysis done by Redken Laboratories of hair samples Freeman claims are from a Bigfoot.

Examiner Mildred Harvey of Redken concluded the hair was "unlike any I've seen in 25 years of hair analyzing."

"All I can tell you is it is hair," Harvey said in the book, "but it is not completely human or animal."

"Bigfoot of the Blues" also offers a possible suggestion why nobody has found a dead Bigfoot carcass or why those mammoth footprint hunters report sometimes stop suddenly in a clearing or snow.

"Bigfoot creatures may be lost alien pets. Perhaps they are also simply aliens themselves, able to transfer from one form to another," Bigfoot enthusiast Jon Erik Beckjord speculates in Orchard's book.

Wes Sumerlin, a lifelong packer and tracker, recounts an August 1979 fishing trip he took with his wife and another couple in what is now the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness Area.

Two days into the trip, Sumerlin and one of the others spotted a 50-foot tall silver tower that they figured was a U.S. Forest Service fire lookout tower.

The group later heard a "whirling noise" and when they checked on the tower the next day it was gone, Sumerlin said.

The next week, Sumerlin and three other people returned on horseback and spotted two Bigfoots about a half-mile from the spot they had seen the tower.

"One of the critters jumps into the brush and the other, about 8 feet tall or better, stands up and growls," Sumerlin said in his personal account. "All of a sudden we are having a four-ring rodeo" with people bucked from their horses. The second Bigfoot eventually ran off.

What does Orchard think of all this speculation?

He's not willing to say he believes the UFO/Bigfoot connection.

But he said he is "fully convinced" that Bigfoot exists, despite never actually having seen one.

"Either everybody is fit for a psycho board or downright liars," Orchard said. "Or people are seeing something."

Despite this, he didn't write the book to convince skeptics.

"Even a (dead Bigfoot) body," Orchard said, "might not be enough."

Cloud-top flashes baffle scientists

BY KATHY SAWYER
The Washington Post

Airborne researchers have captured on video a weather phenomenon that had eluded discovery, huge mysterious flashes of light that shoot from the tops of storm clouds into the upper atmosphere, NASA announced Thursday.

The images, taken over the Midwest during the summer floods, confirm the existence of an event long rumored but dismissed as akin to flying saucer reports. Scientists said they now believe the outbursts may affect atmospheric ozone and disrupt instruments aboard high-altitude research planes.

A team from the University of Alaska's Geophysical Institute, using a low-light-level camera aboard a NASA DC-8, recorded 19 flashes above a severe thunderstorm over Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska one night in July.

The scintillations, lasting less than 1/30th of a second, are estimated to be about 25 miles tall, 6 miles wide and more than 240

cubic miles in volume, according to researchers Eugene Wescott and Davis Sentman.

Their shapes resemble jellyfish, Wescott said. "They appear brightest where they top out — typically about 40 miles high — so you have the jellyfish body at the top with tentacles trailing down." They appear to fade out just above the cloud tops.

Because the flashes are associated with thunderstorms, scientists believe they may result from electrical discharge.

The possibility that the flashes were reflected light from ordinary lightning was ruled out, he said. During a 15-minute period, 1,500 cloud-to-ground lightning strokes were recorded, and three times that number of cloud-to-cloud strokes. But just one of the "jellyfish flashes" was recorded about every 300 cloud-to-ground strikes.

The researchers said the flashes could create a range of chemical reactions in the upper atmosphere, including modifications in the ozone layer that shields Earth from harmful ul-

traviolet radiation.

"We don't know the effects yet," Wescott said. "But when you have a 'soup' (of chemicals) that big with that much energy going into it, a lot of things can happen. This is a new thing to think about."

The flashes could be "glow discharges" from an interaction between the ionosphere and the cloud tops, similar to that from a neon tube, or they could be some more passive phenomenon, the team said.

Members hope to make another flight with an instrument designed to record the true colors, or wavelengths, in the flashes and determine their nature.

Amateur sightings of the above-cloud flashes have been reported since 1886 but were generally ignored by scientists. Then in 1989, a University of Minnesota team recorded an un-

usual light show with a ground-based camera. And more recently, researchers at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., noticed four flash candidates in images of storms taken by space shuttle astronauts.

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Bigfoot book informative for everyone

Reviewed by WILLIAM C. BEQUETTE
Special to the Herald

Because something could be doesn't mean it is. For example, the sasquatch (bigfoot) phenomenon.

Literally hundreds of hunters, hikers, fishermen and loggers have reported finding footprints, and certain other signs, which they attribute to a creature of giant size that walks on its hind legs like a human or some of the larger apes.

The reports suggest the creature ranges over much of North America, but primarily in the Pacific Northwest, particularly the Blue Mountains.

The reports have made titillating newspaper headlines and the possibility that the sasquatch are real, not imaginary, has added zest for folk who venture into remote areas.

Some of the tracks found in the back country proved to be fakes. But others could not be explained easily, suggesting a need for examination by scientific eyes.

For 30 years or more, Grover Krantz, professor

of anthropology at Washington State University and a highly respected cryptozoologist, has been devoting much time and effort in a search for credible evidence that bigfoot exists. He has had minimal success.

The hundreds of footprints, and casts of footprints, he has examined and tested only suggest the possibility that such a creature may be roaming the forests and mountains.

Perhaps the closest to the proof Krantz seeks is a few feet of movie film exposed by

Roger Patterson of Yakima in 1967. Patterson and Robert Gimlin were sasquatch hunting in Northern California when they saw, and Patterson filmed, after his horse reared and fell on him, what Krantz, on page 91, writes "was evidently a female sasquatch that I have since determined to stand 6 feet 6 inches tall and weighing about 500 pounds."

Patterson was about 125 feet from his subject. When the creature disappeared from the sight of

the two hunters, Krantz writes, Patterson "had 952 frames of color film of the first and only sasquatch he ever saw."

The film is blurred in places, and only of fair quality as the creature is almost a hundred yards away from the camera and disappearing into the brush. Few scientists, Krantz writes, "were willing even to look at the film, and most of them promptly declared it to be a fake."

Krantz believes the film is genuine. In his book, he analyzes the film in more detail than some readers will want to read, but which is well worth the effort.

The same may be said for most of the book. It is never easy reading, but profitable, both for those who believe in bigfoot, and those who are skeptical.

Krantz, the scientist, is confident that the sasquatch exists in fact as well as in the popular imagination, and that sometime in the future one will be brought in.

Or, to put it another way, he concludes that it is only a matter of time before what is now a scientific anomaly becomes scientific fact.

William C. Bequette is the Herald's retired editor.

■ **Big Footprints: A Scientific Inquiry into the Reality of Sasquatch** by Grover S. Krantz, Johnson Printing Co., Boulder, Colo., Paperback \$19.50.

On the Bigfoot trail — again!

Story by Polly Timberman,
Kaleidoscope editor

Since he last pursued Bigfoot, Peter Byrne has led parties up mountains, down wild rivers, and through Nepali jungles. Now, it's Sasquatch again, and he intends to do it right!

To the Salish-speaking people of the Northwest, they were "Sasquatch," or "wild men."

Legends of these Native Americans tell of large, hairy, elusive, human-like creatures. Later, other believers would nickname them "Bigfoot," from reports of footprints large enough to set the hardest outdoorsman to looking nervously over his shoulder.

It's a believe-it-or-not game, with many people scoffing at the idea that such creatures could inhabit western forests for many years, yet leave so little hard evidence of their existence. It's a hoax, they say — a game set up by jokesters in fur suits, or by pranksters bearing huge fabricated "feet" to press into the snow or the mud.

Sometimes that proves to be the case. Other times, however, the stories are hard to discredit, coming from seemingly reputable sources who swear they have seen these creatures. It may have happened during a hunting trip, or at night when startled travelers pinpoint them with headlights at the edge of the woods.

Some report bloodcurdling screams of such volume as to send them bolting from the woods into their vehicles, locking the doors hurriedly behind them. Bigfoot? Who knows? But they are ready to swear it was no ordinary creature of the forest.

Not everyone comes forth with their stories. Some tell their experiences to a trusted friend, or to no one at all. They are afraid of being laughed at, of being made fun of by the scoffers.

"There is ridicule. People don't like ridicule," says Peter Byrne of Mt. Hood.

Byrne says there is no firm evidence that Bigfoot exists, but a new five-year project will bring the latest technology to bear upon the question. For the next 18 months, he will be gathering a mass of data for the Bigfoot Research Project,

funded in part by the Academy of Applied Sciences at Boston, Mass.

Byrne wants to get that message out. He wants to hear those stories about sightings, footprints, sounds and smells. Whether the story has been told a hundred times or never at all, he's interested. He promises confidentiality to those who wish it.

And he promises not to laugh.

"These people aren't involved in a conspiracy of lies," Byrne says. "They have really seen something. What they have seen is a man in a fur suit, or it really is Bigfoot." He wants to put an end to speculation and find out which is true.

Byrne says the project is an exciting one, because many sane, sensible people have reported sightings — people highly respected in their communities for their intelligence and integrity.

The Academy of Applied Sciences also wants to know the answers. This is a private academy put together by scientists and others to develop areas of research in keeping with the private interests of its members, Byrne says. It is Robert Rines, a patent attorney and head of the academy, whose special interest is Bigfoot.

The academy has worked with Byrne through the years of his own Bigfoot interest. Many Mid-Columbia residents will remember

"These people aren't involved in a conspiracy of lies."

the Bigfoot museum Byrne established at The Dalles in the 1970s. He moved it to Hood River quarters in the Port/Chamber of Commerce building for about a year. Byrne also wrote a book, "Search for Bigfoot," detailing



Peter Byrne shows how Bigfoot got its name.

search efforts by his group and other findings to that time.

Then, Byrne withdrew materials from the museum and announced intentions of letting the creatures go their way in peace. He says that first project lacked continuity, and that those working on it were always short of money for research.

He turned his attention to other matters, but never anything ordinary. Byrne has spent his life in extraordinary pursuits.

A native of Ireland, he served in the Royal Air Force in Southeast Asia during World II. Later, he worked four years as assistant manager of a British tea plantation in North Bengal, India. When nationalization of the tea companies was pending, he resigned and became a professional white hunter and safari guide in Nepal.

He switched to conservationist projects in 1968 — still leading safaris, but with clients aiming cameras instead of rifles. His most recent efforts have been to help save the threatened wild elephant population — reason enough for another book, "Tula Hati." He and former wife, Celia "Dede" Killen led excursions to raft wild rivers in Nepal and to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

Now, it's back to Bigfoot — a

renewed interest that seems to have wide appeal, judging from a recently aired television show and several media articles on the subject. Byrne's new project, quietly launched in August, drew the interest of writer Bob Sullivan who is doing a Bigfoot article for the New Yorker. He interviewed Byrne in Portland last week. Byrne says another writer, Bob Pyle, has a grant from the Guggenheim Museum in New York to do a book on the subject.

While much that has been written focuses on personal experiences of those who report sightings or other Bigfoot finds, the Bigfoot Research Project is designed to go beyond that.

"We decided we need to find out where to go to do the fieldwork and searches. Now, we don't know. The area that produces evidence is too big for us," Byrne says. It stretches from Northern California through the Cascade mountains of Oregon and Washington, up the coast ranges of British Columbia, and into Southern Alaska. In addition, findings have been reported from Idaho to the east.

"This area has produced evidence for more than 200 years, since 1780," Byrne says.

Rather than taking on the impossible task of searching the whole area, the project will seek "geo-time" patterns — patterns of places and times of year in which such creatures might most likely be contacted.

The first 18 months or so will be spent gathering all available information on Bigfoot history, sightings, footprint finds, sounds and smells, and anything else pertinent to the project.

Three questionnaires have been designed for those who report information to the project. The questionnaire on sightings, for instance, is 15 pages long. "We want to get every detail," Byrne says — every piece of information about the elevation, nearby plants, the weather, actions taken by the creature, and on and on.

When the exhaustive data-gathering is completed, "we will take the evidence, pop it into a computer against a prepared data base, and see what it tells us. If it gives us patterns, we will 'bring in the Mounties,' and see what we can find," Byrne says.

The "Mounties" will consist of

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such devices of modern technology as cameras, ground-sensing devices, infra-red, starlight scopes and more.

"No guns!" Byrne emphasizes. "And no capture guns. It's a benign research project. We strongly oppose the idea of shooting one just to prove that they exist. We would rather not find one than shoot one."

Byrne recalls a remark made by a young boy at a local elementary school last year after listening to a talk about Bigfoot.

"Suppose the one that you shoot is the last one," the child said.

The major goal of the project is to prove once and for all whether Bigfoot exists or whether it doesn't.

It will be at least five years before the study is completed. When it is, Byrne says, it should become obvious which of the following is occurring:

A) In the history, fakery in the form of planted items in newspapers, archival documents, books, magazines and family letters, all the way back to 1780.

B) In the sightings, a deep conspiracy of lies among the eyewitnesses; or mass hallucination.

C) In the footprint finds, fakery.

D) The real thing.

Byrne admits to having some opinions of his own.

"Logic — and I feel it is applicable here in its purest form — suggests that a fabrication of the history is just not feasible. (It would take the resources of the CIA to manage something like that!) As to a conspiracy among the eyewitnesses, I think this is ruled out by the fact that most of the ones that I have interviewed — more than 100 credible ones now — do not even know each other.

"As to mass hallucination, we have a sterling clarification of the improbability of this in the lack of evidence — no sightings, no footprint finds — in the coast ranges of Oregon." These are perfect Bigfoot territory, with dense forests, ample water and food, including coastal (beach) food sources, Byrne says, but sightings do not occur in these areas.

"Our joke on this is that there is something wrong with the Oregonians who live along the coast; why are they not hallucinating like the people who live in the Cascades, the central range, the recorded area of evidence?

"As to footprint fakery, yes, there has been some. But not very

much, and what I have seen has been quickly dismissable as the work of amateurs. Real footprints? I have seen three sets to date, all in remote areas where a faker would have no reason to put them. I have found them convincing, and I am fairly good at print and pug interpretation, having been with it for many years, for 20 as a white hunter."

Byrne says that, in his opinion, the only viable alternative is that Bigfoot is a large, unknown (unclassified) primate, "a very primitive hominid form, one that may be a close relative to homo sapiens and a vital link between us and our primeval origins . . ."

With its simple needs for food, water, cover and space met, its simple animal instincts might allow it to stay concealed from humans, he says.

It is that opinion — that Bigfoot is both real and valuable — that adds zest to this renewed study and search by Peter Byrne.

Anyone who would like to contact the Bigfoot Research Project may call 352-7000 and leave a message; their call will be returned. Or write Byrne at P.O. Box 126, Mt. Hood, OR 97041.

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John Green says this footprint belongs to a sasquatch

Sasquatch believers swap tales of sightings

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS, B.C. (CP) — At first it looked like a black speck against the snow.

It moved rapidly down the mountain and as it came closer it looked like a moose.

But through the binoculars the hunters realized it couldn't be a moose because it was walking up-right.

They watched spellbound — "the adrenaline just pumps through you when something doesn't make sense" — as the creature moved effortlessly through the snow without snowshoes.

And not a stitch of clothing, either.

"It was running bare-naked through three feet of snow," the astounded observer told about 24 bigfoot believers Saturday at a conference at Harrison Hot Springs, a resort town 70 kilometres east of Vancouver in the heart of sasquatch country.

"It was big and black. This creature must have been a minimum of eight feet tall.

"Was it just casually on a Sunday afternoon stroll? I don't think so.

"I'll have a mystery in my mind for the rest of my life."

The men who spotted the humongous hairy creature near Christina Lake, in southeastern B.C., last October won't be identified for fear of ridicule.

Believers say you can't discount the thousands of sasquatch sightings, footprints and even a video.

The skeptics simply demand to see a body, or even a bone.

Sasquatch sympathizer John Green, who has been looking for bigfoot for 40 years from his Har-

rison home, has a different view.

"Reports of this creature come from all over the world and can be traced back as far as there are records," he said. "Either you've got an animal with feet like this or you have a human conspiracy to manufacture evidence and it's worldwide and it goes back as far as history.

"Either explanation is ridiculous but one must be true. It must be an animal, because that is the simplest explanation."

Green said bigfoot can reach 4.5 metres and weigh 450 kilograms. The hair completely covering its body is either black, brown or auburn.

Its strides are two to 2.5 metres long. Its footprints are about 60 centimetres long, 20 cm wide and look similar to man's.

Author Tom Steenburg of Calgary told the conference bigfoot is probably a great ape which migrated across the Bering Sea land bridge tens of thousands of years ago.

He believes it may be related to the Himalayan yeti.

"I want to know if there is an animal out there or if this is folklore, and if it's folklore then it's important folklore.

"They are obviously very rare. I tend to think there's one for every hundred bears in the area — and dead animal flesh doesn't last long in the woods of the Pacific Northwest because it is immediately torn apart and eaten by other animals.

"Of course this is all theory. What scientists really need to prove this animal exists is a body or a piece of a body. Nothing else will do."

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Julio Lars, manager of Lake Isabel in Livermore, takes one of his last looks at the lake, which will close Wednesday.

Last chance to hook lake monster

■ Livermore fishing hole closes this week

By Dennis Olivera
STAFF WRITER

LIVERMORE — Every now and then, when the bait is least expecting it, the monster in Lake Isabel will yank another fishing pole out of a set of white knuckles then vanish into waters 70 feet deep.

The 105-pound sturgeon (probably 120 pounds by now) was lowered into the lake a year ago today. Between him and his 87-pound cousin, no fewer than six rods, reels and lines have been wrestled into the muck.

The creature is Livermore's answer to Loch Ness.

"We saw him a week ago," Julio Lara, the lake manager,

said. "He shows up every once in a while. He loves to jump out of the water."

For 20 years, dreams of reeling in the big one have drawn fishermen and their children from all over the East Bay to the stocked manmade fishing hole next to the gravel quarry off Isabel Avenue.

Lara's office, a portable building next to the Huck Finn Pond, has one wall plastered with Polaroid snapshots of record catches: a 25-pound black bass, a 10-pound catfish, a 21.5-pound blue gill, a 16-pound trout.

That's why when the lake closes its doors for the last time Wednesday, the gates will shut on more than just memories: a lot of big fish stories will be locked out, too.

"A lot of senior citizens like

this place," said Lara, a 67-year-old resident of Manteca who has been dishing up fishing pole thrills for nine years. "They're the ones who are going to miss it the most."

The lake, also a popular stopping point for anglers embarrassed to return from real fishing trips empty-handed, shuts down as a Los Angeles-based mining company prepares to move in with a new business venture.

More than 1,000 fish — of all varieties — may be left behind if not captured over the weekend. That includes both monsters.

"We were going to electrify them out, but whether we will or not I don't know," said Lara. The lake, operated by Mountain Fisheries, is open for business daily until midnight.

Draw your own conclusions on artist's serpents



Sheila O. Barrera, an artist from Rahway, N.J., says she doesn't know if lake monsters exist, but the stories of them inspire her art.

By Carol Azizian
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

YOU'RE munching on a tofu reuben and suddenly, it rears its serpent-like head.

"Nessie at Castle Urquhart."

"Mhorag."

At first, you think these primitive watercolor paintings at Steady Eddy's Cafe in Davison are simply the restaurateur's attempt to spruce up his walls.

Then, you look closer and maybe you reminisce for a minute or two about the time when you believed in lake monsters.

Or you dismiss them as children's art.

Either way, Sheila O. Barrera, an artist from Rahway, N.J., doesn't mind that her work makes a few waves, or maybe ripples. She's pleased that you took the time to look.

"I want to make people think about the possibilities," Barrera said.

"I'm not sure they exist. I'm not sure they don't. But I like to paint them

because they inspire me."

Her paintings will be shown at Steady Eddy's through the month and at Left Bank Gallery through June 9.

She'll give a lecture on the subject at 1 p.m. May 22 at the Davison Area Library and a talk on "The Business Side of Art" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Flint Institute of Arts.

"People either like them (the paintings) or hate them," said Edmund Lis, who owns Steady Eddy's with his wife, Diane.

Those who turn up their noses at the artwork are turned off by images of the dragon- and serpent-like creatures, he said.

One of the customers, Brent Craddock of Otter Lake, said he had spent some time on Lake Champlain in upstate New York and heard rumors about a lake monster, but never saw anything himself.

Most of the images, however, are fairly sketchy and not very ominous. She said she's completed nearly 130

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Touchet Valley Ramblings by Vance Orchard Waitsburg Times Columnist

BIGFOOT REPORT — A Snowman seeker, is currently director of Bigfoot Research Project. If you have a Bigfoot to report, his toll-free number is 1-800-BIGFOOT.

Oh, yes, reservations for the RV park can be made by contacting Harry Schumcher, 184 Metzger Road, Carson, WA 98610. Or, phone at (509) 427-4441.

The sighting was reported to Peter Byrne who asked Walla Walla Bigfoot aficionados to check it out. According to the report, a two-legged, hairy creature about nine feet tall was seen "gliding" down this sidehill just north of Mt. Emily on Summit Road. It was about 300 yards distance. The creature then sat down at the base of a tree, the reporter said. The La Grande man and his partner got into their pickup and intended to drive around the hill to get closer. He meant to walk around to the tree (out of sight by now) to get a closer look, then had second thoughts and the two came on back to La Grande.

In the meantime, harvesting and other extra work has prevented anyone checking into the sighting. When I talked to the reporting person on the phone, he was still quite excited and exclaiming how he had been a "100 percent disbeliever in Bigfoot" before his experience near Mt. Emily!

Those interested in learning more about the Bigfoot thing can take in a session at the Bigfoot RV Park at Carson, Wash., Aug. 28-29. That's when the Western Bigfoot Society of Portland meets for its annual bash.

The first day will be spent touring the area, including the Carson Hot Springs, Government Mineral Springs, and lava caves. A bonfire party is planned for the evening.

On Sunday there will be Bigfoot displays and talks by Bigfoot investigators. Prime guest speaker is Peter Byrne, at 10 a.m. Byrne, internationally known author and abominable

artworks on the subject.

Barrera, who grew up in Schenectady, N.Y., made several treks to lakes in upstate New York as a child.

But her most memorable experience happened eight years ago when she was 30 years old. She, along with her family, was renting a cabin on Lake Champlain and took a boat ride with an 85-year-old man.

Barrera asked him if he'd ever seen "Champ," the creature allegedly inhabiting Lake Champlain.

"He told me, 'One morning I got up early. The mist was rising off the lake and I saw this thing swimming across the water.'"

She asked him a few more questions and when they reached shore, the old man saw Barrera's father, smirked and said, "If you believe that one I've got another one for you."

Barrera never knew if the old man was joking or not. But the story piqued her curiosity. She saw a huge board with more than 200 names of people who claim to have seen the creature.

Samuel de Champlain, the early French explorer, reported that he saw a serpent-like creature back in July 1609, according to a book titled "Champ - Beyond the Legend" by Joseph W. Zarzynski.

Intrigued, she interviewed people who claim to have spotted unusual animate objects in lakes.

"A lot of the people I speak to in various areas think of the creatures as their mascot," she said.

One couple — the husband was an engineer, and the wife, a real estate appraiser — reportedly identified a Champ-like creature gliding along on Lake Champlain on Sept. 5, 1990. She sailed on the lake with them last summer, but saw nothing herself.

The husband thought it was about 50-feet long, with humps about 15-20 feet apart. The wife believed the animal was closer to 20-feet long with each hump about 3- to 4-feet long and 4-to 6-feet apart. He was watching it with binoculars and she, with the naked eye.

"They were very level-headed people," she said.

Barrera said two firefighters from a small town in Ohio told her they eyed something in Lake Erie, but the local newspaper misquoted them, saying they had seen a "monster."

Another woman who worked aboard a fishing vessel on Lake Erie told Barrera they had caught a creature in their net. It apparently made a "blood curdling" sound before tearing through the net and swimming away, Barrera said. The fishermen told their boss they lost 250 pounds of perch as a result of the disaster, but he thought it was just a fish tale.

Barrera said she has visited five lakes since she began researching, but has never been to Loch Ness in Scotland, home of the Loch Ness monster legend. It's one of her goals.

"I've sworn up and down that if I ever saw one (a lake monster), I'd never tell anyone," she said.

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Japanese TV crew searches for Champ

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ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN — A flotilla of fishing and pleasure boats set out Thursday in search of mystery. Their captains think they found it.

About 15 boats formed a V as they launched one of the biggest efforts ever to determine if monster-like creatures inhabit Lake Champlain. Sonar found something that wasn't a school of fish and the search participants were convinced it was the mysterious creature in the lake.

The boats were filled with photographers from the Tokyo Broadcasting System searching for Champ, the creature said to live in the lake's depths. The network was preparing a 90-minute documentary for airing later this month.

"I think what we found was what could be termed Champ," said Jim Carroll, owner of a New York marina who organized the flotilla.

Sonar picked up an object that appeared to be long and relatively thin in area of the lake between Vermont's Potash Bay and New York's Mullen Bay. "It showed as a dense object that was 20 feet in length in 60 feet of water," said Dennis Hall, a director of Champ Quest.



A FLOTILLA heads back to shore following a Japanese TV network's expedition on Lake Champlain to find the creature named Champ.

"I think there's something out there because I interviewed witnesses and those people seemed very decent," said Akiko Ebisawa, who works with a production company assisting TBS. "They don't seem like some crazy people."

The expedition is being assisted by Champ Quest, a non-profit organization formed last year to document Champ sightings.

There have been 18 such sightings so far this year, said Dennis Hall of Vergennes, a director of Champ Quest.

Hall said that sighting the animal is sometimes difficult be-

cause, "Champ is very shy. He's nocturnal mainly."

The legend of Champ dates back to the days when Samuel de Champlain was the first white man to explore the waters of North America's sixth-largest lake in 1609.

Producers of the Japanese television program have hired the boats to prowls the 120-mile-long lake for the next few days towing sonar, cameras and sophisticated electronic gear designed to track down the shy creature of the deep.

Much of Thursday's events were staged for the television

cameras. A helicopter flew over the boats and the flotilla returned to dock in formation in time for a live shot on local television. And the show's director, Mitsuhiro Onda, admitted that his crews' efforts were not scientific. "It's not so serious. It's a television documentary," he said.

But Carroll said he was convinced by the fish-finding sonars. "It's too big and it ran too far to be fish," he said.

Hall said he and others believe there are 15 or more of the creatures living in and around Lake Champlain.

"They're surviving, they're reproducing, they're thriving now," Hall said. "They're mainly aquatic, but they've been seen on land."

He said the prehistoric creature is related to the current day crocodiles and turtles. Hall said he personally has seen Champ 15 times in 20 years.

Only rarely has there been photographic or videotape evidence of some kind of unknown being lurking in the bays and coves or deep main channel of the lake. And that has never been enough to persuade the scientific community or the many skeptics. Thursday's crews claimed to have readouts from their sonars proving the existence of the creature.