

UFO

NEWSCLIPPING SERVICE

U.F.O. NEWSCLIPPING SERVICE

ROUTE 1 — BOX 220

PLUMERVILLE, ARKANSAS 72127 U.S.A.

EDITOR/PUBLISHER: LUCIUS FARISH

NOVEMBER 1993 NUMBER 292

OREGONIAN, Portland, OR - Nov. 1, 1993 CR: J. Deardorff

UFO-sighters no psychological basket cases, study finds

■ Those who think they've had out-of-this-world experiences seem to test "very normal"

By MALCOLM RITTER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — People who think they've seen a UFO or a space alien appear to be just as intelligent and psychologically healthy as other people, a new study says.

Researchers found that UFO reporters scored no worse than other people on tests of psychological health, intelligence and fantasy-proneness.

They appeared to be "very normal," said study co-author Patricia Cross of Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario.

Many of their reports may just be misinterpretations of unfamiliar sights or experiences, influenced by a prior belief in visits by space aliens, she said.

Cross, a psychology graduate student who did the study as her master's thesis, reports the work with psychologist Nicholas Spanos and others at Carleton in the November issue of the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*.

"Our findings clearly contradict

the previously held notions that people who seemingly had bizarre experiences, such as missing time and communicating with aliens, have wild imaginations and are easily swayed into believing the unbelievable," the study said.

The study included 49 adults who said they had seen UFOs, 39 members of the general public and 74 introductory psychology students.

Eighteen of the UFO spotters said they had simply seen something in the sky.

The other 31 reported a more intense experience. For example, 10 said they had seen a spacecraft clo-

se-up, 10 said they had spotted an alien, seven reported verbal contact with aliens and eight cited telepathic contact. Seven recalled total body paralysis and eight said time was inexplicably lost. Two said they were taken up in a spaceship.

As a whole, the UFO spotters were more likely than other study participants to report belief in visits from space aliens. It was unclear whether that belief preceded or followed their UFO experiences, although some evidence suggests it came before, researchers said.

Most UFO experiences occurred at night, when darkness and sleepiness might have made unusual distant

sights hard to interpret, researchers said. A person who believed in alien visitation might have considered them sightings of alien spaceships, the researchers said.

As for those reporting a more intense experience, 60 percent of the experiences were associated with sleep, suggesting that some were simply dreams, the researchers said.

Nearly a quarter of people with intense experiences told stories suggesting sleep paralysis, a relatively common experience in which one feels awake but cannot move, Cross said. The disorder is often accompanied by fear and a sense that another being is present, she said.

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - Nov. 3, 1993

UFOs Come Back Again To Gulf Breeze Skies Yellow Object Turns Red, Ring Of Lights Observed

by Patti Weatherford

The last week of October featured two UFO sightings in the Gulf Breeze area. One occurred on October 26, the second on October 28. The characteristics of the two sightings varied, both reported by experienced skywatchers.

Anne Morrison reported the October 26 sighting as observed from Shoreline Park. The time was 7:40 p.m., 16 degree elevation, 163 degree azimuth. There were five other witnesses at the park. The light first appeared as a yellowish-white light over Tristan Towers, to the south of the park. About 30 seconds later, it turned bright red and became station-

ary, with some slight pulsing. Anne then saw a ring of red lights through her binoculars. The objects then became higher and brighter, indicating possible movement toward the witnesses. After about 4 minutes, it dimmed to a small amber light, blinked on and off twice and then disappeared.

The second sighting occurred on October 28 about 6:23-6:25 p.m. from the Redfish Point area, looking north. The witness, "George", and his son observed a light that had the appearance of a large fluorescent, blue-white light. The object emitted no sound as it moved first at a slow rate

of speed, then a high rate of speed from west to east. It reminded "George" of a light that passed over his car in 1973 in Mississippi. "George" stated that it could have been a military craft of some kind, although they normally have colored lights and white strobing lights. Also, landing lights are usually very bright and smaller than this one.

If you have any other information on these or other sightings, please call the UFO Hotline at 438-3261.

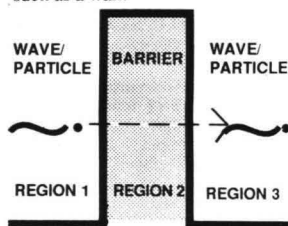
(Patti Weatherford is an auditor for the State of Florida. She is the Publicity Chairman for the Pensacola/Gulf Breeze MUFON.)

barrier also remains intact. I am sure you are asking yourself how can this happen? What tricks are they pulling in the labs? The answer is quite simple. A French physicist named Louis de Broglie discovered that under certain conditions matter such as electrons exhibit both wave and particle characteristics. A wave/particle is therefore able to penetrate this barrier with no problem.

In 1923 when Louis de Broglie presented his doctoral thesis, stating the wave/particle behavior of matter (photons in particular), he had no experimental proof. Shortly thereafter, in 1929 he received the Nobel prize for his proven particle/wave property.

So, the nineteenth century brought us classical physics, and the twentieth century brought us quantum physics, then what does the 21st century hold for us? Maybe we should

listen more attentively to the children for they will grow up and maybe discover the technology needed for a human body to penetrate a barrier such as a wall.



If anyone has information concerning tunneling, please send it to Candy Segar in care of *The Islander* Newspaper, P.O. Box 292, Gulf Breeze, FL 32562.

(Candace Segar is an Electrical Engineer and a member of Pensacola Gulf Breeze MUFON.)

Imaginative Children Spark Engineer's Creative Ideas Do They Walk Through Walls?

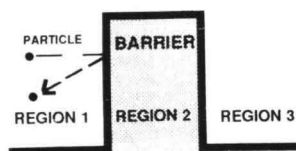
by Candace Segar

I had the pleasure of attending the UFO conference during the weekend of October 22-24. I attended one work-shop which centered around children. I do not have any children, but I learned a lot during the two hour talk. I will focus on just one aspect of this workshop for this article. Children, as everyone knows, have fantastic imaginations and great creativity. And many times adults dismiss children's thoughts on subjects since children are into make believe worlds. One of the points that was brought up repeatedly was that children tell how they are able to walk through the walls. Well, being an engineer by education, I gave this some thought, and it occurred to me that although we do not have the ability to walk through walls, a particle can tunnel through a barrier in quantum physics.

At the end of the nineteenth century, most classical physics involving laws of motion, gravitation, electricity, magnetism, thermodynamics, and kinetic theory explained a variety of phenomena. Then in 1900 Planck laid the groundwork for quantum physics followed by Einstein who in 1905 developed his brilliant theory of relativity. Quantum mechanics as it is sometimes referred to, is the new approach taken to explain the behavior of atoms, molecules and nuclei.

In order to explain the phenomena of tunneling I will use examples pertaining to both classical and then quantum physics. In the classical case, if a particle is traveling and strikes a barrier of finite height and width, the particle will be reflected. This particle can neither penetrate nor cross, the barrier or the region

next to it.



Through quantum mechanics, the particle is able to penetrate all regions and appears on the other side of the barrier. This feat has been accomplished in labs. Finding the particle on the other side of the barrier is called tunneling or barrier penetration. It should be noted that when this experiment is performed the particle is never observed inside the barrier, it is found in Region 3. The

ON COMPUTERS

Bob Schwabach



News from the purple planet

"UFO" is a combination of photos, maps and interviews with people who have, well ... seen UFOs.

This is from Software Marketing Corp. in Phoenix. If the company had a little more sense of humor, this could have been done as a kind of plane spotter's guide, like the ones they used to distribute to the home guard back in World War II. This one could have alien spacecraft

"Look, son. There's a Romulan Battle Cruiser. You can tell by the antigrav pods just under the gun ports," and so on.

According to *The Wall Street Journal* a couple of years ago, about 4 million Americans claim to have had encounters with aliens. (Where do they get these numbers?)

If that's even remotely close, it is enough to form a formidable political pressure group - "Contact now!" and all that. "Don't get mad, get telepathic." Heaven knows, NASA is running low on support these days.

"UFO" comes on regular disks or CD, \$50 and \$60, for the PC. For more info, call Software Marketing (602) 893-3377. There's lots of stuff, by the way; ask for a catalog.

Seeks UFO eyewitnesses

To The Editor:

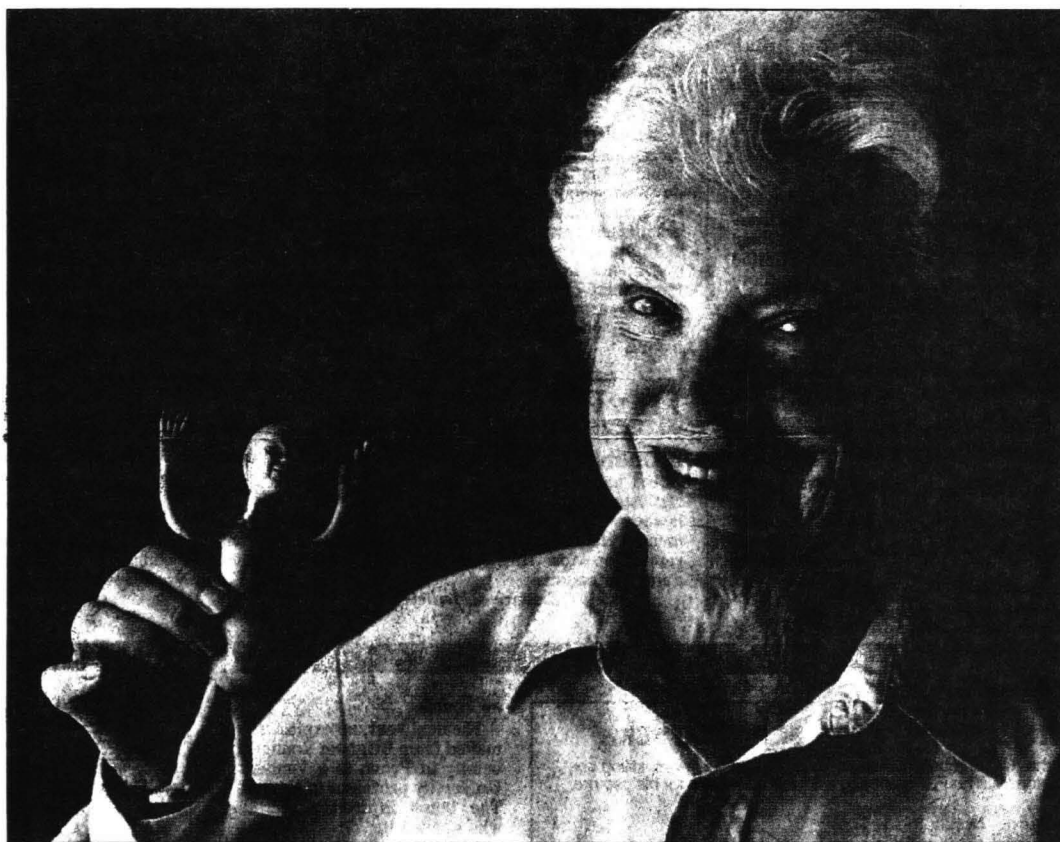
I am writing to find additional eyewitnesses to two recent UFO encounters adjacent to Highway 150 west toward Cherryville reported by a manufacturing officer and a truck driver that occurred on Aug. 29 and May 6.

The first incident involved a six second camcorder film of a domed saucer-shaped object at 6:30 a.m. and the second incident was a car chase of a dome-shaped UFO from Lincolnton by-pass to Crouse and to Cherryville that happened for 12 minutes at 4:30 a.m.

Anyone having additional information concerning these sightings is asked to contact me at 602 Battleground Rd., Lincolnton so we can complete our investigations.

EAGLE, Cherryville, NC
Sept. 15, 1993 CR: G. Fawcett

George D. Fawcett
MUFON-NC Inc.
704/735-5725 nights



Rick Egan/The Salt Lake Tribune

UFO investigator Mildred Biesele of Salt Lake City chronicles Utah sightings for a national organization.

Utahn Records Close Encounters in the Beehive State

By Gordon Monson
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Before we get started on this, Mildred Biesele would like us to pry open our minds, not bolt to any conclusions, don't even think about the word *crackpot* and squelch urges to bust a gut laughing.

Just ease on into it, she requests, with a measure of sensitivity for those who say they have been abducted by gray aliens dressed in shiny black jumpsuits, had snake-faced creatures commandeer their 19-inch Zenith television set, and been buzzed by luminous flying objects shaped like giant bunches of grapes.

self, but the former journalist has spent 25 years studying UFOs and believes they are real.

"Some people are mistaken, they see things they can't explain and assume they are UFOs," says Biesele, who at 77 has heard her share of whoppers. "You find out later there is a natural explanation. Nationally, the figures show that 90 percent of UFO sightings are explainable. The other 10 percent are the cases we concern ourselves with. They can be pretty strange."

□□□

NBA-Sized E.T.'s: Take, for example, the experience of one Utah man — "a well-respected, successful businessman," says Biesele — who detailed his abduction by two 6-foot-8 extraterrestrials who took him to a room in a spacecraft where other hooded aliens questioned him. He moved to another room that was filled by a giant bubble loaded with pink and orange gas. The bubble enveloped him as part of a "ritual cleansing."

Later, the abductee was given what he called "the light treatment." He stood in a light that he reported "flowed like water." It was rejuvenating and cleansing, he said, "like it was removing all my rust and corrosion."

Cynics might suggest it removed the man's brain cells as well, but Biesele says he is articulate, credible and highly educated, not "some kind of a nut."

"It's a weird one," she admits. "I can see why people wouldn't believe it. But it's what he reported."

The reporting process used by Biesele and other MUFON officials is comprehensive. Witnesses are asked to fill out forms that in-

"Lizardoids beamed into my house from a podlike craft parked on my front lawn. They probed around my kitchen, stared at my cat, knocked over a box of cornflakes and beamed back out."

SALT LAKE WOMAN, 27
On extraterrestrial encounter

Knock that silly grin off your face. All of the above are actual claims straight out of Biesele's crowded and confidential Utah UFO file, which she has kept in the den of her Salt Lake City home for 16 years. As state director for a national group known as the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object

clude a wide range of questions such as "What made you first notice the object?" and "How did you lose sight of the object?" They also are requested to describe the specific characteristics of the UFO, the extent of their contact, and their personal reaction.

"I screamed like a banshee," one woman says. "I simply could not believe what I was seeing. [The UFO] was green and blue and huge, shaped like a giant banana. It darted all over the place."

□□□

UFOs Over Roosevelt: That report is hard to dismiss compared with some, such as a pair that came from Roosevelt, supposedly within 18 hours.

The first was witnessed by two brothers, 18 and 12, who were watching television about 1 a.m. Suddenly, the tube started making static noise as sparks shot out. When the picture cleared, three pale-yellow beings with no hair and snakelike eyes dressed in blotchy blue robes looked back at the boys.

It appeared to the witnesses that the snake faces were observing them.

A rainbow-colored light beamed out of the ceiling descending to the TV. Five minutes later, after the picture faded, the brothers ran outside and saw the rainbow beam move from their house to a triangular object hovering overhead. It then jetted out of sight.

The next day, a family traveling by car in the same community reported seeing a triangular object zipping around the sky. It stopped over a Husky gas station, then moved over a cemetery.

Network (MUFON) — an organization that includes an impressive list of Ph.D.'s and M.D.'s who seek righteous truth about UFOs — Biesele chronicles and investigates UFO sightings from Smithfield to Kanab.

She's never had an encounter her-

"The color of the object was silver-gray," reported one witness. "As the object came toward us, a white light became really bright and then dim. It did this several times. When it was directly above us, it was about 20 to 25 feet above our car. We could not hear if it made any noises because our windows were rolled up and the kids were crying."

"It passed us [and] kept going for about 300 yards until it was directly above some small hills. There it disappeared."

□□□

"They Didn't Seem Like Liars": Through the years, the Uinta Basin has been a UFO hotbed. Frank Salisbury, a professor of plant physiology at Utah State University who studied 20 cases of UFO sightings while researching a book, says he was left confused and baffled by the accounts.

"I'm still left wondering about it," he says. "From a scientific standpoint, there was no proof for what the witnesses were saying. Basically, these are stories. The people could be lying, but they swear they're telling the truth. All I can say is they didn't seem like liars."

A lot of people have wondered why UFO sightings always seem to occur in remote regions such as Eastern Utah instead of large metropolitan areas. It's a good question, Salisbury concedes.

Still, according to Biesele's file, there have been a number of sightings in Salt Lake City. One couple spotted a glowing greenish-blue UFO "as big as a city" moving across the late-night sky. It was only 100 feet from the ground. Another unidentified object, which had the shape of a

huge cigar, was seen by two larger groups of people as it zigzagged across the sky above the city. What appeared to be a big stogie hovered over the University of Utah before vanishing.

It is notable that witnesses of such occurrences typically do not choose to publicly talk about their UFO encounters.

"They think, 'If I talk about it, other people will think I'm crazy,'" says Biesele.

In the UFO business, this is known as the "laughter curtain."

□□□

'I'm Not a Nut': A West Jordan man, his wife and daughter know too well the risks of disclosing their other-worldly experience. After dining at a Greek restaurant on 300 West in Salt Lake, the family saw what the man described as "a large saucer-shaped object with a dome on it moving northwest to southeast in the sky."

They stopped the car and jumped out. Relatives in a second car — with whom the family had dined at the restaurant — drove up and asked what was going on. They missed the entire episode.

The man, who works as a plumber, and his wife explained what they saw. Nobody believed them.

"We were excited about it," says the man, who requested anonymity. "We told a few friends. They thought we were nuts. Even my own brother thought I was nuts. I can't blame them. If I hadn't seen it, I wouldn't believe it either. But I'm not a nut, I'm just a regular person."

"We don't talk about it anymore, but we think about it a lot."

UFO researchers such as Biesele say there is little to investigate in such cases because no corroborative evidence exists. The West Jordan couple illustrated on paper what they saw. MUFON investigators Mara Ullis and Les Beard went to the site, took pictures, interviewed the witnesses, and — more than anything — provided a sounding board.

In traumatic cases, Biesele refers witnesses to psychiatrists.

"Most of these people aren't kooks," she says, pausing to play back in her mind a lifetime of intergalactic tales, and then shrugs her shoulders.

"Oh, I don't know," she sighs. "These are credible people telling incredible stories. I don't believe everything, but you have to hold out the possibility, the slightest possibility, that it's true, that UFOs really do exist."

We can blame it all on blimp

DENVER — It looks like the glowing object that caused so many people to report UFOs over Westport in east Lincoln County early Nov. 2 was the Blockbuster Video blimp.

I got dozens of calls after running a column Monday asking how many people had seen the strange sight.

Gary Self saw it, as did William Winchester and his wife, Jean, of

Alexis. They were certain it was a dirigible, not a UFO. Winchester's boss, Alexis farmer Mike Cloninger, saw the Blockbuster emblem on the side.

And an official with

the video firm said Tuesday their blimp was in the area that morning.

(continued on page 3)

CR: G. Fawcett
GASTON OBSERVER, Gastonia, NC - Nov. 10, 1993



DAVE BAITY

Westport residents Laura Shinn, Clara Pietsch and Diane Aliff kicked the whole thing off when they called last week to tell me about a glowing, elliptical thing they saw about 4:15 a.m. Nov. 2. It hummed, they said, as it floated over their Lake Norman community and disappeared behind some trees.

After I wrote about them, lots of other folks called to say they'd seen the object but had been reluctant to talk about it until they found out they weren't alone.

"I... didn't say anything about it because I didn't want people to think I was crazy," said Robert Keaton, a physical education and current events teacher at East Gaston High School who moonlights as a newspaper carrier.

Keaton was delivering papers on Saw Tooth Lane northeast of Stanley when he saw the object gliding through the black sky.

"I actually turned around twice to go back and see it," he said. "At first, I thought it was something that someone had strung up in the trees for Halloween and didn't take down. Then I realized that it was moving and maybe a mile or so away. After I watched it for awhile, I thought maybe I had finally seen a UFO."

After Katherine McAdams of Westport called to say she had seen the same thing — only days later and near Chapel Hill — I decided to call firms that use blimps to advertise their products. I wanted to find out whether McAdams' story jibed with Self's and the Winchesters'.

McAdams and her husband, Rich, attended the Duke Univer-

sity basketball scrimmage Saturday in Durham, then headed to Chapel Hill to visit friends. They pulled off U.S. 54 after they saw a shining craft in the sky.

"Like people here described it, it looked like a mashed moon and it glowed. It was big and it was exciting," McAdams said.

Friends in Chapel Hill told her it was the ESPN blimp, in town for the Carolina-Clemson football game.

Julie Rivers, who works in Blockbuster's corporate marketing office in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said Blockbuster's blimp, not ESPN's, was in Chapel Hill for the game. It left New Orleans Nov. 1 and "would have been in your area on Nov. 2," she said.

She said the blimp is lighted, which is why it appears to glow when it flies during darkness.

However, lots of people didn't think the thing they saw was a blimp.

For example, there's Don Davenport, 37, of Gastonia. He and about 25 co-workers at Reliance Electric Co. near Kings Mountain watched the weird-looking object pass over their plant about 4 a.m. on Nov. 2. It had spooked another worker as he headed to work shortly before that.

Davenport said he called Charlotte/Douglas International Airport later and was told no blimp was in the area.

"I'm skeptical about the whole idea of UFOs," he said. "But, I couldn't explain this one."

□ □ □
Dave Baity's column runs Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



Andrews displays a model of the yet unconfirmed, top-secret spy plane, taking off piggyback. (AP Laserphoto)

New U.S. spy plane unveiled

By STAN MILLER
Associated Press Writer

ROSEMONT, Ill. — So this guy from a model-airplane company calls and says he's got a model of a new U.S. spy plane that can do Mach 7.

The Air Force denies such a plane exists. The guy is a kook, right? Maybe. Maybe not.

The last time the company did this, it put out a model of the then-secret stealth fighter in 1986, and it proved to be quite accurate.

"We think we're very, very close with the XR-7," said John Andrews, who designed the model for Testor Corp., based in Rockford. "XR-7" is the company's own designation; XR means experimental reconnaissance.

Andrews was in Rosemont to unveil the model at the Chicago Model and Hobby Show, which runs today through Sunday.

The \$10 model, about 13 inches long, represents a two-person, 80-foot plane with a 43-foot wingspan and a speed of about 5,200 mph. That's approximately Mach 7, or seven times the speed of sound. The current record-holder, the SR-71 Blackbird, can travel 2,193 mph.

Andrews, a member of the Aviation Writers Association, said he pieced together the design from

The last time the company did this, it put out a model of the then-secret stealth fighter in 1986, and it proved to be quite accurate.

sources in the military and from technical journals available to the public.

Also, "doughnut-on-a-rope" vapor trails — rings of smoke surrounding a steady stream — have been spotted in some areas, Andrews said. He said such trails are made by the pulse-detonation-wave engines he believes are on the liquid methane-powered plane.

Jane's Defence Weekly, a British journal, suggested the existence of the plane last December. It said a trained aircraft spotter had seen the plane from a North Sea oil rig more than three years earlier.

Andrews believes the plane was developed at least in part by Lockheed Corp. and is being flown by the Pentagon's National Reconnaissance

Office.

"We're not doing anything at all with an XR-7 or anything like it," said Capt. Renee Strickland, spokeswoman for the NRO, an agency so secretive that it did not admit its own existence until 1992.

Air Force spokeswoman Maj. Monica Aloisio said, "We have no aircraft that does Mach 7 or Mach 8, and we have no such aircraft in development."

And at Lockheed, spokesman Jim Ragsdale said: "If the United States Air Force is planning or flying or even has on a drawing board a vehicle like that, Lockheed would not be authorized to discuss it."

Besides the coup with the stealth fighter, Andrews said Testor withheld a model of the U-2 spy plane at Lockheed's request a year before Gary Powers was shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960, forcing the government to acknowledge its existence.

NEWS, Detroit, MI - Aug. 26, 1993

UFO hunters say NASA destroyed Observer

By Mike Best
THE DETROIT NEWS

NASA scientists weren't the only ones who cringed when a group charged that the space agency purposely pulled the plug on its space probe so it wouldn't confirm evidence of life on Mars.

Other UFO-believers hung their heads, too.

"The whole thing was entirely unnecessary," said Walter H. Andrus Jr., international director of the Mutual UFO Network, based in Sequin, Texas, after members of the Mars Mission accused NASA of staging a cover-up.

The timing — as UFO scholars

are desperately awaiting new photos from Mars — was horrible.

"One doesn't get cooperation from NASA or the government by making statements of that nature," Andrus said.

Richard Hoagland, founder of Mars Mission, believes intelligent creatures once built a city on Mars, and left evidence in the shape of a giant face that can be seen in computer-enhanced pictures of the planet, taken in the 1970s.

At a news conference Tuesday, he charged that a "rogue group" within NASA intentionally shut off its Mars Observer spacecraft so it could not photograph the face, or a city that supposedly is nearby.

At one point, Hoagland flashed a

supermarket tabloid newspaper as evidence.

John Timmerman, vice-president and public relations officer for the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, said that kind of wild charge hurts the credibility of UFO scholars.

"It generally adds to the negative impression the general public has about the serious study of the UFO phenomenon and science in general," he said Wednesday from his Lima, Ohio office.

Andrus called Hoagland's tactics "irresponsible journalism," and said he's optimistic the Mars probe will be back in action.

"The problem was just a high-tech glitch that they (NASA) will hopefully remedy," he said.

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - Nov. 3, 1993

The UFO Connection

Question: Is the planet Earth under a extensive surveillance of several alien races?

Answer: Yes.

In 1990, the Russian Government admitted that we have been observed for sometime now. In Marfa, Texas they have fluffed orange fire balls that roam their night skies. In Gulf Breeze, Florida, there are majestic glowing orbs that seem to flicker, then increase in intensity before an astonished and mystified crowd of skywatchers. In 1992, a crop circle appeared on the outskirts of Hamshire, England, that clearly shows two worlds linked together. And at its base, the ancient shamanic symbol that means: "The Nobels with there flying starship." The United States Government would have us believe the U.F.O. Connection is a delusion, triggered by low flying helicopters or weather balloons.

In the early 1950s, in Roswell, New Mexico, the U.S. Government accidentally leaked to the press that it recovered a downed extraterrestrial craft. The reason being our government was grossly unprepared for this kind of event. But as soon as they realized the unprepared for this kind of event. But as soon as they realized the full significance of the type of aircraft and the opportunity that was presented to them, they quickly assessed it as a national security matter. Then quickly debunked it, as a downed weather balloon. Almost one year later, in Aztec, New Mexico a crashed U.F.O. was completely covered up, in a hush, hush, operation actual dead extraterrestrial beings were recovered from the site. There are rumored to be at least 16 more alien crafts that have been recovered by our government. And that alien beings have been taken alive, and imprisoned. We can only surmise that we harvested advanced alien technologies.

If we look back to remnants of our ancient civilizations, and the

monuments that survived the attrition of time, we can only wonder if we have been visited from alien races in the past. Take for example in southern France, there are cave drawings that show flying disks over usual hunting grounds of the nomadic people of the time. These drawings date back 15 thousand years. In Palestine, a rock drawing clearly shows a Human like being, with an astronaut helmet on, and a disk like craft hovering over it. This drawing dates back seven thousand years. From around 9000 B.C. great monuments arose from the surface of the earth. A surface that was previously untouched by human kind, these sites are scattered across the globe. From lost civilizations, and vanished peoples, we can only wonder if extraterrestrial beings had some hand in the construction of the world's history.

In Cergy-Pontoise, a small town just outside Paris, France, in 1979, sometime in December, Frank Fontaine was abducted in front of numerous witnesses. This caused a sensation throughout the whole of France. Travis Walton, a forestry worker from Snowflake, Arizona, was plucked in the presence of fellow co-workers by an alien craft in 1975. This shocked the world. And let's not overlook the Billy Meier story, an uneducated Swiss farmer that documented hundreds of sighting with 8mm movie footage and 35mm photographs between 1975 to 1977. That baffles our most prominent scientists even today.

We, as a people, can no longer pretend that we're the only intelligent species through the whole of space and time. It is believed that when Humankind advances to hyper-space travel, that the alien alliances of races will accept us into a sort of N.A.T.O. of the stars, this is only one theory in a vast realm of possible answers. We must view the facts with an open mind. How else can one come to an understanding of the truth from within oneself, and be at peace with our answer outcome?

Your eye to the sky,
Thomas Micheal Sabourin

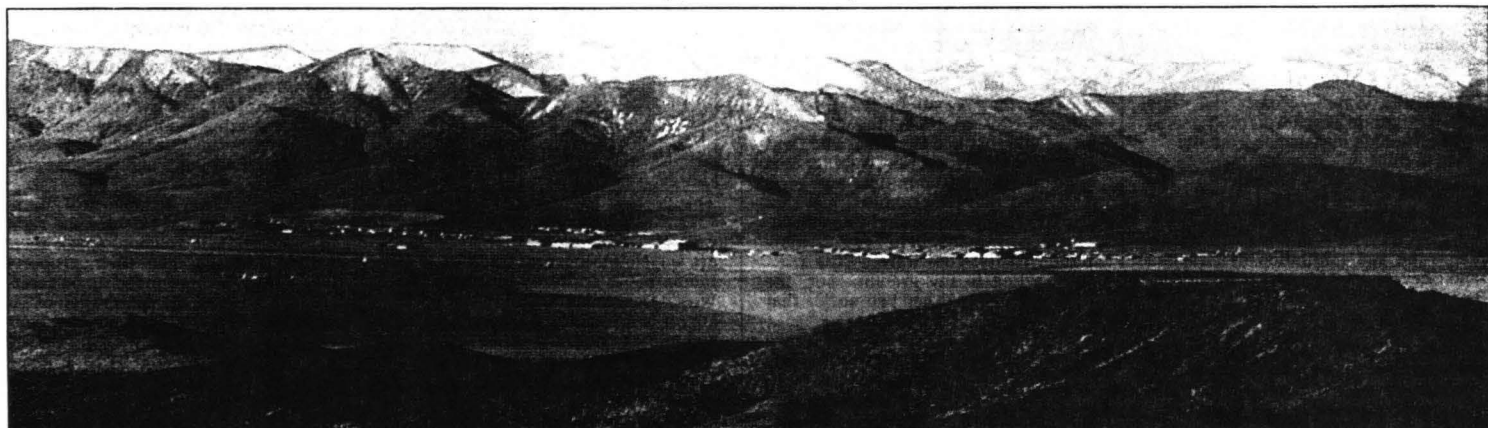


Photo by Jim Goodall

Supersecret Groom Base can be viewed from Nevada's White Sides Mountain — a mountain the U.S. Air Force is attempting to take over.

No Peeking From Peak: Air Force Wants to Seize Mountain to Protect Secret Base

By Joshua B. Good
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

RACHEL, Nev. — Hikers who make it to the top of 6,089-foot White Sides Mountain get a clear view of dry Groom Lake.

Trekkers can spot long runways, barnlike hangars and crops of communications equipment in the distance.

Some people even pull out binoculars and telescopes trying to get a peek at the latest U.S. Air Force jets that routinely take off and land at the facility.

The Pentagon wants it stopped. It

plans to seize 4,000 acres around White Sides Mountain and end public observation of an air base so secret officials refuse to say it exists.

Environmentalists, aviation buffs and UFO watchers have banded together to fight for access. On Saturday, about 20 protesters crossed sagebrush and walked to the edge of the restricted military zone at Groom Lake. They set up camp at a place they call "Freedom Ridge" — about two miles from the foot of White Sides Mountain.

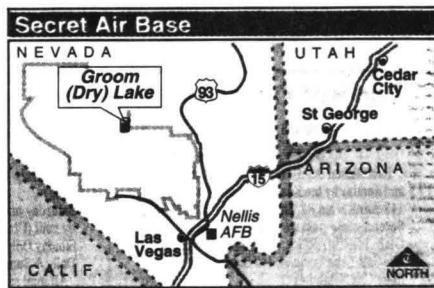
From the ridge, protesters could

look down and see the air base, located some 125 miles west of St. George.

With protesters gathered around, Glenn Campbell said in a mocked bravado: "Just let them try and seize Freedom Ridge. We will defend that to the death."

But Nevada Rep. James Bilbray says the mountain should be restricted for national-security reasons.

"Every time someone goes up on White Sides it costs taxpayers a lot of money," said Bilbray, a Democrat serving on the House Armed Services



Rhonda Hailes / The Salt Lake Tribune

Committee. "They have to cover up what they're doing [at the base] with camouflage netting or roll it into hangars. They have to wait until the people get off the mountain before they can go on with what they were doing and that's not fair."

The base has been used by the Air Force and the CIA to test secret aircraft, such as the U-2 spy plane and more recently the F-117 stealth fighter.

Bilbray says military security knows that spy satellites routinely observe the facility, but the base knows their orbit schedules — and plans accordingly.

However, he says, hikers with cameras are unpredictable.

Campbell sees no reason for the government's secrecy. The 33-year-old leader of the White Sides protesters says times have changed.

"We've already won the Cold War," Campbell said. "We've got no one out there who can compete with us on a technological ground unless we go to war with France."

Campbell describes himself as a UFO investigator. He moved from Boston to Rachel in January after reading about alien-spacecraft sightings at the Groom facility. So far, he says, he has seen nothing but military planes cross the sky.

When Campbell moved to the town of about 100 people, he set up shop at the A-Le-Inn. The bar's owner, Joe Travis, had painted a picture of a bug-eyed alien on his sign to attract the numerous UFO enthusiasts who make the pilgrimage to Groom.

At first Campbell was welcome. But his activism about White Sides brought the Lincoln County sheriff out to Rachel one too many times. In August, he was ejected from the A-Le-Inn after a sheriff's deputy came to confiscate pictures Campbell had taken near the Groom facility.

Photography is prohibited near the base.

Grace Bukowski also has vowed to stop the Air Force. She works for Citizen Alert, the state's most active environmental group.

"We're gonna fight any military expansion in the state. They've already got 4 million acres," Bukowski said. "You don't get more 'til you fix what you took."

Bukowski did not attend this weekend's protest. She was arrested at Groom when she and three other Citizen Alert members walked into the restricted zone to work a friend's mining claim. Charges later were dismissed.

Jim Goodall, an aviation historian who lives in Tacoma, Wash., plans a more direct approach. He says he will sneak up to the border at night, armed with his cameras until he gets a clear photo of a new, secret aircraft rumored to be at the base.

"I'm a real pain in the a-- to my government because I'm not someone you can brush off. I keep hanging on," the 48-year-old said.

Goodall is a sergeant with the Minnesota Air National Guard and is the group's wing historian. He also has free-lanced for several aviation publications and sold photos of the stealth fighter before the Air Force publicly revealed the aircraft.

On Oct. 6, the Air Force filed a petition with the Bureau of Land Management office in Reno, asking that 3,972 acres of land on White Sides be withdrawn from public access.

The purpose of the withdrawal, they wrote, would be to "ensure the public safety and the safe and secure operation of activities in the Nellis Range Complex."

The Nellis Range is a 3 million acre military reserve used for combat training, weapons testing and — at the secret air base — a lengthy airstrip for worldwide reconnaissance flights.

When the base expanded in 1984, the Air Force took 89,000 acres of public land. They set up guard posts and turned hunters, miners, ranchers and reporters away at gunpoint.

Nevada politicians raised a stink, saying the land grab was illegal.

Although after-the-fact, Congress approved the land withdrawal in October of that year.

This time around, the land-withdrawal process will be more different, according to Curtis Tucker, the BLM area manager who oversees much of central Nevada, including White Sides Mountain.

"A decision could take six months to a year," Tucker said. "Of course, I don't know how much political pressure will come to make it happen sooner."

Tucker said a representative of the secret facility approached him in the spring to explain why the Air Force wanted White Sides shut off to outsiders.

"He was nonspecific. We talked in generalities," Tucker said. "It basically gets down to there are some assets they don't want people to see."

What they don't want people to

see, according to published reports in aviation trade journals, is a secret high-flying spy plane code-named "Aurora."

The super-secret jet is said to attain speeds of 4,000 mph (Mach 6) and seismologists in Southern California now call the plane's earth-shaking sonic booms "airquakes."

Air Force information officers offer some surprising answers when asked about the plane or the secret test facility.

"You're not going to get anyone in the Air Force to talk about it," said Maj. Monica Aloisio, a public-affairs officer stationed at the Pentagon.

"[Groom] is probably a secret test facility and I don't have a need to know that, so I don't know about that."

The Air Force has a history of running people out of the Groom area.

During the late 1940s and early 1950s the Sheahan family, led by Dan Sheahan, mined at Groom.

But atomic blasts damaged the mine and above-ground buildings at Groom, according to Department of Energy records.

The Sheahans' horses were killed after they developed huge, open sores. The Sheahans blamed radioactive fallout.

Then, in the summer of 1954, Air Force pilots flying from the Las Vegas Gunnery Range attacked the Sheahan mining operation.

"Buildings have been struck by bullets, several people have narrowly escaped being killed and some pilots have even gone so far as to dive down and strafe our workings," Dan Sheahan wrote in a July 7, 1954, letter to then-Nev. Gov. Charles Russell.

In 1958, the Air Force bought out the Sheahans.

That is when the military began the U-2 spy-plane mission, according to a book written by Francis Gary Powers. He was the U-2 pilot captured by Soviet forces in 1960 when his spy plane went down over Russia.

In his book *Operation Overflight*, Powers referred to the secret air base in the Nevada desert where he trained "as one of those you-can't-get-there-from-here places."

It was run by the CIA, he wrote, and called "Watertown Strip" or simply "the ranch."

Powers spent nearly two years in a Soviet prison after his capture. In 1977, he crashed a Los

Angeles television station's helicopter and died.

During the Reagan administration, the Groom facility got a big boost as part of the president's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) plan.

That is when the Air Force seized 89,000 acres adjacent to the base in 1984, presumably to protect the stealth fighter and other black-budget aircraft.

In 1989, UFO enthusiasts began traveling to the base after stories spread that live aliens were being kept at so-called "Area 51." They

have climbed White Sides and the ridges overlooking the air base looking for outer-space critters.

If the Air Force succeeds and takes White Sides, the people who trek into the desert to look at lights in the night sky have a back-up plan.

"I've already found a new spot," says aviator Goodall. "You can't see the facility, but you can see anything that takes off from the facility."

Joshua B. Good is a Las Vegas free-lance writer.

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - Oct. 27, 1993

UFO Conference Reaches Maximum Capacity

Local Group Welcomes Delegates From USA, Foreign Countries

Seven hundred individuals from 26 states and two foreign countries spent the weekend on Pensacola Beach, not only to enjoy the beaches, but to hear the most advanced information now available on the UFO phenomenon.

The first ever UFO Conference at the Clarion Hotel Convention Center was deemed a success by its sponsors, Pat and Buddy Crumbley and Vicki Lyons.

Dr. John E. Mack, professor of Psychiatry at Cambridge Hospital, Harvard Medical School in Boston, served as conference director, and he was the speaker at the Saturday night session. Dr. Mack is a Pulitzer prize winning author and is now a full time abduction researcher.

Conference attendees also heard from England's George Wingfield, a crop circle research expert, Stanton Friedman, Nuclear Physicist, Dr. Judith Miller, Clinical Psychologist, and Dr. Michael Zimmerman, Tulane University Professor.

One of the conference favorites was Robert Dean, a retired Army Command Sergeant Major from Tucson, Arizona, who revealed information on the government's relation-

ship to the UFO issue.

Delegates filled the Clarion and Best Western Hotels and also checked in at the Holiday Inn and Gulf Aire.

Restaurants and shops welcomed the October guests to the beach, and reported an upswing in business over the weekend.

Conference sponsors will present two UFO conventions in the spring of 1994, beginning with the "Avenues to Connecting Realms" in New Orleans, March 11, 12, and 13 and "Connecting With The Larger Reality" in Tampa, May 20, 21, and 22. For information on these conventions, call 904/432-8888. This number is available 24 hours.

The next Pensacola/Gulf Breeze MUFON meeting will be Sunday, November 14, at 2:30 p.m. at the Gulf Breeze Recreation Center. Ted Rice, an executive from Shreveport, will be the speaker. He will cover a number of topics, including encounter and abductions. He is currently working with Barbara Bartholic, Researcher/Hypotherapist, and Dr. Karla Turner, Researcher and Author.

Admission is \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non members. The meeting is open to the public.

UFO

Some sights are out of this world

By Marybeth Beechen

Maybe it's time we quit laughing every time the subject of UFOs comes up.

For at least five readers of *The Star*, sightings of unidentified flying objects remain unforgettable and unexplainable true events in their lives.

Four of the five readers responding to our recent questionnaire identified themselves, braving expected public ridicule to share their experiences. A fifth says she fears being called a "kook" and did not divulge her name.

Admittedly, Linda Martin of Oak Forest felt "a bit foolish" responding to our reader questionnaire, but she decided to reply anyway.

"Unless people who think they have witnessed a UFO come forward in answer to your suggestion, it may be taken to mean that no one has had such an experience. I think it is time we accept the fact these things do exist!" she writes.

Martin says her experience occurred nearly 30 years ago in the small town near Cape Cod, Mass. where she grew up.

"It was a very clear and starlit night in the summer," she says. "My boyfriend and I were parked in a wooded area about one-quarter mile from the power lines. I mention this because years later it occurred to me that maybe whatever this thing was might have been drawing power from there."

She says the object she and her friend saw was above them, and only several yards higher than a city street light would be.

"We first saw this huge white light with no defined edges to it," she continues. "While we studied it in amazement, it seemed to be aware of us doing so because it soon quickly elevated soundlessly to the position of a bright star which we followed down the road."

"It had shot up into the sky so quickly and without any sound at all. It was just a plain white light as we raced down the road trying to keep our eyes on it."

Martin says she and her friend followed the light for about a mile until they reached her house where they ran in to get her mother.

"She came out and witnessd the sight, too, as it



Star photo illustration by Warren Skalski

UFOs — fact or fiction?

joined a definite formation of other lights in the sky, and then in an instant they all just vanished. No sound came from any of them and no colored or blinking lights were on it.

"We didn't see any creatures and didn't experience any 'missing time,' but I believe all of those things have really happened to people because of my encounter," Martin says.

Power play

Martin's unidentified aircraft bears some similarity to the object Jeri Justice observed about 25 years ago near her Dixmoor home.

The owner of Jeri's Rock Shop in Oak Forest says she and her husband were in the roofing business at the time. About sunset she had busied her two children, Sandy, then 7, and Jeffrey, 5, sorting shingles while she worked in a barn on their property. As she explains it, the Dan Ryan Expressway was under construction that year.

"All of a sudden the children came running to me in the barn saying 'Mommy, somebody is shooting at us,'" Justice recalls. "There was a big dirt hill about 30 to 50 feet high near the road construction and as

I ran out I looked up and saw about 50 white lights overhead."

"I said, 'Oh, that's just fireworks going off. Just then the lights went off and I saw a big disk take off toward Chicago. It stopped on a dime, and headed northwest. By the time I could say 'Go get your father!' it was gone."

Justice says her home is located near a Northern Illinois Electric substation, and she speculates the craft was using that as a power source.

"I could have gone over to the other side of the hill to see what was there, but I thought 'I am content right here on this Earth,' so I didn't go," she says.

Justice's daughter Sandy Sims, now 34, still remembers the incident as well.

"We heard a booming noise, and coming up over the hill was this round object with lights around it," Sims says. "I don't know what any of it means, but it's just neat to have seen it."

Eye on the sky

Helen Albrecht says there was "no sound of a

motor" when she walked out the back door of Chicago Heights home to go bowling the evening of Nov. 7, 1960.

"As I stepped up to the car, I looked up into the sky due east. There appeared to be two very bright, large 'stars' — so large I kept on looking," she says.

"Then appeared a large red moving light, blinking. It did not go southeast as most of the airplanes in this vicinity do — it headed directly to the two large 'stars' and went in between them. At this time the two white stars began to move."

"I ran back in to get my husband and oldest boy — they stayed a minute and said the stars were big, but they could not say they were moving and went back in the house to watch TV."

Albrecht says she got into her car, keeping one eye on the sky.

As she drove east, the "stars" seemed to be directly overhead, and the lights grew larger.

"This is what I saw when they were overhead. Two long black objects with a large light in front, about 12 or 14 smaller lights that looked like cabin lights and a big light in the back. There were no side lights like on airplane wings."

"I called our Civil Defense director . . . but he hadn't heard a thing," she says.

Silver and cigar-shaped

Elaine Mach says she doesn't "think" she saw a UFO. "I know I did," says the 65-year-old Chicago Heights woman.

"It was in the summer of 1973," she says. "We were living in a small town in central Illinois — Griggsville. It was Wednesday night and my sons, ages 8 and 9, and I were returning to the parsonage after the Wednesday night prayer meeting."

"It was hovering about 200 feet, not much higher than the church. Because it was so low, we were able to see it clearly. It was

silver and looked cigar-shaped from the side, thicker in the middle than on the ends. What looked like port holes alternated red to green lights. There was no noise at all and no life visible. We saw it for at least a minute, then it went behind the church. When we went back to look for it, it was gone."

Mach, whose husband was pastor of the church, says she told very few people about the incident.

"It was a small town, you know, and I didn't want our church to have any bad publicity," she says.

She adds her two sons still have vivid memories of the experience. "There were three of us and we all agree about what we saw," she says.

"You know I don't believe there is life on other planets and where these things come from I don't know. And I don't know why we should be concerned about communication with alien beings when we aren't talk-

ing to the people next door," Mach says.

No names, please

Finally, one south suburban resident, presumably a woman, refused to give her name, but related the following story:

"There really are UFOs out there," she writes. "I have seen two at one time. It was either winter of 1955 or January-February, 1956. I was warming up my baby's bottle. I happened to glance out the window — something caught my eye — two green UFOs glided even with my church steeple, then hovered there for minutes then returned east from where they came."

"What I want to know is — did anyone else see them?"

Did you?

Is the North Fork a UFO hotspot?

By REBECCA HARWOOD

"All the time," said Steph, mostly to himself, "I always thought UFOs were a figment of the imagination."

"Life," sighed Jasmine. "Imagine that. There is life out there among those stars."

Thordon grunted as he continued to pace back and forth. "You Terrans ... your ignorance dazzles me. Thinking you were all alone on your precious little planet. To think that you believed you were unique. We and hundreds of others have been visiting your world since civilization began on Earth ..."

*excerpt from Intimate Abduction
by Ann Carol Ulrich
Earth Star Publications, Delta, 1988*

Ann Ulrich and Julien Joyce believe in UFOs. They believe they have seen them, and believe stories from others who claim to have had some sort of contact: from sightings to full abductions.

Are UFOs hallucinations, delusions, exaggerated misinterpretations, sensationalized party gossip? Or is there something out there, watching us? These two should know. They are among the most prominent members of a growing, dedicated international community of UFOlogists, experts in the extra-terrestrial realm, and they make their home in the North Fork Valley.

"This is a staging area," says Julien Joyce, author of several books on the subject. At 82 years old, he speaks and moves with the confidence and vitality of a man half his age. He said he was spiritually drawn to the North Fork more than 25 years ago, and his life on Stucker Mesa provided the inspiration for one of his books, *Translation*.

"It's a relaxing area and one where major lift-offs occur. This is also on the 107.30 longitude, a very hot area for sightings, for hovering UFOs."

Many UFOlogists believe that flying saucers travel along magnetic grids, which would explain why they are often sighted in certain areas. Needle Rock in Crawford, the Grand Mesa, the Raggeds, and Carbondale's Mount Sopris are areas often cited as extra-terrestrial hangouts. Both Joyce and Ulrich have had many personal sightings in North Fork. Ulrich, an author in her early 40's, has an ageless serenity about her. Her stories, so intimate and sincere, are convincing. She recalls the most vivid of her many encounters.

"It was September 1, 1989, 10 p.m. and I was driving from Paonia to Delta, coming down hill before Austin near the hog farm. My mind was totally on my own troubles, then all of a sudden I saw out of the windshield a ship cruise by in front of me! It was low and it was huge and it was long and it had three white lights across the bottom and it was moving slowly across the sky. I pulled off on I-85 road and watched it for a minute, towards the Grand Mesa. Then it kind of tilted and went behind the hill." She further described the craft as being cigar-shaped, unmistakably vivid in the clear night.

Joyce claims to have seen a craft in the same area, also at night, though his UFO was shaped like a boomerang.

"The whole landscape lit up," he recalls, with a sudden flood of light. (The craft) was white, "with a wingspan of three of our largest aircraft. I estimated its speed at 6,500 miles per hour." He watched it fly over, heading towards Redlands Mesa. Hoping that the

police car ahead of him also saw it and might corroborate his story, he caught up with the officer on Rogers Mesa. The officer denied seeing anything.

The fact that some people don't see UFOs, even when looking in the same place as other witnesses, supports the argument for the hallucination theory. However, Joyce and Ulrich explain that seeing flying saucers depends on the person and the saucer: Some people may be sensitive to the particular dimensional vibration, and saucers may even have the peculiar capacity to choose who can see them. That might explain why abductions, even in cities, have few witnesses. The main character in the story *Communion*, for instance, claims beyond a shadow of a doubt that aliens visited his home in the city and contacted his whole family

see or touch. What we have now is more evidence that there is life beyond our 3-D one."

Such beliefs are not always understood or accepted. Persecution for cosmic ideas has occurred since ancient times and is alive and well today. Although they themselves have not been harassed in the North Fork, both Ulrich and Joyce cite numerous instances where colleagues and friends have been forced out of business, received death threats over the phone and had their mail read and their phones bugged for going public with their stories.

"People are loathe to accept something outside of their educational experience," Joyce says. This is well-illustrated in the recent nonfiction film, "Fire in the Sky." The main point of the story was the town's hostile reaction towards a life-long, well-respected resident and his pals who maintained their abduction story.

Yet belief in UFOs is reportedly on the rise. Recent films, compelling media attention, and perhaps a rise in consciousness have, if not convinced people, then made them wonder. Crawford resident Larry Musher has never seen a UFO, but spends many nights watching the Needle and West Elks in hopes of seeing one.

"I want to believe they exist," he says. Although he's not totally convinced they are real, he enjoys the possibility that we may not be alone in the universe.

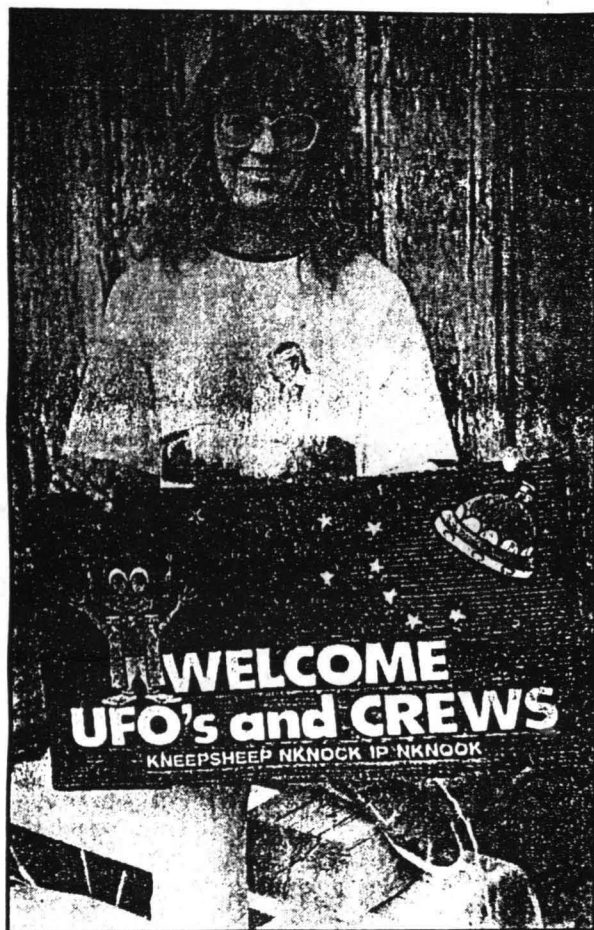
Udo Zindel, a visiting journalist from Germany, also believes that other life forms do exist somewhere in the universe, but does not believe any have visited Earth. He believes that people will see what they want to believe.

"I actually doubt all stories. I think they are a form of cloud, sunlight reflection, or perhaps wishful thinking. If you are wanting to believe, or see some natural phenomenon that actually looks like a UFO, and if you are not very critical, you could take it for a UFO."

Healthy skepticism, however, is an integral part of even true-believers, says Ulrich. As many as 95 percent of photos and stories she believes are hoaxes or misinterpretations. An artist and an author, Ulrich is also an associate director of Western Colorado's UFO Contact Center, part of an international network. People call her to report sightings, get information or talk about their experiences. Additionally, she started a monthly newsletter "The Star Beacon," in 1987 which she sends to close to 500 people worldwide, containing the latest photos, stories, and spiritual interpretations of extra-terrestrial visits.

Though the mountains of information must be carefully sifted through to pull the legitimate sightings from the fake ones, Ulrich still says the evidence for extra-terrestrial life forms on our planet is overwhelming. Keep your eyes and minds open, she recommends to people interested in catching a glimpse, and especially watch for a telltale sign: turquoise blue, red, or cream colored mist, the byproduct of stationary alien propulsion systems.

(Ulrich and Joyce hold monthly UFO meetings for anyone with a story to tell, or just interested in the phenomenon. For more information on the meetings or Joyce's and Ulrich's books, call 527-3257 or write Box 117, Paonia, CO 81428 for a sample newsletter.)



Ann Carol Ulrich thinks we have friends out there.

Photo by Rebecca Harwood

without any other witnesses or reported sightings in the area.

"There is life that exists beyond our three-dimensional definition," Joyce assures. He says there are an infinite number of dimensions, and we are usually only privy to a few, with an occasional peek into some others. People who have seen ghosts, channeled spirits, and have sighted UFOs are really looking through a window into another dimension, or possibly it has crossed momentarily into ours. "There are worlds within worlds in reality. Many people purport to live in a world where what is real to them is only what they can

Report Reveals Daylight Sightings Over Bay At Pensacola Beach

Last week, I was called out of town on a family matter, upon returning I called a couple of the Skywatch group to find out if there was any UFO activity. The first thing I heard about was a sighting report that was written up by Patti Weatherford in last week's *Islander*. Thanks Patti. It sounds as if this was a pretty good sighting. I'm sure that she or one of the other MUFON investigators will follow-up on this, and give us an update on this report. I also had a very reliable source say there was a daylight sighting reported over the Gulf of Mexico about 9:30

a.m. on Sept. 21 by several witnesses on a boat some ten to twelve miles off of Big Sabine on Pensacola Beach.

The week before the above report, I learned of a daylight sighting that took place over the Sound. It was in the vicinity of the Bob Sikes (Pensacola Beach Bridge) about 6:30 p.m. The craft hovered for a few minutes before shooting straight up and disappearing. The witness attempted to take photographs but the pictures didn't turn out, as he didn't have time to set the camera for the lighting that was present as the time of the sighting. The sighting lasted

for approximately 1 1/2 minutes before the UFO vanished.

PBS to feature the Gulf Breeze UFO

"Reading Rainbow", a popular children's show on the Public Broadcasting Network has contacted Ed Walters and obtained his permission to use pictures and videos that were shown on "Unsolved Mysteries." Several local people including Dr. Fenner McConnell, Shirley McConnell, Scott Zepp, Brenda Pollak, Jeffery Thompson, and Charles Somerby will have selected quotes used on the program, all of

these people firmly believe that a UFO was seen.

The show's dynamic host and contributing producer, Le Var Burton, returns for his eleventh season on this highly acclaimed children's show. Also, appearing in *Star Trek: The Next Roots and Reading Rainbow*, Le Var Burton's popularity continues to grow among children throughout the country who easily identify him as the host of their favorite show. Of the intended segment, the producer Kathy Kinsner said in a letter to Walters; "We look forward to producing a segment that's intriguing to a young audience, and appreciate your willingness to make this material available to us".....

I would like to thank John Shelburne of the "Capstone House" group in Panama City, FL for inviting Gary Watson and myself over to their monthly meeting. Gary and I

drove over on Wednesday afternoon, enjoying a very pleasant meal and discussion with the officers of Capstone prior to the meeting. They have many interesting people in their group. We adjourned to the Library where we gave a presentation on the Pensacola Beach UFO sighting by Martin "Allen." The daytime sighting video and photos were shown to a group of dedicated UFO enthusiasts.

In addition to being the president of the Capstone, John is also the State Section Director of MUFON for Bay County (Panama City). Again we want to thank him and his group for the invitation and the great meal.

If anyone has more information on the daylight sighting last Tuesday, please call MUFON at 438-3261. For now, keep looking up and behind you.

Listening for voices on high

Scientists intrigued by Bonney Lake man's celestial telephone

BY BILLIE JO BOUIC
Pierce County Herald

BONNEY LAKE—Ron Stewart's invention looks like it should be perched atop the Batmobile.

It's called a Modulated Light Transmitter and Geo-Field Amplifier and has the appearance of a small satellite dish decorated with coiled tubes glowing with pink and blue gases and surrounded by 24 triangular mirror segments.

It seems more than a little out of place in Rhododendron Park in Bonney Lake. With his wife, Bev, Stewart lives and works out of a converted school bus in this quiet mobile home court. Outside, beneath an awning of blankets, stands the transmitter/amplifier.

Stewart doesn't have much, but what he does have goes into his dream—to make contact with whatever aliens may pass through our part of the galaxy.

"I want to get E.T.'s autograph," jokes the self-taught inventor.

Now, this is where the story gets a bit peculiar. Stewart is no nutty professor—in fact, he calls himself a part-time maintenance engineer—but despite the seeming outrageousness of his quest, his approach has impressed some experts in the sciences.

"It sounds to me like he has a great idea that not too many people have thought of," Mon-nel Navarro, electronics teachers at Clover Park Technical College, says of Stewart's invention. "It's just a matter of pulling it off."

After two years of teaching himself physics, geometry, science and electronics, Stewart, 46, has devised an instrument he hopes will enable communication with extra-terrestrials.

As he explains it, the parabolic dish will transmit the spectral signature of four noble gases: neon, argon, krypton and xenon. Noble gases, he says, have distinct energy signatures that could carry targeted messages into space.

Assuming that extraterrestrials have more advanced technology than ourselves, he hopes the transmissions will seem strange enough to attract alien attention.

Stewart says he will transmit two messages continuously—a series of pulses



Billie Jo Bouic/Pierce County Herald

Ron Stewart has put everything into his project to communicate with aliens.

forming an apparent question mark, and a series of pulses forming an apparent exclamation point. He hopes the symbols will indicate his desire "to reach an unknown point in space from a known point in space and time."

But that's only part of the project. The M.L.T. receiver dish is outfitted with eight infrared detectors designed to track incoming signals. At the moment, Stewart's television set acts as the monitor for such signals.

One way or the other, Stewart wants to talk. He wants to talk about things

like his theories on how the universe was created and how it works. He also wants to exchange philosophies of life.

At the moment, though, it's the gizmo he put together to communicate with aliens that others want to talk about.

Navarro calls some of Stewart's ideas intriguing. Navarro says other dishes he has seen send messages randomly through space, whereas Stewart plans for his dish to send targeted information by using the gases as a pinpoint mechanism. If it works, Navarro says—stressing the *if*—it could be a major breakthrough in the field of space communications.

Stewart's Modulated Light Transmitter and Geo-Field Amplifier will be fired up for the first time Oct. 1 at Sun Top Lookout, between Enumclaw and Crystal Mountain.

He chose that location, he explains, because it's where he had a UFO encounter. Stewart doesn't like to talk about that encounter for fear it will undermine his credibility.

"I believe in science first," he says. The sciences always have fascinated him, he adds, but it wasn't until two years ago that he began his research in earnest.

Now a recovering alcoholic, Stewart says his drinking was so bad two years ago that he was living in the woods and collecting beer cans for money.

His life turned around, he says, when he went to his minister for help. He urged Stewart to find an interest he could concentrate his energies on. So Stewart began focusing all of his energies on the study of the universe and on the possibility of contact with other beings.

The end product has attracted the attention of UFO Encounters magazine. Editor Michael Norris, a technical consultant for an engineering company, calls Stewart's ideas and his invention exciting, new and creative.

Norris, who also was an electronics specialist in the Air Force and dedicates most of his time to UFO research, says: "He's using some good common sense and it sounds feasible. It could be something genius or it could be just something in the wind."

GASTON OBSERVER, Gastonia, NC - Nov. 8, 1993
CR: G. Fawcett



DAVE
BAITY

Unearthly sightings in Denver?

DENVER — Laura Shinn, her mother Clara Pietsch, and Diane Aliff had never really thought much about UFOs.

Until last Tuesday when they saw something strange gliding over the treetops in their Westport neighborhood on Lake Norman.

And they — as well as I — wonder if there were other witnesses to the incident.

Shinn, who lives with Pietsch, had awakened about 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday. By chance, she glanced out her window and saw a brilliant white shape in the sky.

Known or unknown?

"I thought at first it was an airplane's landing lights. Then I thought, airplanes don't act like that," she said last week. "This thing was big, very big, very impressive."

Shinn said the object appeared to be as long as a football field. It was floating in the sky about seven or eight blocks from her home.

She woke her mother after she had spent several minutes watching the elliptical shape cruising along and giving off a humming sound.

She and Pietsch watched the object slowly veer north and disappear behind the trees.

Another witness

About a mile away, Aliff was having trouble getting to sleep. She's a USAir flight attendant and had just returned from a night run to the west coast.

"I fly a lot and it's just natural

for me to look out at the sky," she said.

She also prides herself on her ability to identify airplanes from the lighting pattern she sees.

The glowing object she saw flying slowly from west to north across the eastern Lincoln sky was no airplane, she said.

"It was saucer shaped. It looked like... you had mashed the moon into an oval shape," she said. "It was about the size of three airplanes put together, the biggest ones you can think of."

Aliff watched the object for about a minute before it disappeared behind the trees. She checked the clock. It was 4:30 a.m., she said.

"I was so enthralled with it that I first thought I would go wake up my husband, Chris. But then I decided I'd keep watching. I didn't want to miss anything," she said.

Aliff said she always wondered what people would do if they saw a strange, unexplainable object in the sky. So she sought her husband's advice. He quizzed her about whether it could have been a spotlight, a cloud, or possibly a meteor. Since there were no spotlights probing the sky, the sky was clear and his wife had witnessed meteor showers while aloft, he suggested calling the police.

Both Aliff and Shinn reported their sightings to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department later that morning. Sheriff's deputies referred them to Lincolnton UFO enthusiast George Fawcett, who has spent decades compiling reports of sightings from around the world.

"I have seen strange things in the sky before, but nothing this bizarre," Aliff said.

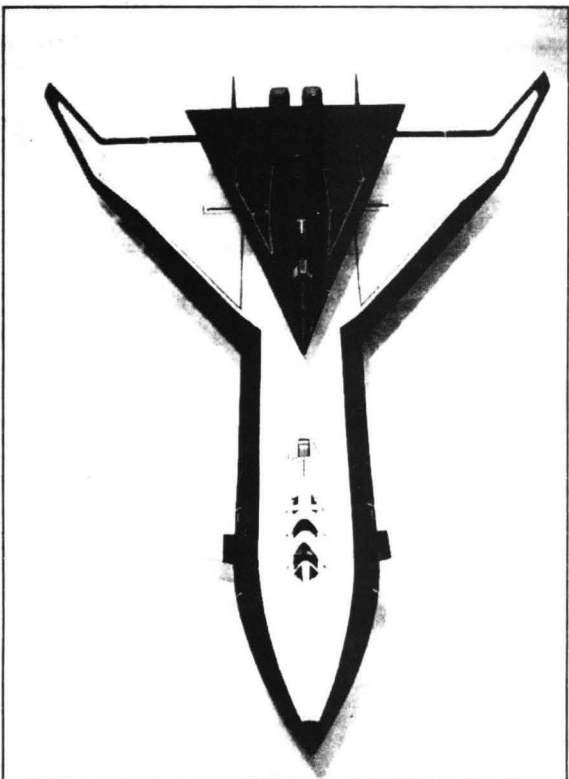
Did you see it too?

How about you other folks who were prowling about your homes, rising early for work, or scrambling in the yard for your morning paper last Tuesday? Did you see a strange object in the sky over Westport?

If so, call me at 868-7749. I'm wondering if this might have been the real thing.

□□□
Dave Baity's column runs Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Pssst!



Associated Press

MODEL OF SECRECY — Models from Testor Corp., depict what the company says are secret U.S. Air Force aircraft, an XR-7 spy plane on top of an SR-75.

USA TODAY, Arlington, VA - Sept. 10, 1993

X-citing events for David Duchovny



By Michael Grecco, Fox
DUCHOVNY: He investigates paranormal activity on 'X-Files'

David Duchovny was jogging on the beach in Ocean City, N.J., one morning not too long ago.

It was very early. He had on a sweater his girlfriend had knitted for him.

As he trotted along, he looked up and noticed a triangular-shaped flying object in the sky.

It wasn't a plane.
"I don't know what it was. I don't think I'll ever know," says the actor, calling from Vancouver, where he's filming his new Fox TV series *The X-Files*.

In the show premiering today, Duchovny plays an FBI agent who investigates unsolved cases — known as the X-Files — that he believes involve paranormal phenomena.

"It's fun. It's work," he says.

His own belief about UFOs and aliens is that "anything's possible," he says. "There are more strange things that have happened in this world — that life has evolved is the largest gamble and biggest surprise of all. Not that somebody else is here, but that we're here."

He laughs.

The actor, who is also appearing in the new movie *Kalifornia*, put in an 18-hour day yesterday. The average has been 12-14 hours a day.

"It's no wonder that we're seeing things in the sky!"

— Ann Oldenburg

UFO researcher says aliens may be here

By ETHAN BARON
STAFF WRITER

Scientists who spent years scanning the universe for communications from outer space in NASA's recently canceled Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence program may have done better poking around a little closer to home.

Aliens are here, in our galaxy, and are engaging in a pattern of human abduction and animal mutilation, UFO researcher Michael Lindemann said last night.

"I feel quite certain that there are a large number of alien intelligences in the vicinity of the earth," Lindemann told about 120 people in a conference room at the Santa Cruz Holiday Inn.

So far, the aliens' intentions are unclear, he said. Nearly all the abductees are returned to the earth after they are examined in space crafts, with the possible exception of an Australian pilot who disappeared along with his plane after an apparent brush with a UFO.

Thousands of people all over the world have been kidnapped by aliens, and they often experience the "missing time" phenomena, seeing strange lights or crafts, then finding themselves somewhere else, Lindemann believes. Under hypnosis, many report examinations by aliens, which often include body scans or probes, vaginal examinations for women and reproductive organ tests on men, with removal of eggs and sperm on occasion.

Alien tests, however, are not limited to humans.

Since a rash of livestock mutilations occurred in the late 1960s, horses, cows, other livestock and even deer have been mutilated with regularity, probably by aliens, Lindemann said. Presently, the phenomenon seems to be concentrated in Alabama, Lindemann said, where ranchers are finding cows with their eyes, mouth parts and reproductive organs removed with surgical precision, the cuts seemingly cauterized by a laser-like device and the bodies drained completely of blood.

'I feel quite certain that there are a large number of alien intelligences in the vicinity of the earth.'

— UFO researcher
Michael Lindemann

People living in the area of the mutilations often report seeing and hearing helicopters, which may be military craft tracking the mutilations, he said.

What kind of being may be mutilating livestock is unknown. Lindemann's "large number" of extraterrestrials includes several different species, some of them perhaps existing alongside us on earth in parallel dimensions, some possibly masquerading as people: the second most common description of aliens given by abductees is of tall, extremely good-looking human-like creatures.

Most often, abductees describe a creature UFO researchers call the "grey."

Tall, slender, with a bulbous head and huge black eyes, the greys show up again and again in the stories told by people claiming to have been kidnapped by aliens, Lindemann said, noting that people have been seeing greys since long before movies such as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T." popularized their image.

While there are indications that aliens have been with us for thousands of years (early Egyptians may have been contacted by extraterrestrials from Sirius, the Dog Star), the hardest evidence of alien presence fell to earth near Roswell, N.M., in 1973, Lindemann said.

A rancher, Mac Brazel, found what appeared to be wreckage from an air craft on his property. But this was no ordinary material, Lindemann said. Pieces of metal as light and thin as aluminum foil could not be bent

ed or bent; beams with the lightness of balsa wood were more rigid than steel.

Brazel called the sheriff, and the sheriff called the nearby Army air base, Lindemann said. The base commander brought two men out to the site, and they loaded up a Buick and a Jeep full of the material. Soon after, the base commander announced the discovery of a crashed flying saucer. International front-page headlines followed, Lindemann said.

Then the cover-up began.

Under pressure from higher-ups, the Roswell Army base commander corrected the story. There was no flying saucer. The report had been a mistake. The wreckage found, the official story went, was of a weather balloon. Rancher Mac Brazel was taken into custody by the military and kept for a week, Lindemann said.

In the 35 years since the incident at Roswell, the true story has slowly leaked out from the people involved, Lindemann said, revealing that Brazel's discovery was just the tip of the iceberg. An aerial search found the main crash site a few miles away, and among the wreckage were the bodies of four aliens.

What happened to the corpses after they were autopsied is unknown to anyone but government officials, and they aren't saying anything, Lindemann said. In fact, the government has made strong efforts to obscure the whole UFO phenomena, he said.

"Time and time and time again, officialdom has just bent over backwards to bamboozle you," Lindemann told his audience. The government rationale is clear and based on a couple of considerations, he said.

Captured or discovered alien technology could allow the government to develop weapons and flight capabilities far superior to those of other countries, which is plenty of reason to keep the topic secret, Lindemann said. Also, if officials were to reveal the existence of aliens, he said, they would have to admit they have no power over



The 2020 Group

Photograph purported to be authentic flying saucer taken in 1975 over Switzerland.

them at all, a situation that could panic the public.

Lindemann seemed to strike chords with the audience when he talked of government cover-up and secrecy. Knowing nods and muttered approvals followed his assertions that officials are fully aware of the alien presence but are keeping the information from the public.

In spite of the fact that most of the information Lindemann presented was undocumented heresy, and that the most credible UFO photos to date were taken by Billy Meier, a one-armed, eighth-grade-educated farmer and religious fanatic who also contrived what Lindemann called an "embarrassingly" obvious UFO film hoax, many in the audience believed Lindemann spoke the truth.

"I didn't find I could pick apart anything he says," said Mary Lee Henry, 44, an amateur archeo-astronomer from Felton. But, she said, "I have

always felt that UFOs were real."

Raya Bullard, 54, of Santa Cruz, said she has been fascinated by the idea of extraterrestrials since hypnosis revealed to her that she was contacted by aliens while having an out-of-body experience during a near-drowning as a child, in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Later, she heard spaceships at night when she was on Mount Shasta, and although she couldn't see them, she felt the effects, including nausea, disorientation and a "change in my own frequency from being around the energy," she said.

Like Lindemann, Bullard is certain aliens are here now, but most humans remain unaware of their presence. "They're vibrating at a different frequency than we are, so you can't see them," she said.

Lindemann will give another UFO lecture tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Monterey.

UFO program gives details, photos of close encounters

Many moons ago, when I was a young reporter starting out on the rewrite desk, I answered the phone and heard an agitated lady say she'd just seen a brightly colored UFO flying low over a suburb about 15 miles north of the city.

I put my hand over the mouthpiece and eagerly related this piece of intelligence to the city editor, who like most city editors, was a man of great experience, tact and unflagging personal charm.

"Tell the old bat it's a chicken hawk with a flashlight," he snapped.

That sums up the attitude of most metropolitan newspapers to the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects. UFO reports bring to mind crazies who call when the moon is full, Elvis sightings in 7-Eleven stores, tabloid headlines about schoolteachers kidnapped by aliens. Respectable newspapers want nothing to do with them.

So with some trepidation, I commend to your attention a program called UFO, from the Software Marketing Corp., a Phoenix publisher that specializes in informational packages such as Chemistry Works, Body Works, Auto Works, Computer Works, B.A.B.Y. and other programs that explain the workings of the world in easy, illustrated formats.

HOME COMPUTING



MICHAEL J. HIMOWITZ

UFO, which runs on IBM-compatible computers under Microsoft Windows, is a data base of documented UFO sightings. It comes in disk-based and CD-ROM versions. Of the two, the CD-ROM is far more extensive, with more than 1,200 descriptive accounts, 200 photographs and 30 digitized video clips of UFO films.

Using the program's graphical interface, you can search the data base by date, location, type of sighting, witnesses and the availability of photographic evidence.

A map of the world, with the location of each sighting represented by a dot, allows you to zoom in and out. Clicking the mouse pointer on any dot brings up the information

about that sighting.

You can replace the map with a list of sightings displayed alphabetically by location, which is often easier to work with. A summary box shows the basic information about the sighting you've highlighted, while a description box displays a narrative account and a photo window shows the associated picture or plays the video, if one is available.

Using the Windows clipboard, you can copy still photographs or text and paste them into other Windows applications, such as word processors or graphics programs.

If you don't know much about UFOs to start with, the program and manual provide a fascinating introduction to the subject. Serious UFO students, and there are more than a few intelligent and sane people who believe in their existence, will love having the information at their fingertips.

Close encounters

At its most basic level, the program classifies UFO sightings by encounter type. A Type 1 encounter, the most common, is a simple UFO sighting. A Type 2 encounter involves a sighting and some environmental evidence, such as a scorched landing site, or so-called "angel hair," a spider web-like substance that allegedly falls from spacecraft.

A Type 3 encounter, made famous by the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," involves actual contact with aliens. There are only 14 in the data base and all of them occurred in Europe or the for-

mer Soviet Union.

To these classifications, the authors have added two more, contacts involving death or injury and cattle mutilations, which are often associated with aliens in the tabloid press.

How seriously should you take all of this? The program and data base were compiled with the help of serious ufologists, led by Wendell Stevens, a retired Air Force colonel who has one of the world's largest collections of UFO material.

The problem is that serious ufologists range from hard-nosed scientists to self-styled psychics and conspiracy theorists who believe that aliens and Earth-based governments have created huge installations in the Southwest where human beings are used for genetic experiments.

And the accounts themselves range from reports by Air Force pilots and observations by police, journalists and other solid citizens to sightings of men in space suits by Russian schoolchildren. The documentation, too, is often vague.

The photographic evidence is likewise all over the spectrum, from fuzzy black-and-whites snapped in 1947 to sharp color photographs from the 1960s, '70s and '80s that appear to be unretouched, although advances in computer imaging make this kind of thing hard to detect. Owing to the crude nature of PC video, the motion picture evidence is even more difficult to evaluate.

The brief manual steers a gentle, middle-of-the-road course, debunking some of the really far-out abduction and star wars stories while allowing the possibility that UFOs may

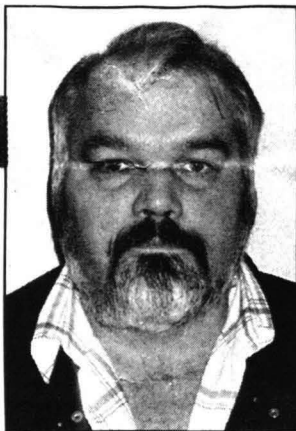
be from another dimension, since they can seemingly defy earthly laws of physics.

The program itself, which requires two megabytes of memory and a VGA card capable displaying 256 colors, is not exactly state of the art by Windows standards. It's slow, even on a fast computer, which leads me to believe the programmers could have used a close encounter with a good data base manager.

Even so, in a world of boring software, this is fascinating stuff. Serious UFO buffs will find it an invaluable data base. If you're not so serious, you can indulge your curiosity without the embarrassment of buying a tabloid at the supermarket checkout.

UFO is priced at \$49.95 on floppy disk, \$59.95 on CD-ROM. For information, contact Software Marketing Corp., 9830 S. 51st St., Building A-31, Phoenix, Ariz. 85044.

(Michael J. Himowitz is a columnist for The Baltimore Sun.)



Dan Hageman of Chicora saw his first flying saucer when he was 5 years old. Twenty-four years later, he saw his second. He said it was around dusk in April of 1982 when the bright object, shaped like a pool ball rack, appeared in the sky above his barn, hovered for several minutes, and then shot straight up into the sky and disappeared. Hageman says he's been razzed about the reported sightings, but "we need to discuss these things and get them out into the open."

Out of this world

Butler County a hotbed of UFO phenomena

By ROGER BARNHART
Eagle Staff Writer

Dan Hageman is certain of this — the object he saw flying over his house 11 years ago was not from this world.

"I firmly believe that it was a UFO operated by some type of intelligent life," he said. "I think it was extraterrestrial."

Hageman, 40, of Chicora, says he still gets goose bumps just thinking about the incident, which took place outside the house he and his family were renting along Route 38 north of Butler. The sighting occurred around 6:30 p.m. on April 1, 1982. The time was around dusk, the sky was a clear blue, and it was windy.

Something, no one can say for sure what, ascended from a wooded area behind Hageman's house as he and a friend went outside to work on Hageman's Jeep.

The object, which at first looked like a brilliant light amidst the trees, climbed to treetop level and hovered in the same spot for some time. It immediately caught their eyes because of its brightness.

"It was incredibly bright," Hageman said. "The best way I could describe it was if someone was holding a spotlight right in front of your face."

Still not knowing what the thing was, Hageman's friend summoned his wife outside to watch it too.

The object slowly rose higher and then moved westward at a leisurely pace, in the direction of Hageman and his two companions. At that point they were able to make out a definite shape of the object.

Hageman said it was triangular-shaped, much like a pool ball rack, with a pulsing light in each corner. The object appeared to be silver or metallic in color, but sometimes appeared translucent as well. It had no wings. A fine, glittering dust seemed to come from the rear of the object as it flew.

When it was directly overhead, Hageman said two small round objects dropped from under the main object and fell toward the earth. One was orange-red, and the other was white-yellow. Neither object made any noise. They veered off in different directions and disappeared, one to the north and the other to the south.

The main object began to pulsate and glow, then suddenly changed direction and headed back toward Hageman's house, then veered off again before shooting straight up and disappearing.

Hageman said he noticed a jet coming from the east around the same time, which he said may have prompted the UFO to flee. The entire sighting lasted about 45 minutes.

He said he and his companions were not frightened during the close encounter, just stunned because they didn't know what they were watching.

"I was awed by it," he said. "It just kind of amazed me."

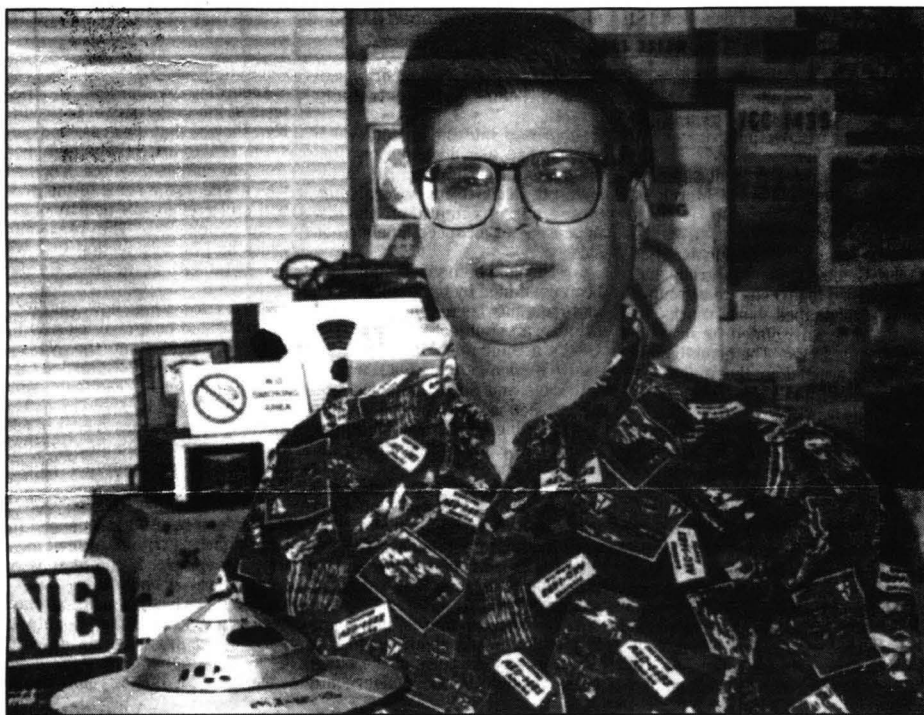
During the sighting, Hageman said he could feel the hair on his arms standing on end. Afterward, he and his friends experienced flu-like symptoms.

Hageman said he had seen numerous aircraft fly over his home and was familiar with what planes and helicopters look like.

"This wasn't anything like that," he said. "I would know the difference."

The sighting was not the first UFO encounter for Hageman. He recalls seeing a pair of flying discs that followed his family's car along Route 38 late one night in 1958.

Hageman's uncle, who was driving the car, stopped near the Oneida Dam to get a better look at the saucer-shaped objects. Suddenly, both dropped from the sky and approached the car before flying off in opposite directions. Hageman, who was only about 5 years old at the time, said he remembers the frightening incident



ROGER BARNHART/BUTLER EAGLE

Stan Gordon has been studying UFO phenomena for more than 30 years.

Seeing not necessarily believing for long-time UFO investigator

By ROGER BARNHART
Eagle Staff Writer

Ask Stan Gordon if he's ever seen a bonafide flying saucer, and he'll shake his head and say no.

Coming from someone who has spent nearly 34 years investigating UFO reports and looking for evidence of strange phenomenon, that admission might be a bit disappointing.

But not for Gordon, 43, who says it's simply an incentive to keep on looking.

"I would like to see a UFO, of course," he said. "But it doesn't bother me. In a way, it keeps you much more skeptical if you haven't had a personal experience."

Gordon, former director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, is perhaps the most skeptical person around when it comes to UFO sightings. He founded the private Greensburg-based group in 1981 and directed two earlier UFO study groups beginning in 1970. He disbanded the organization Nov. 1 to devote more time to his family.

"My personal opinion is that the majority of sightings have scientific and natural explanations," he said.

The study group, which Gordon called a "statewide clearinghouse" for unexplained phenomenon, received hundreds of calls about

'I would like to see a UFO, of course. But it doesn't bother me. In a way, it keeps you much more skeptical if you haven't had a personal experience.'

— Stan Gordon

UFOs, Bigfoot and other strange animals and incidents. Even state and local police referred calls to Gordon's group.

Most UFO reports can be explained easily, he said, when the investigator takes the time to gather and check all the available facts about the time and place of the sighting such as prevailing weather conditions, location and appearance of stars and planets and logged flight paths of commercial and private aircraft.

An object is a UFO only as long as it remains unidentified, Gordon said. If it's determined to be an airplane, a star or a weather balloon, it's no longer a UFO.

However, Gordon is quick to point out that there are many instances in

which no scientific explanation can be found to account for a sighting.

"Many of the things that people have seen that look to be unusual can't be explained," he said.

So what are those bright, fast moving lights in the sky?

"Nobody can be 100 percent sure," Gordon said.

"Not all unexplained phenomenon may represent extra-terrestrials. They also may be some kind of unknown natural phenomenon."

Gordon says he personally believes some of the sightings must be alien spacecraft.

"It would be arrogant for us to think that we're alone in the universe."

Gordon said the decision to disband his UFO organization was a difficult one, brought on by family considerations and the high cost of running the group out of his own home and pocketbook.

Gordon will continue to take calls as an independent UFO investigator and researcher and to act as a local information service.

He encourages persons who think they have seen a UFO or strange animal to contact him at 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601. He is interested in both new and old UFO sightings and keeps all information confidential. His 24-hour hotline is 838-7768.

(continued on page 10)

like it was yesterday.

Hageman's experiences are two of many UFO sightings reported in Butler County and the surrounding area over the past 30 years, according to Stan Gordon, director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, a private organization based in Greensburg, Gordon's home. Gordon and members of his group routinely investigate strange sightings in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland and West Virginia.

"Butler County has always been a hotbed of UFO phenomenon," Gordon said. "There have been a number of sightings there."

Gordon said one of the earliest recorded UFO sightings in Western Pennsylvania occurred on April 23, 1897 near Butler. "A mysterious airship was sighted at various locations in Lawrence County," a newspaper in New Castle reported.

Flying objects of various shapes and sizes have since been reported in Butler, East Butler, Lyndora, Bon Aire, North Washington, Chicora, Petrolia, Evans City, Zelienople and Callery, to name a few. Many have been more than just a bright light in the sky. Definite shapes and colors have been seen.

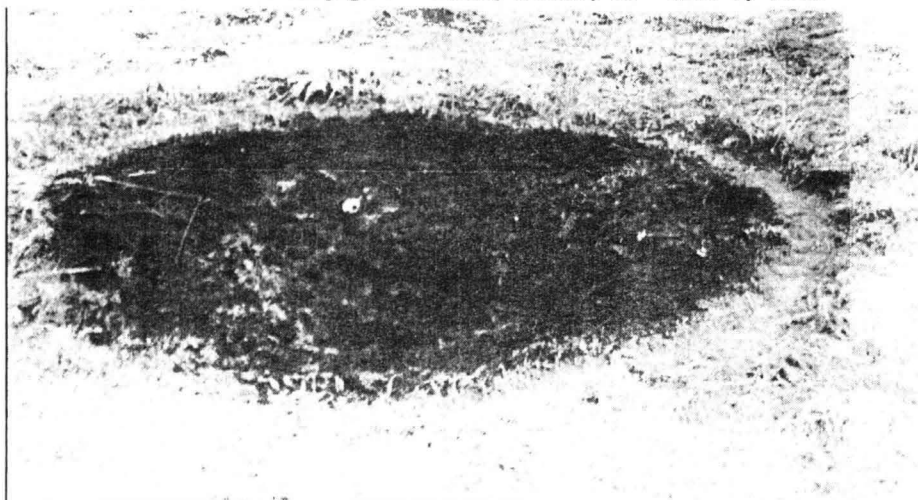
One of the most recent sightings in the county occurred March 14, 1990 in Oakland Township.

According to Gordon, UFO researchers Evelyn Schurman and John Gribble from his group had been called to investigate a group of nine oval-shaped burn marks located atop an isolated, grassy hill off Center Drive. The investigators were interested in the marks because there had been several UFO sightings nearby.

They got more than they bargained for, however, when they noticed a "brilliant" spinning light in the east.

The investigators, armed with video cameras, filmed the object for more than 8 minutes. Meanwhile, about 1½ miles away, several area residents also filmed the object from a different angle. The videotape was later shown on the television show "A Current Affair."

"The thing was spinning. It was much larger than a helicopter,"



Investigators videotaped a UFO near these burn marks in Oakland Township in 1990.

Schurman said. "It had orangish-pinkish colors, with extremely bright lights."

Schurman said the object, which was shaped like a child's toy top, made no discernible noise. After hovering in place for several minutes, it abruptly moved off and disappeared "at jet speed," Schurman said.

Gordon said both videotapes have been examined by numerous pilots, and none has been able to identify the aircraft or object.

"It's a confirmed UFO," Gordon said. "We don't know what it was."

Gribble and Schurman, who had never seen a UFO before despite investigating numerous sightings, could not explain the object afterwards.

"I saw something that was physically in the air that we cannot account for," Schurman said. "We have nothing that hovers for 8½ minutes except a helicopter, and pilots have confirmed that it was not a helicopter."

As for the burn marks, nine nearly identical ovals about 8½ feet in diameter and samples of the burnt grass residue and soil underneath

were analyzed.

According to Gordon, botanical tests at the University of Louisville, Ky., showed that the grass had been subjected to extremely high heat from an unknown source. The heat was uneven, since some of the grass was still green while nearby blades were blackened. The remaining grass had an oily feeling that was not botanical in nature, Gordon said.

More interesting, however, were the results of chemical tests on the grass performed at the Nassau Community College in Garden City, N.Y., Gordon said. The tests, similar to those used by arson investigators, failed to find any traces of conventional accelerants like gasoline, kerosene or other common fuels at the site.

The bottom line, Gordon said, is that no one knows what caused the burn marks. Within a few days, they disappeared "completely" as new grass grew back.

Even more bizarre sightings have been reported in Butler County involving beings associated with UFOs.

On April 14, 1971, a young couple

driving along the Mars-Evans City Road around dusk had a frightening encounter with a UFO near the Callery Chemical Plant. The sighting was documented by North Hills resident Robert A. Schmidt and was featured in the July/August issue of "Flying Saucer Review" and other publications. Schmidt recounted the sighting as follows:

The driver of the car, Dennis Donaldson, a former Evans City resident, was taking his fiancée, Marion Lang, home when she noticed a whitish-yellow glowing object flying alongside the road about 100 yards from their car. Stopping the car, they watched it fly quickly away and then return a minute later to the same place.

The UFO looked like two bowls placed together at the rims, but with the upper section more pronounced than the lower one. The whole object seemed luminescent, and it was this that first attracted Marion's attention. They said it looked the size of a 1½ story bungalow. No odor, sound or other effects were noticed.

The UFO then disappeared behind a hill. The encounter might

have ended then, except that Donaldson decided to follow the object. He turned onto a nearby dirt road and followed it until he came to the top of a hill overlooking a farmhouse.

They found the object hovering over a freshly plowed field about 80 yards away. After parking the car, they watched as a shaft of light shone from the top of the object into the sky. They also noticed for the first time that the UFO had rectangular windows on its front.

"It was Marion who first saw the figures in the windows . . . human-like forms, two of them," Donaldson said. "Along with her I took about three seconds to get into the car and beat it out of there."

The UFO was still in the same position as they drove out of sight back to the main road.

In another incident, a father and his daughter reported coming almost face to face with five beings from a UFO on March 20, 1967 on a secondary road outside of Butler. The incident was never officially documented because the father, a prominent executive at the Butler Armco Works, feared losing his job due to public disbelief.

According to Gordon, skepticism and fear of ridicule are the two main reasons why many UFO sightings go unreported. Many people wonder if they're crazy, he said.

"But people are accepting us, much more," he said. "There's so much publicity today that it's hard for people to just discount these things right away."

For Hageman, whose sighting occurred on April 1, the experience was anything but an April Fool's joke.

He said he has endured years of ridicule from friends and co-workers over the incident, but he said he doesn't mind.

"Many people don't want to talk about these things, which I think is a shame," he said. "I think we need to discuss these things and get them out into the open."

NEWS-EXAMINER, Connersville, IN - Oct. 29, 1993 CR: D. Worley

MaryAnn's Mysterious Globes

Ghosts, Goblins On The Loose?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Connersville resident Don Worley has investigated hundreds of cases of UFO and contact phenomena and is recognized as one of the leading authorities on the subject. Following is an account of such a contact that took place in Georgia in August.

Contributed By Don Worley

The accompanying photo is of MaryAnn, a remarkable southern Georgia woman, taken by a friend of hers as MaryAnn looks up at the August 1993 night sky at her rural home.

The large, mottled-surfaced globe that you see on your left just above the soybean field is not the moon. It is one of the eerie globes that often appear in flash photos taken of her. There may be over 30 globes around MaryAnn in this one photo, many of which are lost in reproduction.

A roll of color film may have one to 20 photos containing different sized globes at different places in it, with faster film catching more



globes. The amount of shots containing globes also seem to be dependent on the duration of a feeling of "electrical tension" (like your hair standing on end) that arises in MaryAnn, so there may be a strange, fascinating, link between MaryAnn and her globes. There is also a very light music sound in the air.

Sometimes a distant UFO has been spotted in the sky. MaryAnn, who always wears a clear quartz crystal that an ET (extraterrestrial) put his hands around and told her to wear, is a lifelong contactee-

/abductee. The ETs that she has met are human-like, tall, bright blue-eyed, tan skinned, with long blond hair and are called the Nordic type. Their explanation for the globes is that they are probes invisible to the human eye. There is much that MaryAnn dares not tell me about the ETs. She desires only anonymity, but has let me use the photo so that people might realize that there is much more to human existence than meets the eye.

This film was 1600 speed taken with a 1990 35mm Kodak 5300 MD autowind with Extanar lens and was

bought at Wal-Mart. Her film has been developed there and at Big B's Drugstore.

I, Don Worley, the investigator of this abductee, had three Connersville photo studios look at this photo. All were puzzled and in view of the circumstances surrounding the photo, none could offer a positive explanation for the ghostly globes.

Finally, it is important that I add that another contactee in New Jersey, an Ellen Crystal, has taken similar photos of globes that she calls Telsa globes.



DAVE HAMBY/Senior Photographer
Retired U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. Robert Dean discusses his theories about UFOs and the origin of the human species.

Human beings hybrid species?

► Speakers discuss theories, personal experiences at UFO conference

By MICHAEL HARDY
Staff Reporter

PENSACOLA BEACH, Fla. — Human beings are a hybrid species, created by alien intelligence and monitored by at least four different extraterrestrial races.

So says retired Army Sgt. Maj. Robert Dean, a speaker Friday at the Gulf Breeze UFO Conference.

Organizer Vicki Lyons said almost 700 people representing 26 states had registered by Friday for the conference at the Clarion Suites Resort.

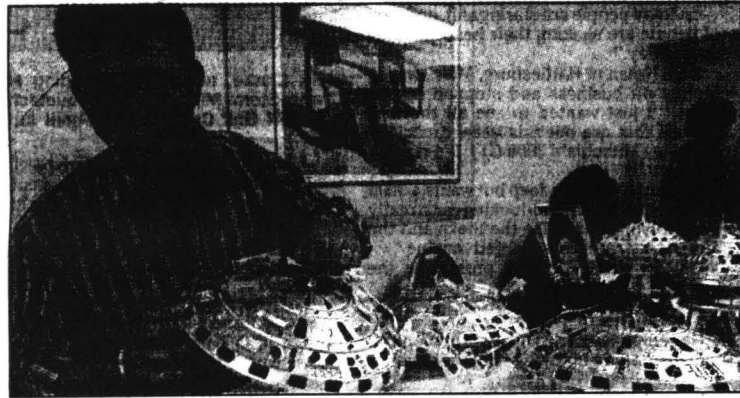
The theme of the conference is "The Search for Answers." The program picks up again at 8:30 a.m. today with an update of recent Gulf Breeze UFO sightings.

Lectures are scheduled throughout the day and evening, with an open forum ending the schedule. Two more

lectures are scheduled Sunday morning, and the conference ends at noon.

Dean, who retired in 1976 after 27 years in the Army, said the military knows about the existence of at least four alien races but is keeping the information under wraps.

Some of the information was compiled in a report published in the 1960s and designated "cosmic top secret,"



DAVE HAMBY/Senior Photographer
Denny Allen of Pensacola, Fla., displays the UFO models he makes and sells.

Dean said.

He had high security clearance while in the military, giving him access to the report, he said.

Dean, whose flowing white hair and beard make him look like an Old Testament prophet, sounded prophetic when he spoke of the theological significance of the report. In fact, he said, the report contained a section titled "Theological implications."

"Frankly, I'm convinced that one of the major reasons the lid has been kept on this subject is that the theological implications are earth-shaking."

He emphasized that his theological conclusions are his own — not the government's.

"And I'm not saying you should believe this just because I say it," he said. "I want to encourage you to do your own research."

Dean said UFO activity ties in with the ending of the astrological "Age of the Pisces" and the dawning of the "Age of Aquarius."

The fall of the Soviet Union and the Middle East peace accords are signs of a new age. But humans must continue to end war and bigotry if the new age is to be realized, he said.

"A door is being opened to us and we are going to have to be prepared to go through it," he said. "And we are going to have to go through it as one people, as one race."

If the world bans together, he concluded, "what's happening now and what will happen in the next few years will change us. We'll become a new species, a new race. We will be as far above what we are now as what we are now is above the Neanderthal."

Also Friday, Leah Haley described her frequent abductions by aliens.

Mrs. Haley said each time the aliens performed medical experiments on her and returned her to Earth.

She could not remember the abductions, but would find mysterious bruises and punctures on her body. In the late 1970s while living in Florence, she began having strange dreams.

"I woke up one morning and remembered being in a spherical room surrounded by chalky colored creatures with big dark eyes," she said. "Some sort of medical experiments were being performed on me. But I dismissed it as some sort of strange dream."

Over the next several years other fragmentary memories came into her mind. Finally, in 1990, UFO abduction researcher John Carpenter began performing regressive hypnotherapy on her and the memories became clear, Mrs. Haley said.

She claims she also has received telepathic messages and has been followed and harassed by government agents.

The abductions and communications continue to occur, she said, and the whole experience has been stressful.

"I'm a Southern Baptist and a certified public accountant," Mrs. Haley said. "How much more traditional can you get?"

Portsmouth

UFO conference draws hundreds of believers

Speakers: Alien contacts may be becoming more frequent

► One man counted 360 unidentified flying objects above the Pittsburg sky.

By HILDE HARTNETT
The Eagle Tribune

PORTSMOUTH — Peter Latucky has had a busy summer.

In the last three months the Pittsburg resident has counted 360 unidentified flying objects in the sky above his home in the tiny logging town just south of the Canadian border. Glowing red, white or silver in the night, some were saucer-shaped, others triangular, and one was as large as a standard-sized motel.

They were hard to miss in an area so remote that even passing planes are rare, he said. At first he was nervous when they flashed their lights as they passed over head, but after a while, he began flashing his lights back, he said.

"We've gotten so used to it, it's like your grandparents coming over to the house. It just seems like they are friendly," said Latucky, 46, a disabled jail guard.

Latucky and his family were among 450 people who packed into Yoken's Convention Center in Portsmouth earlier this month for the third annual New Hamp-

shire Mutual UFO Network's third annual UFO conference.

Speakers talked of similarities between structures on Mars and those built by the ancient Egyptians. They discussed the possibility that aliens may be contacting us with increasing frequency to save the earth from pollutants and other threats. They spoke of how the experiences of people abducted by aliens may expand our consciousness of the cosmos.

But for many of those attending, the conference offered more than the latest information on otherworldly phenomena. It gave them a rare opportunity to talk openly about their conviction that life exists elsewhere in the universe without feeling like aliens themselves.

"It's nice to know you're not the only one who believes in this stuff," said Barbara Weber, 57, a switchboard operator from Wilnot Flat.

The day's speakers included some of the best known researchers in the field: Dr. John Mack, a Harvard Medical School psychiatrist who works with people who believe they have been abducted by aliens; Richard Hoagland, author of *The Monuments of Mars: A City on the Edge of Forever*; Linda Moulton Howe, an Emmy Award-winning documentary producer who has written extensively about crop circles and animal mutilations; Dr. David Jacobs of Temple University, an author who teaches the only regularly scheduled course on UFOs offered at a major university; and Colin Andrews, an electrical engineer who researches crop circles.

The crowd was made up of families, secretaries, therapists, homemakers, retirees, engineers, senior citizens and college students. A few attendees advertised their interest, wearing T-shirts printed with alien faces or ties covered with flying saucers.

They came from as far as Ohio, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York and Maine. People reveled in the opportunity to hear and tell stories, to show pictures of strange objects in the sky and to exchange book titles.

During a break, a rapt audience gathered around a woman as she described meeting an alien in her house. Nearby, a woman nodded sympathetically as another wondered whether what she thought was a strange dream was actually an abduction.

Shirly Adams, 58, of Clinton, Mass., told of a red, blue and white flying saucer she saw near her home. "I don't talk about it much," she said. "People think you are wacky."

R. Pat Finan of Seabrook complained that the government withholds informa-

tion about UFOs, perhaps to protect people from fear. She noted that there are Biblical references to "chariots of fire" coming out of the sky.

"There has to be something there," she said. Karen Kerr, 35, a saleswoman from Ohio who planned her vacation in New Hampshire so she could attend the conference.

She said she has twice awakened in the middle of the night, feeling a presence in her room and seeing a ball filled with colorful geometric shapes floating before her eyes. It is not the kind of experience she can talk about at Saturday night bowling, she said.

"There's all kinds of people in the room, and all of them have had unexplained experiences," she said.

Latucky said he knows his reports of seeing hundreds of UFOs sound implausible, but noted his wife, son, neighbors and UFO aficionados from as far away as Georgia and New Jersey have seen them, too. A local television station even aired a videotape he made.

"It's not like I'm a total nut," he said.

UFO believers in search of 46-year-old mystery

By WALTER KITA
Staff writer

The Rev. Robert Duval thought it was just a star. Until he saw it move.

"I've never seen anything move like that — and I was in the Air Force for almost eight years," says the Trumbull Episcopal priest, recalling the strange object he and four others say they saw during a religious retreat in May.

"It appeared to hover for a moment or two, then it zig-zagged across the sky, almost like a lightning bolt. I have no idea what it was."

Anastasia Wietrzychowski isn't sure either, but until she has time

to investigate, she's calling it as she sees it: a UFO.

"People who claim to see unidentified flying objects are thought of as kooks in our

Thursday
FOCUS

society," says Wietrzychowski, director of the state chapter of the Mutual UFO Network in Trumbull.

"But I can assure you, we are quite sane — and quite serious."

And among "ufologists," Wietrzychowski says, June 24 is a practically a religious holiday.



Post/Patrick Whitmore

On this date 46 years ago, a private pilot named Kenneth Arnold reported seeing several strange airships hovering over Mt. Ranier in Washington state. The disk-shaped craft then sped off at an unearthly velocity.

Asked to describe the craft, Arnold coined what is now a well-known phrase when he told reporters they looked exactly like — you guessed it — "flying saucers."

Today, nearly five decades after Arnold caused the first big worldwide UFO sensation, Wietrzychowski and other believers are fed up with being treated as if they are spaced-out weirdos who spend too much time with their heads in the stars and not enough with their feet on the ground.

"There's definitely a stigma attached to this kind of research," says John White of Cheshire, who has written and edited several books on UFOs. "But it's really very presumptuous to dismiss all of this as nonsense."

"After all, the universe is a very big place — there's still an awful lot we don't know."

And one of the biggest, according to White and UFO buffs, is where do the mystery craft come from? And why are they here?

In 1952, the U.S. Air Force launched Project Blue Book to investigate the skyrocketing number of UFO claims. The project was halted in

1969, after government researchers questioned the scientific merits of the research.

Of the thousands of reported sightings in the study, about 600 could not be "conventionally explained." Aircraft, lightning, swamp gas and other unusual weather phenomena have often been mistaken for UFOs — especially by those who really want to believe.

"The will to believe may be the strongest force in the universe," says skeptic Bob Deegan, president of the Westport Astronomical Society. "People who want to see a UFO will probably see one — whether it exists or not."

After Project Blue Book, most reports wound up at the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago. Hynek, a Blue Book consultant and the godfather of American "ufology," died four years ago, but the center lives on.

Business, however, has been a little slow these days.

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, the number of annual sightings nationwide totaled several thousand. Today, the center gets several hundred reports each year, said research assistant David Boras. "I don't have any reason for the drop," says Boras. "But the number of reports from people who claim to have been abducted by UFOs is way up."

One of the most publicized UFO cases in recent years occurred around Houston, Texas, in

1986, Boras says, when a family claims it was bombarded by a strange ray from a glittering diamond-shaped craft.

And in 1991, a triangular UFO raised quite a ruckus over Belgium. The air force scrambled to form a squadron of jet fighters to shoot down the craft. It was too fast for them.

Nothing quite so dramatic has ever happened in the skies over Connecticut.

In the mid-1980s, police departments in Fairfield and New Haven counties were deluged with reports about a strange boomerang-shaped craft. According to legend, it would appear as if out of nowhere, then mysteriously vanish. The story appeared on several tabloid TV shows.

Alas, to the chagrin of ufologists everywhere, it appears to have been an elaborate hoax.

Morgan Kaolian, a radio traffic reporter who was then manager of Sikorsky Memorial Airport in Stratford, attributes the sightings to a group of "playful pilots" from a Westchester County airport.

Hundreds of people were taken in by the hoax. For now, at least, Duval isn't letting himself be taken in by anything.

"I still don't know whether I believe in UFOs," Duval says. "But we did see something out there that night. I may never know, but who's to say we need an answer for every mystery."

The Rev. Robert Duval and Anastasia Wietrzychowski scan the heavens during twilight at Christ Church in Trumbull. Both say they have spotted UFOs flying over the region.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Oct. 31, 1993

Toy may offer glimpse of new spy plane

BY RON HUTCHESON
Worth Star-Telegram

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon denies its existence, but some aviation buffs are convinced that a top-secret, high-speed spy plane has been streaking across the country from a remote desert air base in Nevada.

And it's headed to a toy store near you.

In a development driven by a curious mix of child's play and high-tech detective work, one of the nation's leading manufacturers of model airplanes claims it has blown the lid off a classified Air Force program to develop a next-generation spy plane.

The release of Testor Corp.'s new model, the SR-75 Penetrator, gives three-dimensional form to a mystery that has puzzled aerospace enthusiasts for nearly a decade.

Piecing together evidence that includes unusual vapor trails in Texas, unexplained sonic booms in California and a claimed sighting off the coast of Scotland, some aviation watchers have concluded that the Defense Department is testing a replacement for the SR-71 Blackbird, a spy plane that was retired from service in 1990.

Testor's version of the mystery craft would probably be dismissed as kid's stuff, except for the company's track record.

In 1986, the Rockford, Ill., model maker raised eyebrows in the defense community by releasing a reasonably accurate plastic version of the then-secret F-117 stealth fighter.

Although the company guessed wrong on the aircraft's number-letter designation — Testor called it the F-19 — its replica provided an early glimpse of the futuristic fighter two years before the Air Force officially acknowledged its existence.

Product developer John Andrews, whose research led to the early-version F-117 and the company's newest model, also scored in the late 1950s with a version of the U-2 spy plane. Andrews said he complied with requests to keep the model off the market until the 1960 crash of U-2 pilot Gary Powers in the Soviet Union ended any need for secrecy.

In a telephone interview from his San Diego office, Andrews expressed confidence that the new spy plane model is 70 percent to 80 percent accurate.

"Without seeing it, you cannot be absolutely certain, but we have put together a lot of pieces of the jigsaw puzzle," he said.

Testor's version of the new spy plane is actually two aircraft — the SR-75 and a companion craft, the XR-7 Thunder Dart, which is sold separately. Andrews theorizes that the Air Force intends to use the SR-75 as an airborne launching platform for the smaller, faster Thunder Dart.

While the SR-75 resembles a B-1 bomber, the Thunder Dart has the shape of a sharply edged triangle. Andrews theorizes that a real-life Thunder Dart would hit speeds of nearly 5,000 mph, with the mother craft capable

of nearly 2,500 mph.

The Thunder Dart carries a suggested retail price of \$10; the SR-75 sells for about \$28.

An Air Force spokesman dismissed the company's offerings as childhood fantasies conjured up by adults.

"No such aircraft exists," Maj. Monica Aloisio said. "Someone's making a lot of money off something, but it certainly is not an Air Force model or program."

Officials at Lockheed, which Testor identifies as the new plane's manufacturer, declined to discuss the subject.

"Lockheed can only refer inquiries like that to military," said Jim Ragsdale, a spokesman for the company's famed Skunk Works research center in Palmdale, Calif. "If the United States Air Force is planning or flying or even has on a drawing board a vehicle like that, Lockheed would not be authorized to discuss it."

Speculation about a new top-secret spy plane began as early as 1984, when a \$2 billion project code named "Aurora" appeared in the Defense Department budget. The intriguing item, which was never fully explained, was dropped from the 1985 spending plan, fueling speculation that it was a "black" program, the term for projects so secret that they never appear in official documents.

The Air Force's decision to retire the SR-71 Blackbird in 1990 also encouraged conjecture about a new aircraft. Many aerospace analysts concluded that the Pentagon would not pull the

aircraft out of service without a replacement plane.

A year later, residents on the West Coast reported a series of sonic booms which authorities were unable to trace. In 1992, an aviation buff in Amarillo photographed an unusual vapor trail that had been left in the Texas sky by a high-altitude aircraft.

Experts said the photographs, which were published by *Aviation Week & Space Technology*, indicate the aircraft was powered by a state-of-the-art propulsion system combining elements of a rocket and a high-speed jet.

Another industry publication, *Jane's Defense Weekly*, speculated about aircraft's existence in a December article.

"I've become more and more convinced that there's a high-speed aircraft out there," said Bill Sweetman, a respected aviation writer and the author of the *Jane's* article. "We may be looking at two programs."

Sweetman and other aviation experts believe that the new aircraft is based in Groom Lake, Nev., at a top-secret Air Force base that was used in testing the U-2 and the SR-71. The Air Force recently moved to close access to a mountain near the base that has become a favorite gathering spot for aviation buffs seeking a glimpse of classified aircraft.

"That tells me that there is still flight testing going on out there," Sweetman said. "The base is still active."

Sweetman, who trades information with Andrews, said the

model company may be on target in speculating that the new spy plane is a two-stage aircraft, with the larger craft serving as a launching pad.

"We're all looking at the same basic information and putting it together based on what we know about how aircraft work," Sweetman said. "It's a matter of educated guesswork."



FOREIGN NEWS

JOURNAL, Dandenong, Victoria, Australia - Oct. 11, 1993 CR: P. Norman



MICHAEL O'Dea, of Dandenong North, points to the area in which he saw an unidentified flying object. — Photo: IAN ADAMS.

UFOs on the move in Dande

by MARG STORK

DOZENS of district people have reported seeing unidentified flying objects in areas ranging from Dandenong to Boronia. Twelve "official" sightings have been reported to the Victorian UFO Research Society and 'The Journal' has received many phone calls reporting strange activity in the night sky.

Mr Michael O'Dea, of Neasham Drive, Dandenong North, and several neighbors reported sighting a UFO between 17 and 22 September and similar sightings were reported in the Ferntree Gully-Boronia area three days later.

But the Civil Aviation Authority and the Bureau of Meteorology said they had not heard of anything "unlawful" on those dates.

Describing his sighting, Mr O'Dea said: "With two friends of my next door neighbor on 22 September we saw an orange flame type of projectile shoot up into the sky and thought it might have been a distress flare from a boat in the bay."

"But then it ceased to climb and turned inward us and neighbors and others came out to have a look. We all watched in wonder as it seemed to accelerate at a moderate speed above my house. The object appeared to be the size of a car and it was clear it was not a plane or any man-made aircraft because it actually glowed orange. It was shaped like a star with four points."

"I told my 15 year-old son Michael about it and he said he also seen an object on 17 September while visiting friends in Bakers Road, Dandenong North. And a neighbor from Neasham Drive said his father also saw it about 10.30 the same night."

Victorian UFO Research Society president Mr Paul Norman said there had been increasing reports world-wide of similar objects being sighted in the night and early morning. Anyone sighting a UFO can write to Mr Norman c/o PO Box 43, Moorabbin 3189 and a form will be sent out to document the sighting.

Red, green and yellow lights

YET more UFO sightings in Lynn. Two girls, signing themselves just as Donna and Vanessa, wrote of their experience on August 12 in a letter to the Lynn News.

They said: "We saw red, green and yellow flashing lights over the quay from around about 9.10pm."

"They were heading towards West Lynn when we saw them flashing, then a few seconds later they came back again from West Lynn heading towards South Lynn at an angle, then just disappeared. It was a very quiet night."

A number of people now claim to have seen the strange flashing object — can YOU give an explanation? Call the newsdesk on Lynn 761188, extension 4630.

NEWS & ADVERTISER, Lynn, England - Sept. 3, 1993 CR: T. Good

DAILY COURIER, Kelowna, B.C., Canada - Aug. 26, 1993 CR: G. Conway

UFOs are calling Okanagan home

VERNON (TNS) — The Okanagan has become B.C.'s busiest crossroads for UFO traffic, experts say.

The heads of two Vancouver-based UFO organizations say the area has recently been flooded with reports of unexplained objects in the sky.

"There's been an extraordinary level of activity in that general area for six to eight months," said Michael Strainic, Canadian director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

More than half the UFO reports recorded in B.C. so far this year originated in the Okanagan area, said Strainic, whose organization compiles and analyzes UFO sighting reports from around the world.

A second UFO group, the UFO Research Institute of Canada (UFORIC), reports about 15 UFO sightings from the Okanagan area have been called in to

its 24-hour UFO hotline in the past two weeks.

Of those, about five can't be explained by natural phenomenon, and can be classified as bona fide UFOs, UFORIC reports.

Strainic said a retired Vernon couple's sighting Saturday of a hexagon-shaped object flying over downtown shares common characteristics with a number of other recent sightings in the area.

Andy and Georgina Van Der Wal say they tracked the glowing shape for about two to three minutes as it made a high speed beeline over Vernon and disappeared high above the Vernon Army Camp.

"It sounds like the kind of report we've been dealing with quite a bit," said Strainic.

The sighting comes just three days after another incident in which a Kelowna couple watched a mys-

terious glowing object flickering over Wood Lake, about 20 km south of Vernon.

Strainic said the witnesses, whose names he can't release, had lit a fire on the lakeshore at about 9 p.m. last Wednesday when they saw a blob of light floating over the lake at treetop level.

The glowing object made no sounds, and emitted spark-like lights that appeared to drip down towards the water.

"The light would travel a distance and then go out, and then continue travelling," Strainic said.

"Finally, it just disappeared," Lorne Goldfader, director of the Vancouver-based UFORIC group, said he's recorded two credible UFO sightings in the North Okanagan this week alone: on Sunday night at about 9 p.m., two Oyama women out for a walk watched a bright, disk-shaped object fly an erratic pattern over town. They ran back to the house to tell their family, but the object had disappeared.

On Monday night, an Armstrong man watched a red ball of light move east to west across the sky above town. The object appeared to be spinning on its axis.

Goldfader said it's clear the area is undergoing an unusual burst of UFO activity.

"Beginning in January, the area from Kamloops all the way up to about Williams Lake has been very active — more active than I've seen in years," he said.

"But in the last three to four weeks that activity has seemed to move on to the Kelowna-Vernon area."

Mystery object baffles Fred

A UFO was spotted in the night sky above Eastbourne on Tuesday last week.

Mr Frederick Ashman, of Pinewood Close, who states he does not believe in alien beings or life on other planets, was sitting smoking in his garden when he spotted a glowing 3ft-long object in the sky.

He called to his wife to get his binoculars, thinking there would be a perfectly simple explanation for the object, but upon closer inspection he became even more baffled.

"It was long and thin and periodically would shoot star-like lights out of the back. I was so amazed, I got the next door neighbour to have a look and she said she had never seen anything like it before."

He said the object was extremely high in the sky, and after he reported the sighting to Eastbourne Police, watched it for almost an hour and then went to bed.

He said, "When I got up the next morning I looked for it again but it was gone."

GAZETTE, Eastbourne, England - Aug. 11, 1993 CR: T. Good

Army in UFO probe

HERALD & POST, Loughborough, England - Aug. 5, 1993 CR: T. Good

EXCLUSIVE

by Michael Hill

CORN circles thought to contain high levels of radiation have appeared in a field near Loughborough.

The circles off the B5350 road near the M1 have been investigated by both the army and the Centre for Crop Circle Studies.

Various theories put forward to explain such crop circles include freak air movements and visiting UFOs.

On the night before the circles were discovered, a pilot using East Midlands Airport is reported to have seen a UFO and something was picked up on the airport's radar system.

Although last year many 'circles' were attributed to hoaxers, the new find is being taken very seriously because of the high radiation levels.

One of the first people to discover the circles was Jackie Gill, owner of nearby Charlie Knoll Nursery. "We have had army helicopters circling overhead and people telling us about radiation," she said.

Swarfega-like black blobs have been found around the circles. Loughborough's Mark Graham, who found the blobs, said: "They look rather like slugs but are purple inside, no-one knows what they are."

A spokeswoman for the Centre for Crop Circle Studies said: "There are nine circles measuring a total of 300 feet by 200 feet so if it is a hoax someone has gone to an awful lot of trouble." The huge circles resemble a Celtic cross.

ADVERTISER, Andover, England - Sept. 3, 1993 CR: T. Good

Farmworker sees UFO

UFO buffs believe a massive space ship has been sighted over Goodworth Clatford.

A 60-year-old farmworker says he saw a huge disc, about the size of a house, spinning above Gypsy Lane.

"I backed my jeep out of the wood and there it was in front of me about 80 feet away, swinging back and forth," says the man, who doesn't want to be identified.

"When it swung towards me I could see the underside which was like old silver that hadn't been polished," he added.

"It was a cold morning and there was a heat haze coming off the top of it."

"Then it suddenly totally disappeared. "I wasn't frightened at all, it was just amazing, I've never seen anything like it," he said.

Andover's own unexplained phenomena investigation group AUPIN UK believes the sighting to be genuine glimpse of an alien spaceship.

AUPIN president, Malcom Terry from Enham, says the Clatfords have long been associated with strange happenings.

"Two years ago a large orange ball was seen in the air above Clatford," he says.

This summer, a corn circle was found in a field nearby the most recent sighting.

Mr Terry says there is 'most definitely' a link between the circle and last week's strange happening. AUPIN members are now investigating the site using dowsing rods to see if there is water nearby — according to Mr Terry spacships often take up gallons of water from lakes and underground springs.

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Derby, England - Sept. 28, 1993

UFO investigation

BAKEWELL: UFO investigators are to probe the sighting of a mysterious object above the town.

More than 30 witnesses said they saw a large, black triangular craft at about 9.30pm on Sunday.

It was described as having a bright white light on each corner with red lights in between and to have flown silently over the town at about 40mph.

CR: T. Good 13



JENNY RANDLES... top UFO researcher and writer

UFOs

TAKE care next time you travel into Saddleworth — a close encounter could be just around the corner.

Among the breathtaking scenery and pretty villages, there lurks a deeper and more menacing secret.

The mist-shrouded moorland takes its place in a sinister top 50 of the world's hot-spots for sightings of UFOs.

In one disturbing incident, a victim claimed that he was subjected to mind-bending forces, after waking to find his bedroom bathed in light.

Other witnesses have fled in horror as their hillside strolls were shattered by spooky sightings.

In another case a ball of light split into different parts, one landing 30 miles away in West Yorkshire — burning the rock beneath it.

UFO detectives have even put together a dossier on the area bounded by Oldham, Sheffield and Leeds, branding it the Pennine Triangle.

Jenny Randles, researcher and writer of 26 books on the unexplained and paranormal, said: "Over the years there have been a number of sightings in Oldham and Saddleworth, especially out on the moors."

Investigators

"I keep files on all of the incidents reported and investigators look into them."

"About 90 per cent of them can be explained. They are caused by satellites, meteors, clouds, optical effects or aircraft."

However, Jenny is an expert at investigating the sightings which remain unexplained — UFOs.

Her files are packed with such mysteries around Oldham and Saddleworth as:

● A courting couple parked near **Hertshead Pike** spotted a flashing dome hovering near the monument.

by ROGER BRYSON

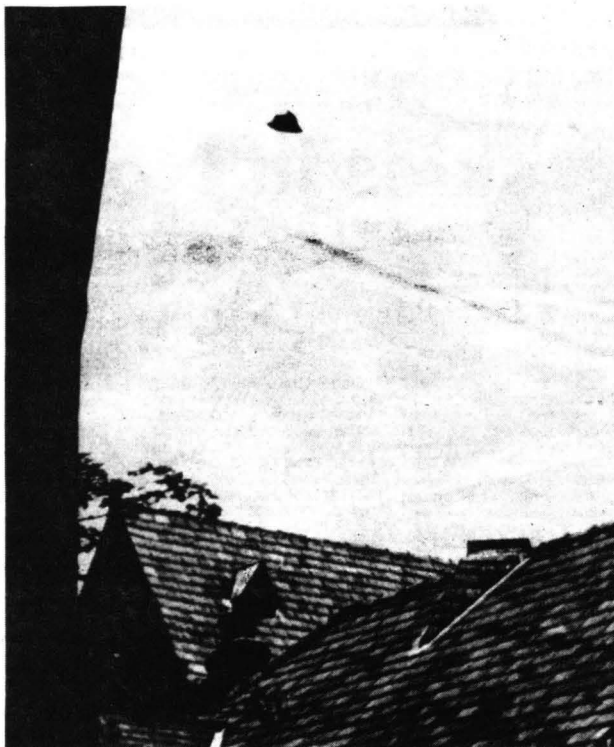
● Youngsters playing football near the Uppermill railway bridge froze in terror when a yellow object buzzed towards them.

● An oval object seemed to sway in the sky when a mother and her daughter flashed a torch at it as they walked home from stables in Moorside.

● A white light, witnessed by a number of people in Lees in 1970, lifted off from a field and split into three. Minutes later, frightened residents in West Yorkshire gasped as an object landed on a hillside and then disappeared. Researchers who inspected the site later found a circle melted in the covering snow and discovered burnt rock dust.

● A spate of lights in the sky sparked "phantom helicopter" reports, with police patrols involved in a chase, back in 1975.

But the most terrifying tale of extra-terrestrial encounters is three years ago, when a man in Oldham awoke at 2 am to find his bedroom full of white light.



ALIEN invaders? Is this UFO spotted in the Oldham area evidence of extra-terrestrial travellers

Puzzling sights in the Pennine Triangle

He was totally paralysed and could feel a power probing his mind — as though an alien intelligence was stripping his brain of information.

His ordeal only lasted minutes, but for hours afterwards he felt sick and suffered from stomach upsets.

Jenny says: "Most people assume that UFO sightings are aliens, but there is no single answer."

"Cases of sightings and abductions have occurred, and there have been many around the Pennines. The stories of abductions also follow the same pattern."

Energy

"Research has proven that certain locations across the world are capable of generating masses of energy."

"Many of these locations, where a lot of UFO activity has been reported, share the same type of quartz-like rock."

Scientists believe that fault lines underneath the ground may rub together, sending out massive forces which throw balls of light into the sky.

People seeing these lights may also be affected by the electrical energy, triggering their brain into a trance-like state in which they "dream" their abduction.

However, one chilling case from the Pennine Triangle lends weight to the theory of alien visitors — the prisoner claims to have photographed his kidnappers.

The victim, a retired police officer, was walking on the moors when he saw a small figure beckoning to him. He ran towards it, but the creature vanished into a disc-like craft.

After taking his snapshots to a two-hour developing shop and studying the fuzzy photographs, he realised that he could not account for almost two hours of the morning.

Under hypnosis, the victim relived a nightmare of being abducted and taken to a spaceship, where he was subjected to medical experiments.

The photograph, along with other strange cases, are included in a book by Jenny Randles, "UFOs and How to See Them".

More weird sightings in West Norfolk sky

UNIDENTIFIED and weird — the Lynn News UFO hotline has been buzzing with more and more reports of unearthly sightings.

Readers from all over West Norfolk have called us with tales of their close encounters with bizarre beings from the night skies.

And there have been even more sightings of the mysterious flashing lights hovering over Lynn's South Quay that baffled a group of fishermen on August 12.

One of the fishermen, David Hamer, claims he saw them again last week. And friends Wendy Johnson, Wayne Gardiner and Barry Johnson, all from South Lynn, back up his story.

"It was late at night and we saw the same red, green, yellow and white flashing lights over the river. They were so bright it hurt our eyes to look at them," he said.

Flashing lights and a white beam have been reported but spotters prefer to remain anonymous.

A West Lynn resident tells us about coloured flashing lights hovering silently at between 400 and 500 feet over the river in the direction of the community centre.

And a reader from Stoke Ferry called to tell us about a mysterious white beam that lit up her garden during a barbecue. Although it was a cloudy night the beam came down and lit up the faces of members of her family. "There was no sound and no explanation for it," she said.

Over at Oxborough a couple are adamant that they are non-believers when it comes to UFOs. But they still rang the Lynn News to see if any other readers saw a mysterious large black balloon-shape in the sky on Wednesday, August 11, at about 6am — less than 24 hours before the sighting of alien lights in the night sky over Lynn.

Mr 'X' said: "UFOs are a load of old s---. I don't believe in them. But I fly myself and I'm interested in things in the air. This thing looked like a black air balloon but I looked at it through the binoculars and it didn't have a basket."

It was flying in the direction of the wind but at a constant level and apparently too fast for an air balloon. The couple watched it for about 15 minutes before it disappeared towards the Wash.

"It was just odd. I don't know if it could have been a black weather balloon or something. I'm very cynical — there must be an explanation. We read the articles in your paper and just wondered if anyone else had seen it," he added.

This all adds up to a UFO, says accountant

A Keighley accountant had a close encounter when he awoke in the early hours of Friday morning to see a UFO outside his bedroom window.

Paul Nelson, 30, thought he had been dreaming until, later that day, he noticed strange scorch marks on the grass outside his Dale View Grove, Long Lee home.

He describes the unidentified flying object as being silver-coloured, the shape and size of a dustbin, with a bright white light shining from below it. There are four sets of scorch-marks, each made up of three saucer-sized circles arranged in a triangle.

"I didn't really believe in UFOs until this, but scientists say there must be something out there, even if it has not been proved yet," says Mr

Nelson, who is a project accountant with a Guiseley firm.

UFO expert Tony Dodd says it is not unusual for scorch marks to be left behind after sightings. Former Skipton policeman Mr Dodd is director of investigations for Quest International, the largest UFO investigation organisation in Europe.

He plans to visit Mr Nelson to take a detailed description of what he saw and examine the scorch marks.

"There is a lot of UFO activity at the moment, particularly over this area," he says. He is even investigating claims of local people being abducted by UFOs, he says.

He is keen to hear from anyone who believes they have seen a UFO and can be contacted on 0756 752216.

Strange, silent craft sighted flying across the night sky

DID ANYBODY see anything strange in the sky last weekend?

Drawn outside by a commotion in the car park at around 12.35 on Sunday morning, Ray Cornforth of Spring Hill Hostel and Flats noticed some lights in the sky approaching from the direction of Plymouth Road.

As the lights got nearer, they turned almost 90 degrees and Mr Cornforth 'saw two rows of cabin windows in the thing' which he said was 'the size of a medium-sized aeroplane but had no wings and appeared to have two fuselages like a catamaran.' He estimated it was about 1500-2000 feet up in the sky.

In view for about a minute altogether, it then went through Tavistock along the line of the main street and on towards Okehampton before disappearing from view.

'The strange thing was that there was no sound whatsoever,' said Mr

Cornforth, 'and there were five or six people there with me who would testify that there was no noise.'

'I asked them what they thought it was and they said they thought it was an aeroplane, but there was no noise and I checked with British Airways - there was no commercial flight at that time and there were no military flights on Sunday morning.'

Asked what he thought it was, Mr Cornforth said: 'Well, it was obviously a UFO because it was an unidentified flying object, but I don't know what it was.'

'I was quite excited to see it actually. But I'm not looking for publicity,' he said. 'I just want to know if anyone else saw it.'

DID anybody see anything strange in the sky last weekend?



WE SAW U.F.O !

TWO children claim they had a close encounter when a UFO swooped out of the sky — in broad daylight!

And their normally sceptical grandad Norman Wild is convinced his grandchildren did see something extra-terrestrial.

Norman was upstairs at his Burnmoor Road home on Friday when the two kids — eight-year-old Jennifer and 10-year-old Gareth — came dashing up to tell him they had seen a strange object flying in the sky outside their window.

He said: "We all ran back downstairs but it had gone. So to make sure they were telling the truth I made them draw pictures of what they had seen. They did the drawings quite separately but they are absolutely identical."

"I know they are not the sort to tell lies or romanticise about things like this."

"I am usually quite sceptical about these things but I am convinced they saw something outside."

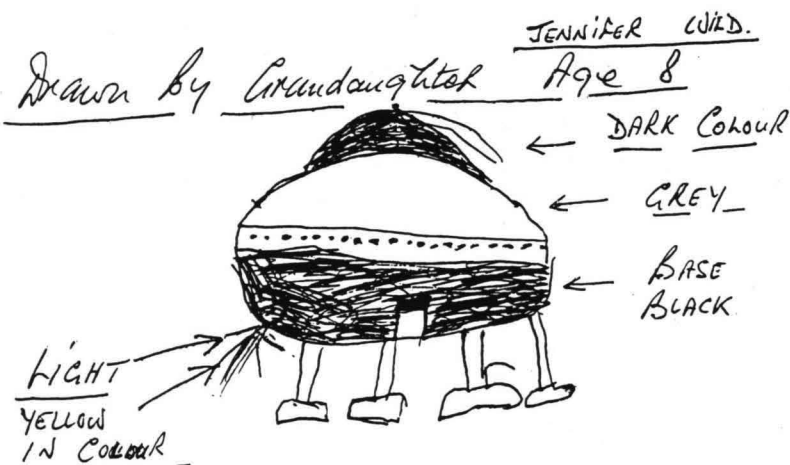
Report:
ADAM MOSS
Picture:
RICHARD ROLLON

The children, who were staying with their grandad while their parents work and school holidays are still unfinished, say the UFO flew past at great speed and gave off a sort of low buzzing sound.

Disappeared

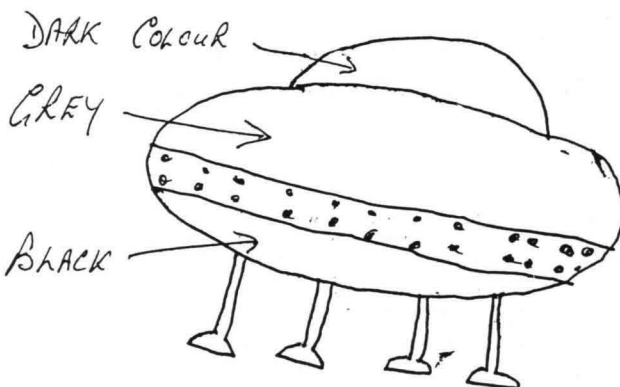
They claim it wasn't a balloon, aeroplane or helicopter, and the whole family cannot think what it might have been. They last saw it as it disappeared behind some trees in the distance.

Have you ever seen a UFO in the sky above Bolton? Why not write in with the details of your close encounter and send in drawings of what you saw or photos if you have them.



Seen Approx 10-05 Friday 27th August
Looking in Southerly Direction from Brightwal

GARETH WILD,
Drawn by Grandson Age 10.



'I made them draw pictures of what they had seen, they are absolutely identical'

Two claim UFO video

A UFO has been captured on video flying over Marlborough fields, it was claimed this week.

Two foreign couples, who are studying crop circles in the area, claim to have independently filmed a spaceship at Alton Priors.

Foeke Kootje and Connie DeBruyn from Holland and American couple Erik Beckjord and Joan DeNeve both claim to have seen a triangular object hovering silently over Alton Priors.

Their videos are believed to show a single object with three lights, one slowly pulsating.

The mysterious object was spotted on Saturday, August 7, the same night as a spectacular crop pattern at Cherhill near Calne, which consists of circles, semi-circles and tramlines.

The American couple are currently conducting a surveillance operation, Operation Maggie, on the area in the hope of filming a crop circle actually being created.

Poltergeists, virgins and falling crabs

MY FRIEND Mike used to spend his summer holidays by Loch Ness, looking for the monster. He lived on a diet of fried spam and got very wet, but every summer he would be back, echo-sounder at the ready. Curious really, because when pushed, he would admit that he was virtually convinced the monster did not exist.

But then Mike is a Fortean, one of a small band of people who continue the work of Charles Fort (1874-1932), the American writer who devoted his life to investigating strange phenomena with an open mind. On Monday night, the Fortean gathered at a bar in Notting Hill Gate for a party to mark the 20th anniversary of their magazine, the *Fortean Times*, published every two months (sales: 20,000 and growing).

It was an event not to be missed. I had always secretly fancied myself as a bit of a Fortean. One of the first stories I had written as a novice reporter was on a BVM in Belgium. A

Roger Tredre goes to a birthday party where the guests display encyclopaedic knowledge of some very strange subjects

BVM is Fort-speak for an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (other acronyms include SHC — Spontaneous Human Combustion — and the more familiar UFO).

The problem is I have never been prepared to put in the legwork. Fortean all possess encyclopaedic minds, so if you ask them to give you a brief rundown on, say, poltergeists, the chances are you'll be with them until dawn. Last time I went round to dinner with Mike, we spent the entire evening discussing cannibalism. Just as well we ate vegetarian.

In the crowded bar, the Fortean drank with gusto. A surprising number of them wore beards. Mike, who is now a contributing editor to the magazine, gave me a guided tour of the 70 or so guests.

They all had their specialist sub-

jects. John Rowe, a psychology post-graduate, was into crop circles; Yvonne Greene, a part-time astrology lecturer, was interested in UFO abductions; David Norman, a jewellery dealer, couldn't hear enough about the Sasquatch, a huge ape-like creature regularly sighted in North American backwoods.

Yvonne and David had a tale to tell me. "We had a joint experience," Yvonne said, "in a pub in Wembley."

David saw the look of disbelief on my face. "It was before we had had a drink," he insisted. "The whole pub went into slow-motion, everyone was moving around us in strange, slow, jerky movements. It was very disturbing."

Even Bob Rickard, the walking library who is the co-editor of *Fortean*

Times, has his fave topic. "I've always had a soft spot for falling fish," he said. They fall out of the sky from time to time, apparently, all over the world. It was a remarkably short answer for a Fortean, but then he opened his mouth again. "And falling crabs, winkles, worms, insect larvae, snakes, toads..."

There were dissenters in the room. The editors of *Fortean Times* have always been good at writing about heavy subjects with a light touch, but some subscribers say the publication has got too populist for its own good — shades of the *National Enquirer* or the *Sunday Sport*.

Fort himself might have had his doubts. He would certainly not have approved of Monday night's bash. When invited to be guest of honour at the opening meeting of the first Fortean Society in New York in 1930, he turned it down flat with the memorable words: "I would sooner be an elk."

Inquiry launched following UFO sighting

INVESTIGATORS have launched a full-scale investigation into a night-sky sighting — only days after the Oldham area was branded a UFO hotspot.

A gigantic dome-shaped object glided only feet above the trees near Clayton playing fields, according to a surprised witness.

The woman said: "I just stood watching. It had red and green flashing lights, but it made no noise."

"I was mesmerised, out when I thought about what I saw afterwards. I felt shocked."

Excited UFO hunters have deployed flying-saucer sleuth, Vic Sleight, to open an inquiry.

The witness, a level-headed 58-year-old grandmother, who lives near Boundary Park, claims that she first spotted a half-circle of red lights high in the clouds.

After she had been gazing for about 40 minutes, the lights moved slowly downwards towards her house, before revealing the metallic-coloured dome.

It floated above passing cars as it travelled away from Oldham towards the M62, along Chadderton Way, at about 10 pm to 10.30 pm on Saturday, September 4.

She added: "I cannot explain

what I saw, but it was definitely not an aircraft. After watching I wrote down what I had seen and it seemed like a 100-year-old dream."

Mr Sleight, a 52-year-old engineer who devotes his spare time to UFO investigation, said: "This is a very interesting case. The witness became very emotional when she recounted her experience."

"I now need to hear from anyone

who may have been travelling in that area at that time. They may help to corroborate the sighting."

If you can help, contact Mr Sleight at 31 Carrslea Close, Radcliffe, Manchester M26 0NP.

Oldham and Saddleworth have been the centre of a number of strange extra-terrestrial visions, and form part of the area dubbed the Pennine Triangle — famous for unexplained occurrences.

TERROR: Families' car followed by UFO in 20-mile night-time ordeal

Close encounters

By Caroline Evans

A UFO terrorised a car full of terrified women and children as they drove home to Carmarthen earlier this month.

Lorraine Fox, her children Neville and Sarah, and Diane Jones and her son Nicholas say they were followed for 20 miles by a bright object in the sky.

The circular white light followed them from the outskirts of Swansea as they made their way home after an evening in the Mumbles.

During their dramatic journey they claim:

- The light seemed to single out the children, shining directly on to them, before finally shooting off.

- The trip, which should have taken well over an hour, was done in under half an hour and they calculate they must have travelled the crucial 20 miles in around two minutes.

- Despite a badly fitting door the car seemed to travel along without any sound.

- After the journey there was a strange smell around the car.

- The next day the two women and two of the children suffered unexplained symptoms.

The strange disc-like light was first spotted by driver Lorraine as they left Swansea: "I noticed it round about the Smiths factory although there was a lot of street lighting. At first I thought it was car lights. It was a circle of light on the right of the car. It didn't seem to be moving around, but as the car moved it seemed to move with us.

"When we got to the motorway it was still there so I said to Diane: 'Can you see what I can see'. 'It came into the car, lighting up the inside so I thought somebody had turned the light in the car on and I went to turn it off. It was very bright and yet we were not straining our eyes," she said.

It finally left them at Llandarrog. "It shone on to the children, they said it seemed to come down on to them," said Lorraine. When they arrived home, they discovered they had made the journey in just 26 minutes. This, they say, is impossible, particularly as they had taken a detour through Swansea.

Lorraine says she was not speeding. She says her C registration Rover could not do more than 80 mph. The following day they found they had had unusual symptoms. Both women had earache, Diane had swollen eyes, 15-year-old Neville had burn marks under his watch strap and 10-year-old Sarah had a rash on her chest.

Since their experience, the children have been too frightened to go to bed and the women say they feel they have been suffering from shock.

They would all like to believe that what they saw was part of a laser light show taking place that night in Crosshands, but, when they reached the area, the lightshow and the light that followed them from Swansea were different.

Police in Carmarthen said they had a number of reports of lights in the sky on the same night, but believe they were caused by the laser show.

Mr Peter Grosvenor, of Carmarthen, who has been investigating UFO sightings since 1954, said he had heard of the women's experience and was interested in their story.

"It seems unusual that the light followed them over such a great distance," he said.



BUZZED: Nicholas Jones, Neville Fox, Sarah Fox, Diane Jones, Lorraine Fox at the wheel

WELSH UFO FACTFILE

WALES has been dubbed by UFO experts as a hotspot for sightings. Most have occurred on the west side of the country.

August 1993: North Wales hotelier Mr John Newell saw a light followed by a strange sphere-type object flying over his home in Rhosneigr.

March 1993: Retired fitter Mr Lionel Cox from Croesycellio, Gwent, spotted a pulsating object in the sky above his home for three nights in a row. It appeared as a sphere-shaped light with internal rings and changed shape each night.

August 1992: Hundreds of people claimed to have seen a blue ball of light travelling at high speed in a rough line between Newport, Gwent, and Anglesey.

January 1988: Police received reports that a giant UFO had been sighted in the sky above North Cornelly.

MID-SUSSEX TIMES, Haywards Heath, England - Sept. 16, 1993 CR: T. Good

Ever had the feeling you're being watched?

KEEP your eyes on the skies. The light show that has kept some Mid Sussex residents awake over the summer is not over yet.

Eleven balls of light (BOLs) and Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAPs) have been reported since June with many seen from Burgess Hill, but there have also been sightings elsewhere.

There are tales of a car stopping to let a BOL cross the A23, a woman

disbelieving a sighting then seeing one herself, lights over Lindfield Common and exploding lightbulbs.

Barry Reynolds, of Meadow Lane, Burgess Hill, who compiled the dossier of sightings, said what has happened is a rare mini-flap: "There are always people reporting sightings but to get so many in one place does not happen very often."

"The sightings may remain high in some areas for months or a year

or so then they tail off again. They appear to pick a location then move on - but keep your eyes on the skies for a while."

Both sceptics and phenomenophiles alike have reported the unexplainable and Barry says: "People are more often than not desperate for someone to take an interest and they want to know what they've seen because they can discount the normal."

"Personally I think the BOLs that have been seen are almost another type of entity that is living here that we can't see or associate with because it lives in a different way to which we do."

□ Great balls or balderdash? — the stories make interesting reading — turn to page 10 to find out what you may have missed while you were asleep.

Watching the light shows

THESE are the sightings of Balls of Light (BOLs) and Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAPs) to date over Mid Sussex chronicled by Barry Reynolds, of Meadow Lane, Burgess Hill.

☆ **Sunday, June 20, Pyecombe**
A BOL was seen by Barry himself in a field close to the A23 at lunchtime. He said: "From quite some distance away I saw a white BOL coming towards me across the field. It was travelling at ground height about the speed of a running person. When it got to the fence on the A23 it crossed and the first car actually stopped to let it cross in front of it." Barry ran after it but eventually lost it from sight.

☆ **Saturday, June 26, Burgess Hill**
This was a sighting of a UAP by a visitor who was sitting in Barry's garden at Meadow Lane when he saw a mass of different coloured lights travelling across the sky.

☆ **Sunday, June 27, Burgess Hill**
Another sighting by Barry, this time with his wife Linda in their garden. He says: "I just had a feeling that something was going to happen. As soon as I walked out into the garden there was a very, very bright white light quite high in the sky but it did an arc. Now satellites don't go round corners. We watched it for a couple of minutes then it was lost from view."

☆ **Saturday, July 3, Burgess Hill.**

This double BOL was seen by Andy Thomas, of Lewes, who was leaving a friend's house in Junction Close at 10.30pm. He recalls: "Before I got in my car I was struck by the urge to stand and look at the sky for a while. About 30 seconds later a very bright light came into view followed by a pinpoint of light a short distance behind it. They appeared to be moving in a straight line."

"There was no sound. As I looked I realised that the brighter of the two lights was wavering very slightly or vibrating."

☆ **Saturday, July 3, East Chilmington**
As Andy Thomas made his way home he stopped on a whim in a gravel lay-by in Novington Lane and walked into a field with clumps of trees marking the far boundary.

"Almost as soon as I noted the trees a very bright light suddenly appeared out of nowhere above the clump I was looking at," he says.

"It seemed to hang in the air for about a second before dropping like a stone behind the trees and vanishing."

☆ **Sunday, July 25, Burgess Hill**
This was seen by a businessman in Marlborough Drive as he was going to bed early in the morning. Barry says the man told him that he was drawn to a window in a room he does not usually go in. "He saw a white dot of light in the sky. It jumped up and stayed there then jumped again. It

would move to one point then to another."

"He watched this thing for well over an hour and as far as he could see sometimes it appeared to be green, sometimes red and sometimes white."

☆ **Tuesday, August 31, Lindfield**
Gordon Smale was letting his dog Claret out into the back garden at Black Hill when he saw something so dazzling in the sky above Lindfield Common that he could not look at it through binoculars. He says: "There was this brilliant light, a very large, very very bright light. I thought it was an aircraft but it didn't move. I watched it for a long time. I suppose it could've been a star but by God it was a large one."

☆ **Monday, September 6, Burgess Hill**
This glimpse of a BOL ironically was dismissed by the same woman who made the next sighting. Barry says: "What happened was between 9 and 10pm two young boys were in their back bedroom at Folders Lane - I presume they had their curtains open. Their mother said one of her sons came downstairs really terrified saying there were strange lights over the field out the back. He was scared out of his wits and did not want to go back upstairs. She thought he was just being silly."

☆ **Tuesday, September 7, Bur-**

gess Hill.
Barry says: "The woman at Folders Lane had what she describes as a light show at about 11pm. She was watching the lights outside when the light in her kitchen blew up. What she saw outside was several shots of light going up."

☆ **Tuesday, September 7, Burgess Hill**
The same night a gentleman in Mill Road also had a light show but at about 10pm. Barry says the man told him: "It was white in colour and it flashed on and off. It wasn't an aircraft and if it was lightning he'd never seen anything like it before."

☆ **Tuesday, September 7, Burgess Hill**
Taffy Coombes also saw something in the skies above the town as he returned home at 11pm with some friends to Eastdale Road. He says: "We saw in the distance some lights so we got out of the car and walked down the road a bit for a closer look. Going towards Lewes were these rolls of light across the sky. We watched them for a quarter of an hour. I first thought it was the northern lights then I realised it was too early. It was not lightning at all. I suppose there always could be something up there."

★ Do you believe in UFOs, BOLs or UAPs or is it a load of pie in the sky? Have you seen one yourself? Write to the Middy at 19-21 Bolstro Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 1BT.

NORTH AVON JOURNAL, Bristol, England

Sept. 3, 1993 CR: T. Good

Businessman fears ridicule over UFO report

A RESPECTED Bristol businessman had the shock of his life when what seemed to be a massive UFO hovered above him as he travelled to work.

The middle-aged man, who did not wish to be named for fear of ridicule from business colleagues, is convinced that the cross-shaped object was not from this planet.

He was driving to work in the city at five in the morning when he noticed a light in the sky. He ignored it until the object came closer, when he stopped the car, the rotating shape then travelled right over his head, at about 100 feet above him.

It was spinning on its own axle, until it banked sharply on a 45 degree angle and sped away - travelling towards the Happy Landings pub in Wells Road.

CHAD, Mansfield, England
Aug. 25, 1993 CR: T. Good

'UFOs' captured on video film

A MANSFIELD man claims to have captured UFOs on a video he took at a recent air show.

Mr Vince Cartwright, of Moor Street, has shown the film to fellow members of the Mansfield UFO Group and Chad.

It clearly shows black objects zooming around in the same frame as the acrobats being filmed.

But as yet the strange flying forms have not been identified. They appear as small dots, which sometimes seem to fly in and out of the clouds.

Too fast to be birds and too small to be other aircraft, the UFO group is keen to have the objects analysed by specialists.



Hear today, hear tomorrow

Mysterious Taos hum keeps experts abuzz with theories

By Matt Crenson
Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

Next time you're stuck on a six-hour flight with a wailing baby on board, take a deep breath and be thankful you can't hear the Taos hum.

Provided the young screamer isn't yours, you'll escape the madness when the plane lands. But to those who can hear it, there is no escape from the Taos hum, a constant menace that follows them everywhere they go.

"This is a very distressing thing for them," said Joe Mullins, who headed an investigation into the mysterious hum this summer. "It's driving them wild."

Actually, it's not really a hum. It's more of a rumble, like a diesel truck running far in the distance. It's so deep that some hearers, as researchers call those who hear the hum, describe it as a sensation.

"It's not a sound in the traditional sense of the word," said Sara Allen, a sound engineer for a Taos radio station.

Ms. Allen has heard the hum since April 1991. She describes it as a drone or buzz, something she can sense more than hear.

"Last night it was really buzzing in," Ms. Allen said during an interview last month. "It came to the point where my head was about to vibrate in sympathy with it."

A team of New Mexico researchers went to Taos this summer to look for the source of the hum but came up with nothing. In an August report of their research progress, the team concluded that the hum is all in the hearers' heads — or more specifically, their ears. But that doesn't mean the hum isn't real.

Taos-area residents began hearing the hum in the spring of 1991. But Taos isn't the only place they hear it. The hum follows hearers everywhere they go, and more significantly, hearers have begun popping up all over the country as word of the Taos hum has spread.

Hearers tend to come from quiet places. They've cropped up in La Verkin, Utah; Waupun, Wis.; Huntington, Vt.; even the outskirts of Fort Worth. Richard and Schatzle Hubbell, who can both hear the hum, moved to Fort Worth when Mrs. Hubbell couldn't stand the hum in their Santa Fe, N.M., home. But she hears it in Fort Worth, too.

"She noticed it a little before moving in," Mr. Hubbell said. "But after being in the house for about three days, the sound was just as intense as it was in Santa Fe."

Experts have taken Mrs. Hubbell and the other hearers seriously because their descriptions of the hum are consistent. And physical measurements — although they haven't found the hum itself — have hinted that something is there.

"These are reasonable folks. They're not quacks," said James Kelly, a hearing expert at the University of New Mexico Medical Center. "It seems to me that the phenomenon is real."

Conducting tests

Only a tiny percentage of people can hear it, but the complaints of Taos hearers reached a critical mass this spring, when U.S. Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M., asked a team of investigators to figure out where the hum comes from.

Researchers from the University of New Mexico and Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M., and the U.S. Air Force's Phillips Laboratory joined the search.

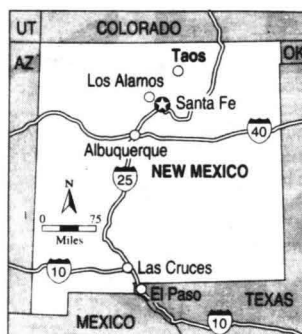
The team first installed sensitive microphones in places where hearers say the hum is loudest. The microphones were so sensitive that

when placed inside one hearer's house, the instruments detected a light tap outside the house, 200 feet away.

The researchers also used antennae to measure electromagnetic fields from power lines, cellular phones and other electronic equipment. People have occasionally detected radio signals with fillings or other metallic substances in their bodies, and the team wanted to see whether such a freakish phenomenon could be causing the hum.

All in all, the team tested for every possible source of electromagnetic radiation. They covered all of the wavelengths used for communication, as well as the extremely long wavelengths at the lowest end of the electromagnetic spectrum.

"We had everything that we thought we could possibly need," said Dr. Mullins, who is chairman of the University of New Mexico mechanical engineering department.



The Dallas Morning News

Technicians led by Sandia Laboratories' Horace Poteet, a specialist in verifying weapons testing treaties, even used geophones to see whether underground geologic activity could be producing the sound.

"It just was not there," Dr. Mullins said. "There was certainly no organized tone that corresponded to what they were hearing."

Not a hoax

That would seem to indicate that the hum is a hoax. But Dr. Kelly doesn't think so.

"There is, I believe, a real physical basis for this," he said.

Dr. Kelly joined the Taos hum research team just after the first round of tests failed to find a source for the noise. A series of tests on a few hearers had produced a very unusual result, and Dr. Mullins asked Dr. Kelly to interpret it.

The research team had played a sound with a frequency very close to the Taos hum frequency, which is about 30 to 80 oscillations per second. When researchers played the low-frequency sound, hearers heard what physicists call a beat. A beat is a regular, throbbing sound caused by the interaction of two sound waves that are nearly the same frequency.

"Last night it was really buzzing in. It came to the point where my head was about to vibrate in sympathy with it."

— Sara Allen,
Taos radio station
sound engineer

The physicists were baffled, Dr. Kelly said, because they knew that it takes two sound waves to make a beat. Yet they were playing only one sound for the hearers, and they couldn't measure any other consistent low-frequency sounds in the environment.

"That's when they contacted me," Dr. Kelly said. "It was my feeling then that it possibly could be an otoacoustic emission."

Otoacoustic emissions are one of the hottest subjects in hearing research. Just a few years ago, researchers discovered that receptor cells in the inner ear can actually make sounds. The receptors, which are designed to turn a sound vibration into an electrical signal that goes to the brain, can also work backward. Signals from the brain can cause the receptor cells, known as hair cells, to vibrate in the absence of any sound.

"The ear is being driven backward," Dr. Kelly said. Instead of collecting sound, like a microphone, the hair cells produce sound, like a speaker.

Overall, 60 percent to 80 percent of people have the emissions, said Brenda Lonsbury-Martin, who studies otoacoustic emissions at the University of Miami Ear Institute in Florida. But most people who have them can't hear them.

Even so, if some people can pick up an extremely low frequency emission that researchers haven't discovered yet, that might explain the Taos hum.

"It may be that these individuals for some reason have become selectively sensitive to their own emissions," Dr. Kelly theorized.

Low frequency

He has reason to believe that an otoacoustic emission may be the culprit in the Taos hum, because the low frequency range of human hearing hasn't been studied much. On top of that, Dr. Kelly says that the way hearers become sensitive to the hum supports his theory.

"What it requires, I think, is quiet in order to perceive it," Dr. Kelly said. "Say you're up in Taos hiking. You have an emission."

You've been having low frequency emissions for some time, but you couldn't hear them because other low frequency noises drowned them out. But in the peace and quiet of the mountains, Dr. Kelly supposes, "you hear this thing. And then you begin to tune into it."

The brain has an amazing ability to tune into certain sounds and amplify them, bringing them to the forefront of a person's consciousness. Just think of what a dripping faucet can do to a good night's sleep.

"You tune into this thing and you're annoyed by it," Dr. Kelly said. But you can't ignore it. "It may be that you change the tuning of the ear in order to pick this thing up."

Dr. Kelly is trying to get funding to fit the ears of hearers with tiny microphones being designed at the University of Mexico to run tests.

But Dr. Lonsbury-Martin, the otoacoustic emissions expert, doesn't think Dr. Kelly will find much.

"I kind of doubt whether it's anything to do with otoacoustic emissions," she said. "I'm not really a big fan of that theory."

Dr. Lonsbury-Martin had several objections to the idea that low frequency otoacoustic emissions could cause the Taos hum. She pointed out several observations that would refute such an idea:

■ People can't hear their own emissions. In some unusual cases, people's ears have generated audible emissions. But such cases are so rare, Dr. Lonsbury-Martin said, that every time researchers find one, they publish a research article to document it.

■ The lowest otoacoustic emission ever detected was about 600 cycles per second. Researchers rarely hear them below 800 oscillations per second. So if there are

otoacoustic emissions in the Taos hum's range of 30 to 80 oscillations per second, they're probably not going to be the same type of thing as known otoacoustic emissions.

■ Hearing damage from noise or drugs tends to suppress rather than cause otoacoustic emissions.

"It goes against all the thinking

"These are reasonable folks. They're not quacks. It seems to me that the phenomenon is real."

— Dr. James Kelly,
University of
New Mexico

of what these emissions are," Dr. Lonsbury-Martin said of the theory.

But others who study otoacoustic emissions find Dr. Kelly's theory plausible.

"Certainly that emission idea sounds like one that's worth pursuing," said James Hudspeth, a neuroscientist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

A possible clue

This summer, Dr. Hudspeth published a paper that may provide a clue to the Taos hum. The paper, which appeared in the British science journal *Nature*, proposed a mechanism for a phenomenon that's puzzled musicians and psychologists for centuries.

When an ear hears two tones at once, it actually produces a third tone. That third tone is called a difference tone, because its frequency is the difference between the frequencies of the original two tones.

If hearers' ears were making two different otoacoustic emissions at nearly the same frequency, those two sounds could produce a low frequency difference tone, Dr. Hudspeth said.

The otoacoustic emissions themselves wouldn't even have to be au-

"Certainly that emission idea sounds like one that's worth pursuing."

— James Hudspeth,
University of Texas
Southwestern Medical
Center at Dallas

dible. They could be too high to hear, but if the difference between their frequencies was small enough, they would produce an extremely low difference tone.

Both the hearers and the researchers are encouraged by the possibilities of the otoacoustic emission theory. But because of the pain it's causing, both the hearers and the scientists expressed disappointment that this summer's investigation didn't find a source for the hum.

"It would have made me feel good to have found something," said Dr. Poteet, a member of the research team who also hears the hum.

How good? Maybe even better than the Zen-like reverie that follows a nightmarish crying-baby flight.

BEST DOWNTOWN LEGEND

They're cold blooded, they hoard their gold in secret catacombs, they lurk beneath your very building, they're...

The LIZARD PEOPLE OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

by Greg Spring

Be careful where you walk.

According to some, the Lizard People may yet be under your feet, smarter than you, more evolved than you, and maybe, just maybe, watching your every move.

Oh, sure, I know what you're thinking. You see lizard people all the time Downtown, frequenting its nightclubs,

selling drugs in an alleyway and even making an occasional appearance in City Hall.

But what you're talking about are the lizard people in

Shocking New Corroborating Testimony!

Believe it or not (and if you're still reading at this point, you'll believe just about everything), the Lizard People have long been a part of Los Angeles' lore.

On December 22, 1933, a full five weeks before the Shufelt story of excavating for lizard gold was splashed across the *Los Angeles Times*, famous Pico Rivera clairvoyant Miss Edith Elden Robinson had a vision, reported in the American Society for Psychical Research's journal, as "a vast city... in mammoth tunnels extending to the sea-shore." Robinson added that the city had been built by a vanished race to protect themselves from danger.

Mike Marinacci's 1977 book *Mysterious California* (which has an additional account of Downtown's Lizard People), also reports that the Lizard People are said to be one of the lost races of Mount Shasta in Northern California.

And Robert Stanley, editor of the UFO magazine *Unicus*, says that the Los Angeles basin is still referred to by Native Americans as the "Lost Land of the Lizard People."

Stanley also leads tours to a secret location in the Santa Monica Mountains (quite near the old set for *M*A*S*H** actually), that he claims contain the ruins of the Ancient Land of Mu.

Though Mu was the site of many races mixing, including a race of blue-skinned aliens (descendants of which can still be found in the American southwest), Stanley also talks about a race of lizard-like humanoids who live with their space ships deep within the mountains.

Though yet to personally meet these lizard people (with snouts like dogs and uniforms), Stanley says he has visited them in a vision, where they took him on a tour of their secret liar.

Still, Stanley says, he has yet to go back in an effort to uncover the lizard people's hiding place.

"It's not like they said, 'Hey, come on back anytime,'" Stanley says.

—Greg Spring

lower-case sense, the type of creature who, while frightening, are nonetheless mundane in a city capable of creating Hollywood Boulevard and the Sunset Strip.

What I'm talking about are Lizard People in the capital-letter sense, the mysterious long-lost race that once roamed the Southern California region, only to disappear suddenly into the sand and dirt below.

3,000 B.C.: The Fire and the Fury

To hear Dr. Franklin Ruehl, host of cable TV's *Mysteries From Beyond the Other Dominion*, tell it, it all began some 5,000 years ago with a race of highly advanced—and presumably highly ugly—locals called the Lizard People.

This race had built up quite a following in the Southwest, only to have much of their civilization destroyed in an apocalyptic event that swept through the area around 3,000 B.C.

The few Lizard People that remained decided to go underground for safety's sake, creating great cities by using an unknown chemical solution to bore caverns and tunnels capable of housing 1,000 families each, plus all necessary supplies.

In total, 13 such cities were built, with the capital of the reptile empire located under present-day Downtown Los Angeles.

Don't laugh. And whatever you do, don't go exploring beneath the Los Angeles Times building. One man did and he hasn't been heard from since.

1934: The Los Angeles Times Connection

Flash ahead to 1934, when mining engineer W. Warren Shufelt began discovering caverns beneath Downtown with his new "radio-X-ray," a sort of advanced dowsing rod.

To make sense of it all, Shufelt traveled to Arizona, where he heard the Lost Lizard People legend from the Hopi Indian leader Little Chief Greenleaf.

It was never made clear in the legend whether the Lizard People actually had reptilian features or were merely an advanced tribe of humans. However, the Hopi chief appeared to be a lot more certain of gold tablets, used, he said, to chronicle the lizard folks' history, the origin of humankind and no less than the entire story of

(continued on page 19)



illustration by Jon-Erik Prichard

(continued from page 18 - DOWNTOWN NEWS,
Los Angeles, CA - June 28, 1993)

the earth dating back to creation.

Shufelt, being a miner and not a historian, clearly had more material reasons in mind when he returned to L.A. to uncover Downtown's lizard lair, discovering—perhaps not surprisingly, at this point—that the lost city was actually built in the shape of a lizard!

Apparently this symbolic beast undercut a good portion of the Downtown area, with its tail stretching to the Los Angeles Central Library and the head buried under what is now Dodger Stadium.

Shufelt also claimed to trace passages headed west and opening at the Pacific Ocean. These passages were designed to ventilate the buried city, and apparently were the area's first beach-front development.

But the greatest discovery of all, Shufelt said, was that of the "key room," complete with gold tablets, directly under what is now Times Mirror Square, home of the *Los Angeles Times*.

At this point Shufelt did what would only come natural to anybody standing above a subterranean room full of gold, lizard-produced or not; he began digging.



A January 29, 1934, article in the *Los Angeles Times*, under the headline "Lizard People's Catacomb City Hunted," detailed the search from there.

"My radio X-ray pictures of the tunnels and rooms, which are sub-surface voids, and of gold pictures with perfect corners, sides and ends, are scientific proof of (the gold's) existence," Shufelt told *Times* reporter Jean Bosquet.

"However, the legendary story must remain speculative until unearthed by excavation."

Into the Void

That speculation was bound to continue.

According to Ruehl, Shufelt thought he had hit pay dirt somewhere beneath 250 feet, and descended into the secret chamber alone looking to become a rich man.

He never returned.

"There's no record of Shufelt ever again," Ruehl said. "He just disappeared."

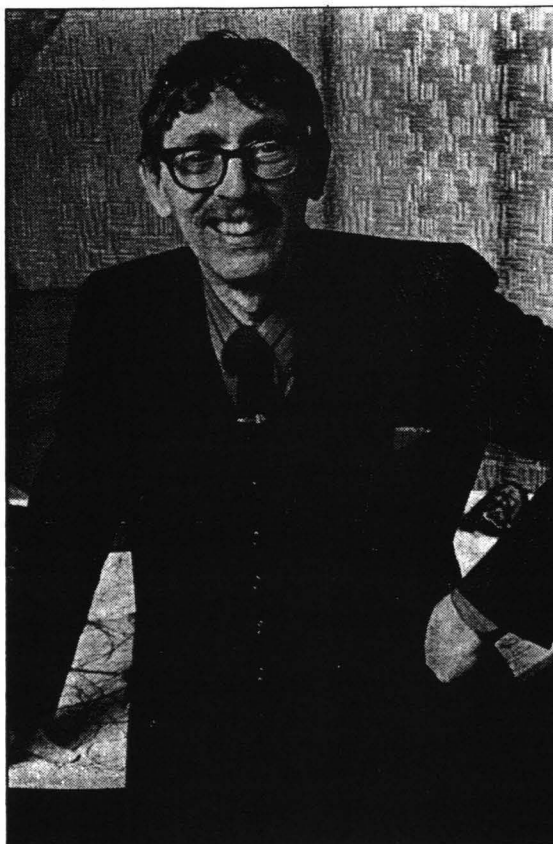
Some believe the engineer actually contacted the Lizard People, who might still be alive after all these years. Others, naturally, think this is one of the stupidest stories they've ever heard.

Yet Ruehl dismisses the skeptics (after all, he said, skeptics don't watch his show on the Sci-Fi Channel anyway), and, while he can't be certain whatever became of the wily engineer, he does offer several possible scenarios.

"I speculated that they either took him into the tribe, or killed him because he knew their secrets," Ruehl said.

"Who knows? Maybe these Lizard people still live hidden below us, emerging only to be saddened at the way we are poisoning ourselves with smog, traffic and senseless gangland killings."

Yet another possibility, albeit slightly less glamorous, Ruehl said, is that the tunnels were being used to smuggle Chinese immigrants into the area, and Shufelt was killed when he stumbled onto their plans. Such tales of secret tunnels and catacombs beneath Chinatown have floated through Downtown even before there was a Downtown. Some such passages have even been discovered and preserved.



Lizard's Ruehl: Dr. Franklin Ruehl, host of "Mysteries from Beyond the Other Dimension" on the Sci-Fi Channel, uncovered the legend of L.A.'s Lizard People.

But either way, the mystery continues.

"What I don't understand," Ruehl said, apparently indifferent to the specter of being eaten alive by a race of lizard-like humanoids (or, for that matter, being embarrassed in front of all one's friends), "is why no one followed up Shufelt's work in all these years."

CHRONICLE, San Francisco, CA - Oct. 6, 1993

Astronomers Seek Funds to Continue Extraterrestrial Hunt

By David Perlman
Chronicle Science Editor

With their government financing scrapped by Congress, angry astronomers yesterday began seeking private funds to continue their work after barely a year of searching for signs of intelligent civilizations far out in the galaxy.

A conference committee of the Senate and House, acting Friday after pressure from a single Nevada senator, eliminated \$12.3 million earmarked for the project known as SETI — the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence — from NASA's upcoming \$14.6 billion budget.

A venture that has captured worldwide attention appeared doomed — despite the fact that America's own National Academy

'It's 30 days' notice and out the door for all of us'

— JILL TARTER,
CHIEF SCIENTIST, SETI INSTITUTE

of Sciences had declared that its goal "may, in the long run, be one of science's most important and most profound contributions to mankind and to our civilization."

The committee did give the California-based astronomers \$1 million to mothball their equipment and cancel their programs, but as Jill Tarter, the chief scientist at the SETI Institute in Mountain View said, "It's 30 days' notice and out the door for all of us."

Need Money for One Year

In hopes that a majority in Congress will restore the money next year, SETI scientists met yesterday to sound out research foundations that might provide enough money to tide the project over for the coming year.

Congress has already given the National Aeronautics and Space Administration a total of \$60 million to develop the equipment and launch the search for evidence that advanced civilizations may exist elsewhere in the universe. Unless the project comes back to life, the \$60 million will be wasted, the scientists said.

On Columbus Day last year, the full-scale SETI search officially began, with specialized detectors installed at two sites. One was at the world's largest radio antenna in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, and the other was at a smaller receiver that is part of NASA's spacecraft-tracking Deep Space Network at Goldstone in the Mojave desert.

The loudest opposition to SETI this year came from freshman Senator Richard Bryan, D-Nev., who has already begun his 1994 reelection effort with a cost-cutting pledge. He blasted the NASA search as a "great Martian chase," even though SETI has nothing to do with Mars.

Defending the program, Senator Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., argued that the scientists are seriously trying to answer a "profound philosophical and scientific question that has been asked through-

out the ages."

Frank Drake, an astrophysicist at the University of California at Santa Cruz who conceived the SETI concept 30 years ago, said yesterday that the congressional committee's action was "capricious, irresponsible, mindless, and represented a total failure of America's system for decision-making on scientific research."

Killing a project that represented less than one-tenth of 1 percent of NASA's total budget was "an example of micro-management by a few people in Congress who were not adequately informed," Drake said.

The concept for SETI originated more than 30 years ago when Drake, and many of the world's leading astronomers, became convinced that intelligent life is unlikely to be unique to Earth but must have also developed on other planets circling other stars like the sun.

The equipment developed for the SETI project is capable of detecting and analyzing 10 million radio frequencies simultaneously.

No Immediate Success

This first major search caught no clearly artificial signals, but as a result of the attempt, SETI engineers are now refining the equipment. Before their budget was wiped out, the team was planning to install it in Australia for a six-month search of the stars in the Southern Hemisphere. The southern search must now be abandoned — or, perhaps, postponed, SETI's Tarter said.

Meanwhile, scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena have been conducting their first "all-sky survey" for the past year. This is an effort to scan the galaxy at low radio frequencies on the chance that one signal might stand out as unusual enough to warrant a closer examination.

No signal has yet emerged, and the money is about to vanish. But as project scientist Samuel Gulkin said, "We're not chasing fantasies."

At UC Berkeley, astrophysicist Stuart Bowyer has led a research group in another SETI search that has been independently financed by combined grants from NASA and a group of private donors led by science fiction writer Arthur C. Clark.

The UC search is called SERENDIP III, the third effort to "Search for Extraterrestrial Emission from Nearby Developed Intelligent Populations." It has been running continuously at Arecibo since April of last year, but Bowyer said yesterday that he does not know whether SERENDIP can be upgraded as planned for next year.

SAUDI GAZETTE, [City Unknown], Saudi Arabia - Sept. 30, 1993 CR: C. Hart

Loch Ness has a cousin?

RAROTONGA, Wed. (AFP)

A PASTOR and his son living on a remote Pacific Island claim they have seen a "dinosaur-like sea creature" near their atoll, the *Cook Islands News Daily* reported yesterday.

They said they saw it off the twin atolls of Rakahanga and Manihiki in the northern Cook's group. Identified only as Reverend Solomona, the pastor said he and his son were fishing when they saw birds circling an area. Believing it to be a shoal of fish they sailed over to the spot where they saw an ugly-looking creature popped its head out of the water.

They described it as looking like a huge lizard, larger than a whale. Terrified, the two sailed back home. The creature has not been sighted again. Rakahanga is among the world's remotest islands, 1,675 kilometres north of here.

TOM STIENSTRA
OUTDOORS

Dog-faced fish leaves 'em guessing

A FISH that has a face like a dog, pectoral fins that resemble webbed feet, and a horizontal flipper tail like that of a whale was reportedly caught at Clear Lake in Northern California.

"It's a goofy-lookin' devil for sure," said **Lyle Dyslin**, 69, of Kelseyville, who was fishing for catfish Thursday morning when he hooked it. Dyslin said he photographed the fish, then released it because it "looked so much like my little dachshund."

An independent photography expert, **Bob Hardasteln**, said the photos of the fish are untouched. Scientists from Steinhart Aquarium in San Francisco and the state Department of Fish and Game are taking the catch seriously, and obtained photographs in a venture to document and classify the fish.

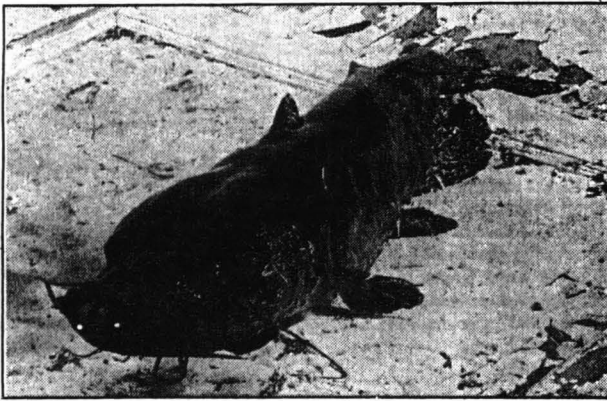
They said privately that the fish, if real, is most likely a genetic mutation of a catfish. It's remotely possible that it is a new species or a throwback to prehistoric times, since Clear Lake is 8 million years old, Northern California's oldest lake.

Rick Macedo, a scientist with the DFG, said he knows of no fish that has a horizontal tail, similar to the tail flipper of a whale.

It was first reported by **Terry Knight** of the Lake County Record-Bee, a fishing guide at Clear Lake and an Examiner fieldscout for the past six years.

"On close examination, the photos back up Dyslin's description of the fish," Knight said. "The face of it really does look like a dog. It's like nothing I've ever seen or heard of anywhere."

The fish weighed 18 pounds and measured 30 inches long, according to Dyslin. From a distance, it resembles the body shape of a large catfish, and has whiskers similar to



The creature from Clear Lake was photographed and then tossed back.

that of a catfish. But when the photographs are viewed very closely, even under the scrutiny of a magnifying glass, they unveil a fish unlike anything ever previously documented.

The head is dark and crowned, like a seal or a black dog, and it slopes out to a pointed nose with a round, blunt end, just like a dog. On the back of the fish is a row of diamond-shaped sequins, quite similar to the diamonds on the back of a sturgeon. The pectoral fins, which protrude from the underside of the fish, are quite fleshy, more like miniature feet. Its tail has drawn the most attention from scientists because it is horizontal, broad and flat, not vertical like all other fish.

The lead scientist on the project is Macedo of the DFG, who is sending photographs of the fish to many other scientists. He said that scientists will computer enhance the photographs so they can look at the fish in the finest detail available.

Dyslin, a retired boilermaker, has lived at Clear Lake for 20 years and said he fishes just about every day from the dock near his lakeside home at Soda Bay.

"I was using nightcrawlers for bait, fishing for channel cats," Dyslin said. "At about 10:30 in the morning, I got a bite and hooked a nice one, a good little tussle, just like a catfish. I brought him up to the surface and netted him."

"I looked at it and didn't know what it was," Dyslin said. "I've fished all over the country, overseas, and never seen anything like it. It had a head as big around as a big dinner plate, but the face and snout just like a dog, like my little dachshund."

Although some biologists wish Dyslin had kept the fish, Dyslin said there was no way he could kill it, especially when its face looked so much like that of his pet dog.

Before releasing the fish, however, Dyslin said he carved his initials into its leathery-tough forehead. "That way if someone else catches it, they'll know it's the one I caught," he said. "I was real careful not to draw blood and hurt it. So I took some pictures, carved my initials, and put it back in the lake and watched it swim away."

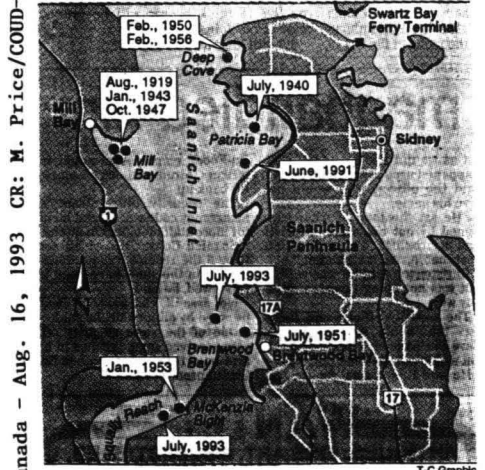
It is not the first strange episode to be reported from Clear Lake, which is the largest freshwater lake within California's borders and also one of the richest anywhere in aquatic nutrients.

"Every year, I receive calls from fishermen who claim they hooked into a giant fish that pulled their boat around the lake before breaking the line," Knight said. "If things like this keep happening, I might start believing them."



OSMOND Fergusson and D. Mattison sketched Caddy in 1897.

CADBOROSAURUS SIGHTINGS



Saanich Inlet attracts Caddy for breeding, says cryptozoologist

By Patrick Murphy
Times-Colonist staff

The Saanich Inlet is the major breeding ground for Caddy the sea monster, says biologist and cryptozoologist Ed Bousfield.

"There is the odd sighting elsewhere, but they are not as predictable," Bousfield, a research associate at the Royal B.C. Museum, said in an interview. "Saanich Inlet appears to be the breeding area."

Several new sightings in recent years prompted speculation by Bousfield that the Cadborosaurus sea monster has chosen the inlet as the prime area to bear its young.

Bousfield and fellow scientist Paul LeBlond are publishing a book later this year documenting all the reports and research on Caddy.

A sea creature fitting the description of Caddy has been reported around the B.C. coast for more than a century and 90 per cent of the descriptions closely match those of an 1897 sighting off the Queen Charlotte Islands.

It's the "classic" description, said Bousfield: a 15- to 20-year-old adult is about 18 metres long with a first set of flippers, split tail and a head resembling a horse or camel. The neck is about 4 metres long.

The coils are thin and the body is about a metre thick. The monster has a fish-trap mouth and large, cow-like eyes pointing forward.

The sea monster feeds on ducks at the surface, usually at night.

The babies are less than a half-metre long and grow to more than a metre in the first year.

Several people have reported capturing babies but have released them. Bodies of juveniles have been washed ashore and photographed, Bousfield said.

The monster gained the name Caddy after a rash of sightings at Cadboro Bay in the 1930s. But since then no one has had a camera handy when there is a sighting, said Bousfield.

"It is just a matter of time before we have a specimen — a photo or a video," he said.

"If it is not identical to the Ogoogo [for Lake Okanagan] and the Loch Ness [Scotland] monster, then they are close species. They are deep-water animals, rarely seen at the surface except when breeding."

The sightings are mostly from June to August, but the monsters have been seen at other times and 90 per cent of them fit the classic Caddy description.

"However, two descriptions have four legs on the creature so it appears to be two species. Some have horns and others have a mane," said Bousfield.

"The fact it is in Saanich Inlet is interesting, as there is no life below the 100-metre depth in the Inlet. That is a poison zone."

"It doesn't seem to affect it, though. It seems to be impervious to the deep poison layer, but it couldn't breathe down there."

The hydrogen-sulphide level of the 230-metre-deep inlet is confirmed by scientists at the Institute of Ocean Sciences on Patricia Bay.

"The water is anoxic below 100 metres," said Dr. David MacKas of the Institute. "As far as we know what Cadborosaurus breathes, we don't know any large animal that can go into [that depth] without oxygen for any length of time."

MacKas said cryptozoology "is the exercise of what-ifs."

"From what we know, no large animal can spend a long time in that environment."

Bousfield believes Caddy could utilize the breathable upper level in the short, six-week breeding period.

Monster mania: Champ no chump in Japan

Tokyo film crew hopes it can hook the big story

By John Larrabee
USA TODAY

Goodbye, Godzilla. Another ragin' reptile is about to become the talk of Tokyo.

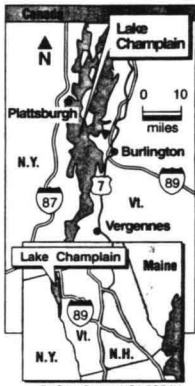
It's Champ, the USA's answer to the Loch Ness monster of Scotland. According to legend, Champ — a long-necked creature anywhere from 15 to 30 feet long — has frolicked in Lake Champlain since prehistoric times.

Now, Tokyo Broadcasting System is launching the most extensive search to date for the elusive "monster." A film crew is cruising the lake with an armada of 15 pleasure boats, armed with sonar equipment and videocams.

The goal: to film the camera-shy Champ for a 90-minute documentary that will be seen by an estimated 2 million Japanese TV viewers later this month.

Midway through their two-week search, the Japanese have found no evidence beyond radar blips. But director Kei Sato has high hopes.

"Something's out there," he insists, speaking through an interpreter. "I'm not sure if it's a dinosaur, but we've had big



By Suzy Parker, USA TODAY

shadows on the sonar screen."

He's not the only one who thinks so.

According to Champ enthusiasts, a "horned serpent" is part of Iroquois Indian mythology. And Samuel de Champlain, the first European to chart the lake, described a "monster" in his journal in 1609.



EXPEDITION: Kazuyuki Nakayama checks a sonar display, checking the blips for more "big shadows" that could be the long-talked-about, long-necked leviathan of Lake Champlain.

P.T. Barnum offered a \$50,000 bounty for a specimen. Rights to the most famous sighting photo — snapped by a Connecticut tourist in 1977 — sell for \$5,000.

Joseph Zarynski, author of *Champ: Beyond the Legend*, has collected reports of more than 300 sightings, most in the

past 20 years. "If you look at all the pieces of the zoological jigsaw puzzle, you have to conclude there's probably something there," he says.

Even skeptics are reluctant to write Champ off as pure hokum or hogwash.

"I spend 500 to 600 hours on the lake in a year, and I've never seen any monsters," says Jim Hotelling, a charter fishing captain who's renting his boats and sonar equipment to the Japanese film crew. "But I try to keep an open mind. If there is a freshwater monster anywhere, it would be here."

Champ, which forms the border between New York and



NOT A SIGHTING: Artist's rendering depicts the "horned serpent."

Vermont, is one of the largest freshwater bodies in the USA — 110 miles long, 12 miles wide and 400 feet deep.

Believers say it's home to not one Champ, but at least six mating pairs and their youngsters. They theorize the creature is *tanytropheus bardicus*, a prehistoric reptile considered an ancestor to turtles and alligators.

Champ Quest, an organization of Champ enthusiasts, hopes news of the Japanese documentary prompts more sighting reports.

"Most people are afraid to say they saw it, unless they were with someone else," says Penelope Padmore, a Champ Quest member who's working as an assistant to Sato's crew.

She thinks she may have seen Champ herself, just two months ago: "I was watching a wake form about a half mile from shore."

"Then I saw a black form and thrashing in the water for about 30 seconds — you could see the whitecaps — and then it disappeared."

Sato finds such accounts convincing. "We've interviewed a number of eyewitnesses," he says. "They're normal, credible people — not the kind who'd make up stories to get money."

Why such to-do over something most scientists write off as folklore or hallucination? Cynics say *Jurassic Park* fever has made anything prehistoric — real or otherwise — a hot media item in Japan.

But Sato says Champ is simply "something new" for Japanese audiences. Champ's more famous cousin from Loch Ness "has already been done."

Sato's crew won't try to capture the creature, other than on film. In both Vermont and New York, Champ is protected by state law.