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A hypnosis session uncovered what Anne DeSoto believes was an encounter with aliens. Now, she is considering another hypnosis session to learn more.

Close encounters of the Watsonville kind

By PEGGY R. TOWNSEND
Sentinel staff writer

ANNE DeSOTO was sitting on the porch of her Watsonville condominium when it happened last year.

It was almost 2 a.m. and she was smoking a cigarette when a huge UFO slid silently over her home.

It was shaped like a diamond and was the same color as the sky, and she watched as it skimmed over the roofs of Watsonville.

"I said to myself, 'well, trip out on that,'" said the 38-year-old

bowling alley cashier. "I was just amazed."

But even more amazing was the meetings that followed that led her to a hypnosis session and the discovery that she had witnessed an earlier UFO abduction in a field near Watsonville and may even have been taken herself.

Saturday, DeSoto will share her experiences along with three other people in a seminar called "UFOs & Society: Preparing for the Encounter."

Among those at the event will be members of MUFON — the Mutual UFO Network — who will

discuss the UFO phenomenon and theories linking UFOs, crop circles and monuments on Mars.

IT WAS a December afternoon in 1988 when the UFO abduction occurred, said DeSoto.

She and her boyfriend were driving along West Beach Road toward the beach when suddenly their car was enveloped in a fog.

"It was one of those very clear afternoons and all of a sudden we were covered with fog," said DeSoto.

The couple continued driving, but suddenly their attention was

Preview

- **WHAT:** UFOs & Society
- **WHEN:** 12:30-5 p.m.
- **Saturday**
- **WHERE:** Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz
- **COST:** \$5-\$10
- **INFORMATION:** 425-4831

drawn to a large field to the right of them.

As if on cue, they turned their

heads to see a huge, burnt-orange shape hovering eight feet above the ground. "It was like a round shape in the fog and we could see this orange puddle of light on the ground," said DeSoto.

Quickly, they turned their car around and headed for the light.

The time was 4:50 in the afternoon.

The next thing DeSoto remembered, she and her boyfriend were walking into his house at 10 p.m.

He fell into a deep sleep "as if his body was just a shell and he

was gone," she said. In the morning, they found blood on their bedsheets and she had a strange mark on her hip.

Erily, she said, the arthritis she had carried for years in that hip, disappeared.

Now, she said, she is still trying to work up the courage to undergo another hypnosis session to see what happened to her during the missing 4½ hours of her life. "I know I didn't make it up," she said.

DeSoto's memory of the abduction came only after the 1992 sighting over Watsonville when she called the police department to report it and someone referred her to the UFO hotline.

A short time later, she was in-

terviewed by members of MUFON who, she said, recognized the signs of a previous alien encounter and encouraged her to undergo hypnosis.

She did and memories of the earlier abduction came out.

"It's totally changed my whole life," said DeSoto.

"It makes you realize how much you really don't know."

"We're an infant planet and like 2-year olds we think we know everything."

"We're just in day-care here."

ENCOUNTERS WITH aliens have been the stuff of books and movies, from the movie classic "Close Encounters of the

Third Kind" to today's "Fire in the Sky."

But Dr. Robert A. Baker, professor emeritus of the University of Kentucky and author of several articles about alien abductions, said most of the reports are actually the result of sleep disorders and active imaginations.

Sometimes as we begin to fall asleep, he said, we enter a dream phase where we are half-awake and half-asleep. During that phase we may see faces or a bright light. Because we are in that mid-state, the hallucination seems very real, he said.

Or, the person reporting the UFO encounter may be suffering from something called sleep paralysis, where they awaken feel-

ing as if they were paralyzed with shortness of breath, a sensation of floating and hallucinations.

"Those hallucinations can seem very real and very scary," said Baker. "This may cause a delusion of being abducted."

Hypnosis, he said, only reinforces the reality of the dream.

But not everyone believes as Baker does.

Organizer Ron Lampi said he regularly gets reports of possible UFO sightings in Santa Cruz — one as recently as last week when a man spotted a strange object in the sky over Santa Cruz.

Nationally, he said, there are hundreds of reported sightings each year.

"But only 10 percent of the

sightings are ever reported," said Lampi, "So a great majority of the sightings actually go unreported."

The local MUFON group will present its program Saturday to talk about UFO phenomenon and alien visits to earth, according to Lampi. Speakers include Vince Migliore, MUFON state section director, MUFON member Steve Canada, Lampi and DeSoto.

Audience members are invited to join in a discussion after the presentation.

REPORTED UFO ABDUCTIONS

Too-close encounters

Normal people whisked away by fear, anxiety

By Lisa Faye Kaplan

CATLETT, Va. — Clare Holcomb and Diana Graves say aliens grab them without warning, usually at dusk or out of deep sleep.

Sometimes a spaceship — the saucer-shaped vessel of B movies — touches down silently in a corner paddock of this Virginia horse farm.

Sometimes, "the beings" materialize out of thin air.

The "experiences" that follow are always terrifying, even though they've happened hundreds of times. Holcomb and Graves report pokes and prods by aliens deaf to their cries, skin excisions and forced feedings of unknown concoctions.

They talk of being plucked from bed and transported to "egg-shaped" rooms where they are probed with needles, about being impregnated by aliens who routinely "take" the fetuses and develop them in spaceship nurseries.

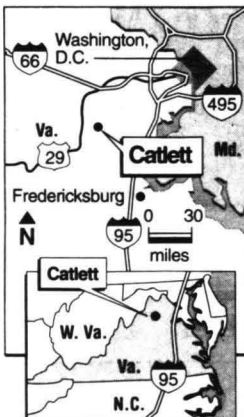
Afterward, they feel wretched for days.

"Every day or two you deny the whole thing. It's all going to stop because I don't believe it anymore," says Holcomb, explaining how she copes.

Holcomb and Graves sometimes question their sanity.

But people who report abductions or UFO sightings are not necessarily psychotic, fantasy-prone or more imaginative than anyone else, according to research reported in the November issue of the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*.

Nicholas Spanos, professor of psychology at Carleton University in Ottawa, compared the intelligence, imagination and hypnotic suggestibility of abductees and UFO sighters with the general population.



By Marty Baumann, USA TODAY

The only difference he found between the two groups was that UFO-sighters believed that extraterrestrial life existed before they experienced aliens up-close.

The researcher's findings are old news and cold comfort to Holcomb and Graves.

"I'd be happy with (being) crazy," says Holcomb. "You can see a professional. There's medication to help you. I can't call 911 when I'm abducted."

Holcomb, 47, and Graves, 44, are among at least 1,000 people in the United States who claim to have been contacted by space aliens.

These people — 250 more each year — live in constant states of anxiety and depression, afraid they're crazy, afraid they're not.

Catlett, Va., seems a cliché setting for a close encounter of the third kind. This 2,000-population town is home of corn farms, orchards and country roads lined with old oaks.



Photos by Jym Wilson, Gannett News Service

SHARING THE 'EXPERIENCE': Clare Holcomb of Catlett, Va., displays alien likenesses she has drawn. She says her more than 100 abductions have been terrifying. 'They seem to have an infinite variety of uncomfortable things they can do to you.'



UFO-SIGHTERS: Diana Graves and Clare Holcomb sometimes question their sanity. Says Graves, 'We are going to survive.'

Holcomb says her first abduction took place on a deserted road near the Moonraker Equestrian Academy, the farm where she lives and teaches horseback riding.

On Dec. 15, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., Holcomb was returning from nearby Winchester, Va.,

when a pair of low-flying bright lights demanded her attention. "I stopped the car and got out," she says. "This light was so bright I couldn't look at it directly. There wasn't a sound at all. The last thing I remember doing was blinking."

What seemed like a moment

later, Holcomb was driving five miles further down the road and feeling nauseated. She arrived home more than an hour later than usual, her ear lobes inflamed and bleeding, her pierced earrings inserted backward.

"I assumed I had had a nervous breakdown," she says.

The memory, which she retrieved about a year ago, sparked flashbacks of regular abductions — sometimes weekly, often with Graves — dating back to childhood.

"They seem to have an infinite variety of uncomfortable things they can do to you," Holcomb says.

"They've threatened that someday they'll take us and we're not coming back," says Graves, a policy analyst for the U.S. Forest Service.

Both have sought professional help.

A year ago, Holcomb consulted David Ruxer, a Fairfax, Va., psychologist who has treated a dozen UFO abductees.

Ruxer says abductees often display anxiety, depression and flashbacks.

"It's not really a post traumatic stress because it is an ongoing stress," he says. "This person is telling you it happened last night, it's going to happen tomorrow."

Ruxer says abductees come to him for hypnosis to recover suppressed memories, or for a safe place to talk.

When Holcomb and Graves first became aware of the abductions, they stayed close to home and close to each other.

"It's like being wanted by the police, hiding out with a new identity," Holcomb says.

Graves sets her jaw.

"We've made up our minds we are going to survive it, deal with it in whatever way we could. Ninety-nine percent of the time our lives have nothing to do with them. It's the 1% invasion that sure does mess up your life."

Lisa Faye Kaplan writes for Gannett News Service

NEWS-TIMES, Newport, OR - Dec. 3, 1993

Local woman researches reported UFO sightings in Depoe Bay, Road's End

By Jamie Lerma

An investigator for an international organization that researches unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings is investigating two reported sightings in Lincoln County.

Siletz resident and state licensed real estate appraiser Li Wong is a Field Investigator Trainee for Mutual UFO Network Inc. (MUFON), and has been researching reported UFO sightings in Depoe Bay and the Road's End area north of Lincoln City.

Wong said in late October of this year, she received reports of a UFO sighting in the Road's End area.

According to Wong's report of the incident, two Road's End residents said they saw a sphere of "pulsating white light" about 30 feet in diameter traveling north to south above their home.

The Road's End sighting came after a March sighting reported in Depoe Bay. In that case, Wong said, three people living in two separate homes reported seeing an orange ball between 10 and 15 feet in diameter travelling north to south directly over Depoe Bay.

None of the residents contacted authorities in the Depoe Bay incident.

Wong said every UFO sighting reported to MUFON is researched thoroughly by investigators before it is considered a valid incident by the organization.

"UFOs are only UFOs after extensive research to prove that they cannot be identified," she said.

Wong said that many UFO reports researched by MUFON turn out to be aircraft.

She said she will work with law enforcement agencies and the U.S. Coast Guard when researching a sighting, but that generally the military has not been cooperative. Wong said, however, that she has access to maps that indicate military fly zones.

When she receives reports of a sighting, Wong said she interviews the witnesses to determine the time, date and area of incident, but will also ask questions to determine the credibility of the witness. Among the issues Wong said she addresses in an interview are sobriety, vision, hearing, health, education and employment.

People who see what they believe is a UFO are reluctant to file reports because of the stigma associated with the sightings, and incredulity about what they saw.

"Most people have a tendency to get very excited and then ignore it. Most people are not comfortable with reporting aerial anomalies," she said.

After completing her reports, Wong will file them with the MUFON state director in Portland, who will forward a copy to the national headquarters in Seguin, Texas.

Once the reports are filed with the MUFON headquarters, MUFON officials decide which incidents to investigate further.

Wong became involved with UFOs in 1965 at the age of 16 when, she said, she and about 10 other people saw seven unidentified objects in the sky above the desert in New Mexico.

"I realized we had seen something special, and it made me angry because nobody had the courage to come forward," she said.

Wong said she has been investigating UFOs independently for more than 20 years, and began working as a volunteer investigator for MUFON several months ago.

MUFON was founded in 1969. It is a non-profit Texas corporation. The organization is governed by a 21-member board of directors, and claims to be supported by a board of consultants, "most of whom are Ph.D.s or M.D.s representing 45 areas of science, technology, medicine, psychiatry, psychology, theology," and other areas.

Chances are, somebody's out there

By Hollis L. Engley

Serious scientists can believe extraterrestrial life is possible — perhaps even inevitable — and still discount alien abductions.

Frank Drake of the University of California, Santa Cruz, believes that life must have developed elsewhere in our galaxy.

It is, after all, a big universe. Astronomers last year spotted the most distant supernova explosion yet seen from Earth — 5 billion light years away.

Drake says there are probably tens of thousands of civilizations in our galaxy alone. And he notes the existence of another 200 billion galaxies like ours.

"So the evidence supports the idea that there are almost countless systems of living things in the universe," Drake says.

"There are perhaps tens of thousands of civilizations in our galaxy and even more abodes of more primitive life."

Drake, a professor of as-

tronomy and astrophysics, and Dava Sobel are the authors of *Is Anyone Out There?*

"Everything we know about the formation and the evolution of the solar system, planets and of life on Earth says that the whole sequence of events was the result of completely normal and, in fact, inevitable processes," Drake says.

"So, what happened in our solar system and on Earth should have happened in many, many places."

Despite the likely abundance of life, it's also likely that the nearest civilizations are thousands of light years from us, Drake says. That would mean other life forms would be hard to find, and travel between civilizations implausible.

Hollis L. Engley writes for Gannett News Service.

Moviemakers wrap up 'Roswell'

Nancy Fleming

Record Staff Writer

A mystery which began in 1947 on a typical New Mexico ranch, with rolling hills and dotted with sheep, starts to unfold 30 years later when a group of military men assemble for a reunion in Roswell.

Their discussions center on the crash of a flying object near Corona and the movie capturing the dramatization of these events is called "Roswell," a film for Showtime Networks, Inc., and based on the book "UFO Crash at Roswell" by Kevin D. Randle and Donald R. Schmitt.

Set to air on cable's Showtime channel 49 sometime between May and July, the 28 days of filming on location at Bisbee, Ariz., and in Los Angeles wrapped up around midnight Wednesday.

Top billings for the movie go to Kyle MacLachlan, Kim Greist, Dwight Yoakam and Martin Sheen.

MacLachlan (of Twin Peaks' fame) stars as Colonel Jesse Marcel, the Roswell Army Air Force Base intelligence officer who investigated the crash. Greist (from "Brazil") is Marcel's wife Vy.

Country singer Dwight Yoakam takes on the role of Mac Brazel, the ranch hand who

years or so to make it happen," he recalls, "so it's been a long journey but a wonderful one."

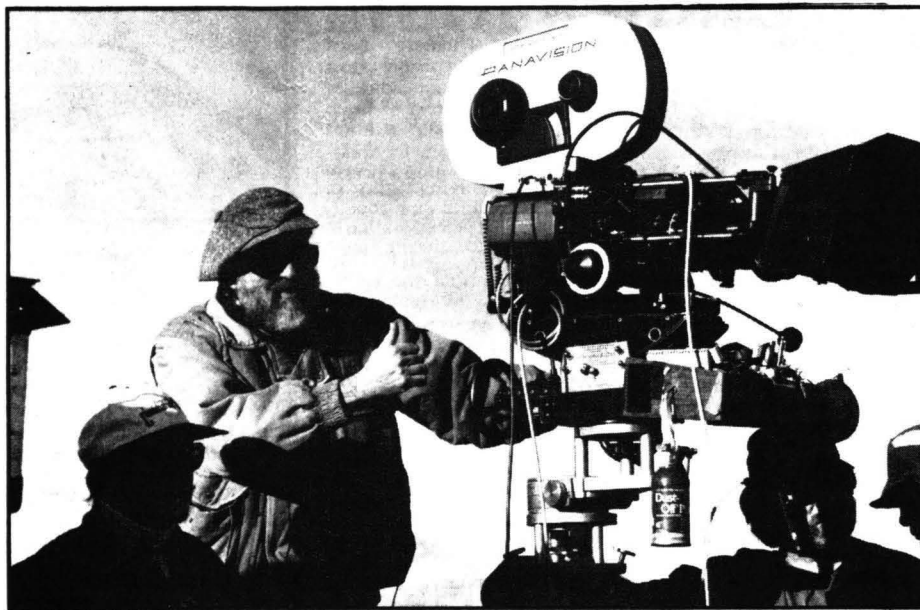
Davids met up with Kagan, a former classmate from the American Film Institute Center for Advanced Film Studies, at a reunion/birthday party of a professor from the school.

Kagan, who directed the Disney award-winning movie "The Journey of Natty Gann," had just finished developing a movie for HBO when Davids presented the idea of "Roswell" to him.

For Kagan, UFOs symbolize life and its mysteries. "I think the entire issue of UFOs is something that reflects all the issues that we today are dealing with — personal, governmental and cosmic power; issues of truth and belief; what is real and what you think is real."

"I have experienced a number of moments where I realized there is far more to reality than what we can touch and feel."

"A lot of people worked on this movie because they have a really strong conviction that the truth about (the Roswell Incident) should come out," Davids said, adding that the drama comes from four questions:



Director/Producer Jeremy Kagan gives a signal to the cast and crew of "Roswell," a film which dramatizes the 1947 crash of a flying object.

The movie will air on Showtime early next summer.

finds the strange debris from the crash, and Martin Sheen ("Apocalypse Now") is Townsend — a kind of "deep throat" character (as in "All the President's Men").

Townsend, explained Executive Producer Paul

Davids, is a person who "comes into the scene bringing fresh information that makes what happened at Roswell seem like it may have been the tip of an iceberg, of something much deeper that has gone on for a long time."

Roswell resident Walter Haut is played by Matt Landers who appears in one scene to receive orders to issue a press release on the incident, and residents Ralph Heick and John Price provided research for the movie.



Mac Brazel (played by Dwight Yoakam), left; Jesse Marcel (Kyle MacLachlan), right; and Sherman Carson (Xander Berkeley), rear, overlook a flying object crash site on the set of

"Roswell." The actors wrapped up 28 days of filming on location in Bisbee, Ariz., and in Los Angeles at midnight Wednesday.

"What was the story that led to (the military) announcing that they had a flying saucer ... what led to them denying that they had one ... why did so many military people who were involved keep their silence on this for the better part of their

lives ... and why did so many begin to speak out (later)?"

In order to capture the impact the 1947 Roswell Incident had on the people involved, the movie deals with the characters in two time periods — first in 1947 at the time

of the crash, then 30 years later at the reunion.

This "aging" process for the actors/actresses took as long as two hours each day before filming. Davids described the transformation of MacLachlan as an example:

necessary supplies (in Tucson) and their resemblance to the Roswell area which he had visited in the early 1990s.

To capture what the alien bodies allegedly found near the crash site may have looked like, Steve Johnson, creator of special effect characters like Slimmer in the movie "Ghostbusters," was hired.

Davids was quick to point out, "We do make you wait to see what you want to see — the answers come slowly. It's like peeling back the layers of an onion as you gradually get to see deeper and deeper into what went on."

Although "Roswell" was

With the feature-length film now in post-production, which includes editing, music and some optical effects, Davids and Director/Producer Jeremy Kagan reported on how "Roswell" came about and what viewers can look forward to in the film.

"Our movie is doing something quite different," reported Kagan Friday. "We are really taking a look at all of the points of view that are derived from (the Roswell) incident."

"I want to emphasize that it's not a UFO movie that we've made here ... this is not a science-fiction movie, it doesn't have that style," Davids said Thursday.

"We've made a human military drama, a drama about a town, a community, a military base and what happened to the people that were involved in this incident through the years and how it changed their lives."

Davids knows this first hand as he reported an unidentified flying object sighting near Pasadena, Calif. This was the impetus which led to his involvement with investigators Randle and Schmitt, and eventually to his obtaining the rights to produce a feature film on their research.

"I had to work for nearly 4 1/2

"What's going to amaze everyone is how wonderfully he plays a 65-year-old man. The makeup is seamless, the temperament, his walk, his gestures, his moods — he becomes an old man right before your eyes. It shows a whole new side of his acting talents."

The final script used for the filming was written by Arthur Kopit, a playwright who was nominated to receive a Tony Award twice.

"We have scrupulously tried to stick to what the witnesses have described happening as we fit together the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle to try to get the whole picture," Davids said.

The movie in essence is a period piece, with its appropriate music and styles, as well as specific to how Roswell looked and felt at that time.

Kagan said the only known B-29 plane to still fly was borrowed from the Confederate Air Force in Texas to authenticate military base scenes.

For the ranch location, the movie crew traveled to Sierra Vista, Ariz., (near Bisbee) where John Wayne's "Red River" was filmed. Bisbee was used for town scenes.

Davids explained the Arizona locations were chosen because of their proximity to

filmed for its premier broadcast on television. Kagan said there was no difference in the way it and other wide-release movies are shot. In fact, "Roswell" will be shown in many theaters overseas.

Davids said there is a chance Roswell could get to view "Roswell" on the big screen as well.

Both Kagan and Davids said they hope the movie will open up a more serious dialogue on the Roswell Incident.

"The more aware you are in your own life about how much more there is to life, the better off the time you spend can be," Kagan said.

TUSCOLA CO. ADVERTISER, Caro, MI - Nov. 24, 1993

Two UFO sightings reported

Two separate sightings of UFO's, three minutes and 18 miles apart, were reported by area residents Thursday, according to Tuscola County Emergency Services.

The first call from a man near the Chambers and Waterman roads intersection came at 9:09 p.m.

The man said he saw a "saucer shape with lights, then it disappeared." Then "a triangle shape appeared."

Three minutes later and 18 miles north, a man along M-25 east of Unionville called to report he had sighted a UFO.

While the Advertiser is withholding the caller's names, no other information was available.

Newest spy planes found under Christmas trees

BY GARY A. WARNER
The Orange County Register, Santa Ana, Calif.

Want to sneak a peek at the super-secret spy plane causing mysterious sonic booms in the skies over the western United States?

Try your local hobby shop. Or under the Christmas tree.

That's where you'll find the SR-75 Penetrator and XR-7 Thunderdart, the latest in a series of highly speculative military miniature models put out by Testor Corp., of Rockford, Ill.

The jets would be little more than plastic-and-glue flights of fancy were it not for the company's track record. In 1986, Testor debuted the F-19, which it said resembled the Stealth fighter flying secret missions over Nevada.

The Air Force denied the existence of such a jet. But when the F-117 Stealth went public a few years later, the Testor-designed plane wasn't far off the mark. Testor sold more than 1 million F-19 kits, making it the biggest-selling model of all time.

Asked about Testor's new SR-75 and XR-7 kits, Air Force of-

ficials throw up their hands and roll their eyes.

"We're not saying no comment — we're saying such a plane does not exist," said Capt. Mary Dillon, an Air Force spokesman in Washington.

But with its long history of secret "black budget" projects such as the 1950s CL-4000 Suntan and 1960s Mach 3 Oxcart spy-jet programs — both canceled before flight — skepticism about the Air Force's denials remains rampant.

Belief in new jets that travel seven times the speed of sound has been fueled by witness accounts of North Sea oil workers and of aviation buffs near the Air Force's secret Area 51 test range at Groom Lake, Nev.

Speculation over a new spy jet zoomed in February 1991, when the Air Force inexplicably retired the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird reconnaissance jet, holder of the world's speed record of 2,130 mph. Why mothball the best spy plane in the world if the Air Force didn't already have a replacement?

Since 1991, Orange County,

Calif., residents have reported seeing fast-moving lights and strange doughnut-on-a-rope vapor trails that some aviation experts say could be made only by a new kind of engine flying at very high speeds; they've also been awakened by window-rattling sonic booms that local military bases said didn't come from their jets.

On Jan. 30, 1992, hundreds of residents in Orange and Los Angeles counties experienced what felt like a small earthquake or a huge sonic boom. Seismographs of the U.S. Geological Survey measured a shock wave traveling from the Pacific Ocean toward Nevada that could be produced only by an aircraft traveling faster than three times the speed of sound.

Cynics believed they caught the Air Force in a lie when a 1985 Pentagon budget request forgot to censor a project called "Aurora" grouped with other high-speed aviation projects. The Air Force denied any knowledge of such a project.

Testor said its latest "Top Secret" models were designed by

analyzing sonic boom patterns over Southern California, jet exhaust patterns over Nevada, journals on stealth and high-speed jet technology, and informed aviation-industry speculation about what the aircraft would look like.

"We believe we're very close — about 80 percent," said John Andrews, an aviation historian in San Diego who designed the new models, as well as the F-19.

Andrews said he isn't worried about the Air Force denials.

"They may not be the agency flying the plane — it could be the CIA or another national security agency," he said. "But there are people who have seen this plane; there are exhaust trails in the sky."

Andrews added: "If it isn't being flown by the U.S. government, then there is some alien spacecraft up there that the government had better check out."

According to Testor's scenario, the SR-75 would take off with the XR-7 riding piggyback, much the same way the space shuttle is moved around the

country on the back of a Boeing 747.

After breaking the sound barrier, the XR-7 would release from the SR-75. The small plane's powerful engines would ignite, blasting it to seven times the speed of sound.

The XR-7 would operate on "pulse detonation wave engines" — a design on the drawing board of major aeronautical engineering companies around the world.

The jets use cryogenic liquid methane that turns to cold gas when air is injected into the turbine compressor at high speed. The cold fuel would circulate through the airframe, reducing the friction heat of high-speed flight. Each of the two engines would produce 55,000 pounds of thrust — more than twice the power of the Air Force's top-line supersonic fighter, the F-15 Eagle.

The SR-75, with its high bypass turbofan jets, could be used as a high-speed reconnaissance aircraft itself, or to fly to 90,000 feet and release rockets that would then blast

into space. This two-stage-to-orbit system is one of the design options for the National Aero Space Plane project initiated by President Ronald Reagan. Funding for that program, based at one time in Seal Beach, Calif., has been severely cut in recent years.

Testor says that if it exists, the SR-75 would be about 160 feet long, have a crew of three and a top speed of 3.5 times the speed of sound. The smaller XR-7, at 80 feet long, would carry a single crewman and top out at Mach 7 — more than 5,000 miles per hour.

The new models are big sellers nationwide, said Nancy Rainwater, a Testor spokeswoman.

"We don't have sales figures yet, but it's sparked a lot of interest and orders," she said.

But among hard-core model aircraft fans in Southern California, reaction has been tepid. "It's not doing all that well," said Al Okazaki, who minds the counter at Military Hobbies in Orange, Calif., a mecca for military miniature experts.



This artist's rendering depicts the UFO sighting above Ortle Beach as described by "John from Toms River" on radio station WJRZ.

Alien ship or paper plate? Caller claims UFO glowed

By RICHARD PETERSON
Staff Writer

TOMS RIVER — Ocean County's clean beaches may be attracting visitors from out of this world.

A Dover Township man yesterday claimed he witnessed a glowing disk emerge from the ocean off Ortle Beach and whisk away toward the mainland.

The man called radio station WJRZ shortly before 5 a.m. yesterday and related his experiences to "Cosmo in the Morning" hosts Cosmo Rose and Bill Mead.

The caller, who identified himself only as "John from Toms River," sounded excited and out of breath as he talked about his sighting.

"I just saw a UFO," he said. "It was a big green round craft; it looked like a paper plate. It was going underwater. It was green and glowing. It came right out of the ocean; it shot right out of the water."

John said he was walking his dog on the boardwalk and was about 200 to 300 feet away from the object as it emerged from the water, zigzagged and darted off to the west.

As the craft passed overhead, he said the lights on the boardwalk suddenly dimmed.

John also said the saucer was witnessed by about five other people.

Police in both Dover Township and Seaside Heights said they had no reports of a UFO sighting yesterday.

Rose said the caller sounded sincere.

"I believe he saw what he said he saw," Rose added.

Later in the morning, a second man called the radio station to say he had also seen something in the skies.

"It looked like a paper plate, except it was huge," he said.

The second caller, who said he watched the craft from Seaside Heights after taking home a "cute girl" he met the night before, agreed that the object "zoomed past, toward Toms River."

He said he had no idea what it was, adding: "I don't believe in this kind of stuff."

Other listeners couldn't take the sighting seriously.

One woman called claiming she had been abducted and impregnated by the little green guys.

"They had green heads and big beam eyes," she said. "I don't know how I'm going to explain this to my husband and three kids."

Another caller claimed to be an alien and asked that we all "love one another."

Speaking with a scratchy voice and sounding like he was suffering from the Venusian Flu, the "alien" proved that although the aliens may be able to travel from star to star, they have yet to discover cough drops.

"I hope no one else calls and makes a joke out of this. I really did see this thing."

'John'

"This is the way we talk," he explained.

He also had a warning for mankind that came straight from the Twilight Zone.

"If you don't love each other, we will use you as food," he coughed.

One woman, who described herself as "half alien and half human" said she was calling from the UFO, which at that moment was hovering over the Dover Township Municipal Building.

"We're trying to have the taxes go down," she said.

Mayor J. Mark Mutter said yesterday afternoon that he spent the morning in Town Hall, but saw no signs of the flying saucer.

"I was busy cutting taxes," he said.

The whimsical calls brought an angry response from John, who called back to stand by his original story.

"I hope no one else calls and makes a joke out of this. I really did see this thing," he said. "It changed my life more than any religious experience."

The report is also being taken seriously by the Chicago-based Center for UFO Studies, a non-profit research center that investigates saucer sightings around the globe.

Keith Sjosten, a life associate with the group, said tales of strange craft emerging from the ocean are nothing new.

"We've had reports like this from around the world for the past 40 or 50 years," he said.

Sjosten said he couldn't comment on the authenticity of the report until he interviews the witnesses.

Sjosten is scheduled to appear on the "Cosmo in the Morning" Show today.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, Denver, CO - Dec. 11, 1993

Group to study far-out claims

UFO buffs organize in Springs

By Dick Foster
News Southern Bureau

COLORADO SPRINGS — UFO sightings and cattle mutilations will be studied by a new group in Colorado Springs that plans chapters in Denver and Pueblo.

The UFO Institute plans to send teams to any report of a UFO sighting, cattle mutilation or other unexplained phenomenon in Colorado, said Steve Alexander, a 40-year-old Army National Guard captain and Colorado Springs municipal employee who founded the group last month.

"I've gone into this thing with an open mind. If there's something out there, we would like to find verifiable evidence that cannot be denied," Alexander said.

Alexander, who said he has been fascinated with the subject for many years, announced a public meeting last month to create the group.

"We've got everybody from senior citizens to college students, from people who feel they've been abducted to people who know very little about UFOs and are simply curious," he said.

Colorado has had its share of unexplained phenomena over the past two decades, including cattle mutilations and sightings of unexplained objects in the sky.

Institute spokeswoman Lisa Chappelle said she sees no proof of the common explanations for cattle mutilations: predators, cultists or vandals.

But Chappelle said the institute will insist on scientific proof to validate any theory.

UFOs, Cults and cattle mutilations — some true

Law enforcement officials investigating series of cattle mutilations in area

by Sherry LaCoursiere
Northern Watch Reporter

Strange lights in the night sky, unidentified flying objects, mysterious black-robed figures, plans to abduct a child, cattle mutilations, cults — all are rumors rampant in the area. The advent of Halloween seemed to bring about more spooky tales than ever this year, and they continue to abound.

A mid-October news release may have also helped to fuel the rumors. The release stated that the counties of Clearwater and Polk were investigating the unusual death of an adult bull north of Gully, that there had been similar incidents, and "anyone who has had livestock killed or disappear or had unusual or unexplained activity in their area" should contact the Clearwater or Polk County Sheriff's departments. They added that "All information received will be kept strictly confidential."

Shortly after the unusual news release about livestock, what should appear but strange lights in the sky. Strange lights were seen in the skies north of Thief River Falls, in Kittson county, and then reported

in Red Lake County. Red Lake County Sheriff Al Morken confirmed that his office received a report that there was an airplane crash northwest of Red Lake Falls the night of October 30.

Red Lake and Pennington county patrols responded to the call, even going so far as to dispatch an ambulance from Northwest Medical center. When officers arrived at the scene, "They couldn't find anything," said Sheriff Morken.

The November 1 issue of the Grand Forks Herald reported pulsating green and white lights in the northern skies about 10:30 p.m. the night of October 30, that "may have been a Russian rocket crashing back to earth." They reported lights being seen in north central North Dakota and southern Manitoba.

The lights were described as a "continuous white trail with regular pulses of green sparkles," by a Surrey, ND, resident.

The Herald article went on to say that Major Bob Morris, public affairs officer at the U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs, CO, said the sightings correlate to a rocket that was launched by the

Commonwealth of Russian States on October 28. "What we know is that a piece of debris we were tracking is no longer in orbit."

Asked if he thought whatever was seen in Red Lake county was the same as that seen in other northern areas that evening, Sheriff Morken stated, "I don't have any information that it wasn't the same object. The people who saw it

The Marshall County Sheriff's department heard about lights in the northern sky the night of October 30 from a school bus driver returning from a game in Mahanomen.

Two Kittson county sheriff's deputies also saw lights that night. Sheriff Ray Hunt said it was never established just what the lights were, whether they were a Russian space craft or not, but they were

dem. "We always get reports like this around Halloween, but they can't be ignored and we have an obligation to investigate all of them."

He urged parents to be aware of child kidnapping all of the time and not just when a rumor makes its way around. "Parents should always take precautions and warn their children about things like that."

Reports of livestock mutilations are not mere rumors, however. There is no doubt that actual cattle mutilations have been taking place in Clearwater and Polk counties.

Sheriff Tandem of Clearwater county has confirmed that there are two different farmers who reported cases of mutilation in Clearwater county and Sheriff Doug Qualley confirmed one case in Polk County.

Two animals were mutilated on one farmstead near Gonvick; one was killed and the other is still alive. Of the other two mutilations, one animal on a farm near Gully was killed and the other, from another farm in the Gonvick area, is

"Something is not right here. Some of this is just not normal."

— Dr. Lyle Penner

Northern Veterinary Service, Thief River Falls

were south of Red Lake Falls and it may have appeared closer than it was."

Sheriff Gerald Moe, Pennington County Sheriff, said he had heard some rumors about lights in the sky that night, but knew nothing about patrol cars and/or an ambulance being dispatched from Pennington county.

definitely seen in Kittson county.

Neither Polk county nor Clearwater county had any reports of unusual lights in the sky on October 30.

Rumors of the pending abduction of a blond, blue-eyed boy between the ages of two and six were never substantiated, according to Clearwater County Sheriff Denny Tran-

still living.

The Times has obtained photographs of the bull killed at Gully.

The animal involved was killed around the end of September and reportedly was mutilated a day or two after death. There was no indication of what caused the animal's death — no bullet wound, no puncture mark. The owner assumed it had been struck by lightning and let it lie to await examination by his insurance adjuster.

When the person returned to the animal, he found that the carcass had been mutilated.

Mutilations were as follows: one ear had been cut off; one eye cut out; tongue removed; nose and mouth skin and tissue removed from facial area of the animal but jawbones and teeth left intact; penis, anal area and tail removed with clean-edged circular cuts.

The animal was examined by a doctor from the Clearwater Veterinary Clinic of Gonvick, but when contacted, representatives of the clinic refused to speak of the case.

Dr. Lyle Kenner of Northern Veterinary Service in Thief River Falls examined the photographs of the animal and said, "Something is not right here. Some of this is just not normal."

At first he attributed some of the damage to predators, and said that predators would consume the soft tissue areas, such as eyes, nose and anus.

What he found to be unusual, however, were the circular shapes and even edges of the cuts, the fact that tissue and skin had been completely removed from the face, and the removal of the tail.

The bull from Gonvick that is still living had an ear nearly cut off, a deep cut above one eye and several cuts across his nose. The owner of the animal mentioned seeing strange lights the night of the mutilation, but dismissed them as people shining lights on deer in the fields.

The animal on the Gonvick farm that is still living is a full-grown bull that was mutilated by castration. The other animal on that same farm that was killed was a bull calf. Eyes, ears, anus and reproductive organs were removed from the animal.

The woman at the farm said she heard "a commotion" in the yard at 2 or 3 a.m. that night, with the cattle bellowing and dogs barking, but she did not investigate because her husband was not home.

The specific animal mutilations in Clearwater and Polk county appear to be of the type that could be cult-related, or, to be more precise, occult-related. Dr. Gary Gorham of the NDSU department of sociology defines the difference between cult and occult. "A cult

revolves around a specific leader, where the occult involves spiritism of some sort, such as satanists or witches."

Kevin Stuckey, who teaches law enforcement at Northland Community College and has studied cult and occult activity, said that although he has not heard of any particular cults in the area, cults are very hidden and secretive. He said that occult and cult activity has been constant throughout the years and may be even more prevalent today.

He said the body parts are taken to be used in rituals where participants hope to receive some of the animal's power and strength. "Energy is the buzz word." The cults want to have the energy from the body part they have taken.

Dr. John Helgeland, NDSU professor, said that he has heard of so-called "cult" activity in the Clearwater county area, but "whether it is called a cult or not is just fooling around with words." The fact is that the cattle mutilation is done by people who seemingly regard body parts in a symbolic way.

The mutilations are amputations of things that are entry areas to the body. "The body is an integral unit and the entry to that unit is the orifice that is being mutilated," Dr. Helgeland said.

Officer Craig Mattson of the Thief River Falls police department has also taken courses in cults and the occult. He stated that the described mutilations certainly sound like the work of a cult.

He said the reason that it is difficult to determine how an animal died in these cases is because sometimes it is killed with freon. Freon is placed in the animal's mouth and kills the animal by going directly into the lungs, leaving no trace on the outside of the body. He said the only way to determine if freon has been used is to perform a necropsy on the animal. If the animal's lungs do contain freon, he said, it would possibly be a cult killing. Neither of the two dead animals was necropsied.

Mattson also stated that animal mutilations are often linked to occult "holidays," and it is a good idea to keep track of the exact date of the mutilation because it can help determine whether it is cult-related or not.

As far as the mysterious black-robed figures and a planned child abduction, these are simply unconfirmed rumors. As far as unidentified flying objects and strange lights in the night time sky, a Russian space craft reentering the atmosphere may explain those sightings.

However, as can be seen, unconfirmed rumors can sometimes be actual incidents. Sheriff Tandem asks that anyone who has proof of

Readers 'phone home' about our UFO story

■ Thirty-two callers report many sightings, and at least one wag sounds off.

By Abe Aamidor
STAR STAFF WRITER

The Star received 32 phone calls on its InfoLine in response to Thursday's story, "A Nose for UFOs."

Almost all of the callers said they have observed unidentified flying objects or witnessed other inexplicable phenomena in the night sky.

Many left their names and numbers, too, which at least was testimony to their earnestness.

Len Clower, a former police commissioner in Clermont, said he saw a certain light in the sky around 1980.

A four-hour view

"We saw this right from our yard," said Clower. "When I first saw it I thought it was an airplane with its landing lights on. But a half-hour later, it was still there."

Clower stood outside his home for 20 minutes; there were red and blue lights, and soon his wife stepped outside to see what it was all about. Together, they viewed the lights for about four hours.

Clower says he saw more lights over the next two days. "Then that was the end of it."

Johnny George was at a friend's 13th birthday party on the Northside when he had his close encounter. It probably was in 1966, he said.

"We were upstairs about 1:30 in the morning and we saw the flashing of light on the wall and we all said, 'What is that?'" recalled George. "We opened up a screen and looked above the house and saw a light. I remember (my friend) grabbing my arm saying, 'I can't let you go out there.'"

any unusual activity or knows of anything that substantiates any of the rumors report to him or another law enforcement agency right away. He said it is urgent that people report these incidents immediately so that proper investigation by authorities can be made before there is interference with or disruption of the evidence.

But several of the kids at the party did go on the roof. What did they see? Nothing, at first. The source of the light was gone. Soon, though, to the east, they saw more lights emanating from a large gravel pit near what is now Norgate Plaza.

What was out there was never determined, but it changed George's attitudes forever.

"I love whenever there's a show on this, because then I know I'm not nuts," George said.

The most common shape reported was the cigar-, blimp- or football-shaped object.

Callers often reported objects that made high-speed, sharp turns — even at right angles — or objects that stopped and started in midair.

A studious approach

Bloomington's Jeff Lindell is studying folklore at Indiana University and says UFO sightings pre-date the post-World War II "cold war" era, when such sightings became well-reported.

"I've been doing personal narratives, first-hand accounts of what were called 'foo-fighters' in World War II," said Lindell. "From November 1944 to May of 1945, hundreds of sightings of balls of lights chasing American night fighters over Japan and Germany were reported."

Has he seen UFOs, though? Lindell was cagey. He saw some lights when he lived in Michigan's Upper Peninsula years ago, but there are lots of lights in the sky, he noted.

Some callers couldn't take the topic seriously. One just left sound effects for us. Several staffers for The Star listened intently and tried to decipher the message.

One described it as being like a frog making a "rib-b-bit sound." To another staffer, it sounded like a large rubber band pulled taut, then rhythmically plucked.

Was the sound man-made? Or was it ... extraterrestrial? We may never know.

UFOs are the subject of a conference this weekend at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

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DAILY MIRROR, Kodiak,
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Fireball spotted above Kodiak

By GEORGENE SINK
Staff Writer

Two workers at All-Alaskan Seafoods reported seeing a ball of flame streaking across the sky about 5:15 a.m. Wednesday.

Marcy Kilborn, who was driving home after working the graveyard shift, said the light crossed her field of vision from the left as she neared the airport turnoff on the base-town road.

She said she saw "a huge yellow ball of flame shooting across the sky in an arch," at about the altitude at which a small plane would fly.

The ball of light, trailing streaks of flame, went out of view in the Anton Larsen Road area, she said.

Kilborn said later on Wednesday, another worker told her he, too, had seen such a light at that time of the morning, from the deck of the Star of Kodiak plant in town.

National Weather Service meteorologist-in-charge, Duane Carpenter, said the description indicated Kilborn may have seen a meteor or piece of space debris coming to earth.

He said a meteor is the most likely possibility, but there are no notable meteor showers occurring currently.

Carpenter said there is usually nothing left of meteors to hit the earth because they burn out so rapidly passing through the atmosphere.

He also noted apparent altitude of meteor paths is visually deceptive.

"If she did see a meteor, it could easily have fallen far out in the ocean — or even in Bristol Bay," he said.

NEWSMAKER

UFO study group's founder brings project, career to end

Stan Gordon, of Greensburg, has gained an international reputation as an investigator and researcher of unidentified flying objects and unexplained phenomena. After 34 years in the field, Gordon has decided to take a less active role in his research and is dissolving the group he formed 13 years ago, the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained. PASU, a non-profit scientific research group, conducts investigations of strange occurrences including UFO sightings and Bigfoot reports. An electronics technician, Gordon will continue his research on a limited basis. Gordon was interviewed recently by Tribune-Review reporter Sharon Santus.

Q. Why are you dissolving the group rather than just stepping down?

A. I've been involved in this research since I was very, very young. It took many years to build up a reputation and it took many years to educate the public and the news media, to try to bring credibility to a subject that was surrounded in ridicule. Some of the people in the group have been with me since the early '70s. We are an all-volunteer group trying to do the best we can with what we have. My name and reputation have always been associated with the group. I didn't know what type of people might be attracted to the organization in the future, maybe people who have an interest in UFOs, but don't have the background. My thought was, 'I started the group on my own, I will disband it on my own.' It was a personal decision.

Q. I understand you're getting married. Did that enter into your decision?

A. My fiancée has never discouraged my research, but I will have two step-children and I want to spend as much time with them as possible. People aren't aware of how much time you can spend with the research. I work six days a week with my regular job and most of the rest of the time is involved in UFO research. The fact is that the phone rings day and night, there is paperwork, and reports of sightings come in continually. Sometimes, it's non-stop. It has become very expensive, and we are not funded. I had to re-examine my priorities and my own life.

Q. How did PASU begin?

A. I've actually founded three volunteer groups. In 1970, I had the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group. In 1975, the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research. In 1981, I founded PASU. I tried to restrict the group as best I could to people who had some type of specialized training or background. We had scientists, engineers, technicians, former military people who were willing to donate their time and expertise. We were one of the only groups in the country that — if the case warranted it — could get someone out to investigate around the clock. Many times, I was out in the middle of the night checking out sightings. That was especially true during the outbreak of Bigfoot sightings in 1973. That year there was an amazing series of events.

Q. What happened?

A. Many people in the group have been with me since 1971, George Lutz for instance. We were investigating all sorts of UFO and Bigfoot reports. That year was the last major international wave of UFO sightings. It was big, national news for weeks and weeks. But there were not only UFO sightings. There was an outbreak of Bigfoot sightings in southwestern Pennsylvania and it hasn't happened to such an extent before or since. Police departments were investigating these cases. They were routinely calling us to go out and investigate. We had so many eyewitnesses and so many cases where there would be some kind of physical evidence, trails of footprints. People said their animals, especially dogs, would go crazy when these creatures were in the distance. They would continually bark and carry on. But when these creatures would get close, maybe 50 feet, even the most vicious dogs would get paralyzed with fright. Sometimes they wouldn't eat right for days later. And it was in 1973 that an event happened that would change my life dramatically. In so many of these cases, UFOs and Bigfoot were spotted separately. But in many counties in the state, people saw creatures and UFOs at the same time. What the connection is, I don't know. But the event I'm talking about happened Oct. 25, 1973. That night, a state policeman called me from the Uniontown barracks. The trooper said we should get up there right away. He told me that at about 9 p.m. in a rural area outside Uniontown, about 15 people saw an orange ball drop slowly out of the sky into a farm field. The farmer's son and two neighbor boys drove to the site with a 30.06 rifle and some tracers. They parked as close as they could and then walked up into the pasture. They started hearing whining and what sounded like baby cries. Dogs in the area were going crazy. When the three of them got up over crest, they saw an object sitting on the ground. It was glowing white, half-dome shaped.

Q. It was giving off a light?

A. Yes. It was illuminating the field and all the area around it and making this high-pitched, whining sound. There was a smell of burning tires in the air. There was a fence line adjacent to the area and they could see two figures walking along the fence in their general direction. These fence posts were six feet tall and these figures were taller than that. They thought, 'Gee, these are bear.' But as the things got closer, they could see the creatures were covered with long, matted hair, their arms were hanging past their knees and their eyes were glowing. The farmer's son fired the tracers over their heads and they could see they weren't bear. They weren't human. They had never seen anything like it in their lives. These creatures kept walking forward and the farmer's son fired a live round into one of them. The creature raised its arm and turned to the other one. The object then disappeared without a sound. It didn't take off, it just disappeared. The creatures then turn around and walk into the woods. The people were terrified and called the state police.

Q. So people who claim to see UFOs aren't all crackpots?

A. No. There have been scientists, military pilots, priests ... very educated people. They aren't doing it for publicity, because many of them will agree to talk only if you guarantee anonymity.



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— Stan Gordon
UFO RESEARCHER

Flying saucers are believers' cup of tea at UFO conference

By Cindy West
News Journal correspondent

PENSACOLA BEACH — To skeptics, things might seem a little spacey this weekend on Pensacola Beach as hundreds of people gather for a UFO conference.

But that's not how it is for people like Evelyn Roberts, who traveled from her home in Denver to hear people talk about their experiences and research with UFOs.

Roberts is a clinical hypnotist who works with abductees, people who say they have had abduction experiences involving UFOs. She has counseled about 50 abductees a year since she began doing the work in the late 1970s, she said.

"People have different perceptions of what happened to them. But there is consistency in the type of beings they see and ... how long they were gone — from 10 to 15 minutes to two hours," she said.

Some people have been abducted for most of a day, but that's rare, Roberts said.

"GENERALLY, THEY DON'T know where they went. They have missing times, are confused and that's why they come to me," Roberts said.

"Under hypnosis, they'll remember."

They also are likely to ask her to keep their visit confidential. Many abductees don't want peo-

ple to know what happened to them; they think others won't believe them, Roberts said.

About 700 people are attending the Gulf Breeze UFO Conference, which ends today, said Pat Crumbley,

Friedman director of Project Awareness, sponsor of the conference. People have registered from 34 states, Italy and Canada, she said.

"People know things are going on and have experiences. This is a way of sharing," said Crumbley, of Gulf Breeze.

Another convention goer — sporting a cap with "UFO Pilot" emblazoned on the front — was Jim Greenen, owner of the International UFO Museum in Orlando. The museum sells books, pictures, videotapes, UFO trading cards and other collectible items.

GREENEN IS ONE of the vendors selling UFO-related items. His museum, which opened about a year ago and has had more than 8,000 visitors, features soil samples from UFO landing sites and debris from trees burned by UFOs, he said. Greenen said he has seen a UFO, an experience he described

as "gaping mouth."

His sighting was of a cigar-shaped object silently hovering at treetop level and moving about 1 mph in daylight.

"It's the most eerie feeling to see something of this size ... It's hard to explain unless you see one. No government nor anyone else can tell you what you didn't see," Greenen said.

Also mingling with the crowd and selling copies of his book and videotape is Stanton T. Friedman, a nuclear physicist from Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. Friedman has written a book and numerous articles about UFOs.

HE ALSO IS one of the original investigators of what many believe was a flying saucer crash in July 1947 in Roswell, N.M. Friedman said eight alien bodies were discovered, but he doesn't know where they are now.

Friedman said he never has seen a flying saucer, but he believes they exist.

"I have chased neutrons and gamma rays for 37 years and never seen one of them, either, but I believe in them. I also have never been to Sydney, Australia, but I know it's there," he said.

Friedman, who has lectured in several countries, said he has reached four conclusions after 35 years of study of UFOs:

■ Earth is being visited by extraterrestrial spacecraft. Some UFOs are alien spacecraft; most are not.

■ The subject of flying saucers is like a cosmic Watergate, referring to the Roswell incident.

■ None of the arguments by debunkers against the first two conclusions stand up under scrutiny.

■ "We're dealing with the biggest story of the millennium."

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Author says government can't keep UFOs secret much longer

By CHRIS WATSON
Sentinel staff writer

ON THE evening of July 2, 1947, something crashed to earth 70 miles northwest of Roswell, New Mexico.

The next morning, a rancher by the name of Brazel found the debris. He told the local sheriff who alerted the local Army air field and an Army intelligence unit was dispatched to the site immediately.

Early the next week, the base press corps sent out a press release stating that the U.S. Army Air Force was in possession of a flying saucer.

"It made headlines around the world," said author Michael Lindemann recently.

"But it raised eyebrows in Washington DC and a few hours later, orders from the Pentagon were to kill the story. A second story was then released that said the Air Force had made a dreadful mistake — the wreckage was only a weather balloon."

Lindemann has been following such tales about UFOs since 1989 when he retired as executive director of the Peace Resource Center of Santa Barbara. It was while researching secret government weapons policy that he be-

came interested in government secrecy and its relationship to UFOs.

Lindemann has never seen a UFO or met an alien but he is convinced, nonetheless, that UFOs are real.

Lindemann published a book on the subject in 1991 called "UFOs and the Alien Presence: Six Viewpoints." He is still amassing information and he travels the country, lecturing on the subject.

In town this week for a lecture, Lindemann talked about the early efforts of the U.S. government to cover up UFOs.

"In 1953, the Robertson Panel Report spent several years answering the question: 'Are We Being Invaded?' The panel concluded that UFOs did not appear to pose a security risk because they did not show hostility. But the public interest in UFOs did pose a national security risk that was potentially highly disruptive to the social order."

"The report recommended 'debunking' the idea of UFOs and well-known entertainers like Arthur Godfrey and the Disney studios were hired to help with the debunking."

But despite government secrecy,

the public became increasingly savvy about the potential of human-alien encounters. This, too, was part of the government's plan, Lindemann said.

"There has been a very clear and obvious increase in alien imagery in our culture over the last few years. Advertising, in particular, has gone crazy over aliens."

Lindemann says he can't prove it, but he wouldn't be surprised if the government is fostering this dissemination of alien imagery in order to acclimate the public to the eventual knowledge of human-alien encounter.

"Secrecy can no longer be fully contained. Thousands of people are having experiences and talking about them. The literature on the subject is becoming more and more authoritative and even TV is treating the subject more and more legitimately every day."

In his seminar, Lindemann will talk about alien encounters, UFOs and how the government coverup was really a national security issue.

"We're on the cusp between realities, a new, a big, paradigm shift. As a culture and as a species, we're at the edge of taking a leap into a different consciousness."

Q. There have been recent sightings in the area?

A. Yes, on Nov. 21 at 10:30 p.m. two people who were in a car coming from the direction of Westmoreland Mall saw a triangular object. They drove through the Bovard tunnel and when they came out the other side, they saw it hovering about 100 feet over head emitting a humming sound. The driver stopped at her house, honked her horn and the thing disappeared. About 15 minutes later, four miles east of Greensburg, a woman went out to see why her dog was barking. Her eyes are drawn to the sky and 60 feet up there was a triangular object hovering and making a high-pitched humming sound. The next night, Nov. 22, four men were spotting deer near Armbrust when they spotted a boomerang-shaped object in a field. They said it was 60 feet long and making the same humming sound.

Q. You'll continue investigating cases like these independently?

A. Yes. People can still call me at 412-838-7768 or write to me at 6 Oakhill Lane, Greensburg, Pa. 15601.

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"Earthlings Welcome" in Tiny Nevada Town Where Mysterious Aircraft Often Fly Overhead

By ROY J. HARRIS JR.

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
RACHEL, Nev. — Lots of towns get a tourism boost from special attractions: Los Angeles has Hollywood; Washington, the White House and Capitol Hill. And just beyond the jagged brown Groom Mountains, this tiny desert hamlet has its top-secret airstrip.

Aviation buffs study the almost-nightly light show along Rachel's southwest horizon for traces of the elusive Aurora — a futuristic spy plane supposedly flying from "Area 51" of the vast Nellis Air Force Base bombing range. UFO seekers hope to catch a glimpse of even more exotic craft: the captured alien saucers they believe the U.S. is testing out there, near what appears on maps only as Groom Dry Lake.

So when the Air Force recently initiated action to bar the public from hilltops near the hush-hush facility, it drew special attention from Glenn Campbell and Pat and Joe Travis. In this cluster of several dozen mobile homes, with no mayor or chamber of commerce, the three entrepreneurs constitute the town's tourism industry.

The Traveses, owners of the Little A'Le'Inn (pronounced a-lee-inn), figure that several thousand extra visitors annually stop at their motel, restaurant and bar because of the aerial phenomena. The inn rewards them with a minimonument to both U.S. and extraterrestrial aviation. Its walls are adorned with UFO snapshots alongside government-issue photos of F-117 Stealth fighters, SR-71s, U-2s and other jets thought to have flown here in their secret days.

And Mr. Campbell's "Viewer's Guide to

The Little A'Le' Inn
(below), a motel,
restaurant and bar, is
the center of Rachel,
Nevada's tourism industry
and a minimonument
to both U.S. and
extraterrestrial aviation.



Area 51," says the recent New England transplant, is "a bestseller — at least in Lincoln County." The 1,000 guidebooks sold, at \$15 apiece, tell how to climb White Sides hill and Freedom Ridge for views of the Groom Lake runway and hangar complex. (A warning is included to avoid the current restricted zone, protected by cameras, sensors and armed guards. "To put it bluntly, they can kill you," the book says.)

The Traveses and Mr. Campbell have

actually experienced more business since the Air Force asked the Interior Department to restrict 3,900 acres outside the Nellis boundary — a move the military simply says is "necessary for the safe and secure operation of the activities on the Nellis range." Some visitors come because of publicity, noting that, for now, it's still possible to take a legal peek at a base the government won't confirm exists.

But whatever the longer-term threat to

this little slice of Nevada tourism, the issue highlights the somewhat delicate symbiosis that exists between the two enterprises. The guidebook writer — a UFO skeptic who is currently engaged in a spat with the nonskeptical Traveses — first came here last year to investigate flying-saucer stories. Having just quit his job as a software designer for Boston Treasury Systems Inc., Mr. Campbell traded his stock in the closely held company for the mutual funds that now support his desktop-publishing business.

Mr. Campbell made some interesting contacts at the inn. One was "Willow," who claimed to be from the Pleiades star cluster. "Her first question was where was I from," he recalls. When he said Boston, he recalls, "she said, 'No, from out there.'"

A walking guidebook himself, Mr. Campbell sometimes takes visitors on hikes to the Groom Lake viewpoints, as do several Californians who make the White Sides hilltop and Little A'Le'Inn part of UFO-oriented tours to this area.

With darkness descending during one recent hike to Freedom Ridge, Mr. Campbell sees a series of bright orange globes — briefly glowing overhead, fading like fireworks, then reappearing. These, he explains, are special flares that aircraft use during evasive maneuvers in standard Nellis exercises. Berie white lights that seem to hover above the mountains starting just after 4 a.m. are from a "Janet." That's air-traffic-control lingo, the guidebook says, for the Boeing 737s of a mysterious airline that operates between Las Vegas and Groom Lake each weekday.

Most of Mr. Campbell's energy goes into the guidebook, which is updated regularly. (A Las Vegas guide is also due out soon.) For now, "profit is not our goal," a postscript explains. "Our prices are intended only to reimburse our costs and support our continued research."

As for the Traveses, they pride themselves on being the first of many restaurant operators on this site to operate in the black. The couple came the 150 miles north from Las Vegas in 1988 to buy what was then the prosaically named Rachel Bar & Grill. Their 11 motel rooms — soon to be 14 — rent for \$25 a night. Souvenirs bearing the inn's "Earthlings Welcome" slogan are plentiful, and their promotional savvy has led to occasional national publicity. The Traveses even host an annual UFO convention in April. At least one visiting sky-watcher stops by every day, says Mr. Travis, who recommends the \$2.75 Alien Burger as "out of this world."

No theory about Area 51 is considered strange here. If guests tell of being abducted by a "craft," the innkeepers often spin their own tale of once being startled by a beam of light penetrating the solid back door. "We've had three psychics tell me the entity is still here," Mrs. Travis says, and the presence is now so familiar that "we call him Archibald."

A less-familiar presence these days is Mr. Campbell. While the Little A'Le'Inn sells his book, Mr. Campbell for a time became persona non grata at the motel because of an argument — over a matter that neither he nor the Traveses will discuss. But the couple is known to be less than thrilled with Mr. Campbell's irreverence about the inn and the town. "An amusing pastime," suggests one footnote in the Campbell guidebook, "is to count how many guns you see hidden in nooks and crannies behind the bar." The book's view of Rachel: "a diverse place welcoming people of all political persuasions as long as they are not liberal." And it says locals think environmentalists "taste as good cooked as roast spotted owl."

The Traveses and Mr. Campbell all hope, however, that cutting off public access to the Groom Lake viewpoints won't hurt business. Whatever is being hidden beyond the mountains during the daytime, Mrs. Travis notes, "is being flown right over our heads" at night.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR -- Jan. 15, 1994

Congressman sics GAO on E.T. from New Mexico

BY WILLIAM CLAIBORNE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Where television's "Unsolved Mysteries" has tried and failed, the General Accounting Office dares to venture.

At the request of Rep. Steven Schiff, R-N.M., Congress' investigative branch has begun a study to determine whether the government covered up a story alleging the bodies of alien space voyagers were removed from a crashed flying saucer found near Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

After the purported crash of the spacecraft, the bodies of the extraterrestrial visitors were said by a local undertaker and other conspiracy theorists to have been autopsied and then secretly flown to an Air Force base in Ohio.

Even though the "Roswell Incident" has been repeatedly dismissed by the Defense Department as nothing more than UFO fantasizing triggered by the discovery of a downed weather balloon, the GAO has begun searching for documents proving the Air Force "suppressed" information sought by Schiff.

Schiff is a member of the House Government Operations Committee, which oversees the GAO.

GAO spokesman Laura A. Kopelson said the office's investigation, first reported Thursday in the *Albuquerque Journal*, stemmed from a meeting in October between Schiff and GAO Controller General Charles A. Bowsher. Schiff complained then that the Defense Department had been "unresponsive" to his inquiries about the 1947 incident.

Kopelson said "as far as I know only one investigator had been assigned" to the case so far, and not enough work had been done to report to Schiff. At another point, Kopelson said,

"The people doing it are either on sick leave or are unavailable."

She said there was no way of estimating how much the investigation would cost, and the GAO does not release such information anyway.

GAO conducted 1,380 inquiries into government operations in 1992. Its budget has risen from \$46.9 million in 1965 to \$490 million last year. The agency has been criticized, especially by Republicans, as the "lap dog of the requesters," producing reports that tend to support whatever conclusion the requesting member of Congress suggests.

Kopelson said Schiff had asked the GAO "to see if there is any evidence that information regarding UFOs had been suppressed" since the Roswell incident.

Schiff, however, said that at a routine October meeting he had merely complained about the Defense Department's lack of responsiveness but a GAO official said, "We're willing to take a stab at it."

Schiff, in a telephone interview from Albuquerque, said that last March, after receiving inquiries from "UFO believers" and some Roswell residents who were in the military in 1947, he wrote to Defense Secretary Les Aspin to ask for more information about the reported spacecraft crash and the alleged disappearance of the aliens' bodies.

The crash of a mysterious object 75 miles northwest of Roswell, which the Air Force later claimed was a weather balloon equipped with a radar-reflecting device, was the subject of several books and remains many UFO buffs' greatest riddle.

A privately owned museum in Roswell contains a number of documents and photographs

purporting to prove the existence of the aliens. It also displays a re-creation of the spacecraft surrounded by figures representing the dead extraterrestrials.

UFO buffs contend the incident marked the beginning of a government conspiracy to suppress evidence of alien life.

Much of the speculation stems from claims by William Haut, a former Air Force public-affairs officer, who said that on July 2, 1947, he was told to prepare a news release reporting the Air Force had recovered parts of a flying saucer but then was told to change the story to report a weather balloon.

Also, a nurse reportedly told a local funeral home director she witnessed the autopsies of the spacemen, whom she described as having oversized heads and beetlelike features. The nurse later died in a plane crash.

After the autopsies, conspiracy theorists said the bodies were flown to Fort Worth and then to what is now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

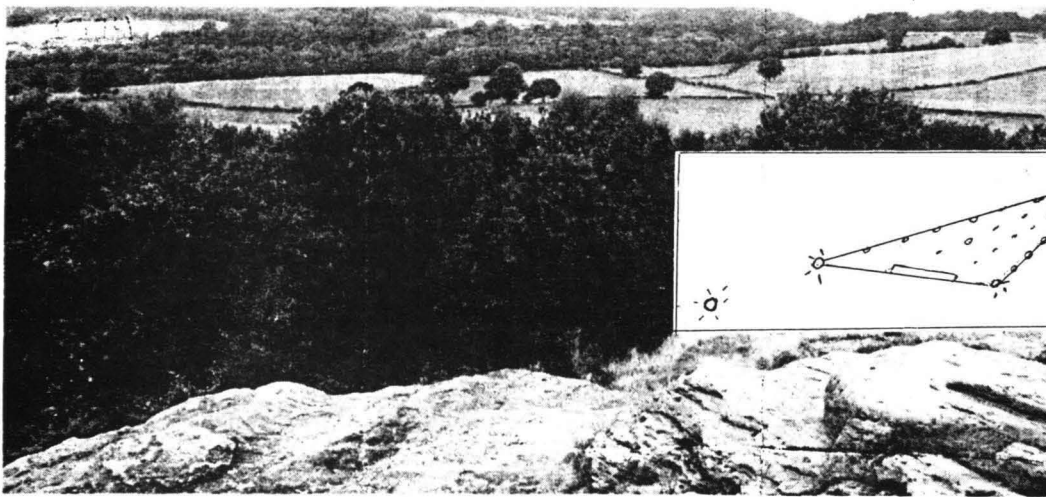
In 1989, NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" investigated the controversy, which the program concluded remained unsolved.



FOREIGN NEWS

CHASE POST, Wolverhampton, England - Sept. 30, 1993 CR: T. Good

Graham's strange encounters



Etching Hill, where the sighting took place and (inset) the drawing that Graham's children made.

'When I came to, inhuman faces were looking down at me. They were hairless.'

Driving to Maidenhead to spend a weekend with his fiancée in 1979, Graham Allen had an experience that changed his life. It was a further eight years before he even began to understand it, and he has no way of proving that it really happened. But he believes beyond a shadow of a doubt that it did, and that it has potentially world-shaking implications for the rest of us.

Before we look at his story in detail, it's important to establish that Graham is no wild-eyed loon with a direct line to the planet Venus. A painter and decorator in his thirties with a wife and two kids, over a pint in a Brocton pub he comes across as the very essence of softly-spoken normality.

He does, however, claim to have been abducted by space aliens, and to have seen UFOs of all shapes and sizes in the vicinity of his Rugeley home.

Strange encounter

First things first, though. The abduction. "It was June and I was driving down to Maidenhead to see my fiancée for the weekend," he recalls. "We took it in turns to visit and it was my turn this time."

"I was on the Oxford ring road and I rounded the traffic island to take the turning I always took for the A423. I know it was about five to six because there was a timecheck on the radio."

"Moments after, though, the radio died down, and I thought I must be passing under overhead cables or something. I remember leaning forward briefly to adjust the radio, and when I looked up again it was raining, which didn't surprise me too much because it had been warm and hazy."

"I drove on for about five minutes more when it struck me that I wasn't familiar with the road any more. There was a signpost which said Newby three miles, at which point it struck me that I'd gone way past my turning."

"I pulled into a farm entrance and felt very strange. Sitting there I noticed neither the car nor the road were wet, and the radio was playing again. It was still only three minutes to six, yet driving back to rejoin the dual carriageway at the turning I'd missed I found I'd been 20 miles off course. Somehow I'd travelled 20 miles in two or three minutes."

"When I eventually arrived at my fiancée's house, I was shaking all over and my legs had turned to jelly. My fiancée thought it was hilarious!"

Disbelief

At this stage, Graham emphasises, there was nothing to link his odd experience with UFOs. He didn't even believe in them. In the years that followed, however, during the night he frequently experienced strange, unsettling buzzing noises and inexplicable feelings of losing control, until in 1987 he had an experience that seemed to shed some light on the events of eight years earlier.

"It was just before Christmas when in a vivid, dreamlike state one night I relived my experience of 1979 from the point where the radio died down. The car was stationary and surrounded by golden light. I was confused, I had no idea what was going on and I could hear a low humming sound. Across the road I saw a man walking a dog."

"I looked up to see a brilliant light above the car. I panicked and tried to get the electric window to wind up, but it wouldn't work. Then I heard a high pitched sound, lost control and blacked out."

"When I came to I was lying down and there were three inhuman faces looking down at me. My first thought was that they must be wearing joke masks,

Story: CHRIS EVANS

but the intensity in their eyes suggested they were real. There was no emotion at all in the faces. They were hairless with round dark eyes - pools of black - narrow mouths and greyish skin. I couldn't move, I was paralysed. Then I woke up."

Nightmare

When Graham woke up, though, it was to find that the nightmare had somehow spilled over into reality.

"It was about 3am and there was a low humming noise over the house. My two children were woken by it and one was crying, and my wife was awake too. I sent her over to the window to see what it was - I wasn't about to take any chances after the dream I'd had! But I needn't have worried as there was nothing to be seen."

Despite the apparent anti-climax, the night of Graham's dream seemed to spark off what's known in UFO circles as a flap, a sudden spate of sightings centring around the Rugeley and Stafford area. In the months that followed, local newspapers carried a flood of reports, culminating in Stafford MP Bill Cash raising the matter in the House of Commons.

Graham, too, became accustomed to seeing strange lights in the sky, but for sheer Close Encounters drama his experience of October 2, 1989 took the biscuit.

"I was walking on Etching Hill with the children around 7.20pm when we saw a bright light in the sky. As we watched, it divided into two separate lights and a spark suddenly shot off in the direction of Stafford."

"The two lights began to come towards us, like car headlights. As they came closer it became clear that they were part of a massive triangular object, covered in lights, and looking like something out of Star Wars. I was crouched down with my arms around the children, who were very frightened, as the object just glided silently over us."

"Looking up we saw a rectangular orange section towards the back, and if there had been someone waving at us we'd have been close enough to see them. Then it just drifted off over Rugeley power station."

"When we got home I told the children to remember everything they'd seen and to paint pictures of the object, which they did."

Your decision

In the years that followed, Graham began by keeping quiet over his experiences for fear of ridicule. He still had a business to run, after all. But a year ago he decided to speak out.

"I don't know what these things are or where they come from. I know what I've seen exists beyond any doubt whatsoever, and my experiences have altered the way I look at life. I now know there's a lot more to it than meets the eye, but in the talks I give when asked, I don't have any great message for mankind. I leave people to make their own mind up over what it all means."

"I just see my role as an amateur investigator and as helping to prepare people for the culture shock they might face one day. Because anyone who sees one of these things is left with one big question mark over their life."

As we drained our pints and headed for the car park, I had just one more question for Graham. His surname, how was it spelt?

"A-I-I-e-n," he said, adding with a smile, "no i."

Night of my close encounter

M. J. FARMER, of 12a Holmwood Court, Keymer Road, Hassocks, writes:

IN response to your recent coverage of apparent UFO and BOL reports in your issues of 26.8.93 and 16.9.93 - you ask your readership: "Do you believe in UFOs, BOLs or VAPs, or is it a load of pie in the sky? Have you seen one yourself?" To which I would reply that it is a load of 'saucers' in the sky; and that yes I have seen one myself; and it was a very satisfying sighting.

Way back in the 1960s and 70s I was mixing with people who had had some real humdingers of UFO sightings. Indeed some might claim that mine was virtually a close encounter of the 2nd kind where a contact was made; if not a physical meeting.

In the company of a young man who had and has continued to have sighted a record number of UFOs, we drove to the West Country. At midnight (it was in 1966 or 1967), we climbed a hill in Devon. It was a wonderful clear night, all the constellations were shining with jewel-like clarity - which was just as well, as we were to have a lesson in astronomy.

It was as though we had made an appointment with 'them' - it felt just like that. We had gone out to seek them, and they replied to our request.

As we looked up, a star detached itself from a star cluster and began to move. We both looked intently knowing it could not be a plane, but it could have been a helicopter or a satellite.

I found that as I looked at it and doubted that it could be a UFO it stopped in response to my thought and seemed just another heavenly body, when belief entered my mind it would move with purpose and precision.

What it did was move from one star to another pausing over the selected stars. I believe it mapped the outline of the plough. After it had accomplished its lesson in astronomy and shown its ability to respond to our thoughts, it moved out over the Bristol Channel.

At that point my friend flashed his torch at the object - and the object responded. It made a quick circling movement, and then disappeared.

Some of the people I had known at that time had had far better, closer sightings than mine - but I don't complain.

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Lancashire, England
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FILM-MAKER WILL FLY FROM CANADA TO SCREEN UFOs

A CANADIAN filmmaker is East Lancashire-bound to unveil his latest movie about extra-terrestrial lifeforms.

Award-winning Dan Curtis will be screening his latest film, "In Advance of the Landing," to students and staff at Accrington and Rossendale College.

Classics

It focuses on flying saucers, aliens and people who take them seriously.

The film also in-

cludes clips from sci-fi classics like "The Day The Earth Stood Still" and "Plan 9 From Outer Space," as well as people who claim to have had contacts with aliens.

It will be screened in the college's new science and technology block on Thursday.

Mr Curtis will also give a talk on his work in the Canadian media.

His company Cygnus Communications was launched in 1981. It has produced several award-winning documentaries.

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England
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Triangle in the sky plea

UFO experts in Nottingham are appealing for information about sightings of a strange object seen in the north of the county.

The triangular-shaped object was recently spotted flying low over Newstead Abbey and two weeks later the Phenomena Research Association received 22 reports of sightings of a triangular-shaped object over Matlock.

UFO organisations have received many reports of similar triangular-shaped objects since the mid 1980s but none have yet been identified.

In November 1989 and for the following 18 months thousands of people reported identical craft flying over Belgium and France.

The sightings in North Notts will be under discussion at the next meeting of the East Midlands branch of the UFO Research Association on November 24 at Bulwell Library.

Anyone wishing to report a sighting can telephone Nottingham 275623.

ADVERTISER, Grangemouth, England
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UFOs RETURN



Bill Buchanan

BONNYBRIDGE'S place on the U.F.O. map seems assured after more shock sightings of strange lights.

Local councillor Billy Buchanan had a rude awakening a few nights ago when 13 people phoned to tell him to look out of his window.

Sure enough, the councillor did see "an object in the sky", hovering above the canal in the town.

"I don't know what it

Frightened residents raise alarm

was," he told the Advertiser, "but I definitely saw something."

"One woman was screaming down the phone at me, she was almost hysterical, she was so frightened."

"It's very strange that after all this time, no-one at

the Ministry of Defence or any other Government body has come forward to claim responsibility and put people's minds at ease."

An eye witness, who wants to remain anonymous, described what he had seen as looking like a satellite at first, which

then suddenly grew very large.

"I don't know what it was, but I think someone must know - the authorities are too complacent about these sightings for no-one to know anything about them."

"I find it intriguing, more than frightening."

Strange lights were first seen over Bonnybridge last winter, and since then, the sightings have drawn world-wide attention to the town from U.F.O. enthusiasts.



Watching the skies — Sallianne Neal with daughters Victoria and Louise.

Family sees strangers in the night

By KATHRYN REANEY

LITTLE green men could be set to land in the area, after a number of strange sightings in the skies.

The Neal family from Scawby saw what they believe to be an unidentified flying object on Friday evening.

And a Crosby woman has also reported seeing a strange object in the skies — also spotted in the Glanford area by her relatives.

Checks to local RAF bases reveal no aircraft reported flying in the area on Friday night — and so the strange sightings remain a mystery.

Council worker Stephen Neal and his

wife Sallianne, of St Martin's Crescent, Scawby, said they were driving their two daughters Louise (12) and Victoria (nine), to the library in Brigg when Louise spotted the object.

"She said 'what's that stick in the sky, mum?'" said Sallianne, who thought at first Louise had seen a plane or something similar.

Sallianne described the object as quite a big stick of light that looked like the edge of a saucer.

It was moving slowly, said Sallianne and the family headed towards Kirton Lind-

sey to get a better view. But before they got there, it seemed to turn and disappeared, she said.

"I can't explain what we saw," she said. "It wasn't a bird and it wasn't a plane. We just couldn't describe it."

Now the family are hoping Evening Telegraph readers may have seen something similar on Friday night or that experts may be able to explain what they saw.

"I'm always sceptical about these things," she added. "Whether it was the light playing tricks, I don't know."

"It would be interesting to find out what it was."

Local police said they had not had any reports of UFO sightings over the weekend.

Mystery object was cigar-shaped

A CROSBY woman who believes she saw an unidentified flying object in Scunthorpe on Friday night has learned she is one of a growing number of people who have had 'sightings' in the area.

The woman, who does not wish to be named, was called outside by her partner when he got home from work at around 10pm.

He had seen the object as he came home from work.

She said the cigar-shaped craft had small wings on it but not at right angles like a plane.

There was no plane noise and there were lights underneath it, she said.

According to the woman, the object was stationary for a while before moving off very quickly.

When she told her family she

found that her stepson had seen a similar object as he drove from Barrow to Barton at about the same time on Friday.

"It was very strange," said the woman. "I wondered if anyone else had seen anything."

Now a national expert has added weight to the claim, saying that the number of UFO sightings across the country has risen significantly in the last few weeks.

Phillip Mantle of the British UFO Research Association, said that 95 per cent of sightings turn out to have a logical explanation such as weather phenomena or planes but that a small percentage seem to have no explanation at all.

The Bradford-based authority said he would contact Humberside investigators about the incidents.

They are out there... and they are watching

READERS have contacted The Bucks Herald backing up Karl Peterman's UFO sighting reported in Bishopstone last week.

John and Cynthia Savory, from Saunderton, claim they too saw a gigantic Mexican hat-like object surrounded by bright lights on the same Friday night earlier this month.

Mrs Savory said: "We were on our way to the Rose and Crown in Saunderton and saw it out of the window. It was like a coloured moon, had uniform lights all the way round the edge and was moving very slowly — I know it was not man-made."

Painter Karl Peterman's sighting prompted an investigation by

extraterrestrial experts, the British UFO Resource Association.

It forced the association to re-open its file on the so called 'space-ship corridor' around and along the road from Aylesbury to Thame, the A418.

Mrs Savory did not take the sighting seriously at first, because she thought it was something to do with the West Wycombe fire display on that night.

"But then we heard people talking about the UFO sighting in a pub and realised we'd seen exactly the same thing," she said.

"We watched the thing fly for about five minutes when we got to the Rose and Crown. The landlord John Watson watched with us. But

when we went in to tell people about it nobody believed us," she added.

UFO buffs believe the saucer hot-spot is something to do with a combination of cosmic rays, quartz rock and a depletion in the ozone layer.

Together these create nuclear-like light reactions which can look like spaceships and are capable of stalling cars, switching lights off and bringing down aeroplanes, said director Jenny Randels.

But Mrs Savory, who saw it on the evening of July 9 disagrees with the experts.

"I don't know about all that stuff about quartz the thing was too uniform to be a reaction," she said.

BUCKS HERALD, Aylesbury, England Aug. 5, 1993 CR: T. Good

Japan building center to study flying saucers

Visiting spacecraft can park free at the UFO institute

By Terry McCarthy LONDON INDEPENDENT

TOKYO — Unidentified flying objects may not appear in Japan's official trade statistics, but they are big business in the town of Hakui, population 28,000, on the west coast some 200 miles from Tokyo.

The town council there has somehow persuaded the central government to pay for the establishment of the world's largest UFO institute in Hakui, on the grounds that it will help local economic development.

The UFO center is to be built in the shape of a flying saucer and will contain a library in Japanese and English on UFOs and other related phenomena from outer space.

It is the brainchild of Josen Takano, who has been obsessed with extra-terrestrials since his student days. Takano has already established the UFO Lovers political party, and ran — unsuccessfully — in a national election in 1992 on a platform of building a UFO landing strip outside Hakui.

At the time people laughed at him. But in Hakui, Takano is treated as something of a visionary, and his enthusiasm for UFOs is widely shared by the townspeople. Models of spaceships adorn roofs in the town, the shops sell UFO souvenirs, and restaurants even offer UFO noodles, with the contents of the bowl arranged to resemble a flying saucer.

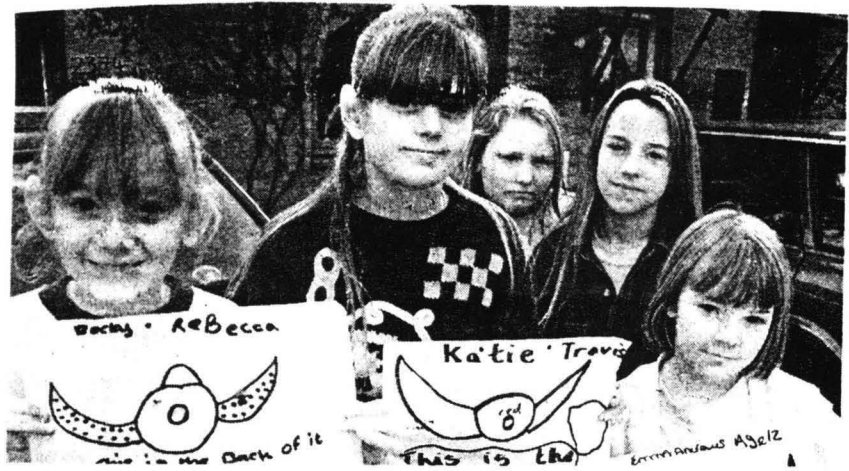
"I have never seen a UFO myself," says Takano, who works in the town hall's planning section. "But my real dream is to get on board a UFO."

For the past 10 years Takano has been collecting books and other documents from all over the world on UFOs toward this end. He is most proud of a report by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation on the recovery in 1950 of three bodies of suspected aliens, 3 feet tall, along with parts of their spacecraft, from a crash site close to the Mexican border.

"We plan to deal with people who have encountered UFOs, but who are just ignored or treated as crazy by others. We should not leave the whole matter unsolved any longer," says Takano, who claims to have found local chronicles going back 500 years which refer to "flying objects."

The institute opens in 1996. Parking is free for any spacecraft within two light years' traveling distance.

EXAMINER, San Francisco, CA -- Jan. 8, 1994 CR: C. Davis



From left are Rebecca Travis, Katie Travis, Emma Williams, Lynsey Whitley and Emma Andrews with their pictures of the UFO which were seen over Darnall

UFOs drama for family

By Bill Brotherton

THESE spooky drawings will have residents staring into space tonight...

They show a UFO spotted by both children and their mums and dads over Darnall a week ago.

The sighting instantly converted Susan Travis and husband Tony from disbelievers to UFO admirers... as they watched the strange object circle their home.

Tony was so convinced the UFO was preparing to land that he ran into the house.

Susan also found herself frantically searching for daughter Katie — scared she might have been kidnapped by aliens.

"I would never have believed it had I not seen it," said Mrs Travis.

"It was about 50ft up just hanging there making a noise and about 40 ft wide with blue flashing lights."

"It was huge, oval in shape, with a dome flashing underneath and it moved so slowly. If anybody else had seen it I'd say they were nuts," she said.

Next door neighbour Janet Whitley said: "I saw it too. I have never believed in UFOs but whatever this was it was not a plane or helicopter."

"I have never seen anything like it before. It made a noise like a hoover. I just cannot explain what it was like."

STAR, Sheffield, England -- Oct. 23, 1993 CR: T. Good

SEVENTEEN SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED IN JULY ALONE

The sky is alive with a rash of UFOs

THE skies around Plymouth yielded a bumper crop of unidentified flying object sightings last month, UFO experts revealed today.

Bob Boyd, of the Plymouth UFO Research Group, said that he had received no fewer than 17 reports of sightings in July - more than in any single month for years.

by ALAN THOMSON

Three of the sightings have been in the Ivybridge area as already reported first in the Herald.

On July 20, John King-well spotted multi-coloured lights hover over the moors near his Corn-wood home.

Lights

Then, four days later, three Ivybridge schoolchildren and a Plymouth schoolboy watched lights move across the town over a half hour period.

The last sighting was on July 26, when Plymouth City Councillor Herman Welch saw lights perform

manoeuvres over fields towards Ivybridge.

A video tape of a suspected UFO taken by a Plymouth family early on Tuesday morning has since been dismissed as a sighting of the bright planet Venus.

Andrew Goves, of Deer Park, Plymouth, was starting out on a day trip with his family, when his mother Eileen spotted a mysterious bright object as they were passing Ivy-bridge on the A38.

Mr Goves took out his camcorder and took a four-minute film of the object.

Some of it was shown on the Westcountry Live television news programme.



Andrew Goves shows his UFO video to Bob Boyd.

Mr Boyd said: "Quite a few of the 17 sightings reported last month were in the South Devon / South Hams area.

Focus

"The three sightings reported by the Herald are certainly worth further investigation.

"I took a look at Mr Gov-

es' video taped sighting and it was largely out of focus which gave rise to the original speculation.

"I can now confidently say it was Venus."

However Mr Boyd will be investigating the three sightings around the Ivy-bridge area over the next week or so.

Club plans landing pad for UFOs

Deutsche Presse Agentur

TOKYO — A Japanese group is planning to build a landing pad for unidentified flying objects for a formal encounter with beings from outer space, reports said Thursday.

The complex would include a luxury guest house and other accommodations on a 216,000-square-foot property, the UFO fan club in the Kagawa prefecture in south-western Japan said.

"As the fires of war continue around the world, Japan, with its peace constitution, is the only country fit to have such facility," a member of the fan club was quoted as saying.

Watch this space . . .

A BALL that landed in a family's garden lowered a pair of legs, raised an antenna and tried to talk to them, they claimed.

"It was as big as a football and had eyes," said former air force officer Giuseppe Zitella, 59, in Sulmona, Italy.

He added: "When I went to touch it the ball shot in the air, looked me in the eyes and sped off."

CITY NEWS

UFO bolts before city celebrates

By James Risdon
NOW CONTRIBUTOR

Space aliens "dropped by" Friday night - but didn't stick around for Surrey's city celebrations.

And now, Alison Watts and her 16-year-old son, Daniel, are wondering what to make of their strange sighting. Daniel Watts looked out of a window in the family townhouse at about 8:30 p.m.

Hovering silently about 300 meters above him was a silvery disk larger than a jumbo jet with strange red lights going around and around - "really fast."

Excited, he ran downstairs to get his mother and she looked up only to see the UFO tilt and swoosh off into the sky. Fearing an alien abduction, she ran back into the house and checked on her four-year-old son.

He was safe. But Watts was far from reassured. "I was full of electricity, wide-awake, and I couldn't sleep at all," she recalled Monday.

Lorne Goldfader, director of the U.F.O. Research Institute of Canada, reports several people poured into the street to catch a glimpse of the UFO in West New-

ton. But Barry Beyerstein, chair of the B.C. Society of Skeptics and a psychology professor at Simon Fraser University, said Monday there is likely a simpler explanation than space aliens for the sighting.

When people see unexplainable things, they often decide on a working label of what they are seeing and the mind fills in the details, Beyerstein explained.

Although the "memory" of the witness may seem completely real, it may be as much a mind trick as the real thing, he explained.

So what was that UFO? No one knows for sure. It could be just a mirage in the atmosphere caused by unusual weather conditions. Or it might really be a ship of little green men - and women.

Surrey may have alien attraction

By Charlie Anderson
Staff Reporter

Surrey's baptism as Canada's newest city has attracted a horde of dignitaries - including some from outer space, says a resident.

A "silver object with red lights around it" was spotted in the heavens above 134th and King George Highway about 8:30 p.m. Friday.

"It was completely different from anything I've ever seen," said Alison Watts, 36, adding the craft was about the size of a jumbo jet. "But it seemed to be too thin to have anyone in it."

After a minute, said Watts, the myste-

rious craft turned on its side and disappeared "in the blink of an eye." She said she rushed upstairs to check that her four-month-old son Nicholas was still there - and he was.

The sighting follows a number of strange lights seen flashing last Sunday high in Golden Ears park north of Coquitlam.

UFO Research Institute of Canada director Lorne Goldfader estimated about 100 people spotted the lights playing tag with each other between 9 and 10:30 p.m.

The latest spotting has prompted him to alert UFO watchers to scan the skies. "I've never seen it this close to Vancouver," he said. "It's extraordinary."

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SPIELBERG TO EXPOSE UFO COVER-UPS

ACE director Steven Spielberg is deserting science fiction - for science fact.

The genius behind movie blockbusters *ET*, *Close Encounters Of The Third Kind* and *Jurassic Park* is secretly working on a \$50 million movie that he claims will unmask a government cover-up of an alien spaceship crash in New Mexico in 1947.

Project X is based on the Roswell Air Force base incident which gave the world the term "flying saucer". Spiel-

berg believes the US military took away alien bodies from the crashed UFO.

Hollywood insiders say the director has got hold of previously unseen film footage of the flying saucer crash scene taken by a mili-

tary officer. "Everybody is talking about *Project X*," says a Tinseltown source.

"Spielberg has already got a team at Hamlin Productions working on the script.

"This is going to be a totally different film

from the likes of *ET* which was just a fairy story.

"It's about the UFO crash and the political intrigue that followed."

The movie is due for release in 1997 - the 50th anniversary of the alleged alien landing.

DAILY MIRROR, London, England

Dec. 22, 1993 CR: T. Good

Cosmic cover-up alleged

UFO-SPOTTERS are convinced that Bobby Inman, United States Defense Secretary designate and expert in satellite intelligence, is a repository of vital information about flying saucers, writes Elizabeth Nash.

Bob Oechsler, a UFO enthusiast from Edgewater, Maryland, says he approached Admiral Inman in May 1988 "seeking guidance on how to get access to information on non-human-made disk technology" (a euphemism for UFOs) in government hands, and that the admiral "validated that the government had information, and provided me with the names of people I should see".

Stan Freedman, a nuclear space systems researcher, who has written 62 academic papers and a book about UFOs, believes that Admiral Inman holds the secrets to "a cosmic Watergate", a massive cover-up of a flying saucer crash in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947.

A researcher at the US Center for Military History in Washington yesterday confirmed that the government had been "obsessively secret" about objects crashing in the New Mexico desert in 1947, but suggested that this had more to do with the Cold War space-race.

other *bête noire* for the researchers is Jim Schnabel, the American whose book *Round in Circles* (Hamish Hamilton, £16.99) sought to ridicule the very idea that the circles have any natural origin.

Among other feats, Schnabel claims to have created the "Celtic necklace", which appeared beside Silbury Hill last year. Earlier this month, he was invited to create a replica, and, according to my companions, made a thorough mess of it. One phenomenon which they say no human can reproduce is the way that in a genuine formation the corn goes down lightly in as many as five interwoven layers — not flattened progressively by mechanical pressure, but apparently hit all at once by a burst of energy. Roger Taylor drew an analogy with the lid of a cardboard box: "You can't close the four flaps one after the other — it won't work. You have to do them all together."

I came away marvelling at the intensity of feeling that this subject generates. Fans speak of euphoria, warmth, somnolence, dizziness, fear and physical repulsion, all brought on by visiting the circles. Perhaps it is only a question of time before some human goes the way of the porcupine that was found flattened in the middle of a corn circle in Saskatchewan last summer. A line of quills embedded in the crop showed that the poor creature had been hurled violently to the centre of the circle: its body had been so compressed that it was only two inches from back to belly, and the quills remaining on it were swept round in a swirling pattern, matching that of the wheat.

and sure enough, he reported a strong concentration of radiation bands running across the main circle, all parallel. So powerful were they, he said, that if they crossed, they would be extremely dangerous to humans.

What did that say about the circle? Nothing directly. Even Lucy, an undisputed enthusiast, admitted that for her this formation had no feeling, and gave the impression of being man-made. Alf agreed that any respectable dowser could have found what he had, and directed a hoaxer to make his circle on this spot.

So it went on: our quarry remained fascinatingly elusive. As the day progressed, we picked up more fanciers who had been operating independently, among them Paul Vigay, a young computer specialist who, with his friend Andy, had spent all night in a vigil on top of Milk Hill, above East Field, the scene of many formations in earlier years.

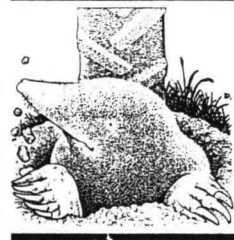
To their great excitement, they had seen a blue light travel across the sky and go straight up in the air, followed by a green light — phenomena also witnessed by a group of Germans, who had come armed with high-powered night-vision equipment, bought at knock-down prices from Russian army officers desperate to earn a few Deutschmarks.

By the time we had lunch in a pub, our group had grown to a dozen. Much derision was cast on Doug and Dave, the self-confessed (or rather, self-advertising) duo of hoaxers from Southampton, who claim to have made a great many of the formations, but who lost credit by declining to take part in the hoax competition last year. An-

and don't have to concentrate very hard." Here, though, he found nothing. Nor did Roger, who was principally interested in "what are coming to be called scalar fields — fields like electromagnetism, but not measurable by conventional instruments." His home-made device was a cylinder of barium titanate housed in a Faraday cage (to screen out high-frequency electromagnetism) and boxed in expanded polystyrene, to keep its temperature constant.

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His hope was that the barium would react in some way, but it showed no signs of life.

That circle, then, produced no firm evidence (unless the water bottles show something). Yet in the next — a multiple formation, with several circles of different sizes set out in line — Alf's dowsing rod got a most positive reaction. From the way it kept jumping or diving, even I could tell something was up —

small circle that appeared in a field of barley on 7 July. As an experiment, Lucy had buried small bottles of water here on 14 July — one at the edge of the field as a control, and several within the circle. Now her aim was to recover them, so that they could be submitted to laser-beam and electronic-signature analysis, to see if the molecular structure of the water had changed.

The formation was a plain circle 10 yards in diameter, without any appendages. The barley had been swept down in a clockwise swirl, with the vortex about a yard away from the true centre of the ring. This alone suggested to me that it could not have been made mechanically. The ears of corn laid flat had withered.

Dowsing with a crystal pendulum, Lucy soon found her bottles and dug them up, but Alf had no luck with his rod. His speciality is dowsing for earth radiation, especially the kind that has adverse effects on human health. He has repeatedly shown that cancer has resulted from people sleeping above points at which bands of noxious radiation intersect, and he is now conducting research into the disease ME at the Middlesex Hospital.

Here in the cornfield he was looking for radiation, geological faults, underground streams and so on. He explained that the ability to dowse is one of a human being's normal senses, and that after enough practice it becomes second nature. He likened his own search for particular phenomena to listening for one instrument in an orchestra: "If you want to hear the French horn, you can easily pick that out from the violins,

and so far this season about 80 formations have been reported. The earliest was in Oxfordshire, but most (as usual) have been in Wiltshire. On Wednesday our first objective was a

WE MUST have looked as though we were hunting the snark: a party of four, armed with forks and hope, certainly, but also with cameras and scientific instruments, prowling the cornfields on the Wiltshire downs.

Apart from myself, in jeans and tidy shirt, there was Alf Riggs, a consultant engineer and eminent dowser, clad in check from head to foot (hat, shirt, jacket, trousers, all different patterns), wielding a bifurcated nylon rod. There was Roger Taylor, an immunologist, slim, silver-bearded, freshly back from a meeting of the US Psychotronic Association, and bearing a heavily insulated measuring device of his own manufacture. Above all there was Lucy Pringle, from the Centre for Crop Circle Studies, effervescent elegantly in cream-coloured shorts.

Our quarry was not so much corn-circles, which are easy enough to find at this time of year, as that infinitely more elusive phantom, the force which is creating them. Plenty of people will tell you that the force is two-legged, and comes at night with garden rollers, planks, poles and ropes, to flatten the corn mechanically. Hoaxers certainly exist, and they are very skilful — as was proved by the competition staged for them last autumn. Serious researchers agree that some of the circles are man-made, yet they remain convinced that many result from natural causes.

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Experts on UFO trail

WEST Norfolk has gone UFO crazy since last Tuesday when the Lynn News reported SIX people's claims that they saw mysterious lights hovering over the South Quay.

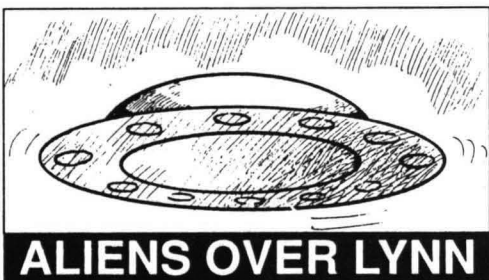
Now more and more people are coming forward with tales of their close encounters and two UFO researchers have stepped in to investigate.

Local amateur UFO researcher Mr Phillip Eke, who is shortly to become a member of the British UFO Research Association, interviewed a woman from Gayton Thorpe who claims she saw unidentified flashing lights in the sky from her bedroom window at 11.30pm on August 12 — an hour before they apparently appeared over the South Quay in Lynn.

Mr Eke said the woman, who did not wish to be named, watched the red, green, yellow and white flashing lights for five minutes, before they moved off towards Gayton and disappeared. "It was travelling very slowly and she said the lights were as bright as the moon," said Mr Eke.

North Lynn man Mr Paul Murray, of Reid Way, claims he saw the same UFO... but this was ten years ago as a 16-year-old living in Bagge Road, Gaywood.

"What I saw sounds exactly the same as what they saw — red, green and white colours. As it



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came over it drained the power from the house and the TV and lights went off. There was a big bright light in the middle and it was about 15 to 20 feet across,"

report by KAREN CLOUDESLEY

He said. He claims he watched it travel over the estate for five or ten minutes before it went out of sight.

"I didn't mention it to anybody at the time because there was not so much about UFOs then and I didn't really know what to think. But it stuck in my mind and your story last week seemed so similar."

Former Gaywood Park High School teacher Mr Alan Fry, who now lives in Oxford, read the story in last Tuesday's paper while on holiday in the area — and recalled the night he was driving through Litcham about 20 years ago.

He said: "I saw exactly the

same configuration of lights as the men on the quay. They were about 200 feet off the ground. I followed the lights in my car but they disappeared behind some trees."

Mr Thomas Thompson, of Fairstead, is a member of MUFON — the Mutual UFO Network based in America — and lectures on the topic. He is writing a book of his own close encounters and hopes to shortly set up a Lynn-based UFO network for people who have had similar experiences.

"I have to be unbiased and I shall look into these sightings further. If I think they are plausible, I shall send details on to MUFON for its records," he said.

● **ALIENS** from another galaxy, or natural phenomena for which there is an explanation? Let's have your experiences and views. Contact the Lynn News UFO Desk. Ask for Judy or Julie on Lynn (0553) 761188, extension 4630.

RUCKS HERALD, Aylesbury, England -- July 29, 1993 CR: T. Good

Experts to investigate UFO report

by Ben Hatch

REPORTS of a flying saucer in Bishopstone have prompted an investigation by UFO experts.

A huge Mexican hat-like object with flashing lights was spotted by Karl Peterman.

The sighting has prompted the re-opening of the British UFO Resource Association's file on the so-called 'spaceship corridor' along the A418 from Aylesbury to Thame.

Landscape painter Mr Peterman, of Bishopstone Road, was star gazing with binoculars when he saw the object on Friday night two weeks ago.

He said: "It was very low on the horizon and seemed very big. It was bright orange or yellow and disc-shaped with a blob on top. I watched it for an hour."

"The strange thing about it was the lights around the outside — they were not attached to the object and went out then retracted. The disc would some-

times change into a ball shape."

He added: "I often look at the sky at night to get ideas for paintings. The worse thing there was nobody around to show it to and I was frightened that if I left to get someone it would disappear."

"When I told people about it the next day they were reluctant to believe me."

The Aylesbury area is well-known in UFO circles for its high number of strange saucer sightings and phenomena.

Jenny Randels, director of the association, puts it down to a combination of cosmic rays, quartz rock and a depletion of the ozone layer.

Together, she said, these created nuclear-like light reactions which could look like spaceships and were capable of stalling cars, switching lights off, and even causing aeroplanes to crash. It has been well documented, she said.

"Nobody knows what causes the cosmic rays from space, they are similar to the sun's only invisible. But together with the quartz rock that seems to proliferate in Aylesbury, they create this phenomenon."

"The atoms in quartz rock are excited by the rays, like they are in quartz watches."

The erosion of the ozone layer has led to more of the rays getting through, she says.

There have been dozens of sightings in recent years, the most celebrated being the case of Peter Day in January 1973 near Lower Winchendon.

He took a 23 second film of a flying saucer like object. The same day a group of children reported the same thing, as did a teacher at Ickford School.

Mrs Randels said: "We will be looking into this latest report with great interest."

MID-SUSSEX TIMES, Haywards Heath, England -- Oct. 21, 1993 CR: T. Good

Youngsters' UFO sighting

FOUR Hassocks youngsters claim they have seen one of the UFOs which seem to have taken a healthy interest in Mid Sussex.

Early bird Sarah Hardstone, nine, of Wilmington Close, Hassocks, and three friends saw the mysterious object streak through the sky at dawn on Sunday.

The pals were all awake after a birthday party for Sarah's sister, and looked outside after seeing a strange light.

Sarah said: "Four of us were awake. We looked outside and there was this whooshing in the sky."

"It was a really, really bright light, a sort of green colour with a light band round the middle of it, like an equator."

"We woke up at four but at five to six we saw this thing really high up."

"It was a triangular shape and it turned upside down. There were rays coming out of the side, like electric rays. It was huge."

Close encounter?



A UFO expert is to probe the story of a Swinton man whose "close encounter" with a flying saucer left him with a 20-year puzzle.

Former mechanic Mr Richard Smith (39), of Piccadilly Road, was left baffled after spotting the strange elongated object with eerie green lights as he walked along Greasbrough Road one autumn night in 1973.

Last week he rang a radio phone-in programme on UFOs following the arrival of the movie *Fire in the Sky* which tells the alleged true story of an Arizona man who says he was abducted aboard a spaceship in 1975, two years after Mr Smith's experience.

Describing his sighting Mr Smith, pictured above, said: "I was walking home to Lowfield Avenue after midnight with my brother David after visiting a sick relative. We were on Carr House Hill when we stopped in our tracks after we saw this object, about the size of two single decker buses, hovering by the side of an electricity pylon.

by David Clarke

"We could see the outline and a row of green lights or windows along the dullish outline. It never moved or made any noise as we watched it for 15 minutes, so it could not have been an aeroplane. We both got the impression that the thing was watching us at the same time we were watching it — it was uncanny."

And he added: "I often have a feeling that there was more to it, something I have forgotten. But the more I try to remember the more puzzling it becomes. It has stayed on my mind ever since, and now I'm willing to take a lie detector test or give hypnosis a try to see if anything is there because I'm so frustrated about the 'missing part'."

Expert Mr Phillip Mantle, who runs a Yorkshire-based UFO investigation group said his group had collected many similar sightings in the Rotherham area during the winter of 1987-1988: "We have used hypnosis twice

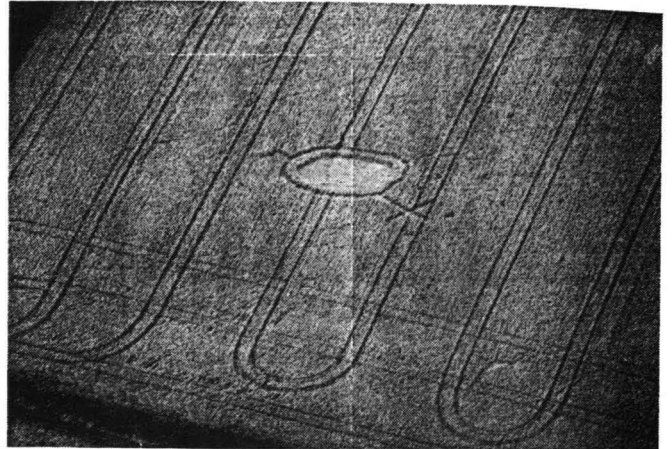
before to enable UFO witnesses to recall forgotten details of their sightings, and we are considering it in this case.

"Unfortunately there is still a stigma attached to this subject and people who report sightings of UFOs often have to endure ridicule, so we have used a pseudonym in Mr Smith's case. One policeman in West Yorkshire who reported a close encounter even lost his job afterwards," he said.

And Mr Smith added: "I am not claiming that what I saw was a spaceship because I'm sceptical about things of that nature, but I have an open mind and I like to put things to the test and get solid proof. I'm just curious and would like to know what it was."

Mr Mantle said members of the public could report sightings to him on 0924 444049.

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The Centre for Crop Circle Studies needs public's help with their research.

Hotline to record sightings of circles

I WOULD like to thank your readers for the help they have given us in the past in reporting crop circles and formations. To make it easier this year, we have set up hotlines to accept their calls and they are (0202) 723127, (0305) 267392 and (0305) 250633.

Added this year to the scientific research already being undertaken are physical and abnormal sensations. Over the past few years people have complained of headaches, feeling better after long-standing illnesses, etc. A questionnaire has been designed to cover the many aspects and we are requesting help from the public on this research.

So if any person is intending visiting crop formations or indeed has already, please write to Centre for Crop Circle Studies, Medical Research, 52, High Street, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Can I please emphasise at this point that it is a criminal offence to enter a farmers' field without their permission. This is why we do not notify the media of such formations unless we have the landowner/farmer's permission.

We have visited formations in the Dorset area since they first appeared. The first one is now seven weeks old and as so many are totally out of sight to the public and can really be only seen from the air, so pilots, microflight owners, please keep the reports coming in.

Any members of the public interested in what's going on in the general field of crop circles, talks and general information should contact C.C.C.S. Public Relations Officer on (0305) 267392. Crop circle sightings should be reported to any of the hotline numbers giving an Ordnance Survey map grid reference.

There is a large scientific project this year code-named RELATE being carried out by scientists and researchers from around the globe and the results of this will be published at the end of the year and made available to the public via the CCCS. The venue and details are to be kept secret until after the lengthy research operation is complete, for obvious reasons.

There will be a talk in the Bournemouth area and one in Dorchester area hopefully in July and these will be advertised in the near future. I would like to thank all your readers for their past help and look forward to their future help and your paper for publishing our letters.

DAVID KINGSTON,
County Convenor,
Centre For Crop Circle Studies,
17, Great Western Road,
Dorchester.

PS: Please, are there any of your readers who witnessed the "spheres of light" hovering over Maiden Castle at 22.20 hours on the night of June 24?

'Stroud is a UFO hot spot' says top expert

STROUD is a major area for sightings of flying saucers, a UFO expert declared this week, writes Adrian Blyth.

UFO investigator Joanne Wilding, who is part of a top UFO investigation team based in Cheltenham, said the area had recently attracted a great deal of strange sightings, the latest of which was reported this week.

"We get reports of a lot of sightings in and around the Stroud area — it seems to be a bit of a hot spot," she told the *News and Journal*.

Only this week Avening resident Mrs June Burge told how she saw a bright orange UFO flash across the sky. Mrs Burge, of Rectory Lane, Avening, said she saw the object while travelling through Kingscote with two colleagues.

"An umbrella-shaped object shot across the sky then disappeared within three seconds. It was eerie," she said. Mrs Burge, who works as a textile spinner at Cam Mills, had just finished a nightshift and saw the mystery object early last Wednesday morning.

"I was shaking like a leaf for hours afterwards. I didn't use to believe in UFO's but now I've changed my mind," she added.

And the *News and Journal* had its own extraterrestrial experience when sub-editor Jeremy Griffin spotted something strange while driving home down the A46 Bath Road. He told colleagues the next day: "It was midnight but half the sky was glowing red, with a strange orange object moving in the middle of it."



The Associated Press

ET's friends

Workers arrange UFO exhibits in Taipei, at an exhibition of Unidentified Flying Objects in the National Taiwan Normal University on Sunday, to mark the formation of the Taiwan UFO Society. Members of the society have been gathering data on UFOs for the past 20 years.

The night that Ros came face to face with a creature from the unknown



■ Eerie: How Ros pictured one of the aliens

By Sharon Asplin

ROS IS a normal woman - certainly not the sort to indulge in fantasies about little men from Mars or flying saucers.

But one evening she claims she was taken by force into an unidentified flying object and subjected to a terrifying examination by alien beings.

It was a difficult decision for Ros Reynolds-Parnham, 32, of Little Clacton, to speak publicly about her experiences. But she wants to reassure others who have undergone a similar ordeal and not leave them to go through the months of fear and doubt alone as she did.

Ros has now opened up to millions after appearing on the GMTV breakfast show and is eager for people to realise the seriousness behind her message.

Ten years ago Ros and her boyfriend of the time were travelling to see relatives. As they approached Sudbury Ros said she spotted a horse-shoe of bright lights in the sky, which noiselessly lowered over the car.

When they came to open countryside the lights returned two or three times and "locked" on to their vehicle. The car then went dead.

"We went out to discover what was wrong," she said. "As we had stopped so had the big light. It was very bright but it did not hurt your eyes - it is very difficult to describe."

Ros, who discovered only years later that she went inside the UFO, could not remember anything else. "All I know is we got on with our journey and when we got there we were three hours later than we should have been."

She had always been sceptical about UFOs but this started her thinking. She is now convinced things she had previously

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seen and passed off as aeroplanes in the sky were probably alien craft. Three weeks later she had an urge to type and draw. In her sleep she drew maps of engine rooms and diagrams of how the earth was formed, and made notes about disasters and the truth behind great world mysteries, the future and how the earth was formed - all things she knew nothing about.

Ros says she has scars and other physical signs of her ordeal. She cannot have children because since that autumn night she has never had a monthly cycle.

"I got through being worried, I could not talk to anybody about it because I thought they would think I was a freak," she said. "I just bottled it up, I became a recluse for a while worrying about what had happened."

Eventually she managed to pull her life together again and then a few years ago saw an article in a local newspaper about an East Anglian UFO investigation team.

They arranged a hypnosis session at her Plough Corner home. It was a failure. "The video recording was wiped out, everything went wrong," she explained. "A bright beam of light came into the room and all the clocks stopped."

Through a mutual friend, she then got in touch with Mark Reynolds-Parnham. Mark claims he was born psychic and he uses his abilities to investigate cases like Ros. It was during the investigation the two fell in love and married.

Details of her experiences were pieced together in a second hypnosis session. Mark said his wife described four or five small aliens, around 3ft 6in to 4ft tall, who approached her and forced her to the craft.

Under hypnosis Mark realised Ros had been taken to an examination room and had become very agitated as the aliens undressed her and laid her on a table as they tried to study her.

What had happened, continued Mark, was a typical UFO abduction scenario, which had taken place with many people on this planet for many, many years.

Ros admits she is still frightened by what happened and is obviously embarrassed by what she revealed, as she had to leave the room while her husband talked about it.

Most people have been quite open-minded and compassionate about their claims, the couple said, and so far no-one has denounced them as crazy. "Some are very interested because they believe it and some are interested because they want to be convinced," said Mark.

"But we have never had anyone come up to us and say we are lying."

■ Anyone who wants help or perhaps something unusual explained should contact the Bufora office, a professional investigation and counselling service, on (0582) 763218.

The Space Invaders from outer Lapland?

By David Wilkes

COULD a suspected UFO sighting above a Gwent council's offices be an omen of other-worldly retribution for the Scrooge-like councillors' decision to sack Santa?

Was it the ghost of Christmas future coming to earth to warn the hum-buggers that Christmas could be cancelled for them as well as visitors to their civic centre?

Two eye-witnesses said the strange flashing object they saw above Pontllan-fraith Civic Centre looked like a huge star-shaped Christmas light.

It seems too much of a coincidence that the sighting was made in the week when Islwyn borough full council ratified the decision not to site a festive grotto in a corner of the civic centre's reception area.

The grotto was axed after councillors decided youngsters queuing to meet Father Christmas would pose a security risk and agreed with their officers that the cost of dispensing gifts would be "prohibitive".

Roy Lewis, of Pentwyn-mawr, was driving past in his car when he spotted two lights in the sky about half a mile above the council offices at 5.35pm on Monday.

He stopped and watched what he believed to be a flying saucer flying away.

He said: "It seemed to be hopping, travelling about 500 metres each hop and flashing like a star. But there was no sound, so I don't think it can have been a helicopter or a plane."

"It was just stunning to watch and so bright. It was something out of the ordinary, but I don't know what."

Victoria Davies, who was in the car with him, said: "I have never seen anything like it - it was so odd. The speed it travelled was incredible, yet it was so quiet."

Rumours that councillors' absences from this week's full meeting were due to extra-terrestrial intervention remain unconfirmed.

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Scare on quayside: was it a UFO?

BRIGHT flashing lights which moved along Lynn's South Quay in the night sky mesmerised two fishermen, who are convinced it was a UFO.

David Hamer (35) and Anthony Fenton (36), both of Lynn, claim they were fishing off the quay at about 1.30am on Thursday when they were alerted to the strange red, green and yellow lights coming across the river by another fisherman - a young man aged 16-18 - who swore loudly.

Mr Hamer said: "It wasn't moving very fast but was coming in at an angle. We followed it along the quay for about five minutes. It was about 200 feet above."

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"It hovered for a split second all the lights went out, then a bright white light came on underneath and it shot into the sky like a bullet." He claims that when the bright light switched on he felt his hands and face burn and itch. "I was shocked but more fascinated than scared," he said.

"The bright light really burned, really hurt your eyes. I couldn't move, I just froze," added Mr Fenton.

Both men walked back to

EXCLUSIVE

by KAREN CLODESLEY

where the teenager, whom neither of them knew, was fishing and asked him if he had seen it. They claim he told them it had appeared at the other end of the quay again and then disappeared.

Neither could identify the shape or size of the object, but are convinced they were not imagining it.

"It was definitely a UFO, I don't care what people think or say. I know some of them will think we're screwball, but I know it couldn't have been a plane or a helicopter because there was no sound from an engine and it went all black and lit up like a Christmas tree."

"We'd have no reason to concoct a story like this, I wouldn't know where to start. Three of us saw it so somebody else must have," said Mr Hamer.

RAF Marham had no aircraft in flight after midnight and air traffic control was closed for the night.

■ Did you see the UFO? Contact the Lynn News newsdesk on 761188.

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Could this be evidence of UFOs?

By LEDA REYNOLDS

UFOs in Bromsgrove? One reader claims he has the evidence after finding this mystery photo while browsing through his son's holiday snaps.

The man, who is adding to the mystery by refusing to be named, said: "All I know is that it was taken on the Stourbridge Road, but it's a peculiar angle for a photograph to be taken as Stourbridge Road is flat and there are no tall buildings there."

"Maybe it was taken by another UFO."

If you can identify the objects in the photo or have a theory of your own about how the photo was taken, write to us at 5 High Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8AJ, or phone us on 37000.



● Could these flying objects be UFOs?



Marcus Allen of Queens Road, East Grinstead, has been making a study of crop circles for the past three years and was particularly interested when one was discovered at Imberhorne Farm a month ago
Photo no. 68741/9

Experts baffled by local crop circles

WE plough the fields and scatter, the hymn says. But to Marcus Allen harvesting means more than corn, there may be mystery too.

The 51-year-old Lord of the Rings from East Grinstead studies crop circles, the phenomenon that has baffled experts for over 10 years.

Natural phenomena or mystic forces? Alien beings or pranksters out to fool researchers? Despite meticulous research the much vexed question remains unexplained.

So there was a flurry of activity among cerealists recently when a circle cropped up overnight at Imberhorne Farm, East Grinstead, one of fewer than 10 in the South East this year.

After reading a report in the Courier, Mr Allen gleefully rushed to the spot like an ornithologist to witness an exotic migrating bird thrown off course.

The father-of-two made sketches and took measurements having first gained permission from farmer Brian Emmett who discovered the strange shapes in his field while harvesting.

"The were a number of complexities about this particular circle," said Mr Allen.

His research revealed that the stalks of straw had been bent to impossible angles with lines running through the circle along points of the compass and, most intriguingly, the centre had been blackened.

The main feature was a number of circles inside each other-the largest 80ft across with a crooked line leading to another much

smaller circle, again crossed with lines.

To the untrained eye an aerial view would have resembled the top of a lady wearing an Ascot-sized hat, sipping a glass of Pimmis through a straw.

The circles, near Worth Way, were barely visible to passers by and could only be seen from the vantage point, a combine harvester cabin.

Mr Allen, a member of the Sussex branch of the Centre for Crop Circle Studies, explained: "The position it appeared in was almost invisible from the ground. The path next to the field is below the level of the field. If somebody was out to play a hoax that's the last place they would put it."

Samples of straw, which underwent molecular change thought to be caused by intense heat for a split second, have been sent to America for analysis.

Tests

In California, there are more cerealists than in the whole of the UK, despite the fact that the State is still waiting for its first circle.

Mr Allen added: "Tests have proved that sophisticated hoaxes can produce quite passable results. But could you do it after an evening at the pub? It's not easy to walk in a field at night with a rake and a pair of step ladders. The manpower required would be enormous."

Often, after nights spent in the field with binoculars in hand for a glimpse of the glowing orange lights said to accompany the formations, the only circles spotted are

often those under the eyes of researchers.

UFOs, helicopters flying upside down, giant hailstones, rutting deer, mating hedgehogs and maybe one man mowing a meadow have all been suspected of causing crop circles.

So was East Grinstead party to a close encounter of a spooky kind? Were little green men watching us as we slept in our beds. Or have researchers like Mr Allen fallen victim to the corniest of jokes?

"The common denominator is one of curiosity. The point is it's terribly easy to dismiss it," he said.

"There's a sort of ridicule attached to it. So what I did was to read as much information as I could. The more I discovered about it the more I wanted to know."

"My view would be that if 90 per cent are man-made, that still leaves over 400 unexplained."

The answer to the source of the circles? "I haven't a clue," admits Mr Allen.

To date, there have been 4,500 reports of crop circles worldwide. Sightings in the Eighties triggered a storm of media interest.

Cerealists and Forest Row parish councillor Graham Holman said: "I don't subscribe to the theory that every circle is a hoax."

"There may be a link to some form of higher intelligence. There are those who feel that the circles are some sort of message to mankind that we are neglecting the environment."

Call for UFO investigation

A CALL for a governmental investigation into the latest crop of UFO sightings is being made by Bonnybridge councillor Billy Buchanan.

For the second time in as many months the skies over and around Bonnybridge seem to be alive with UFO activity.

The latest sightings occurred in the skies over Denny - the most recent being last Thursday evening - and they have been captured on video!

Councillor Buchanan found the pictures 'overwhelming'.

"I was truly agast when shown the film. It was simply staggering," he said.

Councillor Buchanan saw what he described as a white sphere of light with intermittently flashing coloured lights, mainly blue, green and red. As filming continued the shape took on a more triangular formation.

A second video shot at a later date showed a bright, rotating object with lights coming out from the bottom. Suddenly a bright beam of light came out towards the ground 'like they were taking a photo' and then there was a surge of light and the entire object vanished into the night.

"Now we want to know what is going on and it's time that the government

launched some kind of investigation into what is going on in the skies over and around Bonnybridge," said the councillor.

Malcolm Robinson, of the Psychic Phenomenon Unit in Tullibody said: "The MoD have denied any involvement in test flights in that area and they have also denied any secret testing of pilotless aircraft."

Mr Robinson has also been in touch with Scottish Power but has been given assurances by them that no maintenance helicopters have been involved in night-flying in that area in the recent past.

Mr Robinson said that there had been a great deal of UFO activity in other parts of the world in recent weeks, notably in Puerto Rico and in Mexico.

Anyone with information on recent sightings should get in touch with Mr Robinson on 0259 724033.

Meanwhile the video films of recent sightings will be featured on a television report on U.F.O. sightings.

Meanwhile, Councillor Buchanan has been promised a copy of the film made by a Japanese company and shown recently to an audience of 50 million, and he hopes to have it shown in Bonnybridge at a later date.

'I made love to E.T.' claims woman

ONE of the most bizarre UFO claims was made by an Accrington spinster in 1980.

She said she had made love with an alien.

The woman, from Green Haworth, told investigators that beings had cut her open by telepathy to make her well when she was ill.

The woman, who was not named, said the encounters started in 1970 when people from UFOs started talking to her.

"They said they had been watching me. I had been ill but they had made me well by operating on my brain," she said.

"Later they cut me open, using telepathy, to

practice techniques on me. They gave me a boyfriend in space and we made love by telepathy. "Often they would make me forget what I had seen. They told me they were looking for telepathic people.

Beauty

"They had watched me from birth. It took them six years to sort out our language. They whistle to communicate to each other and hoot in case of danger."

"I have seen them through my telepathic eye. They have large heads with high foreheads and large brains. "Beauty to them is a large brain."

Stuart Smith, of the Independent UFO Network, said: "She claimed she had been abducted but on greater investigation it turned out to be more of a psychological experience - but the file is still open."

"The terror, trauma and shock from the experience was definitely not in her imagination."

"And a doctor's examination showed there had been bruising and interference with her sex organs."

CR: T. Good

Psychic predicts another UFO visit

A SCOTS psychic predicts the site of Britain's first claimed UFO landing, could be visited by other spacecraft.

And Catrina McNab claims another strange craft has already visited Dechmont Law in Lothian - scene of forester Bob Taylor's graphic account of his close encounter with a spaceship.

On the 14th anniversary of the strange event which hit the world headlines, UFO expert Ron Halliday asked the Bannockburn medium to visit the site near Livingston.

The results of the experiment delighted the Stirling-based researcher, who is still investigating the mystery.

"I got a strange, quite amazing feeling when I approached the area for the first time," said Catrina. "I had a burning sensation in my throat and Ron told me Bob Taylor had a similar feeling."

"I told Ron someone had passed out at the spot and did a drawing of round, spiky objects

rolling along the ground. Ron told me these fitted Bob Taylor's account of events, although I had no prior knowledge of them.

"I also got the impression of some tremendous energy force and singed trees."

"I am absolutely convinced something strange happened at this spot. I believe a UFO landed here."

"I believe another strange object has already visited this spot and there will be more visits."

Ron Halliday, chairman of Scottish Earth Mysteries Research, said he was delighted with the success of the experiment.

"Catrina's findings fully support Bob Taylor's account of events," he said.

"I deliberately did not give her advance details and she has provided some very interesting and useful information."

"It has opened up one or two new avenues for research. I certainly intend to carry out more experiments using her powers."



WATCH THIS SPACE: Catrina McNab at the site of the reputed UFO landing in a clearing near Livingston in 1979.

Sceptics and believers boldly go on arguing UFO sightings: it's life but not as we know it!

Whether you believe in their existence or not, UFOs have become part of modern life. Hundreds of sceptics and believers spent the weekend arguing if men from outer space really exist, as ANGELA HURREN reports.

For one heart-stopping moment, almost everyone thinks he is seeing a UFO.

Most of us quickly realise that the mysterious glowing "spacecraft" is simply the sun glinting on the wings of a plane.

Yet every year dozens of people remain convinced there is no other explanation — what they saw simply had to be a UFO.

In the past 50 years, East Anglia has been visited by flying cigars, mushrooms, fiery globes and flashing colours.

The 50s, when the public imagination was excited by un conquered space, were boom-time for UFO spotters with scores of reported sightings around Norfolk and Suffolk.

Give them a buzz



Waxham-based UFO investigators Anne de Boisgelin and Roy Wilkinson, who research for Quest International, would like to hear from anyone who has had some kind of space encounter. Call North

Walsingham 618110.

The Quest International 24-hour hotline is 0756 752216. Tickets for the Quest-run UFO conference at Leeds on September 25 are also available from that number.

And the Worldwide UFO Witness Register — which offers a listening ear and advice to people who have seen UFOs — can be contacted through Janice Georgiou on 081-341 5883.

ings around Norfolk and Suffolk.

Many people believe all sightings can be put down to galactic events such as the Perseid meteor shower, which passed by under cover of cloud on Wednesday night, or to balloons, aircraft and tricks of the light.

But Anne de Boisgelin, who investigates UFO sightings in Norfolk, thinks it is important not to ridicule people who believe they have seen something.

With Roy Wilkinson, she interviews people for Quest International, an organisation that investigates UFOs across the world.

"I have seen orange lights and half-moon shapes which have appeared over the horizon," said Ms de Boisgelin, from Waxham.

"Whether it was a spaceship or not we will never know."

Philip Mantle, organiser of the Independent UFO Network conference at Sheffield at the weekend, still cannot decide if he believes in alien visitors.

He was a sceptic until he saw strange lights in the sky over Wiltshire. He contacted the UFO Network and discovered many people who had seen similar lights around the country.

Among them is Janice Georgiou, founder of the British branch of the Worldwide UFO Witness Register.

She claims she has been abducted twice by aliens, seen flying saucers since she was a child and even have pictures of UFOs on video.

"The group is so important because a lot of people who have these sort of experiences have no one else to turn to," she said.



Kerry Preston with her drawing of the UFO she saw one night.

'North Star' size of a 4-lane highway

Despite the ridicule of some of their friends, the Preston family remain convinced — they have seen a huge spaceship.

They say the 100ft flying saucer appeared above their car as they drove into King's Lynn one night. In the car were Marilyn Preston of Lynn and her daughters Kim and Kerry.

Kim explained: "As we drove towards Lynn my sister pointed out what she thought was the North Star."

"But it just got bigger and bigger. As we came to the roundabout near Campbells it was there above us. It was as wide as all four lanes of the

road, about 100 feet."

She said the craft was grey with bright lights all over it. It hovered over a building before disappearing leaving the smell of burning fuel.

"I had always wanted to see a UFO but when it happened I was terrified and just wanted it to go away," said Kim, who has since had dreams of being revisited by spacemen.

Anne de Boisgelin, the Waxham-based UFO investigator who interviewed the family for her research, said:

"Whether it was a spaceship or not we will never know but I certainly believe they saw something."

'We saw a flying saucer' claim

By Jo Porter

If you were an alien out for a spin in your spaceship where would you go for scenic views and an atmosphere out of this world?

Apparently cosmic Burgess Hill — destination for the intergalactic day-trippers shown in this photograph.

The blue/silver saucer-shaped craft was seen and captured on film above London Road by Daniel Elson and Jonathan Brown, 25.

They were at work one afternoon recently when Jonathan saw the mysterious craft. He called Daniel, 21, outside and both watched amazed as it flew over their heads.

Daniel remembers: "We were a bit gobsmacked. It was just like a flat saucer shape. It was going the speed an aircraft would go. It did not appear to be moving that quickly. Then it went fast and it was a heck of a speed."

"I couldn't believe it. You couldn't hear anything. I reckon it was there for 20 seconds before it went over the building behind."

The UFO disappeared but Daniel managed to take a photo of it. "When I got the photos back the

man said: "Have you seen this?"

Still shocked by the experience he said: "What can you say? I don't know whether I believe in UFO-type things but it wasn't like anything I'd seen before."

Possible explanations for the UFO are:

A WEATHER BALLOON. Weatherman Chris Holmes of Charwood Road, Burgess Hill discounted the theory. "All weather balloons are set off at Gatwick and you could not mistake that for a UFO. The balloon also has a very, very long tail."

But he did offer a meteorological explanation, that the UFO was a mock sun. "Sometimes you see a brilliant silvery blue disc — these are caused by very high cirrus clouds."

AN AIRCRAFT. A spokesman at Gatwick said that Burgess Hill is on many flightpaths. "In certain weather conditions they can be mistaken for UFOs."



Daniel Elson points out where he saw the UFO to colleague Tim Browne



Captured on film... the mysterious flying object

UFO sighting: Kidnap theory

UFO experts investigating a sighting by courting couples at Newstead Abbey earlier this month now believe the young lovers could have been abducted by aliens.

The couples say that after they saw an object hovering over their cars they found an hour had passed which they could not account for, and members of the East Midlands UFO Research Association (EMUFORA) believe abduction could be the answer.

Researchers hoped the answer might come by putting the lovers under hypnosis. Nothing has yet come out of these sessions, but one member of the group is said to be having "inexplicable flashbacks".

Tracking

One of the men realised he had been rubbing his nostril after the sighting, which EMUFORA investigator Tony James believes could be a sign that the aliens had implanted a tracking device in the man's brain.

The couples, all in their early 20s, and from Mansfield — who have asked not to be identified — had driven to Newstead Abbey for a smooch under the stars at 3.50am. Soon after, they say they saw a triangular object fly across the grounds, and hover above their cars.

But when they looked at their watches, they say they realised that what they thought was a five-minute experience had lasted an hour.

Investigations by EMUFORA are continuing.

Aliens land on Manitoulin Island

Man, 36 years old, father of two disappears, compounded by the tendency to over dramatize, vanishes without a trace. Now, if you just spent three days on a fishing vacation, unbeknownst to your wife, what would you tell her? "Honey, you'll never believe this, but I was abducted by aliens and Elvis was at the helm of the space ship."

UFO's and their believers have been relegated in today's society as impressionable dreamers with a penchant for an overly descriptive imagination. I too, shared this view. Yet, to date I will reaffirm my belief that aliens have not landed on the planet Earth (except the Orson Wells variety.)

Recently, as a result of genuine curiosity, I met with UFOlogist Michel Deschamps. Mr Deschamps immediately impressed me with not only the knowledge and proof he possessed, but also the conviction with which he spoke. Deschamps is titled as the Provincial Director for the Section



UFOlogist Michel Deschamps

Sudbury District. His duties entail the compilation of all UFO incidents into report form. These reports are then transferred to the Mutual UFO Network Inc (MUN) located in Texas. This network establishes a framework through its database which permits the accessibility of UFO information retrieval.

Now, you, the readers, are probably wondering "Are peanut butter cups really that big? If so, how do the farmers keep the chocolate from settling all over the crops?" To lay your curiosity to rest, yes, peanut butter cups can be up to nine feet in diameter, and to keep the chocolate off the crops, a wax paper diaper covers the lower portions of the flying goodies. To those of you "Homers" still thinking about the chocolate, I am referring to the mysterious crop circles that suddenly began appearing on a systematic basis in England. (Suddenly became newsworthy, that is!)

Mr. Deschamps will be the first to admit that there is truth to these circles, but a great number of hoaxes have been perpetrated by phony circle rakers (stupid phony circle rakers, at that!) Deschamps has in fact witnessed these mysterious circle formations first hand. Sometime around mid-september 1990, on a Spring Bay, Manitoulin Island road, two unidentified (as pertaining to origin) circles appeared. It was not until one year later, however, that Mr. Deschamps was informed and proceeded to investigate the site. As time and the elements would dictate, the assumed landing site was covered by the surrounding sand and gravel which make up the entire farm road. With the meticulous use of a brush,

Deschamps managed to uncover the partial remains of the circle depressions. He observed that the circles appeared to have been sandblasted with such an intense pressure that the sand and gravel had turned into a cement-like surface. Truth or fiction? Deschamps believes something alive had to have caused these mysterious formations, and they were not a deliberate attempt to deceive.

The impetus for Michel Deschamps' plunge into the UFO Phenomena was not the consequence of a personal sighting. As a child of 14, with an abundance of natural curiosity, published articles



Was Spring Bay, Manitoulin a visiting site for travellers from another world? These impressions in the road seem to indicate so.

and first hand accounts by others seemed to perpetuate his need to find some answers. In future edition of South Side Story, Mr. Deschamps will reveal his personal accounts and explore strange and eerie events by which science is baffled, and but one truth remains. More or less, the Demystification of UFO's.

If aliens are visiting this planet, maybe they too have a "Prime Directive" of non-interference. My God! Could that mean Gene Roddenberry was the grand Pubba of the Martian Civilization? Just remember when gazing aimlessly into the heavens in an attempt to catch a glimpse of the unknown, pull off the side of the road first! R.B.

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UFO watch's flash sightings

WILL the mystery of UFOs and corn circles be unlocked at an event in Enham Alamein tomorrow?

It's highly unlikely but at least those who turn up to an exhibition in the Landale Wilson hall should enjoy the displays, talks, demonstrations and discussions organised by the Andover Unexplained Phenomena Investigation Network.

The network is the brainchild of Enham resident Malcolm Terry, who has long had an interest in mysterious happenings. He reveals Network members are examining the evidence of nine UFO sightings over two months along a corridor about 4.5 miles wide reaching from Newbury to the Clatfords.

A local investigation team had an exciting Saturday evening when members stationed themselves near Wetherwell. Towards Monxton they saw an object hovering about 200 feet above the ground and 50 feet in diameter and pulsating bright white and amber lights.

The sighting lasted for about 30 seconds after which similar lights returned every five or six minutes for an hour and then four appeared in a line about 500 yards apart for one minute. Finally, the single light re-appeared.

MATLOCK MERCURY, Derbyshire, England - Oct. 1, 1993 CR: T. Good

FLYING SAUCER SIGHTINGS OVER TOWN CENTRE?

FLYING saucer investigators said over 30 people spotted a large UFO at Bakewell on Sunday night.

The Phenomenon Research Association said the large triangular object was similar to several sightings over Belgium where the craft was seen to accelerate to thousands of miles an hour in seconds.

Nottingham man Peter Andrews was driving home from Bakewell when he saw the black object at around 9.25pm.

Blinking

The craft was said to have a white bright light at each corner and a red light along the side between. It also had multiple bright lights blinking on and off.

The UFO was estimated to be travelling at

40mph at a very low altitude without any noise.

Fighter jets chased a similar object over Belgium a few years ago.

Enormous

"This thing has been compared to the size of a football pitch. It's enormous," said Omar Fowler, head of Phenomenon Research who is appealing for witnesses.

Brilliant

The UFO was also seen by a Belper couple, George and Margaret Hewitt, as they were travelling home from Wakefield along the M1.

"It was a very brilliant light," said Mr

Hewitt, 62.

"It stopped there quite a while," he added.

Other witnesses can contact Mr Fowler on 0602 302773.

METRO NEWS, Birmingham, England - Oct. 21, 1993

Sighting to be explained

MYSTERIES of Unidentified flying Objects will be explained at a national meeting in Birmingham this weekend.

The British UFO Research Association has invited one of the country's leading authorities on the subject to talk about one of the best documented cases which happened in Rowley Regis.

Albert Budden will be giving an illustrated lecture at Dr Johnson's House, 40 Bull Street, Birmingham, on Saturday October 23 between 1.30-4.30pm.

Mr Budden, who has been researching the incident for 11 years, described the UFO sighting. He said: "Mrs Joan Hingley saw a huge orange glow hovering over the car port. She went closer to have a better look and saw it move towards her house and turn white."

"The incident affected her dog who became paralysed. Mrs Hingley then saw three beings enter her house and then had a religious conversation with them."

"When they left she saw a 7ft long craft sitting on the lawn." Although the incident may sound like a pure fantasy, Mr

By Jackie Hartell

Budden can explain the phenomena as an example of the manifestation of Earthlights.

He said: "It is all to do with the geology of the area. Basically, if you have a fault line, a hill, quarry, radio mast and some underground or overground water all in the same place, huge electrical forces can be produced, creating a large orange glow."

Joan Hingley died two and a half years later from acute pancreatitis which Mr Budden claims is one of effects of this exposure to huge electrical forces.

The public are invited to examine evidence of this incident and question the experts at the BUFORA meeting which will cost £3 to attend.

CR: T. Good

UFOs

Aliens over Rickmansworth

FOR almost 50 years now the governments of the world have collaborated with enormous success in preventing their people from knowing of the existence of great numbers of alien craft in the skies of our planet, but, effective as the campaign has been, it is not possible to prevent individuals from speaking or writing about what they have seen.

The sightings go on, in every part of the world, and we estimate that somewhere or other there will be a UFO sighting every four or five minutes.

The latest local account that we have received comes from Rickmansworth itself, where on October 14 residents in the area of Talbot Road observed glowing pinkish-coloured craft zig-zagging about at tremendous speeds in the clear sky overhead (no clouds) on three occasions between 11.15pm and midnight, and I am anxious to learn if possible through the courtesy of your columns whether anybody else in this part of the county observed anything strange or unusual at that time?

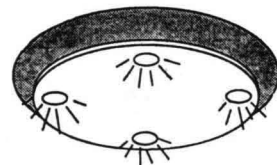
It may interest at least a tiny proportion of your readers to know that, while the British press is permitted to say nothing of such matters, the Russian public is now being informed very freely indeed, and I am continuing to receive a flood of reports — many of them quite extraordinary — from that country!

Spectacular accounts have also been coming in from all parts of the USA, from all parts of South America, from China, Israel, Europe, etc.

Over Derbyshire in our own country, on the night of September 26, scores of eyewitnesses observed a huge black triangular craft, the size of a football-pitch, with a vivid white light in each angle and a big red one in the centre of its underbelly. It was flying extremely low, and totally silent, at an estimated speed of 40mph.

No human technology would be capable of producing a craft of that size that would remain air-borne at 40 miles per hour! — Gordon Creighton, Editor, Flying Saucer Review, 16 Cedars Avenue, Rickmansworth.

GUARDIAN, Worksop, England
Oct. 22, 1993 CR: T. Good



● Artists impression of one of the UFOs spotted in the area

UFO is seen at Langold

A UFO was spotted over Langold last week by a woman driving home from work.

The shocked woman—who does not want to be named—is convinced that the mystery object in the sky was an unidentified flying object.

And other sightings have been reported as far away as Aston, Harthill and Harworth.

The woman was driving along Doncaster Road when she saw the craft.

Lights

"It was a circular shape and had green and white lights on it," she said.

It was travelling very fast, and the woman believes it could have just taken off when she saw it.

The incident happened last Monday when the woman was driving through Langold from Doncaster, on her way to Carlton.

"It lit up quite a bit of the sky and I'm sure somebody else must have seen it," she said.

She added that the sky was also filled with orange flashes of light.

"This is the first time I have ever seen anything like this," she said.



Associated Press

MONSTER FISH? — New research on the ecology of Scotland's Loch Ness strongly suggests that it could not support a huge, long-necked, prehistoric sea-monster, reportedly shown in this 1934 file photo, in its murky

depths. If there is something down there, according to naturalists, evidence suggests it could be sturgeon, a strange-looking fish with a long snout and ridged back that can reach 500 pounds.

Loch legend floundering

Scottish monster just a big fish, journal says

BY EUGENE ROBINSON
The Washington Post

LONDON — To all the annual New Year's ins-and-outs lists, add the following:

Out: The Loch Ness monster.

In: The Loch Ness sturgeon.

New research on the ecology of the Scottish loch, among the most comprehensive ever performed, strongly suggests that contrary to legend, Loch Ness could not support a huge, long-necked, prehistoric sea-monster lurking in its murky depths.

If there is something down there, according to naturalist Adrian Shine, leader of the Loch Ness Project, evidence suggests a more prosaic explanation: the sturgeon, a strange-looking fish with a long snout and ridged back that can reach 500 pounds. Wayward sturgeon might occasionally find their way up the Ness River into the loch, fail to locate mates and then wander back out to sea, leaving in their wake hosts of reported sightings of Nessie the Monster.

"Those eyewitnesses have not necessarily been mistaken or lying or drunk," Shine said. "But there ain't any dinosaurs here."

Shine, who lives and works by the side of the loch in Drumadrochit, said a set of 14 papers to be published in the next edition of *The Scottish Naturalist*, a scientific journal, will outline new findings about Loch Ness made by researchers from universities and other institutions throughout Britain.

Among the projects undertaken, he said, was a survey estimating that the loch is relatively barren of fish. In all, according to Shine, Loch Ness probably contains no more than 20 to 30 tons of fish.

Using a rule of thumb, Shine said, if there are predators who live by eating those fish, then the predators' total weight should be no more than 10 percent of the total weight of the prey. Any sea monster worthy of the name would likely be a predator.

"So you're down to two or three tons," Shine said. "That's half the weight of one good-sized whale shark."

Assuming there would have to be at least 10 of the beasts to make a sustainable population, he said, that means each one would likely weigh no more than 400 to 500 pounds — not exactly small, but not quite monstrous.

A prehistoric plesiosaur — often thought of, inaccurately, as a water-dwelling dinosaur —

would have preferred much warmer waters, according to Shine. A seagoing mammal presumably would have to surface to breathe often enough for positive identification.

In Shine's view, that leaves one likely solution, the sturgeon. Sturgeon live in the sea but come into fresh water to breed and spawn.

Shine said that from his reading of local 19th-century newspapers, tradition seemed to hold that there was a huge fish in Loch Ness. "At some point a departure took place between the local tradition of a huge fish and the new tradition of a prehistoric monster," he said. "I call it the media monster."

Nessie has had a hold on the romantic imagination for

decades. Proponents of the monster-of-the-deep theory have produced grainy photographs that seem to show a long-necked creature, or a slithering serpent.

"Most of the sightings are caused by boat wakes," Shine said. "The water in Loch Ness is so cold that really this is the last place on earth you'd look for a prehistoric monster."

The ongoing Loch Ness research project has nothing to do with searching for a legendary monster. The most important set of findings to date, Shine said, involves the discovery that the sediments on the bottom of the loch are so well layered that they appear to offer a historical record for studying a range of phenomena.

WSU prof seeks sasquatch

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Dr. Grover Krantz has some big footprints to fill.

Since coming to the WSU anthropology department in 1968, Krantz has spent thousands of hours and dollars trying to prove the existence of the legendary sasquatch, also called Bigfoot.

These creatures allegedly live in forested areas throughout the Pacific Northwest. Krantz estimates they stand between 6 feet 6 inches and 7 feet 8 inches, and weigh between 500 and 600 pounds.

Needless to say, Krantz has taken some abuse from his colleagues for chasing what most call a mythical beast. He pays little attention to most of his detractors, however.

The unique trait of Krantz among sasquatch researchers is that he is a full-time professor with full academic qualifications. He spends about 10 percent of his time on sasquatch research and the rest pursuing other interests in the field of anthropology.

Krantz has accumulated more than 80 plaster casts of large handprints and footprints, most of which he claims were made by sasquatches.

Krantz has taken some of the casts to top fingerprint experts in Wyoming, Washington and Kansas. Current and former heads of fingerprinting at the FBI and experts from Scotland Yard have also examined the prints.

According to Krantz, the opinions ranged from "very interesting" and "they sure look real" to "there is no doubt these are real." The exception was one of the FBI agents, who said, "The implications of this are just too much; I can't believe they are real."

Krantz's collections of evidence lack the one piece of proof everyone would accept: an actual sasquatch body. He admits there will never be acceptance of his evidence until a carcass is found.



Associated Press

Harnett County historian John Hairr has seen the light twice on this track in Vander. Hairr believes there is a scientific explanation for the light, which local folklore attributes to a ghost.

Stories of headless ghosts part of fabric of N.C. communities

By LARRY BINGHAM
Fayetteville Observer-Times

MINTZ — Long ago, there was a railroad engineer whose job was to clock the trains on a lonely stretch through the coastal swamps.

He was lost in thought, as the story goes, when the train came puffing through the darkness one night. Startled, he fell into its path and lost his head, then vanished.

Some believe he returned. A mysterious light that hovered over the tracks, bounced and disappeared was said to be the ghost and his lantern.

There's a similar story 15 miles up the tracks in Vander, and other stories of headless ghosts are woven in the folklore of the coastal towns of Beaufort, N.C., and Maco and the mountain town of Linville, near Boone.

Some of North Carolina's most famous ghost stories, the lights have been witnessed and photographed. But are they ghosts?

"To this day, that's what I think it was," said Diane Outlaw, recalling the Mintz light she saw one night in 1961. "I never did hear nothing to tell me different."

John Hairr, a Harnett County historian who has seen the light in Vander twice, believes there's a scientific explanation. "I don't believe in ghosts," Hairr said.

He's heard plenty of explanations in his research, ranging from methane swamp gas to static electricity to a low burst of lightning.

Witnesses say the light is about the size of a human head and is seen from at least 200 feet, where it bounces and disappears.

Is it swamp gas? Ghost book author Nancy Brown of Charlotte says no.

Brown said that would not explain the three brown lights that she and hundreds of others have seen flitting, then disappearing, near the Linville Gorge. Some believe those lights are the ghosts of Indian maidens searching for their warrior lovers who died in battle.

Static electricity? Won't work, Brown says, because static starts from two surfaces rubbing. Unless a train is coming, there's no friction.

CR: G. Fawcett

He theorizes that the reason no bodies have been found is the same reason that very few corpses of bears are ever found — since they are so big and have no predators, they rarely die of anything besides natural causes. When an animal dies of natural causes, its instinct is to hide itself before it dies.

Since Krantz has to pay for all his research costs out of his own pocket, this search has cost him money as well as time. In addition, his quest for sasquatches has cost him his reputation among the scientific community.

—The Daily Evergreen (Washington State U., Pullman), Nov. 10

Loud purrs from Bodmin Moor

I AM GLAD to see that the Beast of Bodmin is alive and well and attracting attention. Various sightings over the past few weeks confirm that a big black cat is at large in Cornwall: on the basis of a video film taken by Rosemary Rhodes, who farms on Bodmin Moor, an expert from London Zoo has identified it as a South-East Asian leopard.

There is something agreeably mysterious about the survival of major predators in an island as densely populated as ours. Where do they come from? Why is it that they are seen so rarely? And why has no corpse or skeleton ever been found?

Your correspondent has been fancying feral felines on and off ever since a hefty carnivore began to be seen about the thickly wooded country south of Godalming in the autumn of 1964. Early reports excited scepticism and derision, but first-hand accounts built up so fast that the creature soon became known as the Surrey puma, and the police opened a Puma Book in which incidents were recorded. For months the prize exhibit in Godalming police station was the plaster cast of a pug-mark more than five inches across.

Some witnesses were clearly over-excited — such as the woman who reported "exceptionally loud purring" outside her window — but others were down-to-earth. Farmers had sheep killed, bullocks and heifers were savaged, and gamekeepers found roe deer with their necks broken.

So far as I can discover, no satisfactory account has ever been given of where the puma came from, or of what happened to it. Presumably it escaped from, or was deliberately

let go by, some private owner, who then kept quiet; and presumably in the end it died a natural death. Reports of it continued for more than three years before petering out.

Yet, in its brief notoriety, the Surrey puma set the pattern for all the big-cat activity that has followed: streams of eye-witness reports, much evidence in the way of tracks and kills, but never a body or a photograph clear enough for unequivocal identification.

During the Seventies the main theatre of activity shifted to Exmoor, where sightings and incidents built up steadily, coming to a peak early in 1983. That spring so many sheep were killed on Drewstone Farm, near South Molton, that the owner, Eric Ley, called in independent hunters, the police and finally a detachment of the Royal Marines in attempts to shoot the marauder. Rumour had it that the Marines despatched several wandering dogs, but no big cat was accounted for and, although the massacre of sheep diminished, killings and sightings have continued ever since.

Probably the greatest living expert on the subject is Nigel Brierly, a retired biologist who lives on the southern fringes of Exmoor and has spent years collecting evidence. His 80-page paperback, *They Stalk by Night*, published in 1989, gives the fullest account of the phenomenon to date.

The subtitle of his booklet, *The Big Cats of Exmoor and the South-West*, reflects his belief that the sheep-killers are not, as some people have claimed, large dogs. Everything about them is feline, from their round heads, small ears, green eyes and long tails to their method of killing — which is

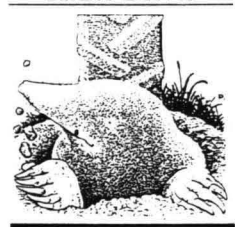
to stalk and spring without any of the preliminary coursing practised by dogs.

Mr Brierly believes, further, that not merely several individual animals, but several different species, are at large. Multiple sightings report pumas both brown and black, and also lynxes, which are a different shape, and have distinctive tufts on their ears. A third possibility is that some of the animals are melanistic leopards.

Like most of the people in-

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involved in the hunt, Mr Brierly has no wish to kill the predators; but he does have a burning ambition to make an absolutely positive identification and to "find out what the hell these things are". To this end, he has grown extensive crops of catmint and refined extract from the plants into a concentrated oil, which he hopes will lure the elusive beasts of Exmoor. Attempts to trap one in a steel-mesh cage have so far proved fruitless, and he is now

pinning his hopes on getting a good close-up photograph with cameras fired by pressure pads. In this he is being assisted by a police detective from London, and a colleague specialising in photography.

One persistent puzzle has been the failure of local hunts to pursue the animals. On several occasions, after sightings, foxhounds have been brought in and put on the line, but never with any success.

The answer may lie in the fact that hounds do not recognise big cats as prey but, on the contrary, have a natural fear of them. Many eye-witnesses have described how dogs bristle-up and bolt when they come across one of the felines, or even just its scent. Mr Brierly believes that the only way to bring one to book will be to import American hounds specially trained for puma-hunting: they, if they did their stuff, should be able to tree one of the British cats, and so solve at least part of the mystery.

Meanwhile, the focus of attention has switched to Cornwall, and in particular to Rosemary Rhodes, whose Ninestones Farm lies high on Bodmin Moor near Jamaica Inn. Although she took her video film only this month, she has been harassed by sheep-killing for almost three years, and in the summer of 1992 she rang Nigel Brierly for advice. His response was to send down John Lambert, a professional tracker who had been one of the Royal Marines deployed on Exmoor in 1983.

During the time that Lambert worked at Ninestones, he had several close encounters with cats, including one with a lynx, which passed under the tree in which he was sitting,

and another with a larger animal which followed him home one night. Unfortunately, he has since died in Bosnia, where he went as a member of a volunteer medical team.

Like Mr Brierly, Mrs Rhodes does not want the wild cats killed. But she does want to establish what they are, and to demonstrate that she herself is not a "hysterical, attention-seeking female". She, too, has hopes of cornering one up a tree, and has acquired a bloodhound, which she proposes to train for cat-hunting.

Once regarded as a joke, the beasts of Bodmin and Exmoor are now causing serious concern. The sight of two pumas together on Exmoor, both wearing collars, strongly suggests that animal-rights activists have been making releases; and this, combined with the fact that the big cats already on the moor have bred cubs, threatens to produce a population of major carnivores larger than our fragile environment will stand. Roe deer and rabbits support a certain number, but if present trends continue, attacks on farm animals will rise to an intolerable level.

If the predators were all pumas, which rarely attack humans, people would be less worried; but leopards are more ferocious altogether. Small wonder that responsible fanciers are calling for an upgrade of the Dangerous Animals Act, which, in its present state, makes it far too easy to let a cat out of the bag.

Copies of *'They Stalk by Night'* are available, price £3.60, from Nigel Brierly at The Old School, Newtown, Bishops Nympton, South Molton, North Devon EX36 3QR.

Red Mercury Is Hot, But the Question Is: What Exactly Is It?

A Russian Scientist Hawks It
For Big Money, He Says,
With Yeltsin's Sanction

By ADI IGNATIUS
Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
YEKATERINBURG, Russia — It is the most dangerous substance on the world market, promising a way for rogue nations to leapfrog into the nuclear club. Or, it's an elaborate hoax. Take your pick.

The substance is "red mercury," a material with an aura of mystery and international intrigue. Shadowy Russian businessmen vie for licenses to export it to buyers in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. But nobody is saying exactly what red mercury is, or even exactly how it might be used.

The stuff, its makers claim, is the breakthrough ingredient for making cut-rate nuclear bombs as small as watermelons. By various accounts, it can also produce antiradar coatings or propel rockets.

If it's fake, then why are businessmen in the former Soviet Union signing contracts for red mercury that in some instances involve billions of dollars?

The Truest Believer

Oleg Sadykov is more than just a believer. The 39-year-old scientist claims to have been producing red mercury — a complicated synthesis of mercury and oxidized antimony — for more than a year at his factory in the Urals.

While many scientists are suspicious about red mercury's touted properties, the claims of the latter-day alchemist have garnered considerable attention for Mr. Sadykov's company, Promekologia. A small and unprofitable environmental concern, Promekologia's main earlier activity had been a feeble attempt to grow tomatoes in permafrost.

A visit to Promekologia's offices in Yekaterinburg merely deepens the mystery. Heavy steel doors and an unsmiling security detail deny entry to a visitor. But Alexander Popov, a disheveled chemical engineer, finally emerges from Promekologia's secure inner sanctum and leads his visitor past a number of starkly empty offices to a conference room. Gaining access to this place, however, doesn't mean getting to see a sample of the fabled substance.

"We don't actually keep any red mercury here," explains Mr. Popov. He declines, moreover, to disclose the whereabouts of Promekologia's production facility. "In Russia, we have a saying: 'The less you know, the better you sleep.'"

Six hundred miles west, in an apartment in Moscow, Mr. Sadykov turns out to be somewhat more forthcoming. Promekologia's director says he has produced a test batch of five kilograms of "Red Mercury 20.20" that, he says, would fetch \$300,000 a kilogram on the world market.

It is sums like that, and outlandish claims for the substance, that make many in the international scientific community skeptical. "Take a bogus material, give it an enigmatic name, exaggerate its properties, mix in some intrigue and *voilà*: a half-baked scam," says Vic Hogsett, technology analyst at the U.S. nuclear-weapons research center in Los Alamos, N.M.

"Western experts don't believe it," concedes Mr. Sadykov, a tall man with intense eyes and a penchant for dark suits and flashy pink ties. "But remember, five minutes before plastic was first synthesized, scientists didn't believe that was possible either." Mr. Sadykov, however, has no red mercury on hand to show off.

The director does produce two curious documents, both of which turn out to be authentic. The first is a classified decree from Mr. Sadykov's longtime acquaintance, Boris Yeltsin. Issued last year, the decree grants Promekologia the exclusive right to produce, buy and export red mercury for a period of three years — tax free. The Russian president thus would seem to be a believer, too.



Oleg Sadykov

TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE

Japanese Funds Warm a Conference Of 'Cold Fusion' Die-Hards in Maui

By JERRY E. BISHOP

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

MAUI, Hawaii — The scientifically beleaguered few who still believe in energy from room-temperature nuclear fusion have been sipping gratefully on a Japanese tonic at this luxury resort.

Researchers at the fourth annual international conference on "cold fusion" (skeptics called the first "a seance of believers") learned that the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) is launching of a major research effort to find out if cold fusion is real.

Kazuaki Matsui of MITI told the gathering that MITI has organized what it calls the New Hydrogen Energy Project in cooperation with key Japanese companies and universities with a proposed budget equal to \$30 million over the next four years.

The Japanese are making their research commitment despite the extreme skepticism that has hung over claims of cold fusion, initially made by a pair of chemists in March 1989 at a University of Utah news conference. The chemists, Martin Fleischmann of Britain and B. Stanley Pons, now conduct experiments in a 50,000-square-foot laboratory the Japanese company Technova runs in southern France.

MITI's name for the new project carefully avoids the term, cold fusion, a theory that hydrogen atoms can undergo nuclear fusion at room temperatures in small rods of palladium metal saturated with the heavy form of hydrogen called deuterium. Cold fusion believers assert that their experiments release more energy, as heat, than they consume electrically. But most physicists say that the experiments fail to produce evidence of nuclear reactions, and therefore the heat measurements must be wrong.

The goal of the Japanese "new hydrogen energy" project is "to confirm and demonstrate an excess heat-generation phenomenon," and, if such a phenomenon is confirmed, "to make excess heat generation controllable," Dr. Matsui said.

Japanese Corporate Support

The program is being supported by Japanese electric utilities and companies like Toshiba Corp. and Nippon Steel Corp., and will cooperate with the utility-supported Electric Power Research Institute in the U.S., the major American source of funds for cold fusion experiments.

Many researchers here claim they are slowly overcoming the problems of proving cold fusion to be a real phenomenon. But the skepticism continues. And at least one prominent cold fusion researcher backed off from his 1990 claims of having detected small, tell-tale bursts of neutrons, regarded as a sign of nuclear reactions, in a cold fusion experiment.

It was physicist Steven Jones of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, whose own work on cold fusion surfaced at the same time as that of Drs. Pons and Fleischmann. Dr. Jones claimed at the time to have achieved far lower levels of energy in his experiments and was accorded correspondingly higher levels of credibility by the scientific community.

Dr. Jones reported here, however, that an improved neutron detector had consistently failed over the last two years to detect such neutron bursts as he described in 1990. This indicates the earlier claims were based on artifacts or errors in the detectors, he said. He stands by his initial 1989 claim that extremely low rates of cold fusion can occur.

Meanwhile, researchers at SRI International, the Menlo Park, Calif., concern carrying out the largest U.S. cold fusion experiment under a contract with the Electric Power Research Institute, are beginning to understand why some experiments produce excess heat and others don't, reported Michael McKubre, head of the SRI team.

Dr. McKubre said the SRI researchers have found that they consistently get excess heat if the loading of the palladium rod reaches 95 deuterium atoms for each 100 palladium atoms. But no one can yet

figure out why some pieces of palladium will load up with this critical level of deuterium atoms while others won't.

And nobody has cleared away the biggest cloud over cold fusion: the general absence in the experiments of some kind of nuclear "ash" in the form of X-rays, gamma radiation, neutrons, or atoms of newly created helium or tritium, a triply heavy form of hydrogen.

Goal of More Power

Dr. Fleischmann said in an interview that he and Dr. Pons are continuing to get about four times as much power out of the experiments as is put in, but the amount of excess power is now up to 150 to 170 watts, compared with thousandths of a watt four years ago. "This year we're trying to get 300 to 500 watts of excess power," Dr. Fleischmann said.

None of this impressed the critics. "I still demand reproducibility and I don't see it forthcoming," said John R. Huizenga, a retired physicist and chemist who led the U.S. panel that said in 1989 it could find no convincing evidence of nuclear fusion in the "cold fusion" claims.

And Douglas R. O. Morrison, a particle physicist from Switzerland, said nothing in the meeting changed his mind that cold fusion is a case of "pathological science" where scientists are seeing only what they want to see.

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The second document is even more impressive. It is a contract Promekologia signed last March to export 84 tons of red mercury for \$24.2 billion. Not bad for a company with sales last year of \$1,200.

The buyer is a concern in Van Nuys, Calif., registered as API International Inc. Mr. Sadykov says the company is a purchasing front for "about 50 Fortune 500 corporations" that plan to use red mercury for peaceful purposes. He declines to say just what they might be.

Efforts to track down API lead to a car-parts shop in suburban Los Angeles. There, API's president, J.C. Godinez, refers all questions to his New York City lawyer, Edward Sousa.

"I was nervous when I first got involved," says Mr. Sousa, who arranges a meeting at midnight in a Manhattan hotel. "I didn't want to deal with anything that would blow up the world."

Once convinced that red mercury wasn't dangerous and has only peaceful potential uses, the American lawyer accepted the task of trying to get the substance legally out of Russia and into Switzerland, where it is to be tested in government labs. The API partners, he says, plan to use red mercury to inject into oil wells, to break up clotting and pump out additional crude.

"But I'm not a scientist," Mr. Sousa concedes. "You could show me red shoe polish, and I wouldn't know."

The oil-well application doesn't hold much water with Russia's scientific elite, the Academy of Sciences in Moscow.

"You want red mercury? Well, here's some," says Lev Niselson, laboratory chief at Moscow's Institute of Rare Elements, as he holds up a vial of reddish powder. "And I'll sell it to you cheap."

The balding academician dissolves into laughter. He concocted the powder himself by mixing mercury with iodine, and he suspects that most of what is touted around the world as red mercury isn't much more than that. If there is red mercury, he says, it has no practical value evident to him.

For two years, bureaucrats and prospective traders have sent purported chemical analyses of red mercury to Mr. Niselson and a colleague, Yuri Buslayev, a Russian chemistry expert. The analyses seem to suggest the dawning of a new era of supermetals with extraordinary energy-storing capabilities. But each time, the two men have found what they consider fatal flaws—contradictions in the analyses—and have rejected them as bogus.

"Red mercury absolutely does not exist," says Mr. Buslayev, who has his own theory as to the meaning of the mystery: money laundering. Others contend that "red mercury" is a cover for the export of other sensitive materials, maybe uranium or even gold. But there is at least one expert who, perhaps with tongue in cheek, says red mercury might be for real.

Tom Neff, a physicist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, calls himself an agnostic on the issue but wants to believe. He is serious enough about it to have given a Russian colleague in the Urals \$100 to find him a red mercury sample. "That was a long time ago," Mr. Neff says. "Hey," he adds after a pause, "that guy's still got my money!"

More seriously convinced is Frank Barnaby, a British nuclear scientist currently in Russia searching for red mercury. "I used to think it was a hoax," he says. "But I now accept that it may be possible to construct a nuclear weapon with this material." And what about Mr. Yeltsin's decree, which his office confirms is legitimate? Doesn't that suggest that people at the highest levels of government with access to secret information believe red mercury is legit? "I think it was an error," says Ivan Materov, Russia's first deputy trade minister.

Mr. Sadykov contends that claims that red mercury doesn't exist can be traced to "criminal and political groups" that, he says, have been exporting the material since the 1970s and don't want their monopoly broken. Among the alleged conspirators: senior KGB officers, Communist Party leaders, military brass.

For now, Mr. Sadykov cultivates an image of secrecy, which might not be bad for business. He won't discuss his background, except to say that he once worked in a classified antiweapons program.

But for a man of science, he has quirks. He turns white when a visitor pulls out a camera. "We've done research that proves that extrasensory experts can kill a living being from 1,000 kilometers with just a photo," Mr. Sadykov explains. "In fact, I can also do this." And, as we know, he can also make red mercury.

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Taos residents making noise over mystery hum

By Hugh Dellios
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

TAOS, N.M.—Two years ago, Paul Loumena and Alexandra Lorraine left the San Francisco area and moved to this fashionable artist colony because of the mountain vistas, the ski slopes and the solitude.

Almost from the day they arrived, however, they have had trouble sleeping. In the middle of the night, Loumena repeatedly has gone out back of their house to search for the cause of an incessant hum.

They soon found they weren't alone in their misery.

For the last two years, this Indian-pueblo-turned-New-Age-mecca has drawn attention less for the desert landscape that inspired Georgia O'Keeffe and D.H. Lawrence than for the mysterious hum that dozens of anguished residents have likened to a diesel droning in the distance.

Labeled "The Taos Hum," it has turned families and friends against each other, forced some to flee the area in search of peace and quiet and given birth to conspiracy theories about which of New Mexico's top-secret U.S. military projects is causing the noise.

Next month scientists from the University of New Mexico once again will invade Taos. Having failed in May to locate any weapons or radar signals on the desert plateau, they will be looking for an answer this time

inside residents' heads.

The dozens who attest they hear the noise, tired of defending themselves against whispers that they are just plain nuts or took too many drugs in college, think it may be a waste of time.

"I don't necessarily believe it has to be a conspiracy," said Loumena, who runs a small adobe inn north of town. "But if it's generated by the inner ear, then why do I feel these vibrations in my heart? Why does my head feel like a tuning fork when I wake up in the morning?"

The many theories on the Taos hum run the gamut from the scraping of the Earth's tectonic plates to an as-yet-unknown energy form that only the most sensitive ears can detect.

For some, the hum portends a future when the volume of background noise from power lines, gasoline engines and electric gadgets will make daily life excruciating, if not unliveable.

Others fear the hearers are the first victims of military experiments with infrasound or pulse weapons that would disable enemy troops in the non-lethal warfare of the future.

Whatever the cause of the perceived disturbance, it is not peculiar to Taos.

As news of the hum spread, officials at the University of New Mexico received calls from people across the U.S. claiming to hear something similar.

In England, a group of hum hearers formed a "Hummers" association.

"I thought I was going crazy, but now I have a whole envelope stuffed with information on Taos," said Marilyn Meyer, 49, of Wau-pun, Wis., who tore down the TV antenna, electric wires and downspouts from her home in a vain effort to stop the hum. "I had even considered that people from outer space were trying to contact us. You think of everything."

Seven months ago, 11 scientists and engineers from the university and three national laboratories draped Taos with an array of acoustic, seismic and electromagnetic sensors. They eavesdropped on gophers tunneling miles away, but failed to pinpoint the kind of low-frequency noise described by the hearers.

Some residents were suspicious of the government-funded study, since an acoustical engineer whom locals hired last year measured a 17-hertz sound that could have been the culprit.

On the other hand, the scientists' collective shrug led to more skepticism among most of Taos' 4,000 residents, many of them old-timers who don't hear the hum.

"It's just the newcomers, and I think they brought it with them," said Mario Duran, 63, a parking enforcement officer checking meters around the town square, where 3 million tourists a year shell out steep sums for turquoise

jewelry, Kachina dolls and cowboy attire.

"They should check with the natives. The only time they hear a hum is when they come out of the bar at 2 o'clock in the morning," Duran said. No tourists have reported to the university that they've heard the hum, either.

University officials, however, now are convinced the hearers—who complain of headaches, nose bleeds and dizziness—aren't crazy.

Earlier this year, Rep. Bill Richardson (D-N.M.), a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, stood up at a packed town meeting in Taos and named three weapons projects as likely sources of the phenomenon. He demanded the federal government put an end to it.

The Pentagon denied involvement. A Richardson spokesman now says the congressman spoke solely on the basis of "rumors."

When they return next month, scientists will investigate whether the hearers produce the sound themselves. They are working on special equipment to measure "otoacoustic emissions," or sounds generated by vibrations of the ear's receptor cells when other noises are piped into it.

"Certainly the sound is not internal," said K.C. Grams, who said the noise sometimes drives her to tears. "I have to use a wave tape to get to sleep here, but I went to house-sit for a friend in Santa Fe and I slept the whole time."

New book claims man existed on earth long before the apes

By ED CONRAD
Standard-Speaker Staff Writer

This brand new book arrived in the mail for the *Standard-Speaker* to review and, since its title is *Forbidden Archeology: The Hidden History of the Human Race*, it came as no surprise that I wound up with the assignment.

After all, for more than a decade I've been insisting that I've discovered petrified human bones and soft organs between anthracite veins in Carboniferous strata dated at a minimum of 280 million years.

If I'm correct — and I assure you I am — then man couldn't possibly have evolved from the lowliest, earliest primates since they didn't pop up until multimillions of years later. And, of course, the bottom line is that Darwin and the evolutionists are dead wrong about man's animal ancestry.

Forbidden Archeology lends credence to my findings because its co-authors contend that they have come across evidence, during eight years of research, that the human fossil record has been suppressed by members of the evolutionary establishment to back up their theory of man's in-human origin.

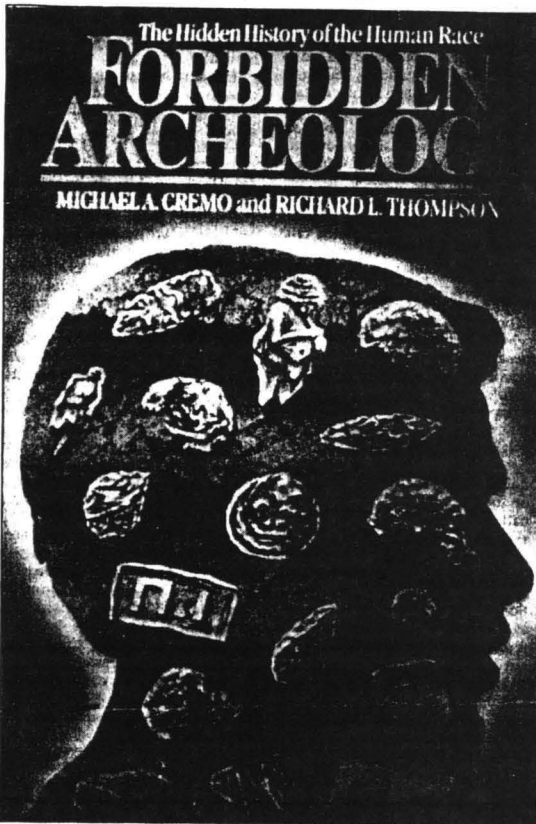
"Over the past two centuries, researchers have found bones and artifacts showing people like ourselves existed on earth millions of years ago," it states in the first paragraph of the cover overleaf. "But the scientific establishment has suppressed, ignored or forgotten these remarkable facts. Why? Because they contradict dominant views of human origins and antiquity."

Michael A. Cremo and Richard L. Thompson, the co-authors/researchers, insist that artifacts discovered in strata predating the earliest date given for the initial emergence of the apes substantiate that humans existed millions of years earlier.

But they charge that the scientific establishment has totally ignored a collection of remarkable findings.

They say evolutionary prejudices, deeply held by powerful groups of scientists, have been responsible for the coverup which they more politely call "a knowledge filter."

Cremo, a researcher specializing in the history of science, and Thompson, a scientist with



published works in the field of mathematical biology, use an abundance of convincing facts.

In the most interesting final chapter, Evidence for Advanced Culture in Distant Ages, *Forbidden Archeology* reveals the following:

■ A nail was discovered embedded in stone in a sandstone quarry in Scotland in strata dated between 360 and 408 million years.

■ Gold thread was found inside stone in England in strata 320 to 360 million years old.

■ A gold chain was discovered between bituminous coal veins near Morrisville, Ill., in strata 260 to 320 million years old.

■ A carved stone was found in a bituminous mine near Webster, Iowa, in strata 260 to 320 million years old.

■ An iron cup was discovered inside a bituminous coal mine near Thomas, Okla., in strata 260 to 320 million years old.

Established science claims that the earliest primates date back 60-65 million years ago and that the earliest hominids — manlike creatures that walked upright — first emerged about 14 million years ago, if anywhere near that far back.

Forbidden Archeology already is receiving glowing reviews.

Dr. Siegfried Scherer, a biologist at the Technical University in Munich, Germany, observed: "If it stimulates professional re-investigation of reports not fitting the current paradigm on human evolution, *Forbidden Archeology* will have contributed to the advancement of knowledge of

the history of mankind."

Diane C. Donovan of the Midwest Book Review calls *Forbidden Archeology* "a weighty, eye-opening expose of scientific cover-ups regarding creation. Over a thousand pages document the real evidence about human origins, with a researcher and scientist joining forces to examine how inherent prejudice has affected the research..."

Meanwhile, I can only wonder why I'm not even mentioned in the book because I've certainly had enough publicity for Cremo and Thompson to at least have heard of me.

After all, lengthy articles about my discoveries have appeared in *The Congressional Record* on two different occasions; two multipage features have been published in *The Spotlight*, the international populist newspaper; and numerous other stories have appeared in more than 500 newspapers from coast to coast.

Despite my specimens' rock-like appearance, two of the nation's most prestigious laboratories have examined the cell structure of one of them microscopically and have confirmed the presence of Haversian systems, the tell-tale sign of bone.

In addition, two of the world's foremost experts on human anatomy — the late Dr. Raymond Dart and the late Wilton M. Krogman, author of "The Human Skeleton in Forensic Medicine" — had physically examined several specimens and stated in writing that they dramatically resembled the contour of bone.

I'd like to add — for the record — that my discoveries of petrified human remains include, in addition to approximately three dozen bones, a gall bladder and a hemisphere of a human brain. I also have found an ax handle that has turned to a substance resembling coal; a dinosaur tooth and bones; and a portion of a giant prehistoric scorpion.

A number of the petrified bones, including a portion of a hominid mandible, are on permanent exhibit in the Greater Hazleton Historical Society Museum.

Forbidden Archeology (\$39.95) is available at major book stores or can be purchased directly from Govardhan Hill, the publisher, at P.O. Box 53730, Badger, Calif. 93603.

STANDARD-SPEAKER, Hazleton, PA -- Nov. 17, 1993 CR: E. Conrad

By STEWART BELL

Is a hairy, ape-like creature with big feet living in the mountains of British Columbia, carefully avoiding scientists and bounty hunters?

Three recently released books revolve around this question and the search for the elusive beast that lives in the house of unsolved mysteries along with the Loch Ness Monster, Ogo-pogo and whoever puts the filling into Cadbury bars.

For some reason, this seems to be the year of the sasquatch in the North American publishing world, which leads me to suspect it's been a slow year.

Or does someone out there really take Bigfoot seriously enough to publish a 300-page "scientific" study of the issue?

Big Footprints: A Scientific Inquiry into the Reality of Sasquatch is an attempt to bring what is so far only a campfire tale into the world of factual science.

Although no sasquatch has even been captured - dead or alive - and no skeleton has ever been found, Grover Krantz's book painstakingly argues the case for its existence.

The book reads like a physics text, with exhausting detail, diagrams, studies of the posture of Bigfoot and photographs of large footprints.

A lighter telling of the Bigfoot legend appears in *Sasquatch/Bigfoot: The Search for North America's Incredible Creature*, by longtime sasquatch enthusiast Rene Dahinden and Don Hunter, a columnist with the *Vancouver Province*.

Like Krantz, Dahinden is a believer in Bigfoot, and Hunter seems to lean that way as well. But rather than overwhelming readers with pseudo-scientific "proof" that the creature exists, the authors simply tell the stories of those who claim to have seen it.

There is Albert Ostman, who claims that in



On a myth and a footprint



THE MYTH that created a monster


BIG FOOTPRINTS
By Grover S. Krantz
Johnson Books,
\$14.95

BIGFOOT
By Richard Hoyt
Tom Doherty and Associates,
\$17.95

SASQUATCH/BIGFOOT
By Don Hunter
with Rene Dahinden
McClelland and Stewart,
\$16.99

Is it because of some subconscious desire to hang on to what little mystery remains in the modern, frontierless, scientific world?

"The search for the Sasquatch is a lot like looking for the Holy Grail," says Dahinden. "Except it is performed by very unholy people."

Perhaps they are not unholy, just confused.  Stewart Bell is a large, hairy Vancouver Sun reporter known to make rather large footprints.

1924 he was held captive for a week by four sasquatches.

There is Myles Jack, a member of an Alberta oil rig crew, who believes he saw a sasquatch near Dawson Creek in 1987.

And there is Roger Patterson, who in 1967 shot a grainy, out-of-focus film of an ape-like animal in Northern California.

The book is like a tabloid newspaper. It's entertaining, but only if you temporarily suspend your mental faculties. Thinking too hard about this stuff will take all the fun out of it.

Richard Hoyt's *Bigfoot*, on the other hand, is a mystery novel that uses the search for the sasquatch as the backdrop for a tale of love and murder.

When a real-estate developer offers \$100,000 to anyone who can prove that Bigfoot exists, private eye John Denson teams up with a native Indian shaman named Willie Prettybird and a female Russian scientist to claim the prize.


It is interesting that of the three books on the topic, Hoyt's work of fiction comes closest to an intelligent examination of the Bigfoot phenomenon.

The other two books fail to ask the most important questions: What is it about the Bigfoot mystery that fascinates some people?

Why do people believe so strongly in an animal that has never been proven to exist?

Is it because of some subconscious desire to hang on to what little mystery remains in the modern, frontierless, scientific world?

"The search for the Sasquatch is a lot like looking for the Holy Grail," says Dahinden. "Except it is performed by very unholy people."

Perhaps they are not unholy, just confused.  Stewart Bell is a large, hairy Vancouver Sun reporter known to make rather large footprints.

By VICKI CROKE
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As hordes of people head into darkened theaters looking for a fright, cryptozoologists probe into the dark corners of the world searching for mysterious animals still undiscovered by Western science.

Cryptozoologists are either on the cutting edge or on the fringe, depending on your point of view. Their members seek out the Loch Ness Monster, Bigfoot, the yeti, giant octopuses, marsupial tigers and pygmy elephants.

But among the 800 members of the International Society of Cryptozoology (based in Tucson, Ariz.) are a surprising number of serious

scientists, like shark expert Dr. Eugenie Clark of the University of Maryland. And why not? We know there are millions of undiscovered species on this planet (granted, many of them are bugs and lizards, but some could be big mammals with sex appeal).

Recently, there have been a slew of discoveries. A new lion tamarin monkey in 1990 in Brazil. The discovery of another primate - Callicebus - a little marmoset along the Amazon - announced in '92.

And perhaps the most exciting, the largest land mammal discovered in 50 years - the Pseudoryx nghethensis, a new ungulate with features of a cow, a goat and

an antelope, in Vietnam. Throughout time, animals known to natives in other countries have come as a great shock to Westerners - giraffes, hippos and rhinos. The okapi, the short-necked relative of the giraffe, was discovered by the West in 1901.

The Roosevelt brothers (Theodore and Kermit) were the first to shoot a giant panda in 1929. In the 19th century, African explorers were told of monsters that looked like humans living in the mountains of what is now Rwanda. It wasn't until 1902 that a German officer saw mountain gorillas.

But we're getting away from Bigfoot and Nessie, and there's the rub. It's this

portion of the cryptozoologists' spectrum that brings snickers and even professional blackballing, according to Grover Krantz, an anthropologist at Washington State University and avid cryptozoologist.

Krantz is a Bigfoot or Sasquatch expert. He thinks Bigfoot is "an erect bipedal gorilla-like animal, except much larger." They are omnivores that could probably "squash your head like a grape," but are not inclined to.

Males, he says, weigh 800 pounds. Krantz says there may be 2,000 in the world. Krantz is convinced of their existence from eyewitness accounts and plaster castings of huge footprints.

He is well aware of what we might call the crackpot element here. He says one woman told him she had a conversation with a Bigfoot and that it was 20 feet tall, clean shaven, had Italian features and was quite handsome. Some-one else saw Sasquatch driving a convertible.

Despite all this, J. Richard Greenwell, the society's secretary, says the philosophy of the members is simple: "We think that claims or reports (of undiscovered animals) should be evaluated objectively and scientifically. We try to give these things their day in court; we are not set up to prove that any of these animals exist. We provide a forum for a

discussion of this sort of information."

Howard Evans, professor emeritus of comparative anatomy at Cornell, isn't impressed.

As for Nessie, Evans believes she is a plain old everyday sturgeon (a bizarre-looking, but common, fish that tends to live in salt water and spawn in fresh, and has been known in some areas to reach 23 feet in length and 2,200 pounds).

And as far as the lofty board members of the society, he says, "Almost any-one, in a weak moment, could join a group like this." If you're feeling weak, the International Society of Cryptozoology's number is (602) 884-8369.

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British Farmer Films Mysterious Animal

LONDON (Reuters) — A British farmer said Thursday she had solved the mystery of "The Beast of Bodmin Moor," which has killed farm animals and intimidated residents of southwest England.

A video of the "beast" taken by farmer Rosemary Rhodes on her land near

Bolventor in the center of the remote moor was shown Thursday on BBC television's program "Close Up."

After watching the video footage of a black, long-tailed animal moving along the edge of a field, London Zoo expert Douglas Richardson said, "I would be willing to put a fiver on it being a

leopard."

Another expert said it was probably a puma.

The program included an interview with Jane Fuller who sparked a police hunt for the animal in October when she said she was attacked by a big cat while taking her dog for a midnight walk on the moor near

her home.

Animal experts believe there are scores of big cats roaming remote parts of Britain.

They are thought to be either escapees from zoos or exotic pets dumped by people following the introduction of strict new regulations in 1976.

NEW MEXICO

TAOS

■ **'HUM' STUDIED** — University of New Mexico researchers plan to survey residents and test for sounds in an ongoing effort to pinpoint the mysterious "Taos hum."

UNM has allocated \$37,000 for the newest phase of the research project, which should begin in January. The hum, which has annoyed residents intermittently for more than a year, has drawn the interest of members of Congress who wondered if it could be caused by the military.

A series of tests last summer failed to solve the mystery.

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