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Schiff Reopens 1947 UFO Case

Agency Takes New Look At 'Roswell Incident'

By Steve Brewer

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

It's been more than 46 years now, and Rep. Steve Schiff thinks it's high time the federal government came clean on whether space aliens crashed their flying saucer in New Mexico.

The Albuquerque Republican has asked the General Accounting Office to investigate whether a government cover-up followed the crash of a mysterious object near the little ranch town of Corona on July 2, 1947. And the GAO, Congress' investigative arm, has begun such a probe.

"It's not a light thing to ask a government agency to look into something, but the government has been accused of a cover-up," Schiff said Wednesday.

The congressman admitted he's curious about the incident, but added, "I would not ask for an investigation of something I was just curious about. The issue is whether

the government is being forthright with the American people, and that is a serious issue to me."

The 1947 crash, known as the "Roswell Incident" because it happened about 75 miles northwest of Roswell, has been the focus of UFO books and buffs for years. They claim a flying saucer crashed on a ranch owned by Mac Brazel, and that government teams whisked away the wreckage and, perhaps, the bodies of aliens.

They also assert the remains of the crash were taken first to Fort Worth, Texas, then to what is now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. The Air Force said the day after the recovery that the material was from a weather balloon equipped with a radar reflecting gadget.

But UFO believers say the incident was the beginning of a government secrecy program that has hidden proof of the existence of extraterrestrial visitors for more than four decades.

"For sort of all-around thoroughness, Roswell's the best case we've got," said Michael Lindemann, a

Santa Barbara, Calif., futurist who does research on UFOs. "If we had no other UFO case at all, the elements of the Roswell case would go a very, very long way to proving we have had alien visitation."

Philip J. Klass, a Washington, D.C., aviation writer who's worked for decades debunking UFO sightings, said, however, that there "isn't a shred of evidence" that a flying saucer was recovered at Roswell. He said declassified military documents show high-ranking Air Force and White House officials never had any knowledge of such a find, and it's absurd to think lower-level operatives could have kept such a secret from their bosses.

But Schiff said long-standing suspicions of such a conspiracy make the GAO investigation worthwhile.

"I just assume that if there were alien bodies at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, somebody would have discovered them during all these years," he said. "On the other hand, you have to say anything is possible as long as the government won't talk. The government

promotes these things with its silence."

The congressman said he decided to look into the allegations after receiving letters from people interested in UFOs, including a couple from people who claimed to have personally witnessed the wreckage at the crash site.

Last March, according to Klass' Skeptic UFO Newsletter, Schiff wrote to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin requesting an Air Force briefing on the Roswell Incident. Schiff said Wednesday that Air Force officials told him later they couldn't brief him because all the documents from the investigation known as Project Blue Book had been sent to the National Archives.

He contacted National Archives officials, who said they're not in the business of giving briefings.

"We went back and forth a little bit and, frankly, I got tired of going back and forth," he said. "I talked to the people at GAO (in October) and I told them about this."

Schiff has frequent contact with GAO officials because he's on the House Government Operations Committee, which oversees the GAO.

"I asked them, 'Is this anything that you might be able to assist me with?'" Schiff recalled. "They said, 'We've never done anything like this before. We mostly look into fiscal matters... but it sounds interesting. Why not give us a stab at it?'"

Since then, said GAO spokeswoman Laura Kopelson, an investigator has begun studying documents and looking into the cover-up allegations. She said the results will be reported back to Schiff.

Schiff said he was told a few days ago the investigator had nothing to report yet, and one of his aides was told the investigator was "getting stonewalled" by the Department of Defense.

"That made them that much more interested in the investigation," he said.

Letters Lead to UFO Inquiry

Schiff Denies Prompt From Aide's Spouse

By Steve Brewer

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Rep. Steve Schiff says his investigation into the 1947 recovery of a mysterious object in New Mexico was prompted by letters from constituents, not by his aide's UFO-hunting husband.

Placitas resident Karl Pflock, who's married to Schiff's district director, Mary Martinek, has worked vigorously for nearly a year investigating the so-called "Roswell Incident" under a grant from the Fund for UFO Research in Washington, D.C.

Last fall, Schiff asked the General Accounting Office, which he helps oversee from his position on a House committee, to investigate allegations the military pulled off some sort of cover-up after crash debris was recovered on a ranch near Corona in the summer of '47. The investigation is under way.

Pflock said Thursday he didn't prod Schiff into seeking the GAO probe.

"This is his baby," Pflock said. "He's not doing me any favors. He's doing it because he's committed to the idea that this is something that should be brought out in public."

Pflock said he's talked to Schiff in "strictly casual conversations" two or three times about his interest in the case. Schiff said he didn't recall those conversations, and that his interest was sparked by a "flurry" of letters from constituents.

What matters, he said, isn't why the inquiry began, but how the Department of Defense "stonewalled" when he asked for information.

The Pentagon told Schiff it no longer had the records on whatever was recovered from the ranch and steered him to the National Archives.

Archives officials, however, said, "We have not located any documents related to this event in the (Air Force's) Project Blue Book records, or in any other pertinent Defense Department records in our custody."

The Roswell Incident has been the source of debate and research among UFO buffs for decades. Many think the incident is the best case for alien contact with Earth, despite the military's statements at the time that the debris was from a weather balloon.

Schiff said Thursday he doesn't believe a UFO was recovered at the ranch.

"I think, first of all, it could be a weather balloon," he said. "But because of the government's obvious disinterest in giving me the information, that leads me to think it might've been something else."

Like what?

"If I had to guess, I would say some kind of military experiment," he said. "But that's sheerly a guess."

Pflock, too, said he isn't convinced an alien space-

craft was recovered by the military, but "something extraordinary was recovered."

Pflock said he and other UFO researchers first made formal contact with Schiff's staff about the incident in August 1992.

Pflock and fellow researcher Fred Whiting subsequently compiled a 130-page "briefing paper" filled with news accounts, military documents and testimony from witnesses, much of which points toward some sort of government plot to hide whatever really happened in 1947. That paper was given to Schiff's office in December, Pflock said, and "they're going to be giving that to the GAO, if they haven't already done that, to help in the investigation."

Schiff began his search for information in March 1993, when he and Martinek wrote a letter to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, seeking a "definitive explanation of what transpired and why."

In the three-page letter, they said records and witness testimony make it appear that "the balloon explanation was a cover story" and that "federal authorities sought to intimidate witnesses and their families into silence."

The letter said Martinek, then Schiff's legislative director, would "coordinate all activities concerning this request."

After a series of letters resulted in one dead-end after another, Schiff took his quest to the GAO. Schiff said he hasn't gotten any answers yet from the GAO, but when he does, he'll make them public.

EDITORIALS

Bouquets and brickbats

Open up on UFOs, feds

Now this is what we call seeing the BIG picture.

Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M., has persuaded the General Accounting Office to reopen the case of the "Roswell Incident." That's the world-famous crash of a mysterious object 75 miles northwest of Roswell in 1947. UFO

buffs speculate that it was a flying saucer and that the Air Force spirited away the debris — including bodies of alien crew members. They complain the government has kept details secret ever since.

It's not that Schiff believes in UFOs. He's concerned that the government is hiding something

the public has a right to know about. Tell the truth, he says, and lay the matter to rest.

Was it a government experiment gone wrong? Aliens? An errant milk truck? In any case, let the people know, and let them judge the significance of this long-ago event. To continue to withhold information is abusive,

setting the government over and against the people it serves.

Schiff says the GAO reports "getting stonewalled" by the Department of Defense. That's no surprise to readers following The Trib's coverage of the infamous "plutonium experiment," a similar abuse of government secrecy.

We hope Schiff keeps after it. The nation — maybe the universe — will be grateful.

Jack Ehn

Theories about extraterrestrials aren't alien to these Valley men

By John D. Cramer
The Fresno Bee

There's no other way to say it: Tony Presser and Joe Thor believe in aliens from outer space.

Not just a vague suspicion that "something is out there," but true enthusiasts in a global subculture with millions of fellow believers, computer databases, books and a mishmash of theories.

The theories explain everything from strange lights in the sky to secret military bases to the Kennedy assassination to the

origin of modern man and Jesus Christ to cattle mutilations.

Thor, a Fresno businessman, says he has seen an extraterrestrial close up. Presser, a College of the Sequoias instructor, says today's human beings are a crossbreed creation of extraterrestrials and cavemen.

The strangest part, however, may be that Thor and Presser appear to be just what they say: two regular guys, family men, sane and solid citizens who —



Richard Darby — The Fresno Bee

Convinced. Tony Presser, a College of the Sequoias instructor, says human beings are a crossbreed of extra-terrestrials and cavemen.

oh, by the way — believe in aliens and a U.S. government cover-up of nearly six decades.

"I'm a level-headed guy," Thor says. "Maybe a little impulsive sometimes, but I'm a responsible person."

"I know it sounds unbelievable, but there's just too much evidence to dismiss," Presser says.

Open to all possibilities

Thor, 39, has an industrial engineering degree from Fresno State University. He has a wife, two children and owns a local print shop and computer service.

Thor says he has always been interested in unidentified flying objects, but that a television show last year sparked his curiosity.

The show was about reported sightings of UFOs and an alleged cover-up of alien visits and research at a secret Air Force base in the desert north of Las Vegas.

Thor decided to see for himself whether it was true. He says he drove there, parked the car on a mountain above the remote base and waited.

"It was normal curiosity. I'm not afraid to take chances," he says.

Thor says he saw strange distant lights in the night and strange shadows across the moon that may have been alien spacecraft, but that a near-encounter convinced him.

Thor says a base security guard in a four-wheel-drive vehicle drove by in the dark about 20 yards away. The vehicle's dome light was on. The driver did not see Thor.

In the passenger seat, sitting upright, was, well, was something not human.

"You'll probably think I'm crazy, but it was a female creature, maybe half-human,

"You'll probably think I'm crazy, but it was a female creature, maybe half-human, with blond hair and big dark eyes and a wide face. You know, your typical alien."

Joe Thor,
Fresno businessman

with blond hair and big dark eyes and a wide face," Thor says.

"You know, your typical alien."

He says he is open to all possibilities — secret Air Force aircraft prototypes, meteors, unusual weather phenomena — but his close encounters have made him a believer.

"I wouldn't believe in this stuff if I hadn't seen it myself," he says.

'What could we learn?'

Thor says his motivation for learning the truth about "Area 51" or "Dreamland" — the reported alien section of Nellis Air Force Base — has to do with the public's right to know about its government's activities and the benefits to mankind from interaction with advanced beings.

"What could we learn? How could it affect us? Could we solve world hunger and war and diseases with their help?"

Thor sent a letter to President Clinton

about aliens. The president replied via postcard: "Thanks so much for your letter. I welcome your ideas. They will be carefully considered. . . . Bill."

Presser, 54, an English and journalism instructor, has believed for years in the existence of extraterrestrials and their ancient interaction with humans.

Presser, who also says he has seen strange lights in the sky, cites biblical passages, in part, as support for theories that say mankind is a genetic manipulation of E.T. and Adam and Eve.

'There's just too much here'

He talks knowingly and clearly about the history of reported human contact with extraterrestrials — from the "ancient astronaut theory" that says aliens have been visiting this planet for thousands of years to modern-day encounters that began with an Air Force pilot reporting a flying saucer in 1947 to the reported home of some aliens on a 10th planet in this solar system.

"There are flakes and there are genuine researchers who present evidence backing up their claims," Presser says. "There's just too much here to say everyone is lying."

In this subculture — sane or insane depending on your perspective — the theories seem endless: Christ is a creation of aliens, the Secret Service killed John F. Kennedy because he was about to expose the government's cover-up of aliens, alien medical experiments.

And then there are the bizarre ones.

"The federal government is genuinely worried," Presser says. "They're in too deeply to acknowledge it, so who knows what's going to happen?"

McConnells men report seeing UFO

By DOUG MAULDIN
Herald staff writer

McCONNELLS — Ed Davis looked up in his backyard late Tuesday night to see a strange pattern of lights hovering over a tall pine tree.

He sensed something mysterious was in the dark sky.

"It looked like a string of lights 4 or 5 feet long and some in the middle going straight up," said Davis, a 56-year-old insurance salesman and tax consultant. "It moved off to the left real slow, then straight up, then sliding toward York real slow."

He quickly telephoned his wife at her job in Kings Mountain, N.C. She told him, "Get my puppy in."

Davis said whatever the phenomenon was — call it a UFO or whatever — it didn't make noises like an airplane or helicopter.

The York Police Department reported receiving no calls about an object in the sky at that time and officials at the Federal Aviation Administration in Charlotte said nothing unusual showed up on radar that scans the area.

Davis said he spotted the lights hanging over a 60-foot pine tree behind his house at 147 Giles Road when he went out to his office in a small utility building about midnight.

The lights were about 130 feet away, 15 feet above the tree. He thought it was a reflection from street lights in his eyeglasses until he removed them and saw the lights were real enough.

He called to his stepson, Raymond Owens, 28, inside the house, who came outside to find out what was going on.

"He said, 'God, Ed, what's



Andy Burris / The Herald

Raymond Owens, left, points to area above tree where he and his stepfather, Ed Davis, saw some strange lights.

there?" I said if it can't be identified, it's a UFO. I don't know what it was, but I told Raymond it had to be a UFO."

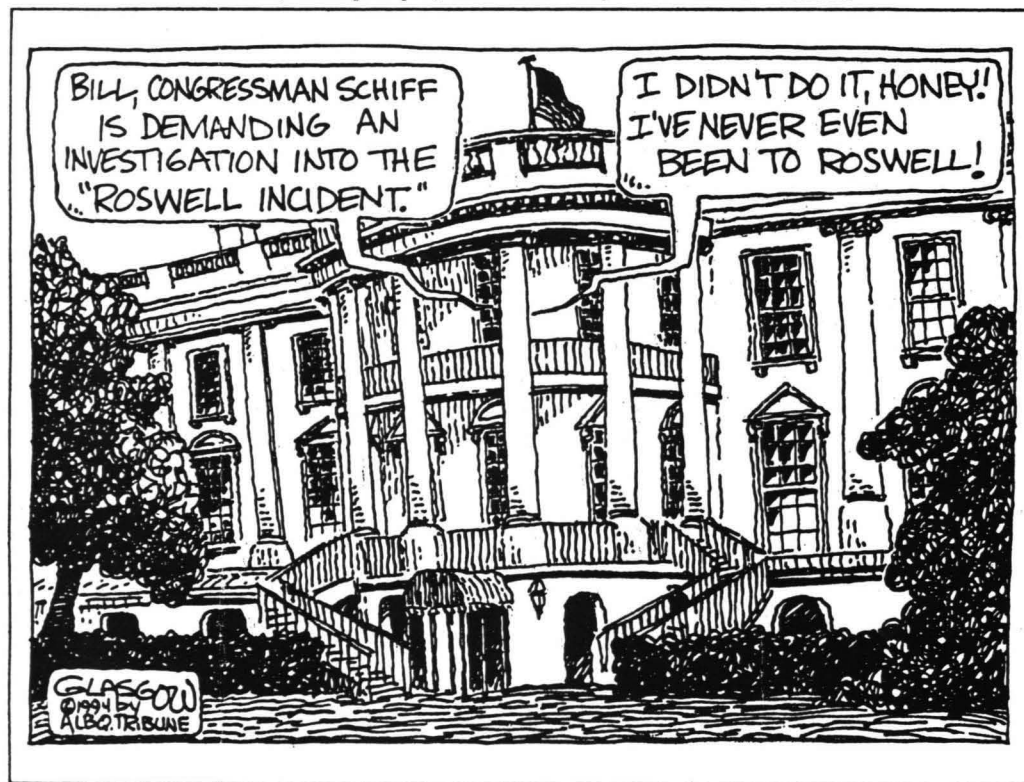
In the excitement, Davis said he forgot to get the family video camera and also ignored his wife's request to take their pet chow dog, Kimo, into the house.

Besides, he said, there was nothing to film. He could see no form or shape against the sky, just the blazing white lights in the cross-like pattern and an eerie silence. It moved away slowly, stopping occasionally, before disappearing like a plane flying to the horizon.

"I never thought anything about

being afraid. I just wanted to find out what it was and thought some others might see it too."

Davis is not sure UFOs exist. "I think there has got to be something out there, but I've never thought much about it. I'm not that much into it. It's just something that I saw."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support Schiff in his UFO hunt

While some may criticize Congressman Steve Schiff for wasting money in his quest for a General Accounting Office investigation of the 1947 UFO crash near Corona, I feel that his action is to be commended.

Too much credible testimony from firsthand eyewitnesses has accumulated to dismiss the incident as the crash of a mere weather balloon, and it is long past time that the truth of this exceedingly enigmatic incident is disclosed.

Schiff must be supported unconditionally by the media and the people of New Mexico in his quest for the long-suppressed truth.

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UFO group at the ready

Enthusiasts to study reports of paranormal

By Dick Foster

Rocky Mountain 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 investigative 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. He was surprised when 75 people turned out.

"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.

The latest mutilations occurred in November in Costilla and Las Animas counties.

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

"I find it very difficult to believe that they were done by regular surgical methods or animals, unless these animals are toting laser surgery implements," she said.

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

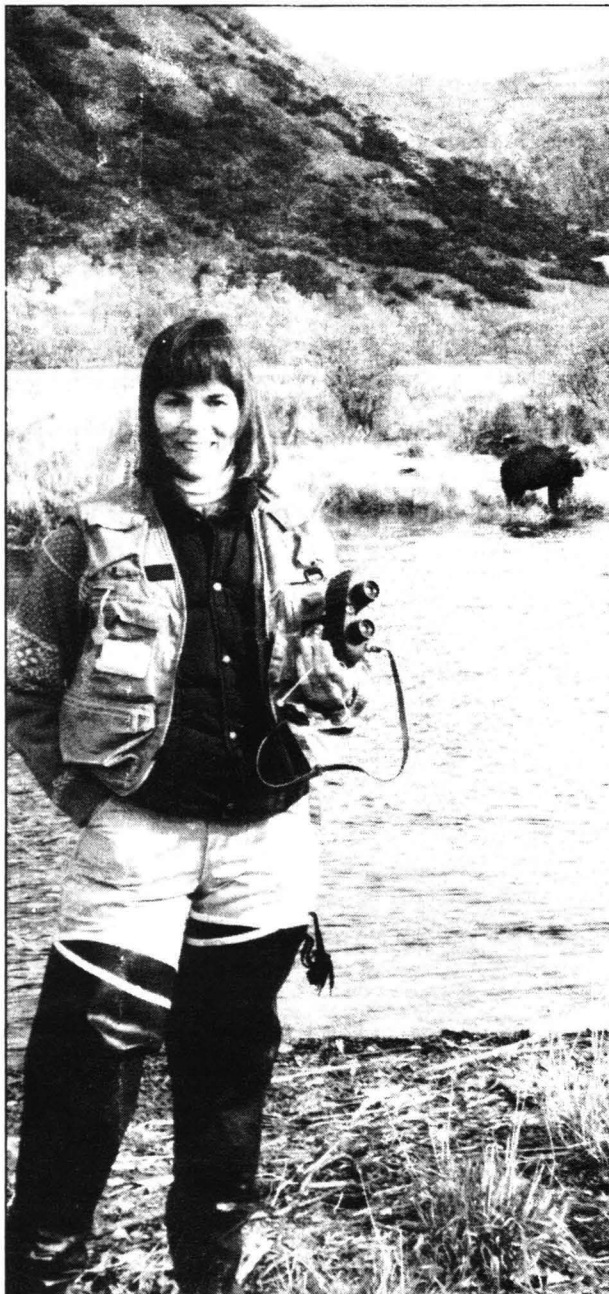


Photo by Walter Stieglitz/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Mollie Beattie, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service director, says she did not take her new job "to sit in Washington in a dress."

UFO on Berry Summit?

If you saw an unidentified flying object, with bright lights on it, on a dark night, as you were driving along Highway 299, would you report it — or even say anything about it? Maybe . . . and maybe not.

You might wonder how people would react to the story . . . and question whether you would be created like some others who have reported UFO's in the past.

That may have been how Harold Hough, retired PG&E manager of Willow Creek, felt about it one night last week when he had such an experience with what can presently only be termed as a "UFO" — an unidentified flying object.

It was Tuesday night, Dec. 28, 8:30 p.m., when Harold and his wife, Lorraine and a grandson were eastbound on Highway 299, and as they were rounding the 40-mile-an-hour curve west of Berry Summit, they saw a string of bright lights up near the summit.

"At first, the thought occurred to me that the lights were on a house, like one decorated, but I didn't know there was a house in that area," Harold said this week, after *The Kourier* received a tip about the story and phoned him for some details.

As Hough neared the summit, he said the object appeared to be standing still, then moving in a southwest to westerly direction, slowly at first, then appearing

to pick up speed.

Hough stopped his vehicle and got out just about the time the object went over them. In the meantime, another vehicle had stopped near them and the occupants were also watching the object, but they drove on as soon as the flying object had flown away. Hough wishes he knew who they were — at least to compare notes with what they saw.

The leading lights were bright, white lights, but as the object flew by, some more lights were visible — a square pattern of colored lights on the bottom of the craft — red, green and several other colors.

Hough said he could not see the size or shape of the vehicle, as its lights were so predominant.

"It was so dark, you couldn't see anything but lights," he said.

He estimated the craft was about 500 feet above them, but that was only a rough estimate, he said.

"It was moving too slow to have been a plane — maybe it was a helicopter," Hough suggested, obviously searching for a plausible explanation.

Hough said he thought at first it might have been some kind of search and rescue operation, but authorities were unaware of anything like that going on in the area.

TALES OF ABDUCTION



"They've threatened that someday they'll take us and we're not coming back," says Diana Graves, left, shown with friend Claire Holcomb.

Photos by Gannett News Service

Fauquier women claim close encounters

By LISA FAYE KAPLAN
Gannett News Service

CATLETT — Claire Holcomb and Diana Graves say the 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 50 miles west of Washington, D.C.

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

The "experiences" that follow are always terrifying to them, though they've happened hundreds of times. Holcomb and Graves report pokes and prods by aliens deaf to their cries and pleas, skin excisions and forced feedings that leave the women feeling 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 with her belief that space aliens regularly abduct her and her best friend. "It's a self-defense mechanism. It protects your sanity."

Holcomb and Graves sometimes question their sanity.

But people who report abductions or UFO sightings are not necessarily psychotic, fantasy-prone or more

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Claire Holcomb claims alien abduction

imaginative than anyone else, according to research reported in the November issue of the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*.

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

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

"I'd be happy with [being] crazy,"

says Holcomb, a tall, thin woman with a wedge of curly blonde hair. "You can see a professional. There's medication to help you."

"I can't call 911 when I'm abducted."

Whether or not you believe in extraterrestrial life, Claire Holcomb, 47, and Diana Graves, 44, are very real. And so are at least 1,000 other people in the United States who claim to have been contacted by aliens.

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

Don Berliner of The Fund For UFO Research says "abductees" grapple with "extreme discomfort, fear it's going to happen again, powerlessness and considerable annoyance to the point of disgust."

They generally don't feel "they were put in a select group, chosen," Berliner says. "There doesn't seem to be any positive side to it, no great words of philosophical significance coming out of it. They take you. They do what they please. And they put you back. And nobody seems to be able to do anything about it."

ductions: they say they fear ridicule from disbelievers and retribution from the aliens.

"Why make your life tougher?" asks Holcomb, who had told only her closest friends and associates.

But both feel now is the time to talk, though they can't or won't articulate why.

Sitting in the living room of a two-story wood house, with a shotgun leaning in a corner and an encyclopedia set lining a wall, the women talk for six hours, stopping only to light cigarettes or collect emotions that suddenly overwhelm them.

They talk about being plucked from bed in the dead of night 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; about communicating "telepathically" with space beings who answer no questions, display no emotions, and have no understanding of human reactions such as fear and pain.

"I have a hard time [believing in telepathy], myself," says Holcomb.

IMAGES AND SIGNS

If asked, they offer proof.

Holcomb leads a small expedition to the paddock, where she says a spaceship landed, and points out a circle of dried stubble where the grass won't grow well.

Graves, who is single, rolls up a pant leg and inspects dry skin for a "scoop mark" where tissue has been excised. When she fails to find one, she points out a tiny indentation on her cheek, which looks like a chicken pox scar.

Holcomb lays out labeled drawings of aliens that resemble creatures found under sensational tabloid headlines.

But one picture is unique. It shows her facing a small corral of horses prancing on feet with no hooves, "just ball-like pads," she says.

Holcomb made the drawing about a year ago after a particularly upsetting abduction. She says she didn't think much about it until six bay mares on her farm began displaying identical puncture wounds — two in each front hoof — and the walls of their hooves seemed to be separating from the interior structure of their feet.

Holcomb and Graves say the aliens are tampering with their horses, and that, more than anything else, makes them mad.

"It's so infuriating," Holcomb says. "How dare you pick on a dumb animal. We can try to fight back. They can't."

Graves says she's stopped riding.

"It's too much to deal with, too much stress," she says, hands trembling and tears spilling from blue eyes. "It's so hard to ride and concentrate. The horses wouldn't respond because I wasn't doing anything right."

'IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN'

How do these women live fearing they'll be snatched at any moment?

Both have sought professional help.

A year ago, Holcomb consulted David Ruxer, a Fairfax clinical psychologist who has treated a dozen people who claim to be UFO abductees.

Ruxer says they often display anxiety, depression and flashbacks, symptoms consistent with post-traumatic stress.

"It's not really a post-traumatic stress because it is an ongoing stress," he says. "The difference is this person is telling you it happened last night, it's going to happen tomorrow. You struggle for another model."

Holcomb and Graves say that when they 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 as she outlines her game plan.

"We've made up our minds we are going to survive it, deal with it in whatever way we could."

'THE LIGHT WAS SO BRIGHT'

Catlett seems a cliché setting for a close encounter of the third kind.

This hamlet of 2,000 is dotted with corn farms and apple orchards. Country roads lined with old oaks and hickories wind through acres of hard clay and winter wheat.

Holcomb says her first abduction took place on such a deserted road six miles from the Moonraker Equestrian Academy, the farm where she lives and teaches horseback riding. Her story:

On Dec. 15, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., Holcomb was returning from nearby Winchester when a pair of low-flying bright lights demanded her attention.

"I stopped the car and got out to look," she says, dragging on a menthol cigarette, staring at the air. "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 were inflamed and bleeding, and her pierced earrings had been inserted backwards.

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

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

"They seem to have an infinite



By Gannett News Service

Claire Holcomb of Catlett shows drawings she has made of her claimed encounters with space-alien abductors.

variety of uncomfortable things they can do to you," she says.

The flashbacks, which Holcomb illustrates in ink drawings, feature short, pale beings with hollow eyes and long fingers without joints. Many scenes are set in high-tech modules. And many memories feature Graves.

Even though the women grew up far apart — Holcomb in Virginia, Graves in England and Rhode Island — they believe they were abducted together as children and are certain they were fated by alien forces to meet again as adults.

KINDRED SPIRITS

Eight years ago, Graves, who owns Moonraker, placed a news-

paper ad for a farmhand. Holcomb answered.

"We could never have met under normal circumstances," says Holcomb, who is divorced and has a grown son. "We have countless memories of childhood instances in their presence."

They say that six months after Holcomb began remembering her abductions, Graves began having flashbacks, too. These days, the women say they are frequently abducted together.

"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.

Until now, neither woman has spoken publicly about the ab-

UFO Abduction — Survivor's Grim Recollection

■ One man testifies to an eerie, frightening encounter in his youth. 'I know what it feels like to be raped,' he says.

By JANE HULSE
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

He's 42, married with two kids, devoutly Christian and holds a responsible job in the medical profession.

And, he believes that he was once beamed up to a spaceship in a flash of blue light by little gray aliens with big heads.

He knows that sounds nutty. That's why he doesn't use his real name when he talks about it. He doesn't want any grief at work. Call him Bill.

"I want to protect my kids," he said. Why him? He doesn't know, but his

experience lends credence to the theory held by some UFO believers that aliens are abducting people to perform medical procedures on them. That is, if the abductions are real, and plenty of skeptics contend that they aren't.

Bill's story goes back to 1967, when he was camping with three teen-age friends in Los Padres National Forest north of Santa Barbara during Easter vacation.

They were bedded down in sleeping bags when Bill awoke near dawn only to find himself out of his sleeping bag and away from the campsite. His attention was instantly commanded by a bright light in the sky with orange and blue lights flickering at its edges.

He woke one of his friends. "I pinched him to make sure he was awake," he said. Together, they watched the strange object zoom back and forth across the sky before it was gone.

The boys cut their camping trip short that morning and went home.

"We decided not to talk about this again," he said. Over the years, he was troubled by weird dreams that left him sweaty, disoriented and scared. He began reading books about UFOs.

Finally, he underwent regressive hypnosis with Los Angeles hypnotherapist Yvonne Smith, who specializes in abduction cases. The results were startling.

He remembered four aliens who beamed him aboard in a moment so terrifying that he couldn't move, and blacked out. He was taken into a chamber with a glass canopy that appeared to be an examining room. Some sort of instrument painfully probed his rectum and another collected semen from him.

"I know what it feels like for a woman to be raped," he said.

As far as he knows, the abduction was a onetime thing. For that, he is glad. He would wish the experience on no one.

"I'm not making money out of this," he said. Nor is it easy on his marriage.

"I can't talk to my wife about this. It drives her nuts."

Bill's story is similar to those of about 60 people interviewed for the 1992 book "Secret Life—Firsthand Documented Accounts of UFO Abductions," by UFO researcher David M. Jacobs. They underwent regressive hypnosis to recall the abductions.

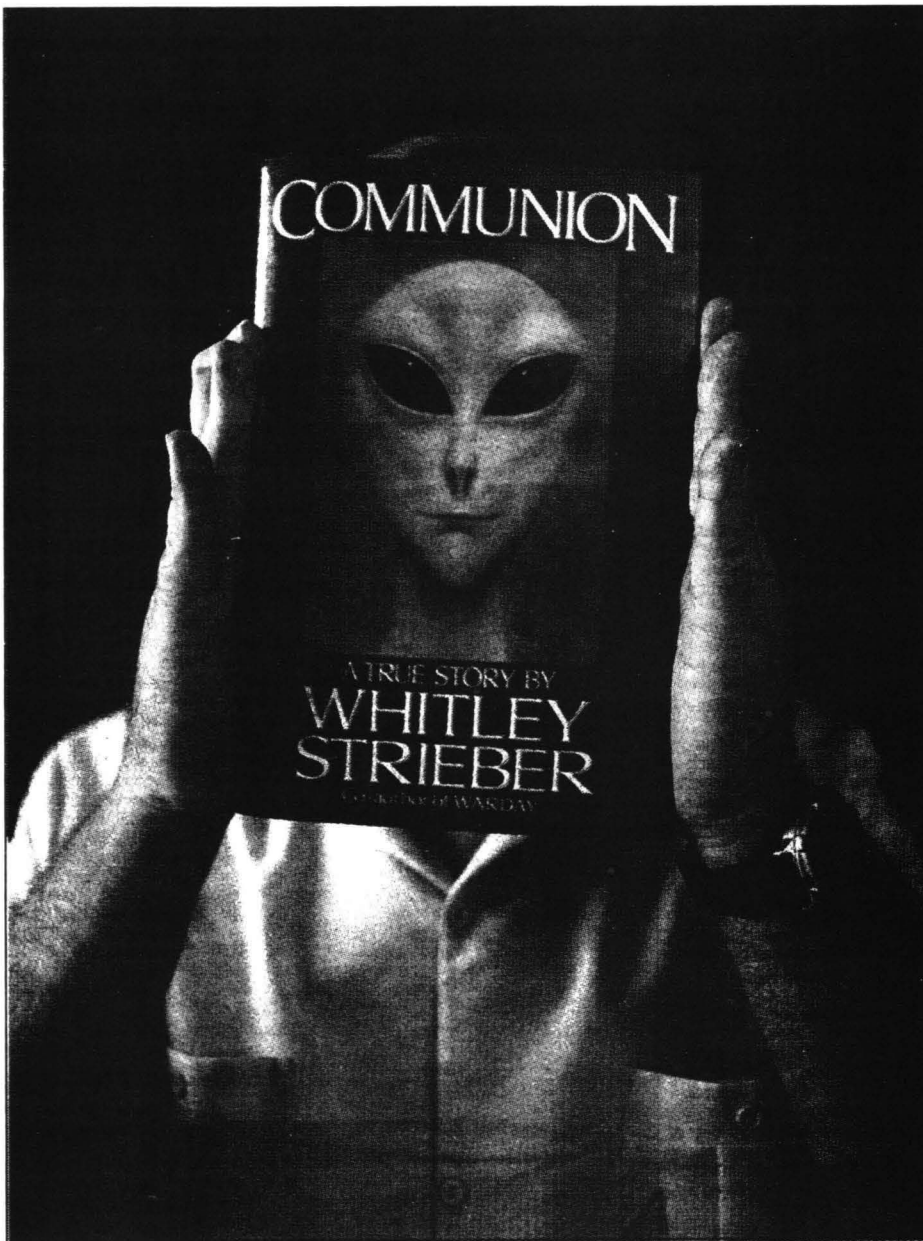
Jacobs theorizes that aliens are abducting people and subjecting them to invasive medical procedures to learn about the human body, especially the reproductive system. They want sperm and eggs from humans for their own breeding program, he surmises, which could result in human-alien hybrid beings.

Bill thinks that there might be something to the bizarre theory. His experience left him feeling like a rabbit in a research lab.

"I didn't like it at all."

Close Encounters

UFO Believers — and Abductees — Say It *Can* Happen Here



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By JANE HULSE
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The 75 folding chairs were lined up in the meeting room, cookies and punch ready in the back. The club newsletter was neatly laid out by the door.

But this was no garden club meeting. Soon, three men and a woman—they looked like anyone you'd see at the shopping mall—would tell the hushed room about their abduction by aliens and being taken aboard a spacecraft.

It's another local chapter meeting of the Mutual UFO Network Inc., better known as MUFON. Gathering each month at the Cameron Center in Thousand Oaks, the group is part of an international organization that takes the business of investigating the UFO phenomenon very seriously.

These are folks who want no part of the wackier fringe elements of UFOlogy, as they call it. Yet here they are, listening to a guy from Burbank talking about aliens implanting some little gizmo in his leg.

Jesse, as he was introduced, had undergone regressive hypnosis that had, with horrifying clarity, unearthed memories of multiple abductions. The little gray beings with big heads, he said, first snatched him when he was 5. Last year, there were nine abductions and several mornings when he awoke to find strange marks and wounds on his body. But most troubling was the forced cross-breeding with female aliens.

"Can we please not talk about my children?" he choked in response to a question.

Is it possible that little gray creatures are beaming their hapless victims up to their spaceship for bizarre medical procedures?

If common sense says no, a flurry of books published over the past few years suggests otherwise. More people are coming forward with stories of abductions, which, UFO believers claim, bear amazing similarities.

The UFO phenomenon is hotter than ever. The local chapter of MUFON, started just three years ago, has swelled to about 40 members, and its meetings sometimes draw double that. And it is not unusual to see earnest postings such as the recent newspaper ad from an Ojai man looking for others with whom he might share UFO experiences.

But all the hubbub over aliens and UFOs is taking a new twist. Some mental health professionals are now insisting that regressive hypnosis reveals fantasy, not fact. They say the abductions never happened, although the memories seem frighteningly real.

Believers, clearly, think otherwise. "Anyone who has researched it, anyone who has really done their homework—I don't know how they could say it doesn't happen," said Alice Leavy of Newbury Park.

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Alice Leavy
Assistant director of the local MUFON chapter

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A Down-to-Earth Look at Alien Experiences

People have always talked about funny things—odd things, often scary things—in the sky.

The things—oblong, phosphorescent, rimmed in multicolored lights—have inspired tales of terror from witnesses, pitting respectable citizens against each other and, at times, their own government. Indeed, the UFO phenomenon continues to provoke sometimes acrimonious debate.

Those who claim sightings and abductions are considered by many to be crazy, plain and simple. Others who simply believe in life from outer space are, shall we say, discreet—for fear of being called insane.

Others not only believe in UFOs but argue with conviction that the U.S. government has for decades conspired to pull the wool over our night eyes (apparently in fear that a citizenry told the startling truth about alien life would be reduced to mass hysteria, even anarchy).

This is powerful stuff. And perhaps all the more today, as emboldened people share their stories and experiences in public meetings devoted to the subject. Psychologists have become involved, employing hypnosis to recover memories of brief, sometimes not-so-brief, encounters of an unknown kind. But even their contributions raise eyebrows, eliciting jeers as well as cheers.



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Ventura writer Jane Hulse, a regular contributor to Ventura Life, went straight to the center of this roiling subject, in Thousand Oaks, where a local group dedicated to the subject meets regularly. She returned with testimonies not only of bizarre lights in the night skies over the Oxnard Plain but of abduction and abuse by aliens described in vivid detail.

Hulse not only brought back a fascinating look at the subject but also a changed sensibility about it.

"I went in kind of pooh-poohing it, being cynical," she said. "But I came out of it more respectful. There are some very credible people studying the phenomenon, and it does deserve to be studied more fully."

You'll have to make up your mind.



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Like-Minded Individuals

The Mutual UFO Network Inc. (MUFON) is a Texas-based international organization with 6,000 members interested in the scientific study of UFOs.

Formed in 1969, it's a grass-roots organization with local chapters whose members pool their professional talents to investigate the UFO phenomenon.

The local chapter, representing Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, meets monthly at 7:30 p.m. in the Cameron Center, 288 W. Green Meadow Road, Thousand Oaks. Annual membership MUFON costs \$25, which includes the UFO Journal magazine. Membership in the local chapter is \$15 a year and includes the newsletter Swamp Gas.

Admission to local meetings is \$5 for non-members and \$3 for members.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 28, when hypnotist Ann Druffel's subject will be "Abductions: I Hear You Would Like to Be Abducted. What You Really Need to Know." Druffel, a UFO investigator since 1957, co-authored "The Tujunga Canyon Contacts" with D. Scott Rogo.

—JANE HULSE

ago—a silver disk, larger than a 747, over Topanga State Park. Now she too is surveying her patients about sightings.

UFO debunkers say sightings generally can be explained as airplanes, satellites, shooting stars, blimps, weather balloons and clouds. Even the planet Venus has fooled people.

Frank Barr of Newbury Park admits that he was fooled once. Barr, an engineer who attends MUFON meetings, said he saw a strange object in the sky one night.

"It made no sound. It was fast. It looked like a wobbling UFO," he said. He rushed to get his binoculars and, when he focused, he saw an owl perched 50 feet away.

But Barr, like many MUFON members, has witnessed other, more puzzling sights over the years.

Dan Campbell's close encounter came 13 years ago, when he was startled to see a red light hanging over the night skies of Thousand Oaks. Then he saw what looked like military aircraft approaching the light before it made a 90-degree turn and disappeared in a red streak. It was as close as 500 feet above his house, he said.

"What it was, I have no idea," said Campbell, a co-founder of the local MUFON chapter. Campbell works in vocational education and believes that 99% of the UFO sightings can be explained. "It's the 1% I'm interested in."

Mention the word *government* and Evans and others will rail that the United States knows a great deal more than it is telling. (The group's monthly newsletter, Swamp Gas, is a play on the government's early explanation of UFO sightings.)

"It's been one great big cover-up since 1947," Evans said, referring to the year a mysterious object—thought to be a UFO by some—crashed near Roswell, N.M.

It's a Conspiracy

At meetings, MUFON members share theories and information about UFO developments, listen to speakers and sometimes watch films, such as a videotape recently taken from an airplane flying over isolated spots north of Los Angeles.

The mission was to surveil buildings owned by major aerospace firms—Northrop and Lockheed among them—that some MUFON members believe may camouflage underground bases for UFO activities. It was a hunch that not everyone in the audience bought.

"I don't see any evidence of it being anything other than a research facility," one woman said after the film. "My response is, 'So what?'"

And it's certainly a hunch the firms quickly dismiss.

"There is no UFO activity at Lockheed, I can tell you that," said Jim Ragsdale, spokesman for Lockheed Advanced Development Co., which operates a facility near Helendale north of San Bernardino that measures radar signals.

Nonetheless, a dozen MUFON members armed with cameras took an eight-hour field trip to the area one weekend, skirting the sites by car to look for suspicious activity.

Although members view the UFO enigma seriously and want to be taken seriously, the meetings are not without humor. After one meeting, Barr mused on the notion that aliens are abducting people.

"The jury is still out on regression hypnosis," he said. "When it happens to me, you can take it to the bank."

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UFO Potpourri

I have learned that I have many readers out there and I do want to thank you for your objective interest. Apparently about everyone suspects that government is sitting on many very stunning secrets. I can positively tell you they are and one of the reasons they keep on their long trail of subterfuge about UFO activity is they are faced with a far superior, secretive, cunning force whose actions they can never hope to impede.

My friend, Dave Stewart of Southport, England, who lived southeast of Iceland, recently wrote: "Things are happening off Iceland. Moving lights under the sea, U.S. Navy in with warships and cordoned off the entire area. Icelandic fishing vessel vanished, crew and all, without a trace. An aircraft-towed detection submersible was employed and it, too, was lost. Local inhabitants on coast have seen small figures entering a mountain near where the lights were seen. The powers that be suspect that something is going on in the coastal sea bed."

Meanwhile Jorge Martin, a Puerto Rico publisher-researcher writes me: "Incidents continue to happen all over the island keeping me very busy. Currently there are many good sightings with photos, abductions, and cattle mutilations. The US military and NASA are involved and the implications of it all are mind boggling and very important to us all."

Some time ago Jorge reported and episode at the Milwaukee sea trench northeast of the island. UFOs were entering and emerging from this great deep. Several intercepting Navy jets vanished near one huge UFO.

Later the same thing happened over the island involving two F14 Tomcats with many witnesses on the ground.

Meanwhile my Florida abductee, who says she has been in underground alien bases, gave me the description of a man she says is being held prisoner there. She says he knows jets. Can he be one of the missing Navy pilots?

Brit Elders of White Sands, N.M., a spe-

cialist in electronic counter measures, has assisted in the production of 15 TV specials.

In the last two years she and her husband have been in and out of Mexico collecting and documenting thousands of sightings and hundreds of UFO video camera tapes.

UFOs seem to have adopted Mexico. Large segments of the populace have seen them, and the media there is very open on the subject often featuring large headlines.

Strangely little is heard about abduction. On the other hand, lost time abduction, either from your bed while asleep or while outside seems frequent in the USA.

The typical abductee has been chosen as a baby and is periodically retaken no matter where they move to.

In my Richmond case the participant had the memory flashbacks that often occur. Her ultrasound had visually revealed her baby there in the womb. In the craft, the big headed Gray type aliens restrained her in stirrups and removed the fetus using a wire device that hummed.

She was also shown other big headed fetuses in clear liquid in jars with wires running to their ears.

After the event near Abington, the family arrived home and the abductee had to be pulled from the back floor of the car where she cowered. She crawled to the house in stark fear. God only knows how much fetus stealing is going on.

I have three such cases.

Other recent area cases have been startling.

In Hendricks County a neighbor watched the bun-shaped craft's visitation. A metal phone stand was crushed, grass died in a circle, and snow would melt there. The abductee has been taken since her sandbox days and loves her captors.

In my Centerville case, the tall aliens moved a pen-like device over the man's arm at the bend, leaving three 4-inch purple stripes under the skin. In the back yard were two dead grass places where they beamed him aboard.

Then, there have been the sensitive cases of the local schoolboy, and the southern

Fayette County woman that I'll not comment on.

Another abduction occurred to a law enforcement person in a county south of here. To see the straight line scar on this person sends shivers up your spine. You say to yourself, "Why did they do this? What is in there?"

One of the more interesting aspects of the UFO enigma are the future predictions sometimes received from the UFOers.

In my Canadian Ph.D. case, the informants are the tall blonde Nordic type, and they say catastrophic earth changes will come in 1995. A time of cataclysmic Earth crust upheaval and vast flooding.

(The physician-seer Nostradamus foresaw the same in 1999).

These Nordics claim to be symbiotically linked with humanity and during the process of death they assist in the transition which they describe as falling asleep and awakening into another reality even more real than this one.

On the other hand, Leah Haley, an Alabama abductee, had her informants predict that Earth's fiery end will come by man's own hand. They didn't tell her when, but said it this way: "Time is of essence. Faith is important. Faith is the reason not everyone knows. Belief in God is a prerequisite, not evidence. The family of God will be delivered from Earth by their cohorts. The odyssey is to take place swiftly and precipitously. The family of God know they are being prepared."

I don't know about you, but I am a little confused.

On the one hand the aliens are doing the most fowl deeds of kidnapping, stealing fetuses, creating poor half-human hybrids and worse, while on the other hand they spout such religious-like utterances about God.

It is important that I state that these utterances should be taken with a grain of salt for the alien track record is very poor on truth and predictions.

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Horrors, hype or hogwash

Valley residents tell of alien encounters

By RUSTY COATS

Bee staff writer

The aliens came for Mary 16 times in November.

Using beams of light, they whisked her from her Merced bedroom while her daughter slept, teleported her aboard a triangle-shaped spaceship and placed her on an examining table. Almond-eyed, gray-skinned

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dwarves scooped skin from her legs and back. And then they returned her safely, in time to greet the children at her in-home day care.

Mary, sitting in a postal worker's home in Ceres for a monthly meeting of the local Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) group, says this matter-of-factly. It's been happening all her life.

"As a child, some of my toys disappeared and the Grays would have them on the ship for me to play with," Mary says. "There's probably 80 different species out there (in space), and they all have my toys."

But Mary says the aliens took more than toys. They took her baby.

"Mike (her current boyfriend) and I were abducted at the same time in a mass abduction," she says. "The beings told us: 'Show us love.' They basically made us have sexual intercourse in front of them. ... Then a month later they came in my room and took (the fetus) from me."

Later, she says the aliens returned to show her a little girl. "They told me she was the baby Mike and I conceived on the ship."

"They're interbreeding."

Mary is one of dozens of Central Valley residents who, consciously or with the aid of hypnotherapy, recalls being abducted by aliens from outer space. She's one of 3.7 million people who, in a Roper Poll, said they had symptoms that suggest a close encounter of the fourth kind, or CE-IV.

There's Rayna, a Sacramento housewife: "I woke up behind the wheel while driving ... and the whole left side of my head was numb. The vision in my left eye was blurred. My rib cage was sore. The woman in the back seat had some physical symptoms. The guy next to me had puncture marks on his hipbone. We had one hour's missing time."

There's Mike, an Atwater job-trainer: "In 1980 I was at the LaGrange Dredges with a friend and it was dead silent and ... we looked up and saw two lights in the sky. My father was in the Air Force. It was not an airplane. I couldn't move."

There's Connie, a Sacramento waitress: "I remember waking up with yellowish, sticky stuff between my legs, really weird stuff. I got (hypnotically) regressed and what turned up was I found myself laying on a table with beings all around me, two beings, a tall one and short one. They told me they were doing a healing and said telepathically: 'There's no reason to remember this.'"

But she did. So did 104 people who, under hypnosis, told Sacramento psychiatrist Dr. Richard Boylan about alien experiences, which he compiled for "Close Extraterrestrial Encounters," released in December. His book joins scores of others detailing the phenomenon, books such as

Whitley Streiber's "Communion" and Budd Hopkins' "Intruders," best sellers that led to movies, sequels and UFO careers for the authors.

Believers say Boylan's book fuels an effort to catalog a national epidemic of kidnapping, a story the government wants silenced.

"(Aliens) have been genetically engineering us for eons," Boylan says. "Now they're engineering our consciousness to get us ready to play ball in the galactic United Nations. We'll be the newest member."

Boylan's office is decorated with dove-gray furniture and a bookcase crammed with UFO-related books, from "Communion" to Timothy Good's "Beyond Top Secret." His ad in the Sacramento Yellow Pages says he specializes in mid-life crises, retirement and close ET encounters. And while he says he saw a flying saucer in Marin County in 1977, his professional interest didn't begin until 1991, when he bought a newspaper ad, seeking "experiencers." Forty-four people answered.

"If there's that kind of numbers in a moderate-sized city," he says, "imagine what it is nationwide. I think we'd shake thousands out of the trees."

Indeed, thousands have come forward, with stories popularized by "The X-Files" and Hollywood's "Fire in the Sky." They attend national conferences, such as a recent gathering of alien-kidnap victims in Las Vegas. They file millions of requests for government documents, trying to unlock a global secret.

Locally, believers meet in homes or at Knights Ferry for skywatches. They speak of "missing time," "scoop marks" and "Area 51" — an alleged saucer base in Nevada, where U.S. pilots test-drive spaceships built from ET specs.

They discuss the various species: "Grays" — short, ash-skinned, almond-eyed ETs with rough demeanors — and "Nordics" — Aryan space-Vikings who wear robes. They buy books and videotapes, from personal accounts to "classified" reports on MJ-12 — an "attempt to cover up the 1947 recovery of a crashed flying disc and its alien passengers in Roswell, N.M."

"We've been visited since the beginning of time," says "Andrew Tomas," a pseudonym for a Hilmar teacher who says he fears direct retribution from "the U.S. shadow government," although he's using his real name for a book he co-wrote with a Weekly World News psychic.

"We are, to the alien races, nothing more than a species of amoeba under a microscope."

MUFON, which has 5,000 members, has been around since 1969 and enlists volunteer investigators. Invitation-only members pay \$25 annual dues and clip newspapers, scan radio static and interview airport workers for sightings, or flaps.

Kidnappings common

But only recently have people claimed to have been abducted by aliens, poked and prodded, and then returned. The past five years have seen an exponential growth in the number of kidnapped adults and children, sometimes whole families.

"It runs in our family," Sacramento Connie says of abductions. "My mom remembers a lot. My 4-year-old daughter knows a lot. Sometimes she's mad at them. She calls them bunny rabbits with no ears. She says the bunny rabbit lives in an airplane."

Believers share stories

By RUSTY COATS

Bee staff writer

Several dozen Central Valley residents regularly meet to discuss their experiences of being abducted by aliens from outer space. Here are two.

Mary, day-care provider, Merced

"I have had experiences since I was age 2. I have physical evidence — scars in the shape of a V, puncture marks in the shape of a triangle on my back and legs, burn marks. I have pictures. ...

"In November alone I had 16 encounters. Most of my experiences have been in my bedroom. At 1 a.m. on Nov. 8, I'm not sure where they took me, whether it was Knight's Ferry or this red planet. Everything was pink. The ship was a long hall with 12 rooms down it and lots of computers."

"I was shown a baby. They said this baby is mine and Mike's. What I'm going to tell you is so

Nearly everyone in the local group claims to have been abducted at least once. From their bedrooms, mostly.

"I know when they're coming," Mary says. "I get a burning sensation in the back of my throat. I hear tapping and see lights in the room. Then, when I return, I have these symmetrical scars."

Many display small red scars or skin indentations from what they believe to be alien medical probes. They say authoritatively that the Grays are "messy housekeepers" and are "harvesting human fetuses."

Yet none are afraid of the aliens, which — like Boylan — they see as benevolent, advanced beings who are nurturing humans the way a court-appointed family nurtures a foster child.

"Telepathically, the aliens are warning us of earth changes, weather cataclysms, environmental damage," Boylan says. "They say we need to stop letting large numbers of people starve and care more for our children."

"We need to get people ready for large-scale contact, and it's coming sooner than you think."

Many experts in psychiatry, aerospace and folklore say tales of alien abduction are little more than hallucinations of fantasy prone people, a personality type common in psychics, seers of angels and believers in near-death experiences.

"Most cases I've investigated are simply a phenomenon known as 'waking dreams,' which is a hypnagogic, halfway state before falling asleep, in which you confuse a dream with reality," says Dr. Robert A. Baker, a professor of psychology at the University of Kentucky. Baker has written several books discrediting abductions, hypnosis and hidden memories.

Waking dreams

"With waking dreams, you see things in the bedroom, yet you're dreaming and you're paralyzed. It's a medical condition known as sleep-paralysis. Most commonly, people see ghosts come through the wall and stand at the foot of the bed, or a monster."

Dr. Ronald Siegel, a professor of psychiatry at the University of California at Los Angeles, describes the hypnagogic state in his book, "Fire in the Brain," saying bedroom encounters — whether with aliens or angels — are normal near-dream hallucinations.

Douglas Curran's "In Advance of the Landing: Folk Concepts of Outer Space" sheds historical light on abductions, saying stories of alien kidnappings are identical to tales of being visited by ogres, demons and dead relatives.

"People once read the Brothers Grimm and hallucinated trolls. Nowadays they read Streiber's book ... and hallucinate almond-eyed aliens," Baker says. "It's a psychological phenomenon, nothing more."

Therapists may also create abduction stories where none exist, Baker says, by leading a hypnotized client with suggestive questions.

"The therapist asks, 'Do you remember being abducted?' No. 'Think harder,'" Baker says. "The therapist keeps insisting you remember, then tells you you're in denial if you can't remember. ... And lo! You start remembering something that never happened."

Boylan, who says he has uncovered dozens of alien abductions in clients who came to him for unrelated emotional problems, agrees hypnotherapy in the wrong hands can even damage a client's mental health. He says he

unbelievable.

"Mike (her boyfriend) and I were abducted at the same time in a mass abduction," she says. "The beings told us: 'Show us love.' They basically made us have sexual intercourse in front of them. They told me mentally that I was chosen because I know 'what love is.' Then a month later they came in my room and took (the fetus) from me. I had heavy bleeding. ...

"After experiencing that up there, Mike and I found we had the hots for each other. The Grays (aliens) brought us together."

Rayna, 39, housewife,

doesn't cue his clients and that the bookshelves of UFO books does not influence them while under hypnosis.

"Nonprofessionals who use it can put subtle pressures on people to fill in the gaps," he says. "But carefully done hypnosis ... can be used to erase the block, so long as the (hypnotist) is passive and does not push."

As for physical proof of abductions, Phil Klass, a Washington, D.C., aerospace writer and UFO investigator for 27 years, counters the abduction story claims of scars, crescent-shaped scoop marks, red blotches, bruises, rashes and the occasional smear of fluid.

"The scoop marks are usually the result of the victim's own fingernails, strange bruises are common and most people can't account for every scratch on their body," he said. And the fluid, cited in hundreds of cases, has never been jarred or analyzed.

He also dismisses "missing time" as a daily occurrence best known by truck drivers, who often forget stretches of highway.

"Missing time means one thing," he says. "It means nothing worth remembering happened during that period. But the imagination is eager to fill every moment, so it tends to fill it with something entertaining, even if (it's) fiction."

Coverup discounted

To discredit the possibility of a national coverup, Klass has often written of calling FBI agents from pay phones, telling them he has a video camera and has just filmed the landing of a UFO. On all occasions, he says, agents defer him to local police stations.

"Now," he says, "if there was some kind of coverup, wouldn't they send SWAT teams after me to confiscate my camera?"

Fabrication is also to blame, Klass says — abduction tales invented to draw attention, intrigue and respect.

"I've attended enough conferences and heard enough abduction claimants to know that these are invariably little nobodies who would never be invited to appear on a talk show (or) featured in a newspaper article, were it not for their UFO claim," Klass says. "These are invariably people with dull, drab lives."

Boylan disagrees, although, before his UFO involvement, he was not a published author or a nationally known authority on anything.

Yet his fame has brought a price. In July, three clients — two of whom were told under hypnotherapy that they had been abducted — sued Boylan in Sacramento Superior Court. Though Boylan denies the charges, the three women allege Boylan told them that as part of their abduction recovery, they should spend time with him in the hot tub, nude.

"The great tragedy," Klass says, "is that instead of these people going to trained psychotherapists with some hope for their recovery, they're joining up with this alien-abduction cult, which, to me, is more dangerous than Jonestown."

"You live your life believing aliens will abduct your children because you were chosen, and your children will have flesh samples cut from their body. It's a curse you can never escape."

Mary, Rayna and Connie all say their children recall being abducted. Rayna and Connie discuss it on a TV show in Sacramento. Mary is writing a book.

"It doesn't matter what you do," Mary says. "You can't get away from them. They'll always be with me."

Sacramento

"In Greeley, Colo., in '74, I had a series where I'd wake up in the middle of the night and I was paralyzed and couldn't move. I thought someone was trying to possess me."

"Then it happened again in Sedona (Ariz.) and there was a being standing next to my head. Door-knob height. Big dark eyes and a dark-colored jumpsuit. I couldn't move. I was really scared, mentally screaming, 'Go away!' He was ignoring me. He was sending information to someone over our heads. I felt like there was a ship over the house. Then he

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was communicating. It sounded like a digital musical sound . . .

"I had a mark on my neck that is still there. I've seen it on other people. C-shaped, red needle marks. . . . I woke up behind the wheel while driving . . . and the whole left side of my head was numb. The vision in my left eye was blurred. My ribcage was sore. The woman in the back seat had some physical symptoms. The guy next to me had puncture marks on his hipbone. We had one hour's missing time.

"We all did (hypnotic) regression with Dr. Boylan and I remember I was placed (by aliens) in this semi-reclining chair, like a dentist's chair. It seemed to be dark . . .

"My daughter was 2 when she started having experiences. She used to take dolls and put them under lampshade and she said, 'I'm healing them.' She talked about white men who came in through the window and said they put a purple pin up one nose and a green one up the other and took her into a car that flew and made no noise and 'took me to my mommy's house,' which I think means the mother ship.

"I view it as a learning experience. I wouldn't change it for the world. It's expanded my consciousness so far beyond what it was before. Sometimes I think 'You've flipped out and you've met a bunch of people who've flipped out with you.'"

Boylan's list Think you've been abducted?

In the past four years, Dr. Richard Boylan, a Sacramento psychotherapist and hypnotist, has made a special practice of people who claim to have been abducted by aliens. After studying 104 people who he believed had legitimate alien encounters, he compiled a list of symptoms these people shared. Boylan claims that others who experience some of these symptoms possibly have also been abducted by beings from outer space. Here is Boylan's list:

Unexplained persistent anxiety or restlessness after experiencing an event that has no ordinary explanation.

A strong fearful reaction when confronted with objects, pictures, stories, films, etc., that are associated with close extraterrestrial encounters.

Persistent insomnia after a highly unusual event, and/or nightmares with themes of UFOs, ETs or close encounters.

Repeated daytime thinking about (or having daydreams about) or extremely vivid "dreams" about UFOs, ETs or close encounters.

Compulsive behavior concerning UFOs or ETs, such as voluminous reading on the subject.

Unexplained moodiness or irritability after an anomalous incident.

Body symptoms or marks characteristic of a close encounter.

Sensing a substantial period of missing time following an anomalous incident.

Sudden onset of feeling socially unusual.

A new cosmic awareness that frequently breaks into one's daily thinking.

Suddenly feeling an affinity for CE-IV (close encounters of the fourth kind, i.e., abduction) experiences one sees or reads about, or feeling an attraction to ETs as somehow familiar.

Having the sense of having received telepathic messages from ETs or repeatedly receiving gifted intuitions.

Having a sense of sharing the space in one's mind with an ET.

Noticing the beginning of psychic ability or, if already psychic, noticing an increase in psychic abilities.

Feeling attracted to a spiritual or religious practice based on the in-dwelling of the Supreme Source in all nature, and, as a result, recognizing the importance of revering all life-forms as related to you.

Having a longing for that ET individual with whom a person has primarily had contact, especially over repeated visits.

Having an obsessive sense of mission (whether clearly understood, vague or repressed into unconscious mind), acquired during the close encounter.

Having a sense of partial ET heritage, either by reason of sharing an ET perspective on the "earth situation," having partial genetic heritage with certain ETs, having somehow had an ET as one biological parent, or having a sense of being born elsewhere.

Having a sense that one's destiny is with the ETs elsewhere in the galaxy, or feeling a "pull" to go to one's final home, which is an ET planet (one that was shown by the ETs during a close encounter).

TRIBUNE, Albuquerque, NM - Jan. 21, 1994 CR: K. Pflock

OFF THE AIR

Ghosts, UFOs—only in New Mexico



T.J. TROUT

This was a week that made you doubt your sanity and the sanity of humanity in general. But it also made you happy to live in New Mexico, because there's nowhere else on Earth where this stuff happens.

First, let us talk of Santa Fe, the city that proves if you take red or green chili above 7,000 feet it turns into a strong hallucinogen. There is a ghost running for mayor of Santa Fe. A dead person. A dead artist being "channelled" by Gail Bochenek.

She met the ghost of Tommy Maccione outside of a gallery on a dark night, and he told her he wants to run for mayor, as he had in the past. So now Bochenek is on the ballot in Tommy's place because they won't let a dead person run for public office.

So she is running, but will channel Tommy, and he'll be the real mayor and make all the decisions. Oooh, boy. I say elect them both. Think of all the publicity Santa Fe will get from Oprah and Geraldo.

Secondly, Rep. Steve Schiff has

called for reopening the "Roswell" file, where supposedly in 1947 a flying saucer, or a weather balloon, or the Hindenberg, or a giant Spam container, crashed near Corona.

It was originally reported in the paper as a crashed flying saucer, with rumors of dead alien bodies being shipped back east to Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. However, that story was immediately squelched and replaced by the official government explanation of a crashed weather balloon.

Because of calls from his constituency, Schiff wants to get to the bottom of all this.

But even he is hitting a stone wall. The powers that be told him all the documents are missing. How unexpected. Over the years, documents on the Roswell Incident have been released, but lots with only six or seven words remaining on the pages, the rest having large black lines drawn through the pertinent stuff. Now that's what I call freedom of information.

I admire Schiff for two reasons. He wants to get to the bottom of an obvious government cover-up and he is willing to risk his credibility on a subject that is, at the very least,

outrageous, and at the most could put him in the front row of Mystery Science Theater — even though he speculates that what crashed in 1947 was not a flying saucer but probably some secret contraption the government was working on.

I like to think of myself as an open-minded, rational person. But just for fun, let's speculate that what actually happened was the crash of an alien craft, that bodies were recovered and shipped off to Ohio. Now what would happen if the government did release the information? Widespread panic? Everybody armed to the teeth, fearful to go out at night? Near anarchy? Boy, you know, that sounds exactly like what we have now — and no aliens!

On the other hand, maybe the knowledge that we are not alone would change our way of thinking for the better. Instead of thinking Black or White, Arab or Jew, Croat or Serb, we'd all be Earthlings, and we could begin to start solving our problems globally instead of fighting among ourselves.

Trout is morning-show host for KZRR-FM 94 Rock radio. His show airs from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. weekdays. His column runs every other Friday.

TRIBUNE, Concord, NC - Nov. 5, 1993 CR: G. Fawcett

UFO investigator seeks to explain seemingly unexplainable events

By MARK PLEMMONS
Staff Writer

Kenneth Hanke and members of the Mutual UFO Network of North Carolina seek answers to seemingly unexplainable events and sightings — most are explainable, but the others are the ones most interesting.

"Eighty-five percent of sightings are normal, man-made or natural events that can be explained, but the other 15 percent you can't figure out," said Hanke, a computer programmer living in Concord.

The network will hear from the author of a book about a UFO sighting that will soon will made into an HBO movie.

The meeting will convene from 3 to 6 p.m. and 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday at the Ramada Inn off Clanton Road and I-77 in Charlotte. It is the 17th quarterly meeting of the group.

Hanke has been investigating UFOs for more than 20 years. He got interested in the subject in high school. Although he's never seen an actual UFO he has seen things that needed explanation.

One night in Florida, Hanke said, he saw a strange colored light in the sky that pulsed and glowed. It wasn't the moon, which he could see, and it wasn't Venus.

Two days of investigation led Hanke to Elgin Air Force Base, where he found that barium rockets were shot into the atmosphere for weather tests.

Hanke said he worked on another investigation in St. Louis where an object fell from the sky into a yard. It wasn't a rock, meteor or anything identifiable.



"After testing, we determined it was man made and possibly came from the Defense Department or the Space program," Hanke said.

Hanke said sightings are not to be confused with the things written about in the grocery store tabloids. "They're totally ridiculous."

The group's purpose is mainly to help people understand what they have seen and to try to find out more about the things they can't explain, Hanke said.

"There are things out there that just defy the laws of physics we know," Hanke said. "It's not like we have a museum that we can show you something, but we know something's out there."

Hanke becomes excited when talking about sightings, possible explanations and even the unexplained, but his mood changes when it comes to talk of abductions.

"I've never been involved directly in an investigation of an abduction, but I've interviewed some abductees," Hanke said. "It's sad. These people are basically suffering from post traumatic shock syndrome."

Hanke said only a small percent-

age of the abductees he's interviewed appear not to be genuine.

"We talk with them and if we can learn something fine, but that's absolutely not the priority," Hanke said. "We try to get them help and involve professional counselors as quickly as possible."

Hanke said abductees' biggest fears are being abducted again.

The network stresses scientific methods and evidence and does not involve channeling or any other mystic method, Hanke said.

Dr. Donald R. Schmitt, the co-author of "UFO Crash at Roswell," will give an illustrated presentation called "An Update on the Roswell Crash" at the meeting Sunday. Capt. Kevin D. Randle of the U.S. Air Force is co-author of the book.

The book is scheduled to be made into an HBO movie about a crash of a flying saucer and the recovery of four alien bodies at Roswell, N.M., in early July, 1947.

Schmitt is the director of Special Investigations for the Dr. J. Allen Mynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago.

George Fawcett of Lincolnton, founder of the N.C. network, started similar groups in New England, Florida, N.J. and Pennsylvania.

So far this year there have been reports of sightings in 10 North Carolina locations including Greensboro, Pumpkin Center and Butner, Fawcett said.

The cost for the afternoon session is \$2 for non-members. The evening session costs \$8 for members, senior citizens and students and \$10 for non-members.

NEWS GAZETTE, Lexington, VA - Jan. 5, 1994

Strange Sight

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Langhorne observed an unusual phenomenon in the pre-dawn hours Tuesday. At about 4:45 a.m. they noticed from their windows "a lot of flickering light." They checked carefully to be sure it was not caused by snow-plowing vehicles on Va. 641, which meanders through the valley below their house on its way to House Mountain.

The flickering light did not seem to have any color and was just bright enough to be noticeable in the snowy sky.

They later called their neighbor, Col. David DuPuy, professor of physics and astronomy at VMI, for an opinion on the unusual sight. DuPuy dispelled the idea that the flickering light may have been caused by a rare appearance here of the northern lights, or aurora borealis.

This explanation is unlikely be-

cause "we are at a sun spot minimum," he said. Also cloudy conditions would have obscured any appearance of the northern lights, which occur high above the earth.

The most likely explanation, the neighbors agreed, was lightning. Even though the Langhorne heard no thunder, distant lightning could have caused the flickering. Lightning sometimes occurs during a snow storm.

Fire on radar heats up mystery

Unexplained sightings follow NORAD report that has Rio Grande investigators baffled

By Dick Foster

Rocky Mountain News Southern Bureau

An unexplained explosion or fire seen on NORAD's radar screens in Colorado Springs has launched two weeks of helicopter sightings, flares in the night and other strange occurrences near Monte Vista.

"It's strange. I really can't make heads or tails of it," said Rio Grande County Undersheriff Brian Norton, who has been fielding the reports of the sightings since they began Jan. 12.

The North American Aerospace

Defense Command inside Cheyenne Mountain detected an intense heat source at 2:55 p.m. Jan. 12.

Satellites designed to detect missile launches but sensitive enough to pick up fires and other heat sources on the Earth, registered the find eight miles southwest of Monte Vista, NORAD officials confirmed Monday.

NORAD passed the information to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, also at Cheyenne Mountain, which notified local authorities that "a possible fire" was burning in their area.

Norton said such notices are usually reliable detections of farmers' and loggers' routine burns.

In this case, however, air and ground searches for two days along Rock Creek, a foothills region west of Monte Vista in south-

west Colorado, found nothing.

"We flew that night and the next morning with a plane and didn't see anything. We had four-wheel drives in the area, and we talked to several residents and nobody saw anything," Norton said.

NORAD spokesman Maj. Nelson McCouch doubted the radar signal was a mistake.

"Something was there," he said. "But the radar doesn't do an analysis of what it was."

Valley residents began seeing other things two nights later.

Three reports came to the sheriff's office of blue flares in the sky eight miles south of Monte Vista. Deputies again found nothing.

The next night, Deputy Mike James, on patrol in the same area, saw three helicopters flying in patterns, seemingly searching the area. Two had large blue strobe

lights, and a third had several lights, but it was too dark for James to see their color or identifying marks.

Last Friday, a resident saw an unmarked, black helicopter near Rock Creek, southwest of Monte Vista, but it was gone when deputies arrived, Norton said.

"This valley is not known for choppers. We don't have any in the valley, and I'd like to know where these are coming from and what they're doing here," he said.

Army and National Guard officials from Colorado and New Mexico denied they had any aircraft in the valley.

Norton also checked with every other agency known to be working in the valley but none had any fires burning or aircraft flying in the area.

Mystery 'heat source' sparks wonder

By Brad Smith

Special to The Denver Post

A series of sightings of unidentified helicopters, mysterious flares and falling green orbs of light in the night over the San Luis Valley has some valley residents wondering what's going on.

Military authorities say they can't provide any answers to the mystery, but the chief investigator for the Rio Grande County sheriff's office speculated yesterday that a cruise missile might have crashed and the wreckage was secretly removed.

It all began Jan. 12, when a satellite linked to the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs picked up an "intense heat source" emanating from the San Luis Valley.

Such sightings are relatively common and are routinely reported

Lights in sky, strange copters puzzle San Luis

ed to local authorities, according to Harold Aldrich, chief of the national warning center operated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The center, housed like NORAD in Cheyenne Mountain, relays sighting information to local officials.

Most sightings lead nowhere, but sometimes they turn out to be a forest or grass fire, Aldrich said.

On Jan. 12, following the satellite coordinates, Undersheriff Brian Norton went to the Rock Creek area 8 miles southwest of Monte Vista, but found nothing. The next day a single-engine airplane flew over an area in the San Juan Mountains further southwest of the town and also found nothing.

"From what NORAD told us, the satellite wouldn't have noticed

anything that wasn't bigger than a 3-acre fire, so it had to be pretty big," he said.

That's when events began to get more mysterious.

Norton said a woman driving out of Monte Vista at 6:25 p.m. on Jan. 13 reported seeing a "soft green light that looked like a soft ball... falling out of the sky in the same area." Her report was confirmed by another man, who said the green ball appeared to hit the earth in the Rock Creek area.

"On Jan. 16, the man who saw the green ball of light said he saw three B-52 bombers flying high," Norton said. The three planes died toward the Rock Creek site, flew over a low mountain called "Greenie" and flew away, the witness reported.

The next night, the sheriff's office got calls from three different people who said they saw a "blue flare" in the Rock Creek area. Four deputies in four-wheel-drive vehicles went to the area and found nothing, Norton said.

At night on Jan. 18, sheriff's Deputy Mike James was patrolling in the Rock Creek area and saw three helicopters flying about 100 yards apart.

Because of the darkness, the deputy was unable to identify any of the helicopters.

The following night, an anonymous caller who said he lived south of Monte Vista told the sheriff's office he had heard two large explosions coming from Rock Creek. Deputies found nothing.

The last report came Jan. 21,

when a resident of the Rock Creek area called the sheriff's office to report seeing a black helicopter flying overhead. The resident didn't see any markings on the chopper. It was gone by the time a deputy got to the scene.

Spokesmen for military facilities in Colorado and New Mexico have all said the sightings could not be traced to their helicopters.

"What I really think, and it is just speculation," the undersheriff said, "is that it would be possibly a cruise missile that went awry."

He said he thought the missile might have crashed on Jan. 12, that the "green ball" was a tracer of some kind and the B-52s and helicopters were searching for wreckage.

"Somebody knows what happened," Norton said. "I think they located it and now its over with."

NEWS, Maui, Hawaii - Jan. 24,

1994 CR: J. White

UFO debunker debunked

In The Maui News of Jan. 14 was an article entitled, "Congress investigating UFO cover-up."

The article concerns opening a government investigation of the famous Roswell flying disc crash of 1947, which was well-documented on CNN news on Feb. 13, 1992. At the end of the article (quote), "UFO debunker Phillip J. Klass said there isn't a shred of evidence."

Well, the pilot who flew the crashed disc and dead alien bodies across the nation for analysis, Captain O.W. Henderson, was the late father of a Maui resident who revealed he told her it really happened. The retrieved spaceship was flown in a B-29 by Henderson who was in the elite 509th bomber squadron at Roswell. Leading UFO crash investigator Leonard Stringfield, of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), verified this witness (he is a famous UFO lecturer and author). Furthermore, I personally interviewed a former official staff photographer of the Apollo moon astronauts, who worked for NASA, who told me he photographed crashed discs and alien bodies in a secret military hangar. This man (I do not have permission to publicly reveal his name) was a Maui resident.

MUFON has collected testimony from more than 100 eye witnesses to that crash or the bodies! On CNN, the doctor who did the alien autopsies revealed the details. Major Jesse Marcel, who collected the wreckage of the crashed saucer, is on videotape explaining how the materials were made by no known science on Earth, the bodies were very strange humanoids, and the government ordered him to say it was a weather balloon. I have personally watched this tape Marcel made before he died, and it has been on television.

Beware, readers, that Mr. Klass is a government agent paid to invent ridiculous and unsubstantiated explanations of UFO cases, and any intelligent person who does his own homework can easily detect his contradictions and lack of reasonable evidence. I have photos of the aliens, the autopsies, and the analysis of the crash and a copy of an FBI memo regarding it. If anyone is interested, come to my February lecture in Longhi's (free) or an appearance at the Maui Palms Hotel in March.

Steve Omar,

Director of the Dept. of Interplanetary Affairs
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COUNTY COURIER, [City Unknown], VT - Jan. ?, 1994 CR: J. White

Several Report UFO Sightings

By Stefan Hard

ENOSBURGH/SHELDON—What's transparent, rectangular, and lit all over?

That's what four Franklin County residents would like to know after spotting brightly lit rectangular craft in the night skies over Enosburgh and Sheldon, Sunday.

Trudy Bryce said she and her husband, Tom, were lying in bed watching television in their Sheldon home at about 9:15 p.m. when Tom saw lights outside the bedroom window to the east.

"He said, 'my God, that's really weird,'" said Trudy. "I said, 'It's just a car,' because it looked like headlights. But he said, 'Trudy, it can't be a car, there's no road there.'"

The Bryces live on Bridge Street in Sheldon, roughly across from Irish's Market.

Trudy said she and her husband opened the window and turned the television sound all the way down, but could not

hear anything from outside. Trudy said they watched for ten minutes, at first with their naked eyes, and then with binoculars through windows, a craft moving very slowly over the landscape, at what she estimated was an altitude of between rooftop level and 100 feet.

What Trudy described was a square, or rectangular craft, "like a hang glider, but enclosed" that "looked transparent, almost like you could see in, like one big window." She said the craft had two bright, white lights on one side and a fainter string of white lights around its perimeter.

Trudy said the craft floated across a farmer's pasture, and then disappeared from view behind a neighbor's house as it headed west towards St. Albans.

In talking about the craft, Trudy became embarrassed, and jokingly said said her husband would probably think she was "nuts" for talking about the sighting with a reporter.

"It was probably just an airplane," she said, "but when you don't hear anything, and there

are just steady lights, no blinking..." Trudy said she had never seen a UFO before.

About 15 minutes earlier, and six miles to the east, Leonard Weed was walking home from a neighbor's house just off the Duffy Hill Road when he looked north over the Missisquoi River towards the village and saw bright lights hovering about 500 feet over the Community Health Center. The health center is located at the west end of the village on Vermont Route 105.

Weed said he watched it hover over the health center for about three to four minutes as he walked toward his house. When he reached his house, he went inside and told his wife, Leah, to look out a window.

"He said, 'you want to see some strange lights?'" said Leah.

When the two opened a window to look out, the "strange" lights were moving at a moderate speed at about the same altitude west toward Phillip Parent's farm in Sheldon. Leah went outside to get a better look.

"It appeared to be square,

actually two squares joined together," said Leah. She said the structure was nearly transparent, "like it was a window lighted up with lights around each side. The two square sections stayed joined together as it moved."

Leah described "two big, bright lights" on the craft. Leah and Leonard said the craft was silent, although at one point, Leah said she thought she heard a low vibration.

Leonard said he was not frightened by the strange sight, but Leah said she went back in the house feeling "a little jittery."

Leonard has seen UFOs before, about three sightings in ten years. This was Leah's first UFO sighting.

"I think they're from another planet," said Leah. "They're not any experimental craft from around here, I don't think. I think they're observing us, but I don't know what they're up to in Vermont on a twenty-eight below zero night."

Atlanticville exclusive:

ATLANTICVILLE, Long Branch, NJ - Dec. 30, 1993

Alien space craft visits West End?

By Daniel Mintz

Long Branch — They are as elusive as they are unusual. Some say they hover in tight circles for prolonged periods of time, others see them darting through the skies for mere instants, but all who witness their ephemeral appearances remember them for the rest of their lives.

Sure, there is a distinct possibility that UFO sightings are the inventions of nutcases, but in case they aren't, let us consider the testimony of one Anthony Testa.

For Anthony, a routine trip to the local bagel shop turned into an unforgettable experience — a close encounter of the first kind.

"It was extremely weird," he said, as the Atlanticville editor attempted to contain a smile. "You think it's funny, but if you were there, you would have been freaking out."

Testa was walking into Fanagle the Bagel on Ocean Avenue near the West End Beach when he saw it — a speck hovering over the far horizon, where the ocean meets the sky. His curiosity aroused, Testa spied the flying object through the binoculars Fanagle supplies to customers while they wait for food. "It was too big to have been a helicopter," he said. "It was maybe three to five miles out on the ocean, and it kept going in a circle over the water."

After running home to get a more powerful pair of binoculars and a camera, Testa returned to the beach to monitor the airborne craft. Through his army binoculars, the craft's details became clearer.

This was UFO material.

"It was about the same size as a submarine, with an arrow-point head connected to a long neck," he said, voice shaded with inten-

sity. "There were huge round wings attached to the body — maybe they were motors or something. I think it was a UFO."

"People are really going to think I'm nuts now," he added.

Nevertheless, Testa went on to say that the strange flying thing would dash through the air to one spot, stop, then swiftly dash to the

right and left, and resume hovering in its original position. As it was allegedly doing this for about an hour, Testa had ample opportunity to double check his observations.

"There wasn't a cloud in the sky — I could see it clearly enough to notice it was something weird," he insisted. "People were walking by on the boardwalk, and I pointed it out to them and they said, 'What the hell is this?'"

Skeptics would point out that if a strange guy approached you on the boardwalk spouting off about a UFO, you might also say "what the hell is this," whether you see anything or not. But Testa isn't alone in his close encounter experience.

"It was definitely out of the ordinary, but we don't know exactly what it was," said a Fanagle employee who preferred to go unidentified. "We had binoculars and tried to see it as best we could — we thought it might be a helicopter, but the more you looked at it, the more you said, 'no.'"

Another Unidentified Fanagle Observer said, "It was like nothing I've ever seen on the ocean before." Both Fanagle employees confirmed, however, that it didn't look like a giant bagel.

The flying craft departed just as mysteriously as it arrived. "It just suddenly took off and was gone



RE-ENACTMENT OF UFO SIGHTING — Anthony Testa points to his artist's representation of the UFO he spotted Monday off the West End Beach. Testa insists the strange craft was not a helicopter or airplane. Nobody knows for sure what Testa saw, but judging from his artist's rendering, Freud would have had a field day with it.

within a second," Testa said. "It just drifted a little bit and then it was gone — it was nowhere, out of sight."

The UFO may be gone, but it has been captured on film. Due to its distance from the shore, the craft shows up as a mere dot — in fact, a first glance at the photo leads one to believe it's a picture

of an empty seascape. A closer look reveals that the dot does indeed seem to be slightly above the waterline, confirming that aspect of Testa's story.

No matter. What film can't capture, Testa's memory can. He has supplied the Atlanticville with an exclusive rendering of the UFO, which accompanies this article.

Cynics will undoubtedly scoff, but there are aspects of this vast universe that the science and philosophies of man cannot even dream of. They may be out there, watching us, for some mysterious purpose no human mind can fathom. And they may return. Meanwhile — watch the skies!

DAILY RECORD, Roswell, NM - Nov. 28, 1993

Report deals with space debris retrieval

Nate McMahon

Record Staff Writer

An alleged secret military group which retrieves fallen satellites and unknown objects from space is the subject of a report released Nov. 19 by a Roswell resident.

Clifford Stone of the Outa Limits UFO Enigma Museum sent the 169-page report to Congress after three and a half years of work.

It alleges that the U.S. Air Force had a classified program to investigate UFOs and space junk, in addition to the more-widely known Operation Blue Book.

Project Moondust, Operation Blue Fly and the Joint Army-Navy-Air Publication 146E are the names of the projects and directives which assigned these duties, Stone said.

His report says the question is not whether UFOs exist or don't.

"The real question," it states, "is has the American intelligence community concealed the reality of ... man-made space debris falling back to Earth, and concealed this information from both the public and Congress."

The report was sent out to New Mexico's congressional delegation, said Stone, and was motivated by documenta-

tion he said supports his claims.

"I firmly believe this still has to be happening," he said. "One-half of the stuff up there right now is radioactive. Eventually, one object will come down which will cause a threat to life or property."

Between 7,000-12,000 man-made objects currently float in space, according to Stone.

He cited reports of falling space junk in Peru, South Africa and the Sudan.

Closer to home, Stone said pieces of the Soviet Cosmos 316 satellite fell in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas on Aug. 28, 1970, and another satellite fell in Wisconsin in 1972.

Precedent for intelligence operations Congress isn't briefed on already has been set, said Stone. The National Security Agency enjoys executive immunity, he said, and certain wartime missions occur without congressional approval.

Stone said he believes the report is valid on its own, but he also thinks it may be a way to get Congress to seriously look into UFO accounts.

In addition to Soviet and U.S. satellites, he said the military program to scoop up space debris may also net UFO relics.

"I think this will be taken seriously," he said of the report. "Personally, I believe

we'll find more (than explainable wreckage), but it's political suicide to even go by that approach.

"Nothing will ever get accomplished by asking Congress to look into a cover up of little green men in pickle jars in the Pentagon pantry."

The report counsels open and executive congressional hearings to find out if any quick-response team charged with collecting space junk exists, and to determine if Congress was briefed about it.

If the intelligence community is using UFO controversy to hide collection of fallen space debris, and refuses to tell Congress about it, Stone says "herein lies the real danger."

Stone is the author of six reports and one book, "UFOs: Let The Evidence Speak For Itself."

DAILY HERALD, Arlington Heights, IL - Dec. 29, 1993



Ann Livingston is working on a book about some alien experiences.

Daily Herald Photo/
Daniel White

Strange events remind suburban woman of 'alien' encounter

Ann Livingston hasn't been abducted by aliens, as far as she can tell, since we did a story on her Jan. 28, but "I've had a few strange things happen," she says. Livingston, who has a husband and children, works as a bookkeeper and lives in the Northwest suburbs, told the Daily Herald of having been abducted by creatures from space more than 30 times.

In March, she saw "Fire in the Sky," a movie about one man's alleged abduction, and got so hysterical during the scene where he was spirited away, "I cried and couldn't calm down for several hours," she says. In May, her husband realized half of the disks he uses on his home computer were missing from the apartment, and all of his files — to which only he

had access — in the computer's hard drive were erased from its memory.

In June, while dozing on the couch, Livingston felt herself being yanked up in a beam to a UFO and started screaming. "It must have been a flashback," she says. Only a few weeks ago, she discovered a solid lump behind her left ear and four tiny abrasions on her scalp she poked while brushing her hair. Her doctor couldn't determine the cause, she says.

"Really weird stuff," says Livingston.

Livingston is working on a book of her experiences and says she has an agent in New York who has agreed to read the manuscript. "It's coming along," she says.



FOREIGN NEWS

TELEGRAPH & ARGUS, Bradford, England - Jan. 12, 1994 CR: D. Hopwood

UFO MYSTERY AS THACKLEY TORPEDO FLIES OVER GARDEN



WATCH THIS SPACE... Jane and Derek Moorhouse keep an eye open for more aliens flying past their living room

Close encounters on the home front

COMPUTER operator Jane Moorhouse had a close encounter in her back garden after a 20ft-long UFO swept overhead.

Mrs Moorhouse, 52, watched in amazement as the grey torpedo-shaped object floated silently over her Thackley home and down the Aire Valley.

But the mystery object was not picked up on radar at Leeds-Bradford Airport, which had only one flight in the area, and no other sightings were reported.

Mrs Moorhouse and husband Derek were watching TV at home in Thackley View in the afternoon when they saw the Unidentified Flying Object through their window.

"We went outside and stood watching it for about two to three minutes as it went over," she said.

"It was about 150ft up and had no wings or anything like that. It looked like a plane without wings. We couldn't work out what it was and we

by ALUN PALMER

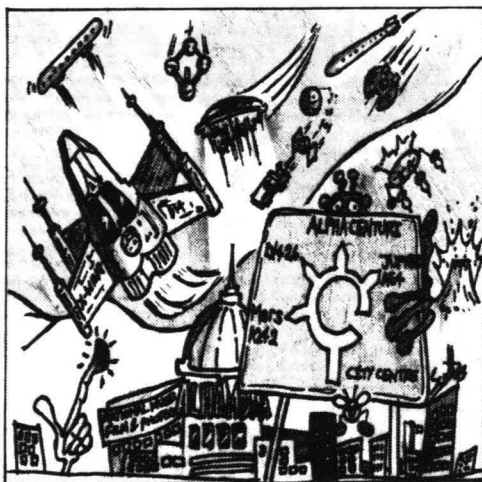
still have no idea."

Bradford is known by UFO experts as the spaceship equivalent of Piccadilly Circus with scores of sightings on the hills and moors.

UFO writer and researcher David Barclay, of Prospect Walk, Shipley, said the same object had been spotted about 20 times in the past 20 years.

"I have seen it myself. It is very strange that in all this time, nobody has come up with an explanation."

● Did you see the Thackley Torpedo? If so, ring the Telegraph & Argus UFO Hotline on Bradford 729511 ext 203.



ADSCENE, Canterbury, Kent, England - Oct. 1, 1993 CR: T. Good

DID YOU SEE CITY'S 'UFO?'

THE RAF and police have been unable to shed any light on a 'UFO' sighting over Canterbury.

The unidentified flying object was seen hovering in the night sky, before moving at incredible speed towards Ashford.

It was spotted by a motorist and her passenger, travelling along the London-bound A2 towards Canterbury. She also reported seeing a military helicopter thousands of feet below the object.

Baffled by the sight of a large, bright, cigar-shaped object in the night sky, they were even more surprised when a strong ray of light shone from it and it disappeared - only to reappear seconds later in the area of Ashford.

"It seemed to have several sources of light shining from it, and was motionless when we first saw it," said driver Carol Davies, from Nelson Road, Gillingham.

"At first I thought it might be part of some kind of laser show - I couldn't think of any other logical explanation.

Report by Matt Silk

"When the beam of light shone out and it disappeared, seeming to travel miles in a second, we were totally mystified. Our sighting lasted almost half an hour as we drove along the A2 and then M2."

"During this time, the UFO was performing all sorts of aerobatics - whizzing along at high speed, disappearing and appearing again. I've been to major air shows, such as Farnborough, and know what advanced aircraft look like, but I know that this was nothing like anything I have ever seen before."

The sighting was reported to the police and RAF Manston, where a report was compiled for the Civil Aviation Authority - standard procedure for such incidents. A spokesman could shed no light on the UFO, but said that all such reports are logged.

Meanwhile, if any Adscene readers saw the UFO at about 8pm, on Monday 20 September, please contact our newsroom on Canterbury 767321 ext. 302.

SOUTH WALES ARGUS, Newport, Wales - Sept. 18, 1993

Mystery 'UFO' is sighted

WAS it a plane? Was it a helicopter? No - it was a

UFO, according to Gwent folk who say they saw something mysterious flying above them this week.

The Argus has learned of two sightings, one by four teenagers at the Tesco roundabout at Nash, Newport, and the other at Rogerstone.

The UFO described in the first sighting was

grey/white and milk-bottle shaped, with no bright lights.

The second sighting was of a very circular object with bright lights all round it.

Newport police have not received any reports of UFOs.

CR: T. Good

NEWS & ADVERTISER, Lynn, England

Oct. 22, 1993 CR: T. Good

More sightings of lights in the sky

UNUSUAL but true, it seems... they're back - those flashing lights in the West Norfolk night sky.

Following a rash of claimed UFO sightings over Lynn in August, the skies have been relatively mystery-free - until this week.

On Monday evening, near-neighbours Johanna Coe and Robert Clarke, both of Empire Avenue, Gaywood, reported seeing strange lights over Lynn.

But while Mrs Coe saw them from her house, Mr Clarke happened to be in South Wootton.

Mrs Coe said she watched the lights with her husband Andrew. She told the Lynn News: "We saw it at 7.30pm. First of all we thought it was a plane in trouble."

"We saw a white light which shot down diagonally, and it was wobbling about. Then we saw a red light flashing and I just dismissed it as a plane."

"But it wasn't very far away - it was towards the Wash but not very far out - and there was only a faint noise coming from it."

"I'm certain it wasn't a plane. It was definitely strange - and my daughter was frightened out of her wits."

Mr Clarke said he was in his car in South Wootton when he saw the lights.

"I didn't see them come down - what struck me was how high they were. It seemed almost too high for a plane," he said.

"It was like a star but brighter, and with green and red flashing lights."

"It was almost directly over the town, probably over the river. I stopped my car and watched it for about 20 minutes."

● In August, there were several sightings of mysterious red, green and white lights allegedly hovering over the South Quay.

A West Norfolk UFO Club has also been formed.

ASHBOURNE NEWS TELEGRAPH, Derbyshire, England - Nov. 11, 1993 CR: T. Good

UFO evidence lost as film develops blank

When Mrs Barbara Phillips of Ednaston spotted a strange flying object, she rushed out with her camera and snapped away.

But uncannily the film when developed was totally blank, even though it also included some of Mrs Phillips' holiday snaps.

Mrs Phillips was in the kitchen looking out of the window when she spotted the strange round craft showing flashing white lights underneath.

"It was still daylight and the thing was flying tree high and making a noise like a wasp. It hovered towards me as I got my camera up, then moved off towards the nursing home. It then came back as if to look at me again and say take

another shot.

"It then hovered up the A52 and along towards Ashbourne."

"I had it in my vision for a few minutes and had never seen anything like it before. It wasn't a helicopter or an aeroplane, but was weird and round."

Mrs Phillips was confident of having evidence to prove what she had seen but, strangely, when the film was developed it was totally blank.

"I'd only had the camera a year and had never before had a film failure. Not only did I lose pictures of the craft, but also of my grandson and of a holiday at Mablethorpe."

ADVERTISER, Poole, England

Nov. 4, 1993 CR: T. Good

No laughing matter

THERE'S nothing funny about Ken Johnson - except that he saw a UFO.

But baker Ken of Keeble Road, West Parley is peeved that nobody will take him seriously.

Ken saw the white and green light at either end of a mystery object which hovered in the sky as he cycled to a shop at Parley Cross at around 8 pm on Monday October 18.

Ken 21 said: "It wasn't a plane because it stayed in one position. And it wasn't a helicopter because I got off my bike and listened and there was absolutely no sound."

Suddenly the lights "glided off" and one of two flashing white lights close to the mystery object went out. When Ken came out of the shop he could still see the lights some distance away for two more minutes.

Immediately he returned back home he phoned nearby Hurn Airport but he said: "Nobody was interested. It made me angry." A woman there told him to "put it down to experience."

Then he phoned the police. "They listened but I could hear them laughing," said Ken. "They told me to phone the Echo where someone promised to call me back but never did."

Ken, who three years ago had an all night sighting of three star-like objects, said: "It's a pity people can only laugh when faced with something they don't understand. UFOs may be important. I'd like to hear of anyone else who saw this object."

NEWS & ADVERTISER, Lynn, England

Oct. 26, 1993 CR: T. Good

'LIGHTS IN THE SKY' - WE SAW THEM TOO!

UNIDENTIFIED objects in the West Norfolk sky were spotted by two more people, who have told the Lynn News of their experiences.

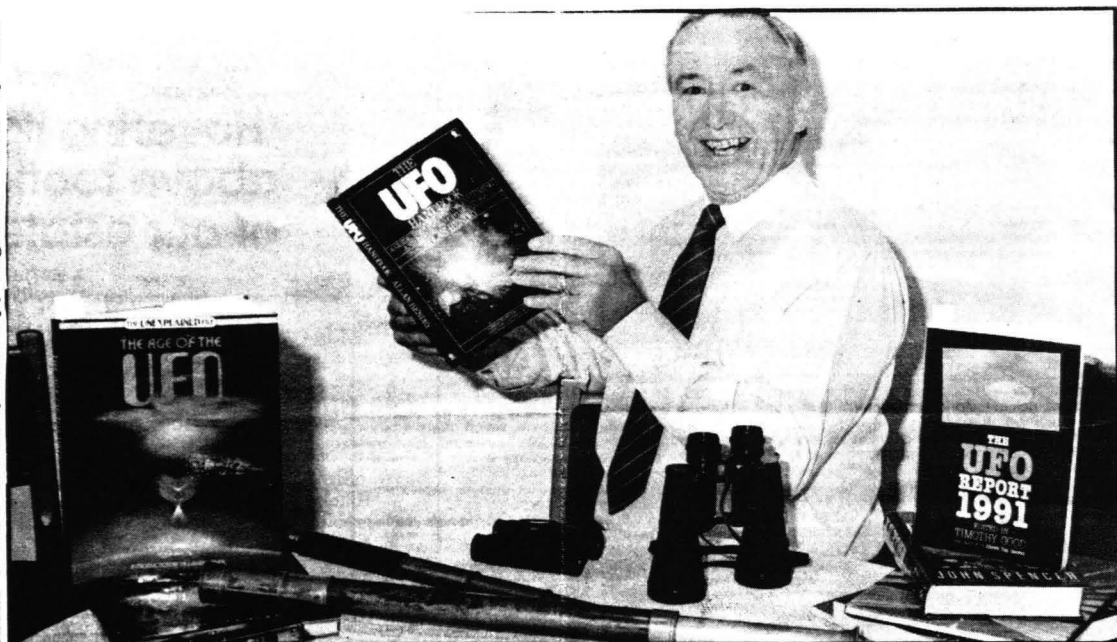
Following our report on Friday of strange flashing lights in the sky last Monday, Mr Steven Vertigan of Great Massingham, and Mrs Sadie Trigg of Terrington St Clement, called us to say: "We saw them too."

Over his home in Walcups Lane, Mr Vertigan saw an orange light, with three flashing lights circling it.

And Mrs Trigg, of Oxford Place, said: "What made me sit up was the incredible noise. It was very, very loud."

"At first we thought it was a plane coming down. We got a lot of planes coming over, but when we looked up we saw one big, bright, white light moving in a circular fashion. Then it changed to a red light and moved off. But it was much slower than any plane."

● Have you spotted a UFO? Contact our newsdesk on Lynn 761188.



UFO DETECTIVE . . . Books, telescopes and cameras are the equipment of Mr Denis Plunkett, a typical searcher for Unidentified Flying Objects.
Picture by Tom Smith (3432TS)

Are UFOs a big cover up?

WHEN THE WEEKEND COMES

KIRSTEN BEHENNA
Mystery disappearance prompts interest in UFOs

American government has attempted to minimise the panic and fears people have by a process of conditioning. He believes films such as *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and *ET* are part of that process.

Further support for theories of governmental cover-ups is reports by UFO witnesses of visits by the "Men in Black" intimidating them to drop claims of sightings.

As for those who may mock, Denis is very strong in his beliefs. "There are many things I haven't seen that I know exist. It's a belief rather than being able to prove a fact. There's lots of evidence but what constitutes proof?"

Of many sightings Denis said there has actually been technical proof such as radar readings and photographs or cine recordings.

He will be giving an illustrated talk at a 40th anniversary meeting of BFSB on Friday, November 4 at the Friends' Meeting House in Bishopston at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. If anyone is interested in the BSFB or wants to report any sightings they should contact the Records Officer on Bristol 400486.

CR: T. Good

ON August 2, 1947 an aeroplane took off from Buenos Aires but never reached its destination as it mysteriously disappeared en route.

Witnesses claim strange lights appeared in the sky - the aircraft was never seen again and neither were its passengers or crew. Among those on the *Star Dust* was Dennis Harmer, the radio operator.

Since that fateful day the mystery has never been solved and Harmer's cousin, Denis Plunkett of Winterbourne, has developed a fascination for the unexplained - especially of the unidentified flying object variety.

Denis (62) a retired civil servant of Branksome Drive, was so intrigued by the vanishing of *Star Dust* that he joined an American UFO organisation.

He explained: "In the late 40s and certainly the 50s you couldn't pick up a newspaper or listen to a radio broadcast without some reference to a sighting."

"I saw an item in the *Daily Mail* about Albert K Bender of Connecticut setting up an international Flying Saucer Bureau."

Denis became a member of the bureau but within 18 months Al Bender mysteriously pulled out of the organisation after claiming he was visited by the "Men in Black".

"He says he was visited by three men in dark clothing. He said he had discovered what UFOs were and was going to publish this information but the three men said it was not in his interests to do so and dissuaded him from continuing his research."

This left the Bureau's members in limbo so Denis and some of his colleagues formed the BFSB - British Flying Saucer Bureau - which next month celebrates its 40th anniversary and is the longest running organisation of its type.

The aims of the society - which at its peak had 1,500 members worldwide - are to promote, sustain and stimulate interest in UFOs; to collect information on UFOs; to determine their origin and purpose; to bring together those interested and to dispel feelings of undue anxiety or hysteria.

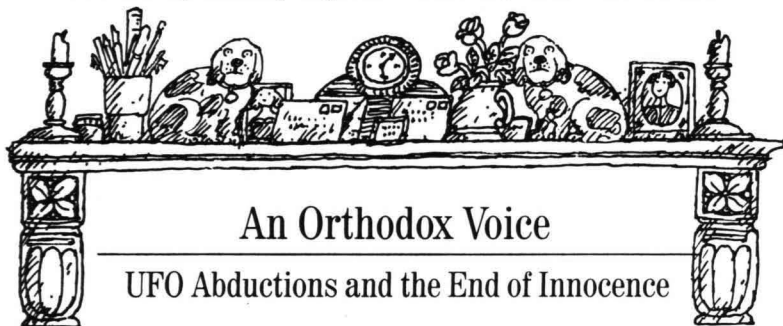
Denis' main personal sighting was on a summer night during the 1960s. He recalled: "I went across to the darkened bedroom window and looked across to the horizon towards Bath and there were eight or nine objects in the sky in formation."

"We watched this for about an hour and a quarter. It looked like will-o'-the-wisp in the sky and you couldn't see any object move from A to B. I did what most people try to do, go down a mental checklist to determine what it isn't before saying 'I just can't explain, it must be a UFO'. Other people also reported the same sighting that night."

He holds many theories on UFOs, one of which is the world's governments are hiding the facts for fear of mass hysteria.

He added: "One theory is that in recent years the

THE OLDIE, London, England - Oct. 29, 1993 CR: T. Good



An Orthodox Voice

UFO Abductions and the End of Innocence

THE FIRST UFO contactee I met was a young lad from a poor Protestant family in Northern Ireland, named Ivor Brown. One evening he was walking along a dark country road towards a dance-hall, when he saw in front of him an oval-shaped object. Some creatures came out of it and took him inside, where he was seduced or whatever you call it by two strange but attractive females. Somehow Ivor got in touch with Desmond Leslie, the author of the very first UFO book, who took me to meet him.

We were inexperienced at that time, so were rather disconcerted by Ivor Brown. Our main concern was whether or not he was lying, and our ideas on how to tell a liar from an honest man were unimaginatively conventional. We had hoped to find the type of reliable witness that appeals to lawyers, firm-eyed and rational-minded. That was not Ivor Brown. He was nervous, impressionable, uneducated and prone to symptoms which are familiar to psychiatrists. Ever since his experience he had maintained psychic contact with his abductors and knew when they were near his house. His sensitivity spread to the rest of the family. Their minds and habits were changed, and they left their home to go on psychically guided travels. The last I saw of Ivor was when he passed through London, with old Mr Brown and a younger brother, on their way to visit the grave of Matthew Hopkins, the fanatical witch-finder of 17th-century Suffolk.

There is now a vast literature on the subject of 'UFO abductions' - the modern folklore term for the kind of experience described by Ivor Brown. A large and growing number of similar encounters are reported all over the world, particularly in America. Opinions are divided about their meaning. Some say they are to do with extra-terrestrial beings, while others believe they have a psychological origin. My own persuasion is that the sensi-

ble approach to the phenomenon of UFO abductees is by comparing it with past records - the records of folklore.

In any regional account of British folklore one can find stories about people who have been abducted by unworldly creatures, conventionally identified as fairies. The details in such cases are infinitely varied, but one detail is always the same. In every account of an abduction, whether by fairies, demons or UFO-creatures, the abductee is mentally changed and acquires a new, spiritual perception. The results are not always of obvious benefit - abductees are likely to become lonely, melancholy, introspective. Some are persuaded that they have gone mad, and there are always a few who think that God or the Venusians have chosen them to reform mankind.

In certain cases, however, a person who has undergone the abduction experience is awakened to life and gains the level of understanding which, in ancient and tribal societies, was induced by a ritual initiation.

I now know that Ivor Brown was telling the truth, that he had a genuine, traumatic experience and that he naturally described it in modern, space-age imagery rather than, as he would have done a generation or so earlier, in terms of demons and fairies. The actual cause of that experience is a mystery which, I feel sure, will never finally be explained. Yet it has to be accepted as a real, effective phenomenon. To any sympathetic reader, who has the slightest idea what I am driving at, I offer for contemplation the following suggested connections: violation of innocence by 'UFO abductors'; by rumoured covens of 'cult ritualists'; by tribal elders in the course of their initiation of adolescents. These are terrible things to undergo, but the victim may find certain compensations, such as maturity and a finer sensibility.

JOHN MICHELL

GUARDIAN, Worksop, England
Oct. 29, 1993 CR: T. Good

Keep looking to the skies

I WAS PLEASED to see your UFO article in this week's *Workshop Guardian* ('UFO is seen at Langold' *Guardian* 22nd October).

My husband first saw the UFO from our home at about 7.20pm on Friday 8th October. We watched it rotating in one position through binoculars for about 40 minutes.

The picture you published was actually the base of the object. It was bell-shaped with flashing lights, not only on the base but all the way up the body. Before it departed the sky was filled with orange 'sheet lightning'.

Since then we have seen the object on four other nights at about the same time.

My husband has tried to video the UFO but unfortunately it has been too dark.

We have never seen anything like it before, but now we will keep looking skyward.

CAROL S. SISSONS,
Syringa,
The Cross,
Carlton-in-Lindrick.

NEWS & ADVERTISER, Lynn, England
Aug. 24, 1993 CR: T. Good

Mystery of UFO sighting

ARE flying saucers hovering over Dunstable?

That's the question being asked by a local woman who spotted a strange object on Thursday afternoon.

Margaret Roe, of Ridgeway Avenue, was sitting in her living room when she looked out of her window at about 3.30

pm and saw a UFO in the sky.

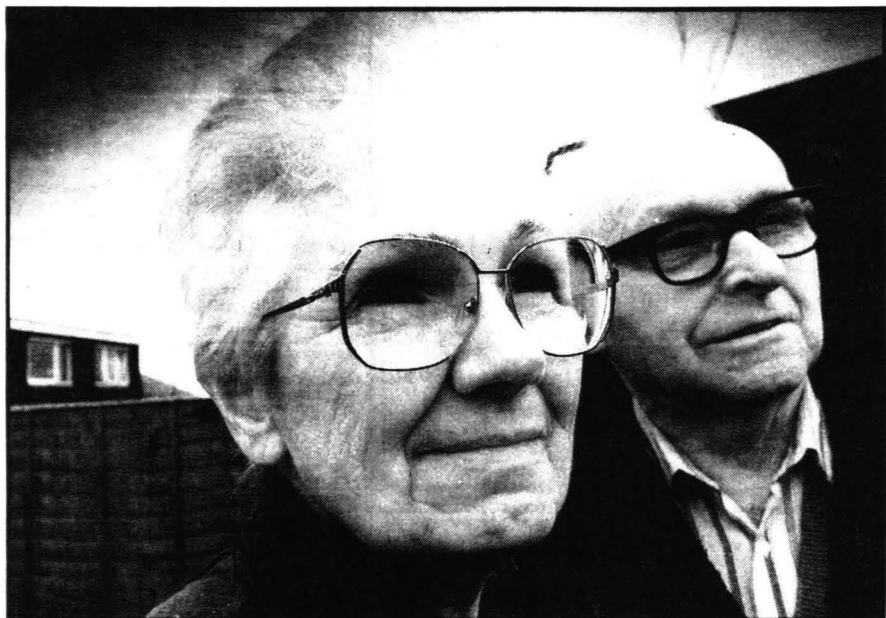
She said: "At first I thought it was a balloon, but when I got up to have a closer look it zoomed off."

Mrs Roe described the object as silver or white and round. From the distance it looked a little smaller than a satellite dish, and seemed to be hovering over the Boscombe Road area of town.

By the time Mrs Roe had called her husband over to look at the strange sighting, the object had disappeared.

She said: "I was surprised at its speed."

STAR-GAZING PENSIONER SPOTS UFO GLIDING PAST HOUSE



LOOK OUT:
Stella and
Jack
Hamilton
say they
spotted a
UFO near
their home
in Wilsden

A close encounter in the sky at night

A NIGHT'S stargazing turned into a close encounter for pensioner Stella Hamilton.

Mrs Hamilton, 66, of Wellington Road, Wilsden, today relived her strange experience with a UFO.

She called the Telegraph & Argus after reading about an Unidentified Flying Object seen over Thackley earlier this month.

The pensioner described how she went to her bedroom window after hearing the drone of engines — and saw a cigar-shaped object with portholes, twinkling with lights and gliding across the sky towards Oxenhope and Haworth.

"It seemed to be saucer-shaped and like nothing I have ever seen before," she

by LYNNE ROBERTSON

said. "All the lights on the object went out when a plane flew overhead, towards Leeds-Bradford Airport."

She ran to fetch husband Jack, 80, and the couple were both able to see the craft clearly when its lights came back on after the plane had passed.

"When we got a better look, it appeared more cigar-shaped with lights running across the middle," she said.

Mrs Hamilton said friends had scoffed with disbelief when she told them of her encounter but changed their minds when they read of the experience of computer operator, Jane Moorhouse, in the T&A.

Jane, 52, of Thackley View, Thackley,

described how she and husband Derek watch a 20ft-long grey torpedo-shaped object float about 150ft above their home earlier this month.

UFO expert David Barclay of Shipley, said there had been about 20 similar sightings in 20 years, all of which remained unexplained.

A spokesman for Leeds-Bradford Airport said nothing unusual had been reported in the area at the time of both sightings.

Philip Mantle, of the Batley-based Independent UFO Network, said there had been a number of similar sightings nationwide in December — including two in the Bradford area.

Anyone with similar sightings can contact Philip on 0924 444049.

HINCKLEY TIMES, Leics., England - Oct. 14, 1993 CR: T. Good

Closer encounters for UFOs

Sightings of UFOs over the Hinckley area have been reported to local investigators.

Hinckley UFO Study Group is investigating the claims but say natural explanations are being considered for some of them.

The sightings began at 6pm on Tuesday 21st September and six witnesses contacted the group.

They reported a strange disc-shaped object hovering over the town towards the north-west which suddenly vanished after about 10 minutes.

The following afternoon at about 3pm, a dark, silent cigarette-shaped object flew slowly over two witnesses in Wood Street, say the group.

And then, on Thursday 30th September, a Hinckley man spotted what he described as a "gigantic ball of light" hovering low above houses in the Ashby Road area.

According to his statement, the light faded out after several minutes and made no sound.

The last sighting to be reported occurred on Friday 1st October. At 7.20pm, a young witness claims to have seen a brightly lit object which appeared to hover over Burbage at first and then move down towards the rooftops before fading out.

Hinckley UFO Study Group is an unbiased organisation which investigates UFO phenomena.

WESTMORELAND GAZETTE, Kendal, England - Nov. 26, 1993 CR: T. Good

Diamonds in Dales sky

A STRANGE diamond-shaped unidentified flying object has been seen in the skies above Sedburgh.

On Friday at about 7.15am, a woman, who does not wish to be named, says: "I noticed this strange very bright light coming up over Holme Fell in three stages. It was stopping, hovering, and then rising again. Then it just shot straight up into the air and slightly to the right and then it was gone."

Tony Dodds, of UFO spotters Quest International, said that particular shape has been reported in a number of areas around the country. His hotline is 0756 752216.

A MOTHER has told of the terrifying moment she saw a UFO hovering above a housing estate.

She spotted a huge orange light in the night sky over Kennington and thought that a plane was about to crash.

But the brightly-shining globe was not a plane, and the 47-year-old woman is now convinced it was an unidentified flying object.

The woman, who does not want to be named, rang *Adscene* with her story following our front page report about a spate of UFO sightings over Kent.

While she was waiting for her handicapped son to finish saying his prayers and fall asleep, she wandered over to the bedroom window. To her horror, she saw what she thought was a plane engulfed in flames, and about to crash into nearby houses.

"I thought I was about to witness a terrible air disaster," she said. "But the object wasn't moving at all, and seemed to be just hovering above the rooftops."

As she watched and wondered what it was, she noticed thin bright beams of light radiating from it like long spikes.

Puzzled, she went downstairs to ask her husband to take a look. "He couldn't make it out either," she said. "Because it was so bright, it was difficult to determine what shape it was. It seemed to be round, but the lights were so dazzling that it was hard to be sure."

As the couple stood and stared, the UFO disappeared behind clouds. "We saw one last glimmer of light and it was gone," she said.

"I felt I had to ring and tell *Adscene*, because I feel sure that other people must have seen it. It was about 7.45pm on Monday, 11 October."

"We are used to seeing planes in the sky around here — it's a very busy bit of air space — but this was nothing like any we have seen before."

Her account was one of dozens reported to a *dscene* following a story of a UFO sighting.

CR: T. Good

SOMERSET GUARDIAN, Bath, England Oct. 1, 1993 CR: T. Good

Valley of UFOs

HAS ANYONE seen any strange lights or flying objects, flying or hovering around the Chew Valley area? If so, then Lee Winter, from Bristol's UFO Research Group would like to hear from them.

The group is compiling a history of sightings in the Chew Valley area over the last few years and would like to hear from anyone who may have seen something, however long ago.

Since July, there has been a spate of sightings in the Dundry area, as well as Chew Stoke, usually in the early hours of the morning.

A large 150 ft dark cigar-shaped object was seen hovering about 25 ft above the ground near The Slab, by Dundry Church, according to one witness report, and was seen another time by four people, with lights

beaming out from each end. The second time it moved vertically, as well as horizontally, without making a sound.

The hills of East Dundry have also been the scene of a bright white light travelling along them, while strange lights have also been seen on Maes Knoll, a well-known landmark at Dundry.

A dark cigar-shaped object, with an orange trail like a ball of fire, was also seen around the Maes Knoll area and, besides Dundry, lights have also been seen travelling towards Plaster's Green and Strode, near Chew Stoke, travelling parallel with Dundry.

Lee, meanwhile, would welcome any information, however small, and can be contacted on (0272) 541977.

Ros Anstey

NEWS & ADVERTISER, Todmorden, England - Sept. 3, 1993

Close encounters given nationwide screening

CR: T. Good

TODMORDEN will get to see the television special that endorsed the town's position as a centre for UFO sightings.

The London Weekend Television programme "Strange...But True?" has gone nationwide and will be screened across the ITV network at 9.30 pm tonight.

Originally made as a pilot programme for a potential TV series, the show is presented by Michael Aspel and was first seen in the London area in May.

Several UFO sightings in the Todmorden area are investigated in the programme including the Alan Godfrey case and using interviews and dramatic reconstructions the aim is to give the public the chance to make up their own minds.

Mr David Alpin, a former Calderdale journalist, is editor of the programme and said, that after studying statistics on UFO activity across the country, he believed that Todmorden and the surrounding area, within a ten mile radius, was the epicentre.

More than ten per cent of all abductions and sightings have been recorded here, which he said is remarkable for a small town, and

By Amanda Harry

there is no evidence to suggest copycat cases are occurring because several events happened before Alan Godfrey's experience.

The programme also covers the subject of reincarnation and uses information from a library of the unexplained in the University of London made up of books collected by psychic investigator Harry Price.

Mr Alpin said that the programme had initially been made as a pilot to test viewer reaction and was only intended for viewing in London, but a previous programme they made on a similar basis was commissioned by ITV and the response to "Strange...But True?" means it will be screened across the country.

The programme was filmed in April in Todmorden at locations where UFOs have been sighted and actors take the main roles of local people involved but an interview is included with Alan Godfrey and other police officers from two forces that witnessed a UFO the night of Alan's "close encounter".

According to Mr Alpin the aim of the programme was to be quite different in its approach to the whole area of the paranormal.

"We avoided the predictable subjects of ghost sightings etc, and went for the slightly offbeat subjects which remain largely unexplained and stories that can't easily be dismissed. In each case there is a lot of scientific evidence to back the stories up and the programme leaves people to make up their own minds," he said.

Filming took three days and the makers spoke to many local people, apart from those who appear in the programme, who also said they had seen something unusual in addition to the recorded cases which have been researched.

Theories to explain the occurrences in the area include that the millstone grit in the area, which has a high quartz content, coupled with the large number of reservoirs locally could create electrical sparks and it has even been claimed this can affect the electrical impulses of the brain.

The area is also on the flightpath from Heathrow to America and for Manchester airport but people who have experienced the sightings say they know what a plane looks like and the lights they have seen have nothing to do with planes.

Mr Alpin said it was hard to explain away everything that was going on but Todmorden is definitely the centre of all this activity.

Crop Circle Query

Prince Philip stopped to pass the time of day when he saw the U.F.O. cuttings and display outside the Warminster tent.

Perhaps he put the words 'Warminster' and 'U.F.O.'s' together? Such is fame — or at least, notoriety.

Darren Moore (18) and Gary Head (19) announced themselves as enthusiasts and volunteers — after Darren had greeted Prince Philip's personal secretary, who happens to be one of his neighbours in Warminster.

Warminster is that kind of place.

Gripping

The Duke asked how many crop circles had there been this year? Darren gave the answer: "Seventy-seven in the Southern counties."

Darren added: "He asked about U.F.O.s, and what did we believe? We told him we would like to find out more, that's why we're here."

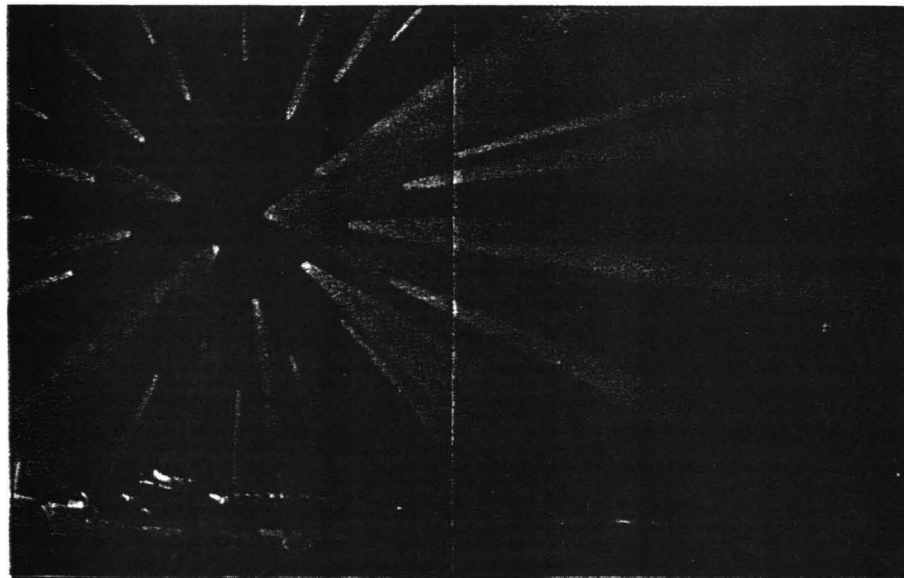
Lord Bath also came up to chat with the young men, and was very interested — "I think he wants the U.F.O. exhibition at Longleat," said Gary.

One of the yellowing cuttings pinned up behind them was a picture of Longleat House, under the gripping headline: "Riddle of the killer from the sky".

Plainly, there is still some mileage left in the great U.F.O. mystery.

WARMINSTER JOURNAL, Wiltshire, England - July 30, 1993 CR: T. Good

SPACE FLOWER: Night club may hold key to mystery



SKY AT NIGHT: Effects of lighting similar to Gwernlwyn Country Club's can be seen 12 miles away

Are these the UFO's lights?

By Caroline Evans

THE Welsh UFO mystery may have been solved by a West Wales country club.

For the suspect extra-terrestrials may be a revolutionary new light show at the Gwernlwyn Country Club at Cross Hands in Dyfed.

Last month Wales on Sunday spoke to terrified families who claimed they had been tracked by strange lights for miles across the Welsh countryside.

A man from Leominster, who was driving from Fishguard back to England along the M4, claimed his car was followed for five miles by a pulsating cloud.

"It was really eerie. There appeared to be a cloud about 30ft long and 12ft to the right of the car which seemed to be pulsating with lights," said Brian Faulkner.

"It followed us for about five miles and was vibrating as if it was breathing and ready to attack. I saw it break up, the lights just broke up and shot off to my left at a steep angle away from us. I have never believed in UFOs, but I would like to know what that was," he said.

Now Martin Edwards, operations director of Llanelli-based PA Installations, believes he may have the key to the mystery, a high-powered spotlight called the Space Flower.

He imported the light from Italy and installed it at the Gwernlwyn Country Club at Cross Hands as an advertising gimmick.

"You can see it from about 12 miles away on a clear night. On a cloudy night it reflects off the base of the clouds, it looks quite spooky because it doesn't look as if it is coming from the ground," said Mr Edwards.

"It is in common use in America and Europe to promote discos. The idea is that people can follow the light to the club," he said.

But Mr Faulkner says that if the mystery lights he saw were from the club they should be stopped because he believes they could cause an accident.

"It frightens people and for a woman on her own it would be terrifying," he said.

Mr Edwards dismissed the idea that the light is a hazard: "We have been given clearance by the Civil Aviation Authority and as far as accidents are concerned, someone walking on the hard shoulder can be distracting," he said.

Last month two Carmarthen women and their children were terrified when they spotted a disc-shaped light in the sky which they say followed them along the same route for 20 miles.

The light they saw was a bright soft white colour and it appeared to single out the children in the back of the car shining directly on them at one point before shooting off. The following day they all suffered various symptoms including ear problems and rashes.

Lorraine Fox and Diane Jones would like to believe that what they saw was the light from the Cross Hands club, but the light which followed them looked different, they said.

STAR, Wycombe, England - Aug. 13, 1993 CR: T. Good

From the editor's chair

by Alan Cleaver



No room for the traffic

ANYONE who knows the A418 Thame to Aylesbury road will know it can be quite a busy highway.

There are plans to upgrade it to what some people believe will be virtually a motorway.

More than 200 people packed a protest meeting in Haddenham two weeks ago and another meeting there on August 11 is likely to fill the village hall to capacity.

As if the cars, lorries and other vehicles were not enough, it transpires that craft from other planets are even using the road.

An Unidentified Flying Object was spotted near the road last week but there have been so many sightings over the years that this road has been dubbed a 'UFO corridor'.

Indeed, the most convincing piece of film of a UFO was taken by a driver on the A418 just near Cuddington.

Peter Day was driving along the road early one morning in 1973 when he saw a fast-moving orange ball of light. He had a cine camera in his car, which he used for his job, so he pulled over and managed to catch the UFO on film for a valuable 23 seconds.

Children in Long Crenodon were among other witnesses of the light that disappeared as quickly as it appeared.

Coincidentally an F111 military aircraft crashed later that morning some miles further north. That Peter had captured the aircraft ditching fuel was ruled out. Those who love mysteries have speculated the aircraft was chasing the UFO before it crashed.

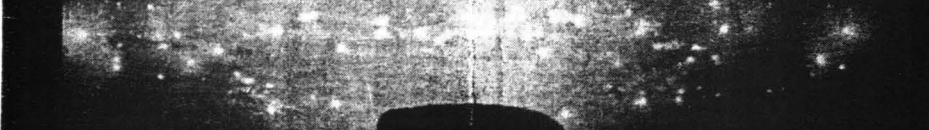
There seems to be no other explanation of the light. Curiously the last frame of the film may hold the vital piece of evidence of this being a paranormal object.

The last frame shows the hedge in the foreground remaining in sharp focus but the trees below the vanished UFO as being smeared and out of focus.

One theory for this inexplicable effect on film is a force field emerging from the UFO as it vanished. The force field, moving at the speed of light, would create a warping of light rays too brief for the human eye to notice but captured by the camera.

INDEPENDENT, Enfield, England - July 14, 1993 CR: T. Good

'UFO' LIGHTS UP SKY



NUMEROUS reports of UFO sightings over north London made converts of the sceptics on Saturday night.

Locals couldn't believe their eyes when they saw a huge oval shape with flashing lights hovering over Hornsey and Edmonton, areas not normally associated with the mystical.

Scores of witnesses have come forward to give their account of the bizarre vision which was seen shortly after 10pm last Saturday.

And although Edmonton police have dismissed the sighting as being nothing more than an air ship, locals remain convinced their story is true.

John and Susan Morrell, of Bounces Road, Edmonton, watched the UFO through binoculars.

Mr Morrell said: "There the UFO was a long way off but quite enormous. It was completely lit up with sparkling lights. It definitely wasn't an air ship. They don't go about at night, do they?"

The couple said that after about half-an-hour, they lost sight of the spaceship when it disappeared behind houses.

Another witness, student, Matthew Bannister, 18, of Ponders End, said: "My friend phoned to tell me the news at about 10.15pm and I went up to his place in South Street with my binoculars. The UFO was moving across the skyline and looked just like they do in the movies."

Report by LOUISE JOHNSON

"It was round, sort of saucer-shaped, with a raised bit in the centre. It was white with small but bright red lights at the bottom."

"None of us had seen anything like it before. It wasn't anything like a plane or helicopter, because there wasn't any noise. It was completely silent."

"In the end, it went low and disappeared behind some trees. It couldn't have been an air ship. It was pure light and seemed to be changing shape."

Housewife and mother-of-two, Janice Georgiou, 44, of Nightingale Lane, Hornsey, also saw the UFO.

Janice, who edits the magazine UFO Witness and runs a witness support group, said she her daughter phoned to tell her about the flying saucer at 10.10pm.

She said: "It was twice the size of an air ship, sparkling and pure white. My son-in-law and daughter, disbelievers before this, videoed it."

"I have seen lots of UFOs before, but never one like this. It was oval-shaped, like Saturn."

UFO investigator Roy Lake, whose team investigate sightings around the country, said: "We have had a number of reports about Saturday night's UFO."

"It could well be that the object had something to do with the unusually hot weather, maybe causing atmospheric interference."

"People have reported all kinds of reactions. My secretary described pains in her ear and down her side which disappeared when the UFO moved out of sight."

Mr Lake and his team would be pleased to hear from anyone who experienced odd reactions to the sighting.

He can be reached on 594 4797.

Did anyone spot UFO?

A SURPRISED couple from the Week St Mary area who spotted a UFO are keen to hear from anyone else who made a sighting.

The couple were driving about a mile from their home on Wednesday night, when a very bright light passed across the road in front of them.

"It looked about 50 ft above the ground, like a tennis ball travelling very fast, but making no sound," said the woman.

The 35-year-old woman, who asked not to be named because they had already had enough leg pulling, said they had racked their brains but could find no rational explanation.

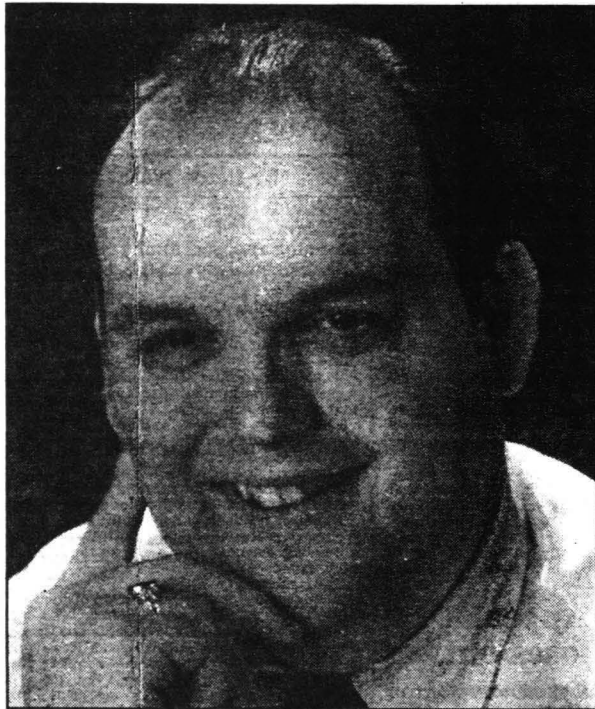
Anyone who can help should ring the Journal Gazette on 0566 774444.

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Dave believes we've been visited by aliens

Radio and TV presenter Dave Barrett believes governments have covered up evidence of UFOs and is holding a meeting in Bath to present the evidence. Christopher Hansford talked to him



UFO BELIEVER: Dave Barrett

THE WEIGHT of evidence in favour of a worldwide UFO cover-up by governments is now reckoned by insiders to be so great that someone — probably America — must be on the brink of blowing the gaff.

But as with any subject, if you don't want to believe the huge and mounting piles of evidence, then there is probably nothing that will ever persuade you — maybe not even the evidence of your own eyes.

Mostly stories of UFO abductions and of whole towns turning out to watch unidentified flying objects hovering in the sky don't make the news.

Then there are strange gaps in Government information that is released at the end of 30 years. When investigators make inquiries about UFO incidents within that time they are told that, unfortunately, fire destroyed that particular bit of information.

Since UFOs hit the headlines after the war in places like Warminster, a small but dedicated army of enthusiasts have been busy compiling information. Alongside them, unfortunately, have been cranks who have succeeded in confusing the issue and seeing off those influential people who might otherwise have taken the UFO cause more seriously.

But while it's true there are huge numbers of ordinary people who laugh openly at the mere mention of UFOs, others like radio and TV broadcaster Dave Barrett are firmly convinced that aliens have not only looked down at us but have actually landed craft here some of which have been recovered by the authorities and which are now kept in secret. The evidence for such a view, says Dave, is overwhelming.

Dave, who hosts HTV's Live Friday night discussion, says that of all the topics he introduces on radio and TV the subject of UFOs always incites the most interest.

Dave has already held public

meetings to present the evidence for UFOs in Bristol and in Swindon and is now holding the first one of its kind in Bath. The meeting, to which anyone can go along, is being held on Sunday, November 28 in the Pavilion, Bath at 7.30pm.

On the platform with Dave will be two world experts on UFOs — Timothy Good, author of books like *Above Top Secret* and *Alien Liaison* and George Wingfield an expert on Crop Circles and UFOs.

Dave first became interested in UFOs when, as a child, he stood in his back garden on a winter's afternoon and watched as a formation of cigar-shaped objects pass slowly overhead.

Later, before he became a broadcaster, he worked as an entertainments officer on P & O Cruises where he heard about the strange experiences that his colleagues had encountered while sailing through the Bermuda Triangle.

Dave says that just because not much in the way of information

leaks through to the general public about extraterrestrials doesn't mean that things are not happening.

There is, he says, an increasing amount of UFO activity again in the west country.

Dave himself believes in the cover up theory. "The trouble is though sorting the wheat from the chaff. There are a lot of well known public cases that simply don't stand up. But I believe that people have had one-to-one contact with aliens and that governments know about them. Again the trouble is there are a lot of weird people about confusing the issue."

Dave believes it is impossible to dismiss cases like the Gulf Breeze sighting in America. There, a man was standing in his garden when a beam of light was shone down on him from a craft which almost lifted him off the ground. He subsequently took photographs which are said by experts to be genuine.

He also believes that there are still recovered UFOs at the top secret Dreamland base in America. There were reports that live aliens were taken from a craft. Dave believes that it is now becoming so difficult for the American government to keep the lid on the whole thing that it may soon go public.

In Britain the government's official line is that it doesn't believe in beings from outer space but nevertheless holds back information about sightings of unidentified craft.

So, if there really are aliens out there are they friendly? Dave says that reports in the western world show that people are largely unharmed even by close encounters even if they are poked about a bit by aliens. "But go to Mexico and most of the encounters there seem to be unpleasant," he says.

Next weekend's meeting will present the evidence. Whether or not you believe it will be entirely up to you.

Tickets for the meeting cost £6 and can be obtained either from the Theatre Royal box Office in Bath or from the Bath Investment Building Society in Southgate Street, Bath.

Maybe even aliens need help with their tax returns...



Have UFOs been flying above Keighley in search of an accountant or two?

This picture, taken by Peter Murphy outside his house in Spring Drive, Long Lee, certainly looks convincing. Taken at about 6.30pm on a clear evening, the object is clearly not a plane.

"I saw this disc-shaped object coming towards the house and went back inside to get my camera," says Peter, 30, an accountant with a Guiseley firm. "It was going away from me when I took the picture. It was going slightly faster than a plane but didn't make any noise at all."

UFO expert Tony Dodd says Peter's description is fairly normal for UFO sightings. "It definitely conforms with other UFOs of this particular type, no doubt about it. It fits configurations of other UFOs seen in the USA, Switzerland, even Russia."

Mr Dodd, director of investigations for UFO hunters Quest International, plans to do some tests on Mr Murphy's photograph, and he thinks computer enhancement will show this is a

Does it all add up?
MIKE SCOTT
wonders why UFOs are picking on accountants

genuine sighting. After examining the picture through a magnifying glass, Mr Dodd says he can see balls on the underside of the craft, which fits in with other sightings.

This is the latest in a series of UFO sightings in the Keighley area. Coincidentally, the last one reported in the Keighley News was in August by another 30-year-old accountant from Long Lee who worked for a Guiseley firm. Coincidentally again the spotter was Peter Murphy's brother-in-law.

Are aliens targeting this particular family, or is it just 30-year-old Guiseley accountants they wish to contact? It's a mystery to me.

INDEPENDENT, London, England
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EU goes into orbit in search of UFOs

ANDREW MARSHALL
in Brussels

FROM EU to ET is a small step in the alphabet, but a giant leap for the European Parliament. Extending its reach from the minutiae of gas pipelines to the vast reaches of space, the brave men and women of its energy committee yesterday proposed to set up a European centre for sightings of unidentified flying objects. The UFO has finally taken its place in the home of the acronym.

The Parliament proposes to give the job of alien-watching to a research institution in France, as part of its five-year mission to seek out new ways to spend other people's money. Its new building in Brussels might serve as an appropriate home: the locals have dubbed it the Folly of

the Gods and it bears more than a passing resemblance to Starfleet Command.

Various theories are kicked around by the report. While aliens on neighbouring planets are not regarded as a possibility, "the theory that aliens have established a base in the asteroid belt cannot be ruled out".

The report's rapporteur, Tullio Regge, an Italian Socialist, hints darkly at a kind of conspiracy that wants to use the UFO phenomenon. "There are organisations determined to manipulate the credulity of the masses for political ends," he adds.

Mr Regge wrote to all the air forces of the EU member states, though apparently only the Italians replied. He also spoke to more than 100 people working in civil aviation, and found only one with a story to tell, an Alitalia steward. But the report is especially concerned with a spate of sightings in Belgium, which apparently is a mecca for the little green men.

The Parliament finds this dubious, since it maintains a lofty disdain for national institutions, and seems to think aliens should too.

SUN, Vancouver, B.C., Canada - July 31, 1993

VERBATIM

From a press release issued by the UFO Research Institute of Canada:

The UFO Research Institute of Canada, based in Vancouver has recorded an increase in UFO activity around the Lower Mainland of British Columbia from a period beginning July 25th, says Lorne Goldfader.

Kamloops, one of the hotspots of sightings has recently again been the location of unidentified object reports to the local media. "We do not know if the objects are the same in the two geographical locations, but it is interesting to note that since 1989, approximately one week before The Abbotsford International Air Show we have consistently received a 50-75 per cent increase in calls." Goldfader speculates, "We may be looking at test flights of non-conventional military aircraft".

The objects have recently been described as being disc shaped and making "falling leaf or looping" movements from 2-4 a.m. just under the cloud cover.

CR: G. CONWAY



Bigfoot believers contribute evidence

By Richard Watts
Times-Colonist staff

Courtenay

BIGFOOT BELIEVERS are already approaching John Bindernagel with personal experiences of the sasquatch on Vancouver Island.

At least two people phoned him Friday morning and Bindernagel is delighted to document their experiences as scientific evidence that will go toward proving the creature exists.

One man phoned with a 1986 account of encountering a sasquatch near Parksville after he entered the woods to go to the toilet.

And another person phoned to

Plenty of Sasquatch/B3

say he had encountered the creature two years ago near Courtenay.

"I guess what we are looking for is some predictability. Other wildlife, we can predict where they are most likely to show up ... that's the benefit of getting more and more observations," said Bindernagel during an interview at his home.

The 52-year-old wildlife biologist has two pieces of evidence which he considers good indications that the sasquatch lives on Vancouver Island.

In 1988, Bindernagel found massive footprints in Strathcona Park and in 1992 he heard ape-like whooping noises near Comox Lake.

But only now is he putting his name forward as a serious scientist who is looking for evidence that the large, ape-like creature called sasquatch, or Bigfoot, is living on Vancouver Island.

Bindernagel believes the timing is right.

People are now growing more willing to believe in things that can't be explained or proved by direct observation.

"This phenomenon has not been explained away ... I think



Ian McKay/Times-Colonist

■ BINDERNAGEL COMPARES plaster mould of what he believes is sasquatch foot with his size 11.

that's very humbling, and maybe we are ready to be humble," said Bindernagel.

"People who know wilderness and forests don't have much of a problem believing there is something out there ... while people in town believe we know

everything already," he said.

Bindernagel believes the sasquatch is a large ape, something like *Gigantopithecus*, a large primate already documented in the fossil record.

It probably crossed into North America during the last ice age

from Asia across the Bering Strait on a bridge of ice.

Since then it has remained scarce, and from all accounts seems to do its utmost to keep out of the way of humans.

"It seems to deliberately practise avoidance most of the time," said Bindernagel.

Bindernagel says his first interest in the sasquatch was in 1963 when he was a third-year undergraduate student at Guelph University.

He found a magazine article describing an ape-like creature living in the forest of North America.

He brought the article up for discussion in class and was laughed at by everybody from the professor through to the students.

"And that kind of got my hackles up because it seemed to me we weren't being as open in science as I hoped we would be," said Bindernagel.

Later, after post-graduate studies in the U.S. and many years wildlife work in such places as Africa and South America, he encountered firsthand what it can mean to have a closed mind.

During the early '80s, while conducting surveys of endangered animals in Trinidad for the United Nations, he encountered local fishermen who talked of the sea cow, or manatee, in a particular swamp.

Senior biologists and foresters on Trinidad scoffed and maintained the sea cow had been wiped out from the local waters.

It wasn't until Bindernagel, followed a local marijuana grower into the Trinidadian swamp, found the sea cows, and came back with photos, that the story was believed.

"Senior biologists and foresters wouldn't accept these stories ... where I as a visiting foreigner was shown these sea cows and got photographs and then they believed," said Bindernagel.

"To me, there is a bit of a parallel here."

HERALD JOURNAL, Logan, UT - Nov. 15, 1993 CR: M. Bieseke

Cow death has sheriff's office stumped

Heifer killed, mutilated, in August near Mount Sterling; no clues left at crime scene

By Gina Howard
staff writer

Sheriff's detective Troy Nielsen is working on a case that likely belongs on the cover of a supermarket tabloid.

No, it's not about Elvis, space-alien congressmen, John F. Kennedy's assassination or dog-faced boys. It's about a cow.

Here's the plot: A local farmer took several cows to graze in pastures near Mount Sterling on Aug. 26. When he returned to check on the animals, he found one of his cows alone, dead in a meadow. The Holstein heifer was on its side with one eye missing, its tongue removed, its jawbone skinned, and with a cut around its reproductive organs. And to make matters stranger, there was no blood, no footprints, no tire tracks, no obvious way the cow ended up in the middle of the field.

"How it got there, I don't know," said Nielsen. "(But) what happened did not happen where that cow was left."

If the cow in question had been cut on the spot, there would have been blood or pieces of tissue left behind

because of the amount of flesh missing, Nielsen said.

The cow's jawbone was completely clean — like what a cow skull out in the desert looks like after several months, Nielsen said. "But this happened in four days."

The dental pad from the lower jaw was also gone. Strangely, no knife or teeth marks were found on the bone.

If the 1,000-pound cow had been dumped off, there should have been some indication — footprints, tire tracks, smashed grass.

But Sheriff's deputies, who searched the area thoroughly, could not find even a drop of blood or a footprint or anything but a rock shaped like an arrow pointing in a north-eastern direction. Nielsen said there also wasn't any evidence a wild animal was responsible.

However, it appeared that whoever cut up the cow had some sort slaughterhouse experience because of the way the cuts were made to the animal's tongue and around its reproductive organs.

Nielsen has checked out every angle he can think of looking for an explanation.

Could it be bugs? Although there are bugs that could eat a jawbone that clean, they wouldn't eat only the jawbone, the experts told Nielsen. He also ruled out the possibility of disease.

Could an occult be responsible? Nielsen said he learned that Aug. 24 is the occult "Day of St. Bartholomew," which deals with the cleansing of cattle. "Whether that has any bearing," Nielsen said, "I don't know."

He contacted 17 states to see if they had anything similar. "Those I contacted had several (mutilations) but nothing to the degree of what I had here. Nothing to the extent of the (cleaned) lower jaw."

While there are other mutilation cases in Utah, including some in which no blood was found at the scene, Nielsen said none of them have a jawbone thoroughly cleaned.

So how did the cow end up cut up in a Cache Valley field?

Nielsen said the sheriff's office doesn't have a solution. "It's unknown," he said. "It's just one of those things you stumble on and don't have an answer for."

Meteoroids Hit Atmosphere In Atomic-Size Blasts

Barrage From Space

Satellites see the explosions of an average of eight large meteoroids a year. These blasts in the upper atmosphere are as big as atom bombs, yet usually go unnoticed on the ground.

By WILLIAM J. BROAD

Secret data from military satellites in orbit thousands of miles above Earth show that the planet is continually bombarded by big meteoroids that explode in blasts the size of atomic detonations. The data, from spacecraft meant to watch for rocket firings and nuclear explosions, were declassified recently by the Defense Department and are to appear later this year in a book.

From 1975 to 1992, the satellites detected 136 explosions high in the atmosphere, an average of eight a year. The blasts are calculated to have intensities roughly equal to 500 to 15,000 tons of high explosive, or the power of small atomic bombs. Experts who have analyzed the data are publishing it in the book, "Hazards Due to Comets and Asteroids," say that the detection rate is probably low and that the actual bombardment rate might be 10 times higher, with 80 or so blasts occurring each year.

The disclosure of a new class of large meteoric impacts is seen as bolstering the idea that Earth is subjected to strikes from space in a wide range of severities, including an occasional doomsday rock perhaps once every 10 million years or so that causes mayhem and death on a planetary scale.

The new data are also being praised as a cold-war spinoff that can aid the cause of world peace by preventing false warnings of nuclear attack. Indeed, it turns out that Federal analysts on several occasions have struggled quietly for months to determine if such explosions were natural or manmade.

Finally, impact specialists hope the release of formerly secret data will be repeated and promote a new alliance between astronomers and the keepers of military reconnaissance.

"It's important," Dr. Eugene M. Shoemaker, an astronomer at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., who helped found the field of Earth-impact studies, said of the new data in an interview. "It's a unique source of scientific information."

Sky and Telescope magazine, based in Cambridge, Mass., which discusses the data in its February issue, lauded the once-secret sightings as "an unprecedented body of spaceborne observations."

Sighted for ages but understood in detail only recently, meteoroids are rubble left over from the creation of the solar system. They are composed of ice, rock, iron and nickel in a variety of shapes and sizes.

Meteor showers and individual streaks of light that flash across the sky every night are generated when tiny flecks of celestial detritus, often no larger than grains of sand or pebbles, burn up while speeding through the atmosphere.

In contrast, the blasts seen by the military satellites are produced when speeding objects up to the size of large houses are heated to incandescence and then explode about 17 to 20 miles above Earth. They create vast fireballs and powerful shock waves that nonetheless leave few or no discernible traces on the ground, since they begin so high up. If made of dense metal, meteoroids of this size have a good chance of punching through the atmosphere to hit the ground.

Scientists have suggested that once every 10 million years or so a truly colossal object from space cuts through the atmosphere and slams into Earth, sending up a global pall of dust that blots out the Sun, alters the climate and changes the course of evolution by killing off many plant and animal species. Such a menacing rock is thought to have carved out a 185-mile-wide crater 65 million years ago that now lies buried in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. Its cataclysmic impact is believed by some scientists to have caused or assisted in the extinction of dinosaurs.

In general, the new observations are of a class of meteoroids too big to burn up harmlessly in the sky as shooting stars but too small to slice through Earth's atmosphere and strike the ground. They are middle children in the meteoroid family.

Previous Lack of Reporting

By definition, meteoroids are small bodies speeding through space that

strike Earth's atmosphere. They can be comets made of ice or asteroids made of stone or metal. Meteoroids are streaks of light seen when meteoroids are heated while traveling through the atmosphere. Meteorites are the parts of relatively large meteoroids that survive passage through the atmosphere and fall to Earth as chunks of metal and stone.

The scientists who are publishing the new observations say the explosions of large meteoroids previously went largely unreported for many reasons. The vast majority occurred over the oceans or desolate parts of the continents. Many were obscured by clouds. And even when occurring in broad daylight and rivaling the Sun in brightness, the explosions lasted only a second or so, limiting the opportunities for observation.

"There's many more of these objects impacting the Earth than we previously thought," said Dr. Edward Tagliaferri, a physicist who was the lead author of the satellite report. "Their discovery is a fascinating story." Dr. Tagliaferri is a consultant for the Aerospace Corporation, a non-profit engineering firm in El Segundo, Calif., that helps the Air Force run its numerous satellites.

The data were declassified by the Government last fall and are to be published this July or August as a chapter in the new book on meteoroid hazards, which is being published by the University of Arizona Press. The book grew out of four symposiums on meteoroid hazards and is being edited by Dr. Tom Gehrels, a planetary astronomer at the university who organized one of the meetings.

Dr. Gehrels heads a small team of astronomers who use a 36-inch telescope on Kitt Peak, west of Tucson, to search the sky for asteroids in orbit around the Sun that occasionally intersect Earth's orbit and one day might strike the planet. The effort is known as Spacewatch. Such research has so far identified a total of 185 potential interlopers. Generally these are larger than the objects that set off the satellite-observed explosions. Yet the mere existence of the big ones, and other clues like the heavy cratering on the Moon, have long implied that space is filled with swarms of smaller objects, which went largely unreported until now.

Findings Are Consistent

"It's a very interesting situation," Dr. Gehrels said in an interview. "Spacewatch is finding a certain number of objects in space that agrees with the things Tagliaferri is finding. The picture is consistent."

From such data, scientists have constructed a curve showing how often meteoroids of a given size might be expected to hit Earth. The curve predicted swarms of mid-size objects in about the numbers now being inferred from the military satellite records. The new data, in turn, support the validity of the curve that predicted them and increase confidence that the other end of the curve can help estimate the frequency of truly catastrophic events.

Dr. Clark R. Chapman, a senior scientist at the Planetary Science Institute, based in Tucson, cautioned that new disclosures and the raw data on which they are based had to be carefully analyzed before their soundness could be ascertained.

"I and most of my colleagues would like to see the data, not just the conclusions," he said. "So far it's more than we've seen before, but I'm not going to give it too much weight until I know more about it."

In the 20th century, the most celebrated collision between Earth and an object from space occurred in 1908 in the Tunguska region of Siberia. The object exploded in the atmosphere with a force of some 20 hydrogen bombs, its shock waves flattening hundreds of square miles of forest and registering on scientific instruments around the globe.

Reports of similar encounters over the decades have been rare. A near miss occurred in 1972 when a large asteroid, estimated at up to 260 feet in diameter, or nearly the length of a football field, sped through the upper atmosphere over the northern United States and Canada, blazing across the sky in a daylight fireball witnessed by thousands of people before it reentered space.

Unknown to the public, military satellites in space for decades have been seeing large numbers of atmospheric blasts. The main witnesses have been early-warning craft known as D.S.P., for Defense Support Pro-

gram, which perch in orbits some 23,000 miles above Earth, their telescopes searching the globe for signs of rocket attack. The sensors are said to mainly work in the infrared part of the electromagnetic spectrum, which is the domain in which heat is registered.

"D.S.P. has been seeing these for a long time and ignoring them," said Dr. Gregory H. Canavan, a physicist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico who works and publishes in the Earth-impact field.

Effort to Gather Data

The first effort to collect such data systematically began in 1975, Dr. Tagliaferri said. One motivation was to help the Defense Department distinguish between natural explosions and those caused by humans. The collection process was systematic but informal. Magnetic tapes on which raw data existed were usually recycled, so that the preservation of information depended largely on the skills and interests of individual Defense Support Program watch officers, who scanned the sky for trouble.

The importance of the analytical effort was driven home within the Pentagon bureaucracy in 1979, when a mysterious flash occurred over the Indian Ocean. Its geographical proximity to South Africa raised questions about whether it was a clandestine nuclear test, with the issue being hotly debated for years. Another flash near South Africa in December 1980 prompted another round of debate, with Pentagon analysts concluding two months later that the flash was evidently from a meteor.

The new report on the 136 atmospheric explosions is the first overview of this informational treasure trove. The report identifies no satellite system by name, but says at least two types were involved: an infrared system to search for rocket launches, and a visible-light system to detect nuclear bursts. The former system is apparently operated by the Air Force and the latter one by the Energy Department.

The co-authors of chapter, in addition to Dr. Tagliaferri, are Dr. Richard Spalding and Dr. Cliff Jacobs of the Energy Department's Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., Col. Simon P. Worden of the Air Force and Dr. Adam Erlich of Comprehensive Technologies International in Arlington, Va., a military contractor.

Colonel Worden, who also holds a doctorate in astronomy, is credited as being the main force behind the declassification of the secret data.

In an interview, Dr. Tagliaferri said the satellite systems, which he declined to name, were built and operated so they had about a 20 percent

chance of seeing the one- or two-second flash of a meteoroid explosion anywhere around the globe. That uncertainty in trying to understand the overall rate of planetary bombardment was compounded, he said, by that fact that recording the data was usually an on-again, off-again affair.

Estimate on Incidents

"My sense is that there are about 10 times as many events" as were recorded, he said. "But there is no way to know."

He said calculations showed that the 136 blasts ranged from the equivalent of roughly 500 tons of high explosives up to 15,000 tons, the latter amounting to the force of the nuclear bomb that leveled Hiroshima. The most accurately measured blasts were viewed by multiple satellite sensors. Of these, according to the book chapter, the brightest occurred on April 15, 1988, high above Indonesia. Its power was calculated to be equal to 5,000 tons of high explosives.

An observer on the ground 20 miles away would have seen a flash of light the brightness of the sun, the chapter says. Dr. Tagliaferri added that he knew of no reports of the explosion from Indonesia. It occurred at 11:20 A.M.

Another large explosion viewed by more than one satellite occurred on Oct. 1, 1990, over the Pacific Ocean and had a force larger than 1,000 tons of high explosives. A subsequent analysis concluded that the exploding object had been a stony, 100-ton asteroid.

"The Central Pacific asteroid detonation was originally collected as a potential nuclear event, and it took several months, using the most sophisticated sensors and algorithms available, to determine the detonation's true source," a manuscript of the book chapter states. "This suggests that developing nations and potential combatants worldwide, with considerably less sophisticated equipment, might potentially misidentify one of these detonations as a nuclear attack and retaliate against the country's most likely aggressor."

In an interview, Dr. Tagliaferri noted that some widely reported events have been missed by the military satellites. On Oct. 9, 1992, for instance, a bright streak across the East Coast sky ended in Peekskill, N.Y., coming to Earth to slam through a 1980 red Chevrolet Malibu. The resulting hole went through the trunk and the gas tank. Found beneath the car was a smoking, football-size rock in a crater six inches deep.

"By accident," Dr. Tagliaferri said, "we didn't get anything on that."

COURIER-ISLANDER, Campbell River, B.C., Canada
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Sasquatch said living in park

By JIM AMOS
Courier-Islander Reporter

Strathcona Park is home to more than mountains, rivers and your run-of-the-mill wildlife says a Courtenay man.

John Bindernagle says he has proof that a Sasquatch — or something similar — lives in the park.

The wildlife biologist says he took casts of footprints during an October 1988 expedition at Lake Helen McKenzie, not far from Mt. Washington.

A member of a school group spotted a single print in soft mud along the trail. Another five were also found.

"They're obviously not bear, and way too big for humans," Bindernagle said Thursday.

The footprints were fresh, he said.

Only Bindernagle, his wife and a few others knew about the prints until this week, when a reporter from Port Alberni learned of them through a friend. Since the story hit the press, Bindernagle has been flooded with media calls.

Bindernagle, who has always had an interest in Sasquatches, said the footprints are 16 inches long and five inches wide. He is convinced they are legitimate.

Because the prints were found fresh in October, does discount, somewhat, a human with big feet, he said.

"I can't imagine a barefoot person in the park in October," Bindernagle said.

The footprints are more tangible evidence than reported sightings, said Bindernagle, who has never seen a Sasquatch. He says a Cumberland friend has, and others have heard strange, unexplained noises. Bindernagle hopes to some day record the sounds.

In addition to the Strathcona Park prints, Bindernagle said others have been found west of Campbell River, near Horne Lake, Comox Lake and the Oyster River area.

Now that his story has become public, Bindernagle said he hopes others who spend time in the woods will keep an eye open for signs of a sasquatch.

"It is out there."

Talk radio

Bellevue's Laura Lee brings listeners alternative chat



Wes Pope photo

Laura Lee and her husband, Paul, produce a nationally syndicated radio show from this studio in their Bellevue home.

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BELLEVUE — The best way to describe Laura Lee's radio show is to conjure up memories of dinner parties — the ones where you sat around for hours discussing the universe, UFO's and whether there's life after death.

Lee holds those kinds of kitchen-table discussions six nights a week in front of a microphone. Her program, *The Laura Lee Show*, has been making waves in the ether.

"The problem with most talk shows," Lee says, "is they are a stream of celebrities or dysfunctional Americans on parade."

Tune into Lee's alternative talk show and you'll stretch your imagination and expand your mental horizons. She's done shows on communing with nature, the mysteries of Chaco Canyon in the Southwest, Native American wisdom, Russian UFOs, UFOs and the Mayans, the Egyptian pyramids, Martian pyramids, repatterning the brain and Chinese medicine. She lumps the subjects under such diverse headings as "new sci-

At a glance

What: The Laura Lee Show.
When: 9 p.m. Saturdays to 5 a.m. Sundays.
Where: KVI 570 AM radio.



ence," "reinterpreting pre-history," and "alternative health."

Though the subjects are extraordinarily varied, she does draw the line at some topics.

"I don't do politicians," Lee says. "I don't do windows. I'm not domestically oriented."

"Mine's an information show on the human experience. This is an extraordinary time to live and to see it all."

She believes we're in a time

where science and history will be challenged — and possibly changed — as much as it was when Copernicus presented his theories of the solar system.

Lee has rejected the standard talk show format of six minute sound bites. Her guests often gasp when she asks them to be on for an hour or two.

"Once we get started, the time goes by so quickly guests end up staying for three hours," she says.

Listeners call in and, sometimes, she says, guests that at first don't seem to go together end up being compatible.

"People listen for hours," she says. "Someone will call in the third hour of a show and refer back to something we said at the beginning of the first hour."

LEE'S FASCINATION with every imaginable subject started long before her radio show. She grew up in a family that encouraged learning. Les Smith, her father and former owner of KJR Radio, told her the purpose of a college education was to learn to think and express herself.

She started college at Oregon's Lewis and Clark. The first

thing she did was sign up for an overseas study program to Rome.

"Freshman weren't supposed to go abroad, but someone canceled at the last minute and I got to go," she says.

The next year, she went to Montreal. Then her family moved to the Eastside and she transferred to the University of Washington.

Flashing a mischievous grin, she added that while colleges don't usually allow students to go on more than two learning abroad programs, her credits transferred without indicating that they'd been earned in Italy and Canada.

"So I went to Israel and to London," she says.

When she went to London, her student visa was accidentally issued for a year instead of the usual six months. Lee saw that as an invitation to learn as much about England as she could.

Even after she graduated 20 years ago, her independent approach to college has continued throughout her life. Lee doesn't join clubs or organizations and she says she's not a

religious person.

"I'm on a personal spiritual quest," she says. "I meditate, but I don't advocate on philosophy. I think every person is on an individual journey and that we have points of commonality. The journey opens as you go."

LEE DIDN'T PLAN her radio career. The only thing she's ever wanted to do was read books on every imaginable subject and discuss them with anyone who would listen. It was thanks to a book, in fact, that she turned on to radio.

After agreeing to help a friend from the East Coast promote a book, she set up media appointments. When she called a Tacoma radio station to confirm an appearance, the scheduled talk show had been canceled. The program director commented that Lee had a voice that would sound good on the radio and asked if she was interested.

The program director's comment was an understatement.

Laura Lee's well-modulated, low voice has been described as "soft as baby powder" by one reporter. It's more like an Oriental sweet-and-sour sauce — gentle while interviewing but sharp when she challenges unsubstantiated thinking.

She considered an ideal radio show where she could talk about books and ideas bypassed by traditional interviewers, and discussed it with her father. Smith suggested that, instead of commuting to Tacoma, she should talk to Bryan Jennings, then the program director at KING Radio. Jennings offered her the 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. slot on Saturdays early in 1990. When Jennings moved to KVI, Lee moved too.

So did listeners.

The popularity of her show called for an expanded time slot. Her enthusiasm for the cosmos, for new discoveries, for reinterpretations of archaeological evidence and discussions with interesting people has infected a loyal cadre of local fans who tune into KVI Radio from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Saturday to Sunday.

The show gained such national attention that, in December, it began airing from 9 p.m. to midnight each weeknight on a national syndicate. Just don't expect to tune into the nightly show on the Eastside.

"KVI doesn't have a time slot for it, and I can't be on more than one station in the area at a time," she says.

The weeknight shows are broadcast from her Bellevue home studio on the Business Radio Network. Since beginning the national syndication in mid-December, her fame has been growing. More than 70 stations around the country carry her weeknight show live and an unknown number carry it on tape delay.

Lee and her husband, Paul, track the phone calls that come from around the country when she's on the air. Fan letters and notes from people who want more information, plus requests for cassettes of various programs, have increased so much in the last few weeks that Laura Lee and Paul have hired part time office help.

Paul left his job as a print salesman to become Laura's business manager.

Ironically, his sales experience fills a niche in *The Laura Lee Show*. They're responsible for selling their own advertising.

"There's a synchronicity to this," Laura Lee says. "One step seems to open the next step."

"My father's been into printing and cassette production. We now sell cassettes of the show. The mail order business is increasing. It's an incredible fit."

The couple views running the business of syndication, advertising and tapes of *The Laura Lee Show* syndication, advertising and tapes business as a plus to their marriage, not a challenge.

"It makes our marriage better," Paul says. "We got married so we could be together."

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Doctor links cattle mutilations with UFO sightings

(Editor's note: Several months ago Dr. Helmut Lammer of Austria wrote and asked to reprint Ranchland News articles about cattle mutilations. We gave permission and also sent photos he requested. The following is Dr. Lammer's reply.)

Thank you so much for your letter with the republish permission for the newspaper articles and the enclosed photos!

You and your newspaper will be in our acknowledgments.

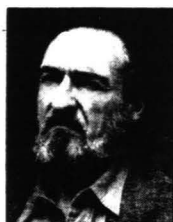
The animal mutilation mystery is a world wide phenomenon. Labor analysis confirmed that the tissues and strange cuts are done with a kind of laser. The first mutilations occurred in the sixties, or earlier. It was not possible to make these cuts with our laser technology in the sixties.

It is a fact that UFO sightings

could be linked with these strange mutilations. We know that there is a cover up of this phenomenon by the same government agencies which are responsible for the cover up of the UFO phenomenon.

Therefore, we think that these mysteries could be solved if the public "world wide" knows about it.

/s/ Dr. Helmut Lammer, Austria



W. C. JAMESON'S ARKANSAS

Tales of the screaming water panther

Long before white settlers moved in large numbers into Arkansas, the Indians who lived, farmed, and hunted along the fertile bottomlands of the Little Red River near present-day Heber Springs told of a strange creature often spotted in the waters and in the woods. This creature, which the Indians called a water panther, was regarded as a spirit-monster and, according to the legend, has lived for ages in the region, occasionally preying on human beings.

Early white trappers often spoke of encountering the water panther, of hearing its cries at night, and several deaths were attributed to the creature. When loggers moved into the area during the 1870s and 1880s, they, too, reported the

existence of a monster stalking them in the woods. Again, there were reports of killings by this mysterious beast. The victims were always partially eaten.

Years later, as deer hunting in the region grew in popularity, outdoorsmen came in contact with the water panther from time to time. Just as before, several more deaths were blamed on the creature.

After Greers Ferry Lake was formed and the waters of the Little Red River and other tributaries were backed up, much of the region roamed by the creature was inundated and sightings of the monster ceased. For a while.

Then, in the 1960s, it was seen again, and

quite frequently. Rather than roaming and stalking the wooded bottoms of the Little Red River, however, the water panther was more often than not spotted in the lake itself! Legend claims the beast lived in one of the many limestone caves found near the shores.

For years, drownings in the lake were attributed to the monster. The bodies that were never found, and there were several, were believed to have been eaten by the water panther.

In the early 1970s, a scuba diver reported encountering the water panther near an underwater opening to a cavern. The creature, a horrid, man-like form covered with fur, rushed at the diver and ripped off his mask. Frightened for his life, the diver kicked and flailed and succeeded in fending off the beast until he could reach the surface and safety.

Years ago, one-time Sen. John McClellan had a house built on the shore of Greers Ferry Lake. A natural cave opened onto the water, and McClellan decided it would serve nicely as a boat house. To facilitate moving from his splendid home to his boat, McClellan had an elevator installed in the sinkhole that connected the cave with the slope above. The workers who constructed the elevator worked in terror for, during the entire time they spent installing the elevator, they were, as they stated, subjected to the hellish screams and agonizing moans of some hideous creature living in the hole.

Many dismiss the tales of the water panther as merely fanciful folklore, designed only to scare the wits out of the gullible. Others, many of them long-time residents of the region near Greers Ferry Lake and the Little Red River, are not so sure.

At night, they claim, they can still hear the eerie cries of the creature.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Carl Jameson's column appears on Mondays and Thursdays in the Log Cabin Democrat.)

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Prints, dusk cries stir boffin to hunt Island sasquatch

By Richard Watts
Times-Colonist staff

Massive footprints and a "who-who-whoop" call in the wilderness have an international wildlife biologist hot on the trail of a sasquatch on Vancouver Island.

John Bindernagel, of Courtenay, said Thursday he has found massive, human-like footprints in Strathcona Park while on a hiking trip.

Bindernagel said the footprints are about 40 centimetres long and very broad with a massive, full heel.

"They are basically like a human footprint in length but you have to see them to appreciate how massive they really are," he said.

Sasquatch, from a Salish word meaning wild man or hairy man, is the name of a mysterious ape-like creature said to inhabit remote regions of the Pacific Northwest.

Bindernagel's other piece of evidence for the existence of the sasquatch on Vancouver Island is a strange, ape-like call he heard at a friend's cabin near Comox Lake in the gathering dusk.

"The only thing which I have ever heard which is similar is a chimpanzee in Uganda — it was sort of a 'who-who-whoop,'" said Bindernagel.

He said he knows of no other creature in North America which makes such a call and he believes it was a sasquatch trying to communicate with its own kind.

Bindernagel said his friend told him he has heard the cry often, always in spring, and always at dusk. Once nighttime arrives the calls shut down.

The 52-year-old Bindernagel holds a PhD in wildlife biology from Guelph University and worked for 20 years in Africa, South America, Asia and the Caribbean conducting wildlife research for the United Nations. He works now as a consultant.

Despite the solid credentials, he kept his sasquatch finds to himself for many years out of fear of being branded a crackpot. He found the footprints in 1988 and heard the call in 1992.

"I only sort of came out of the



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closet about a year ago and started talking to other people about it," said Bindernagel.

His new thinking holds that others on Vancouver Island may have come across strange footprints and may be willing to talk about it to someone with an open mind about the existence of the sasquatch.

Retired wildlife scientist Allan C. Brooks, of Black Creek, speaks highly of Bindernagel's ability and accomplishments as a scientist, particularly his work in Africa.

However, Brooks is not about to concede the existence of sasquatch on the Island even though he has seen the footprints and discussed them with his friend.

"We have our differences of opinion on that," said Brooks.

And Ian MacTaggart-Cowan, regarded as the father of wildlife biology in B.C., also has serious doubts. But he holds no disrespect for anyone who believes the creature exists.

"People believe in these things because they like to believe in them, and it keeps on going because people like it.

"And why not? It's a charming story. My attitude is just 'show me,' that's all."

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By DAVE JEWETT
The Columbian

THREE guests from this side of the river have been lined up as speakers for a winter term class on "The Search for Bigfoot," being organized at Portland Community College.

Wednesday, Dec. 29, is the deadline for registration, and there are still openings, said Jim Lyttle of Portland.

Among guest speakers, he said, will be Bill Clossner, former Skamania County sheriff, discussing his experiences in the 1960s and 70s with Bigfoot reports; Ed McLarney, former owner of the Skamania County Pioneer and former Skamania County commissioner, talking about similar experiences, and Larry Lund of Vancouver, who will discuss his work as a Bigfoot investigator.

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E.T.'s call home wins a reprieve for project seeking out alien life

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

E.T. phoned home—for money. And the money has arrived.

Three months after Congress killed NASA's search for beings on other worlds, the quest has been revived like a phoenix rising from the ashes. Hence it has been renamed "Project Phoenix."

A basketball-and-software kingpin, a famous science-fiction writer and Silicon Valley titans together have contributed \$4.4 million to keep the program going.

That's more than half the money it would have received from Congress if Sen. Richard Bryan (D-Nev.) hadn't labeled it a "great Martian chase" and convinced his colleagues to ax the \$104 million, 10-year NASA search less than a year after it began.

"I look forward to a day, perhaps not far off, when we hear the first evidence proving we are not alone in the universe," said Frank Drake, president of the SETI Institute, a private group that organized the fund-raising campaign. SETI stands for search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

The money will allow scientists to resume using radiotelescopes to scan 1,000 stars for intelligent-sounding radio signals. The stars were chosen because of their

physical similarity to our star, the sun.

"All of humanity should share in the philanthropic support of this bold attempt to end our cosmic isolation," said astrophysicist Jill Tarter, manager of Project Phoenix and former project scientist for the NASA effort, with headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

For now, the search will involve radiotelescopes around the world, such as one operated by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the Mojave Desert. But SETI officials may also build their own radiotelescope, possibly one 300 feet wide, said SETI spokesman Seth Shostak.

The unspecified contributions came from:

■ Arthur C. Clarke, a science fiction writer whose name is forever linked to the film "2001: A Space Odyssey," which he and director Stanley Kubrick made in 1968. The English-born Clarke now lives in Sri Lanka.

■ Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft Corp., a leading software firm, who also owns the Portland Trailblazers basketball team and is chief executive officer for Asymetrix Corp. of Bellevue, Wash.

■ Bernard Oliver, retired vice president for research and devel-

opment at Hewlett-Packard and a longtime advocate of SETI searches.

■ David Packard and William Hewlett, also of Hewlett-Packard, both legendary figures in the electronics and high-tech world.

■ Gordon Moore, co-founder and chair of the Intel Corp. board. Smaller contributions have been made by "people from many walks of life," according to a SETI Institute statement.

SETI scientists will modify and improve digital devices developed by NASA, then deploy them at a radiotelescope in New South Wales, Australia. That will allow them to survey stars in the Southern Hemisphere during the first half of 1995, including Alpha Centauri, one of the closest stars to Earth—four light-years away. A light-year is 6 trillion miles, the distance light travels in a year.

Later the equipment will make Northern Hemisphere observations from the 1,000-foot-wide radiotelescope at Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

The project hopes to collect a total of \$7.3 million, the amount cut by Congress for fiscal year 1994.

Prior to cancellation, the SETI search's 10-year cost would, at most, have been one-fifth the price of a single B-2 bomber.