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## UFO incident still made news in 1993

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Unidentified flying objects, including the 1947 Roswell Incident, continued to make news in 1993, as did aliens — remember the tabloid story which revealed that first lady Hillary Clinton had allegedly adopted one?

In January it was announced that not only were authors Kevin Randle and Donald Schmitt working on a sequel to their 1991 book "UFO Crash at Roswell," but a made-for-TV movie on the incident was also in the works.

The movie details were disclosed in December when the Daily Record interviewed Director/Producer Jeremy Kagan (director of Disney's The Journey of Natty Gann) and Executive Producer Paul Davids. "Roswell," as the Showtime Networks Inc. film is titled, will air sometime between May and July.

The feature movie, starring Kyle MacLachlan ("Twin

Peaks"), Kim Greist ("Brazil"), country singer Dwight Yoakam and Martin Sheen ("Apocalypse Now"), is currently in post-production after 28 days of filming on location in Bisbee, Ariz., and Los Angeles, Calif.

"Roswell" will span 30 years, revisiting the 1947 events as well as a military reunion in 1977 when the pieces of the puzzle begin to unfold.

Taking a somewhat different approach is a new documentary, scheduled to be filmed in April or May by California Producer/Director Gary Beebe.

Beebe, who most recently finished a film on Lincoln's assassination, will trace the "Incident at Roswell" from the initial discovery of an unidentified flying machine on a ranch 30 miles from Corona to continuing investigations into the military's cover-up of what really happened.

Helping Beebe is Stanton T. Friedman, a nuclear physicist regarded as the leading authority on the Roswell Inci-

dent. Both men were in Roswell in November doing research and looking for people who could add information to their investigation.

Beebe's documentary, due out in the fall of 1994, will focus on interviews interspersed with footage, while "Roswell" is a dramatization of the events.

The Roswell Incident will also be included in a segment of a TV-movie, scheduled to air this spring on CBS, by Sun International Pictures of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Bill Knell, renowned UFO researcher.

In September, Knell presented to about 50 residents a slide lecture which included his theories on a secret base in Montauk, on Long Island, where the U.S. government allegedly conducts massive UFO-related research and experiments.

Believers and disbelievers alike can look forward to the three productions, but skeptics beware — a study released in late October shows UFO spotters aren't crazy.

In the report, researchers found UFO reporters scored no worse than other people on tests of psychological health, intelligence and fantasy-proneness. In other words, they were "very normal."

Locally, the International UFO Museum and Research Center, 400 N. Main St., held their one-year anniversary in October, after its 10,000th visitor — of the human kind — walked through the doors in July.

Also in July the untitled alien sculpture by Oregon artist Steiner Karlsen was named RALF — or, Roswell Alien Life Form — by an Amarillo, Texas, woman. In December, a mural by Albuquerque artist Miller Johnson was also unveiled at the museum.

The Outa Limits UFO Enigma Museum, 6108 S. Main St., also continued their work to educate residents and visitors on UFOs. In November, curator John Price was interviewed by BBC Science of London, England, on the museum and the

Roswell Incident for a radio show.

Also in November Clifford Stone, director of research for Outa Limits, sent a 169-page report to Congress on an alleged secret military group which retrieves fallen satellites and unknown objects from space.

The report alleges that the U.S. Air Force had a classified program to investigate UFOs and space junk, with titles such as Project Moondust and Operation Blue Fly. The report complied 3 1/2 years of Stone's investigative work.

The governmental cover-up of UFO information is being called "The Cosmic Watergate," and a Washington, D.C., organization called Operation Right to Know demonstrated outside the White House in July.

With the government now releasing information on radiation experiments on people in the 1940s, maybe by the year 2050 UFO inquirers will have some answers.

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## International UFO organization investigating local sighting

By William Wrinn

A Marblehead family's sighting of a strange object hovering over town last month has uncovered other witnesses as well as interest from an international UFO organization.

After an article appeared in last week's Reporter about a Manataug Trail family who went headlight-to-headlight Jan. 21 with an odd-shaped craft, other people called the family to say they too saw something similar.

David and Carol Altschuler who, along with their son, Flynn Salisbury, witnessed the bright, 50-foot object hovering over town before confronting it at the middle school football field, got about four calls from area residents.

Carol Altschuler said a former

Marblehead resident who now lives in Peabody, saw the same type of craft hovering from above after she left her Beverly office at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1.

The Peabody resident, who did not want to use her name, described the craft as rectangular-shaped, the size of a school bus "that was so bright it was blinding." While standing alone in the parking lot, the craft hovered about seven stories above her and moved in a zig zag motion for about three minutes. It came down to about a four-story height and flashed its lights at her. It then moved away and "warped out like in Star Trek."

"It went so fast. I saw it initially take off then it was just gone," she said. "I know what I saw. This wasn't a plane, and it was absolutely silent."

Altschuler said she received similar messages on her answering machine, but they were anonymous.

The Marblehead sighting has also sparked interest from the state bureau of the Mutual UFO Network that learned of the account and began investigating.

The Newton-based district office, part of an international group that investigates sightings of UFOs around the world, wants to rule out any type of earthly flying machines before speculating that beings from another world visited Marblehead.

"The first thing we have to do is make sure there weren't any advertising planes in the area that night. There are sightings all the time and often it has turned out to be an ad plane," said Diana DeSimone, the network's state director.

Before the Marblehead incident can be termed a "confirmed sighting," every attempt has to be made to make sure it wasn't anything originating from this planet.

She said preliminary calls to airports in Beverly and Lawrence found no records of advertising planes or small flying objects contacting their flight centers. She said the investigation will also include small airports in New Hampshire and Maine.

The network plans to interview David and Carol Altschuler and Salisbury, who reported spotting an object hovering above the trees at Seaside Park. After picking up a pizza, some groceries and heading home, the family followed the craft onto the middle school grounds near the football field.

There, the threesome sat in their car and watched as the UFO, described as having about five very bright lights fixed onto a 50-foot triangular-shaped object, hovered about 150 feet in the air. Family members had no idea what they were looking at and finally drove home and called the police.

To this day they say they are stumped as to what was flying overhead and eventually floated away across Salem Harbor.

"I am still amazed no one else saw it," said Carol Altschuler, who thought after the story appeared last week, a more complete answer would arise. "I would really like an explanation. It would make me feel relieved that there is something to make my story more down-to-Earth."

## More Mystery reported at Rock Creek

By MARK H. HUNTER

Rio Grande County Editor

DEL NORTE - Something REALLY strange is happening in the Rock Creek area but nobody knows exactly what it is.

Last week, Sheriff's deputies searched in vain for a "significant explosion" that was reported to them by the North American Air Defense agency.

Monday night, deputies were called by three different Rock Creek area residents to report a "blue flare" in the night sky over the area. After searching until after midnight, and spotting only antelope, officers called off the search.

According to Undersheriff Brian Norton, Rock Creek area resident Gordon Govan called at 8:13 p.m. to report that he saw a "blue flare" arcing over the hills. Two other area residents called a few minutes later with the same story.

Norton sent out four, four-wheel drive vehicles with deputies and Search and Rescue volunteers inside which combed the area as well as they could until 12:30 a.m., when the search was called off.

At first they thought there might have been a short in an electric transformer, but R.E.C. crews checked several in the area and said they were

okay. If it was a transformer shorting out, it would have only put off a small blue spark, not a big one way up into the sky, Norton said.

Nobody can figure out where a blue colored flare would come from anyway. The military and local police agencies use red, yellow or white flares, not blue ones.

"No one knows for sure," what is going on, Norton said. "We even contacted a shepherd in the area but he didn't see anything either."

The state Division of Wildlife is conducting a helicopter count of deer

and elk in the area but that small helicopter flies only during the day.

Last week the Department was alerted by NORAD to a "significant explosion" that occurred in the same area at around 8:15 p.m. Wednesday. After putting two planes in the air and conducting a night and next day ground search, officials could find nothing. No burned area, no melted snow, no downed airplane...nothing.

Several volunteers were combing the area on Tuesday but at press time last night they had nothing to report except antelope, deer and elk.

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# Officials still mum as Rock Creek mystery continues

By MARK H. HUNTER

Rio Grande County Editor

MONTE VISTA - The mystery of the "significant explosion" that occurred in the Rock Creek area last week is becoming more and more mysterious.

Since the explosion — one that was never found — area residents have reported seeing strange blue lights arcing across the night sky and night flying helicopters have been spotted in the area.

On Jan. 12, the North American Air Defense Command, NORAD, alerted the county sheriff that one of their satellites had spotted a "significant explosion" in the area between Rock Creek and Bishop Rock. After a two day search involving ground and air searchers, nothing was ever found.

## Blue "flares" reported

Earlier this week, sheriff's deputies were told by several Rock Creek area residents that blue "flares" were spotted in the night sky. Officials thought there may be some transformers shorting out, but workers from the SLV Rural Electric Cooperative checked them out and found nothing out of the ordinary.

## More unexplained explosions

On Thursday night, the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Department received an anonymous telephone report of two explosions, louder than gunshots, that occurred around 10 p.m. in the Rock Creek area. The reports could not be verified and the caller declined

## GAO to investigate mystery UFO crash

MONTE VISTA - Rep. Steven Schiff (R-N.M.) has ordered the General Accounting Office to investigate allegations that the Air Force "covered up" reports of alien bodies that were found at a UFO crash site near Roswell in 1947.

The Albuquerque Journal first broke the story of the "cover-up" earlier this week.

According to the Journal, the Air Force discovered the site about 75 miles from Roswell and spirited off the bodies to Ohio. The only public evidence that still exists are notes from William Haut, a former Air Force public affairs officer who said that on July 2, 1947, he was told to prepare a news release reporting the Air Force had recovered parts of a flying saucer and was later told to change his story to report the finding was a weather balloon.

A nurse reportedly told a local funeral home director that she witnessed the autopsies of the spacemen, who

she described as having oversized heads and beetle-like features. The nurse later died in an airplane crash.

The story was detailed in a 1989 NBC "Unsolved Mystery" television show.

Representative Schiff contacted former Defense Secretary Les Aspin about the "Roswell Incident" last March but had received no information since then. He said an Air Force lieutenant colonel told him the documents had been turned over to the National Archives.

Schiff said Archive officials said they didn't have any such records, but they did have records of "Project Blue Book," a 1969 Air Force study of reported UFO sightings. The "Roswell Incident" was not included in that book.

"I was getting pretty upset at all the running around," Schiff said, and the G.A.O. officials "made an offer to help."

— Mark Hunter

to identify herself, Undersheriff Brian Norton said.

## Searching helicopters?

Late Tuesday night, Deputy Mike James was on routine patrol and reported spotting three helicopters flying in formation back and forth over the foothills west of Monte Vista. Two had blue strobe lights on them and the third "was all lit up with red, blue and white lights on it," Norton said.

"They were flying from the (Road) 2S to the 9S and from the top of Greenie to the County Line," he said.

## Military: choppers not ours

When contacted Friday, Army, Air

Force, and Colorado and New Mexico National Guard units all denied any knowledge of night flying helicopters.

Colorado Air National Guard public affairs officer Maj. Tom Schultz said "our helicopters are not flying in the area. Wherever they came from, they are not from Colorado," he said.

Sgt. David Witham, public affairs officer from Fort Carson Army Base said, "we don't have anyone flying down there."

Tom Koch, New Mexico Air National Guard spokesman said "I'm positive they are not our helicopters."

We do have helicopters stationed at Santa Fe and they occasionally conduct anti-drug operations, but not without the knowledge of local authorities."

## Mystery pickup truck

On Wednesday, Deputy Rich Gardner spotted a brown pickup truck full of electronic gear parked along the side of the road east of Del Norte with a large antenna pointed toward the foothills. The truck had New Mexico plates on it.

At the time, Gardner was answering a call and couldn't stop and find out what was going on. By the time he

returned, the truck was gone.

Koch said he didn't know anything about a pickup truck with electronic gear in it. Sometimes federal wildlife officials drive brown trucks, but local Refuge officials didn't know who it could have been.

## Not a missile

There have been suggestions made by various officials that the explosion last week may have been the crash of an errant missile, which might explain night flying military helicopters and trucks with electronic gear in it.

According to White Sands Missile Range officials, that's not the case. At least not as far as they're concerned.

"We didn't lose a missile," said Debby Bingham, public affairs specialist at the base in southern New Mexico. She said she checked with operations personnel and reported they had no operations underway that were not contained to their area.

She couldn't explain the truck, the helicopters or even the explosion. "I don't know," she said.

"We didn't even fly a missile last week," Bingham said.

## Meteor or shooting star?

So what caused the explosion if it wasn't an errant missile? It wasn't a shooting star either, at least not that anyone locally knows of.

Crestone astronomer Dr. Neyle Sollee said he has been pointing his large telescope toward the north east, but has not heard of anything out of the ordinary.

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## What was it?

## Football field sighting leaves family wondering

By William Wrinn

They know they saw something, but whatever they saw remains a mystery.

The Altshuler and Salisbury family of Manataug Trail just wanted to go pick up their pizza and get home to enjoy a quiet Friday night. Instead, they came headlight-to-headlight with an unidentified flying object.

David and Carol Altshuler picked up their son, Flynn Salisbury, 14, at a friend's house Jan. 21 around 7:30 p.m. As the family drove past Seaside Park, they first saw the lights.

"I saw two bright lights, like headlights on a car, except they weren't flashing like airplane lights do. They were just going really, really steady. Every once in a while it would move and stop," says Salisbury.

Noting that he is "a big believer in this stuff," Salisbury continued to watch the object hover above the tree tops, behind the third base line of the Seaside ball field, as his folks continued to drive toward Marblehead House of Pizza on Atlantic Avenue.

"I told my parents, and they just thought I was kidding and that it was just a low flying object. But it didn't look real at all."

After picking up the pizza, the family began to drive down Essex Street but stopped momentarily behind the tall marker in Monument Park. Looking back, all three got a quick look at the object, moving slowly in the air above Washington Street and Five Corners Deli.

The group made its way to the Community Store on Beacon Street for a few side orders, all the time wondering what the heck they had been looking at.

"We had seen an airplane go by previously, and there was just no comparison," explains Salisbury.



Where it was — The snow-covered ledge area below the football field at the middle school was the site of the Marblehead family's close encounter with an unidentified flying object.

(Photo by William Wrinn)

As the threesome rode down West Shore Drive toward home, they spotted it again — this time above the football field behind the middle school. Their curiosity level was too high to ignore it.

"So my mom said why don't we go to the middle school. So we turned onto Jersey Street and onto the middle school (access) road and we saw it again."

As David Altshuler pulled the car to the side of the road, just before the field ticket booth area, they had their closest encounter.

They rolled down their windows and just watched it for a few minutes. Altshuler describes it as a triangular shaped object, smaller than 50 feet in length, hovering silently. With an intense white glow, the thing just floated motionless.

Although it was dark, the sky was relatively clear, and the object was close enough to wave at, but its extremely bright lights cast a glow around the small, hovering craft, partially obscuring it.

"It was really unusual," remembers Altshuler, an English teacher at the high school. "I just couldn't think what it could be. Maybe an advertisement? But I couldn't see anything, really. It just had the shape of a large wing, with four or five very bright, round lights."

And also, just possibly, the first known Marblehead UFO contact.

"I flashed my headlights, and it moved toward us a little," explains Altshuler. Having fun with it, "I said to my wife, 'They're coming for us,' and she said 'Oh! Let's get out of here.'"

"At that point," says Salisbury, "we thought, all right, let's get out of here. This is getting weird. So we drove home and it moved slowly toward Salem Harbor and the New England Power plant."

When they got home, pizza was the last thing on Flynn Salisbury's mind.

A phone call to his friend and neighbor sent Mark Zimmerman right to his window, where he says he spotted the craft hovering over Salem Harbor. He, too, has no clue as to what he could have been staring at.

"It started moving really slowly, and I was talking with Flynn, and he told me to get the video camera," says Zimmerman. "I went and got it, and then I saw it come around the back of the house and saw it again through another window, but then it moved off, and

I couldn't see it anymore.

The sighting has family members wondering exactly what they saw.

Airplanes do frequently fly over Marblehead in their approach to Logan, but the family says this craft wasn't anything like an airplane or a helicopter.

"What was behind those lights? I don't know," wonders Altshuler.

With typical aircraft ruled out, Altshuler believes it might be one of those do-it-yourself flying machines available in the classifieds of Popular Mechanics. His colleagues at school have even suggested that it might be a small blimp or hover craft that sometimes flies out of Beverly Airport.

But that is unlikely, according to a spokesman at the New England Flyer Flight School at the airport.

"Nothing that we know of would have come out of here. We usually shut down at sundown," the spokesman said.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Nashua, N.H., which tracks anything that will show up on radar, said nothing was reported that night.

"The agency noticed nothing unusual on its radar scopes between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Jan. 21 and we received no reports of unusual activity in that area," says Anthony Willett, FAA spokesman.

The only report the Marblehead police received was the one Salisbury called in after he got home. And no other football field neighbors contacted remember seeing anything that night.

"Only the sheep in my sleep," one resident quipped.

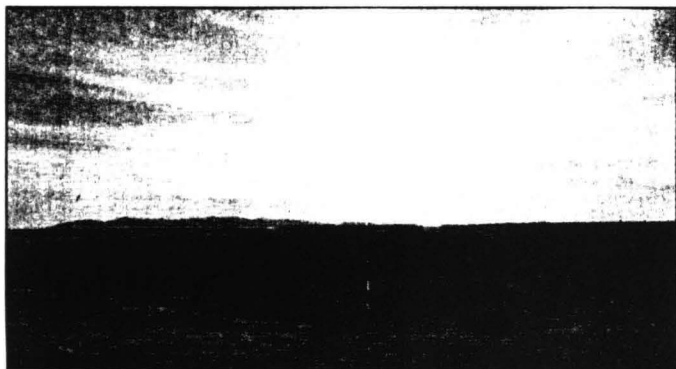
The Altshuler and Salisbury family may never know what they were looking at that Friday night, but you can bet they will keep an attentive eye toward the sky for quite a while.



# Unidentified flying options

Stories  
By  
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## Alien Spaceships? Government Cover-Up? UFO Research Gaining Legitimacy



RICHARD PIPES/JOURNAL

The area where the "Roswell Incident" occurred remains barren today.



A model of a "gray," portraying a typical description of an alien, is on display at the UFO Enigma Museum in Roswell.

### Sighting Tips From UFO Investigators

What should you do if you think you have spotted a UFO? Look again, try to get some proof, then call MUFON.

That's the advice of two local members of the Mutual UFO Network, which investigates UFO sightings around the globe.

Chief field investigator Peter Limone and Richard Rowlette, who's state co-director with his wife, Maria, say they get reports of UFO sightings, on average, once every two months. And, they think there are more out there.

Nearly all of the reports MUFON has investigated in recent years in New Mexico have just involved "lights in the sky," said Limone, and most have simple explanations.

"About 90 percent of cases have a natural explanation once you can think about it a little bit," Rowlette said.

Limone said he's been temporarily



Aviation writer Philip J. Klass has debunked UFO sightings for years.

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nidentified flying objects are:

A) Natural phenomena like lightning, celestial bodies, meteorites.

B) Human-generated phenomena like weather balloons, aircraft lights, vapor trails, search-lights reflected off clouds.

C) Secret military flying machines.

D) Spaceships piloted by aliens, who have come to Earth to check out our nuclear bombs, abduct our motorists, mutilate our cattle, control our minds and subvert our governments.

E) All of the above.

The correct answer is, well, it depends on who you believe.

UFO debunkers, the government and most scientists will go for "A" and "B."

U.S. Rep. Steven Schiff, who recently initiated an investigation into government "stonewalling" of one of the nation's most famous UFO incidents, the so-called "Roswell Incident," believes the first two, and might even go so far as "C."

But a large, and growing, rank of people believe the last two are possible, and that our government has covered up one of the biggest events of all time: Contact with intelligent life from elsewhere in the universe.

"Certainly, the idea that there is some other remarkable life out there is one of the great questions that humans have asked all along," said Michael Lindemann, a California UFO researcher who's lecturing in Albuquerque on Wednesday. "Who are these guys? What are they like? What would it be like to meet them?"

"Public interest in the subject has grown a great deal. The subject is maturing. The research is maturing. The media is catching on."

The debate has been fueled by the media, through movies like "E.T." and television talk shows and speculative programs like "Unsolved Mysteries" and the latest supermarket tabloid.

That's spurred more people to come forward, claiming they've seen alien spacecraft or have been abducted and probed by little gray men. Membership in organizations like the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) has ballooned in recent years. Researchers like Lindemann make careers of lecturing and showing slides and writing books.

"Many people will tell you they're not sure UFOs are

real, but they certainly think it's possible and they want to know," Lindemann said. "People love this stuff and people want to believe that this is possible."

Some recent government actions have given a ring of legitimacy to UFO research. In Japan, for instance, the city of Hakui has announced plans to build a UFO research center with a library containing more than 10,000 documents.

And then there's Albuquerque's own Schiff, who requested an investigation by the General Accounting Office into whether a government cover-up followed the now-famous crash of a mysterious object in New Mexico in 1947.

Schiff says he doesn't believe in alien contact, but he was irritated by being stonewalled by the Department of Defense when he went looking for documents that would reveal once and for all what occurred at the crash site on a ranch near the village of Corona.

Whether Schiff intended it or not, the GAO investigation has been a shot in the arm for UFO researchers.

"The fact that he's taking this seriously is a good reason for other people to take this seriously," said Placitas researcher Karl Pflock. "People who have been working in



UFO researcher Michael Lindemann

this field for any period of time suffer from this: People think we're nuts and we know we're not. It's so nice to get someone in government to take it seriously."

The UFO debate really began with the 1947 crash known as the "Roswell Incident," because the military air station at Roswell handled the investigation.

Military officials in Roswell issued a news release that said, "The many rumors regarding the flying disc became a reality yesterday when (the Army Air Corps) was fortunate enough to gain possession of a disc through the cooperation of one of the local ranchers."

Later that day, while folks in New Mexico were being warned not to talk about what they saw, Army Air Corps officials in Fort Worth, Texas, announced at a news conference that the statement had been wrong, and that the debris was from a weather balloon equipped with a radar reflector.

That misstep either was an honest mistake, or the beginning of a massive cover-up, again depending on whom you believe.

Over the past 46 years, UFO researchers have tried to get gov-

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ernment documents that would prove the cover-up. The documents that have been released are like everything else in the UFO debate — open to interpretation.

Philip J. Klass, a Washington, D.C., aviation writer who publishes a newsletter debunking UFOs, uses once-classified documents to show the military and the government have nothing to hide.

Stanton L. Friedman, a Canadian nuclear physicist who co-wrote the 1991 book, "Crash in Corona," uses the same papers to show a cover-up. And, he's gone to court many times over the years to get the government to release more documents, only to be turned down or given secret papers that have been largely blacked out.

"It's easy to prove that agencies of the U.S. government have been withholding information about flying saucers," said Friedman. "Anybody who says there is no cover-up hasn't looked at those documents."

Klass, 74, points to documents from the early 1950s in which military and White House officials say no physical artifacts from UFOs ever have been recovered.

"If they found something (at Corona), then somebody forgot to tell the commanding officers," he said.

For Klass, the bottom line is this: "If, in 47 years, the proponents had been able to come up with a single scientifically credible piece of evidence, there would no longer be a mystery, there would no longer be a controversy."

Friedman and friends argue, however, that the government has collected all such artifacts and has kept them carefully hidden.

Friedman, 59, hopes the GAO investigation initiated by Schiff will finally ferret out the truth.

"I think we've got a new administration that's interested in openness," he said. "I think this will give it an official cachet. The GAO will

do a good job of digging out this data."

Friedman, it should be noted, was one of several UFO researchers who briefed Schiff's staff on the matter back in August 1992, more than six months before Schiff made his first inquiry to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin. Also in the briefing were Pflock, who's married to one of Schiff's top aides, and Pflock's research partner, Fred Whiting.

Schiff maintains that letters from constituents, not pressure from UFO hunters, prompted him to first seek out information on the Roswell Incident. He enlisted the help of the GAO after getting terse non-answers from the Pentagon and the National Archives.

"It's the story you get from a lot of people," said Peter Limone, chief field investigator for MUFON in New Mexico. "They try to find stuff out and they get delayed for years or bounced around forever."

This time, Schiff said, the military bounced the wrong guy.

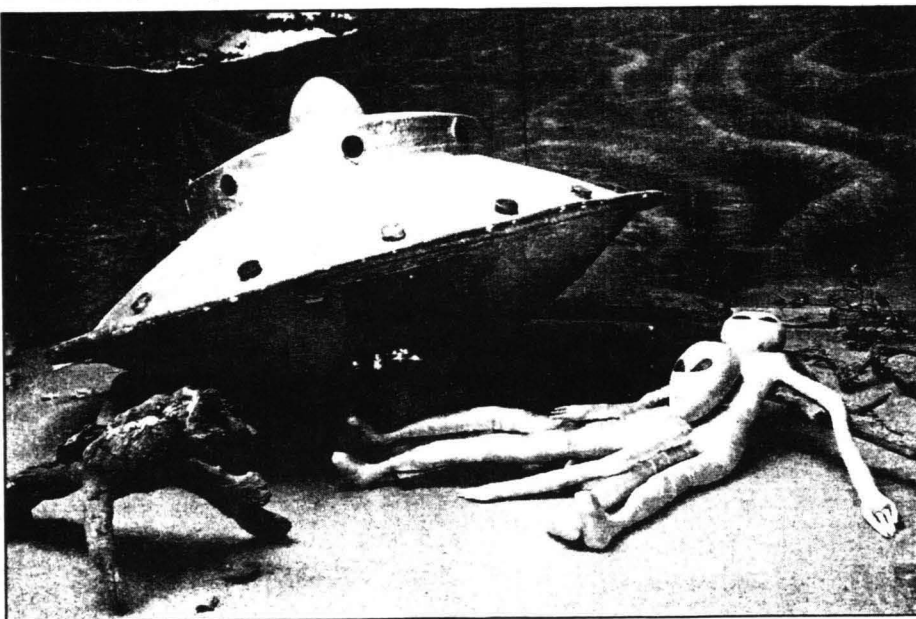
"I don't like to see anyone get a runaround," the congressman said. "But this is a new experience with me. ... I can't understand why the military would respond that way."

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If the government does know of contact with aliens, Lindemann said, the secret's been kept all these years because of national security concerns and because government officials assumed the public would panic at the news. Remember what happened after "War of the Worlds" was broadcast on the radio?

Now that the secret has been maintained all these years, he said, there's no way to reveal it while saving face.

"The fact of the matter is that they have no story they could tell us that would not make them look terrible," Lindemann, 44, said.

"I don't believe the government as an entity is at all ready to say,



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An exhibit at the UFO Enigma Museum in Roswell depicts one version of the Roswell Incident.

"We quit. You're right. They're aliens," Lindemann said. "A government revelation is not in the offing yet. On the other hand, the dilemma they're facing is this cascade of revelations in the hinterlands."

The more people who come forward with sightings of UFOs, with tales of abductions and cattle mutilations, the more pressure it puts on government officials because it looks like they're keeping secrets

from the public, he said.

"People are willing today to assume that the government is lying at every turn, and certainly they've been lying about UFOs," he said. "And, if they've been lying this long, they're certainly going to continue."

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A footnote: Of all the people interviewed for this article, only Klass came forward to say he'd seen a UFO, two of them in fact. One

turned out to be a sunlit vapor trail, the other searchlights bouncing off low clouds.

Lindemann said some UFO researchers have seen mystery objects in the sky, even if he and Friedman haven't, and he doesn't worry much that the aliens have never revealed themselves to him.

"I've never seen Japan either," he said. "But I'm pretty sure it's out there."

## Abducted by aliens

### Woman claims it's happened many times; starts support group

By Betsy Gerboth  
The Forum

This is how Marion Senn describes herself: as a plain, ordinary country girl who, at 58, still lives in Otter Tail County, Minn., the county where she was born.

This is how other people frequently describe Marion Senn: as a nut, a fruitcake, a woman with a rip in her marble bag.

That kind of thing used to bother her. It doesn't any more.

"If you think 'Star Trek' is weird, wait until you get into real life," says Senn, who claims to have been abducted almost a dozen times by creatures from other planets.

That's why she started an area support group for others who have been abducted — although she prefers the term "intervened with" — by aliens.

Scoff if you like, Senn says, but the group has 72 members to date, ranging in age from 11 to 84, and more than 60 of them live within 30 miles of Perham, Minn.

"One in every 40 people in the United States is abducted at some point in their lives," she says. "I want the other 39 people to know that we're not crazy. I want them to know that the day is coming soon when the entire world will know."

Senn, who says she remembered none of her 11 abductions until almost four years ago, discusses her experiences calmly and coherently, as though she's describing a recent trip to the grocery store. She's well aware that most of the world dismisses her beliefs, along with the convictions of those who think the earth is flat and Elvis is alive and working in a Seattle convenience store.

She doesn't care.  
"They haven't been where I've been," she says. "That's where you have to be true to yourself. I had to re-examine my religious beliefs



Marion Senn

and everything I'd been taught in life.

"I've had to accept the fact that these things have been a part of a lot of people's lives, and they're real. I advise everyone to do the same thing."

Marion Senn's strange odyssey began when she was first abducted at the age of 5.

Two years later, she tripped on a gravel road and skinned the right side of her face. When her mother was daubing peroxide on the scratch, she discovered what Senn calls a "tracker device" implanted in her daughter's temple.

"Like the Department of Natural Resources tracks animals in the wilderness, (aliens) track us," Senn says. "We become like laboratory rats to them."

Her mother used the tip of a paring knife and a pair of tweezers to remove the device, which resembled a BB (and which, Senn says, aliens quit using in 1959 in favor of nasal implants).

"My father was very angry at me because I couldn't tell him who

shot me with a BB gun," Senn says. "He said they could have made me blind."

Senn suffered a number of subsequent abductions — during which, among other things, she says aliens extracted eggs from her ovaries in order to create half-human, half-alien offspring — but she remembered nothing about any of them until March 1, 1990, when she was visited again.

She remembers being awakened early that morning by her dogs barking wildly outside her Perham home. She got up to look out the window and saw an unfamiliar spacecraft hovering 15 feet off the ground in her front yard.

Senn ran from her bedroom and out the front door, where she stepped into 11 inches of new snow. "All of a sudden I felt a terrible heaviness, like I was being pulled," she says. "Now I realize it was an electromagnetic field."

Senn stood in shock, up to her knees in snow, gazing at a beam resembling a black light shining over the farm's corn chopper. She took a few steps toward the craft; it moved the same distance away from her.

"I was sort of controlled," she says. "I felt like I didn't have a will of my own."

"(Aliens) have the ability to telepathically communicate with us. I received a message: 'Do not come any closer.'"

As Senn continued to watch, a red, glowing ball appeared in the sky to the southeast. The craft over her front yard lifted into the sky, moved across the farm, raised itself to clear nearby power lines and disappeared into a "huge, huge" ship that suddenly appeared.

That experience, benevolent though it was, prompted Senn to seek out a hypnotist who specialized in helping people recall alien interventions. She found four in the world; one of them happened

to be in the Twin Cities, and she traveled there for a two-hour session.

"It was 40 minutes of torture," Senn says.

The aliens, who didn't want others to find out that they had been abducting Senn, were present in the room during the hypnosis, she says. "Every time a thought came into my head that I thought I would tell, they produced a torturous pain in my head," she says. "It was like taking an 8-inch branding iron out of burning coals and slamming it into my forehead."

"It was terrible. If I'd known what I was going to endure, I probably wouldn't have done it."

But during hypnosis, Senn was able to recall many of her other abductions — occasions that she had never been able to explain, when she would "lose" up to an hour and couldn't remember what happened.

Senn's experiences compelled her to start her support group, which doesn't hold regular meetings but serves as a network for abductees to contact each other.

The group has grown beyond even Senn's expectations.

"I was searching for others like me," she says. "When I'd go to a new town, I'd ask people about the most unusual thing that had ever happened to them. If they'd had a UFO abduction, it would just come tumbling out of them."

"What happens in the group is that we have to face reality and drop all the facades and barriers. The only way we can survive is to love each other."

At first, after realizing that she had been abducted so many times, Senn was gripped by terror. "You're consumed by it," she says. "You wake up sweating, knowing they're going to be back."

But by speaking out, by helping others talk about their experiences, she feels she is combating not only the fear, but the creatures





VISITORS FROM AFAR? CC Peters is one of dozens of O.C. residents claiming to have been kidnapped by aliens.

# the VISITED

**CULTURE:** Believe them or not, Orange County's alien abductees say they're for real.

Stories by NICOLE BRODEUR  
Photos by H. LORREN AU JR.  
The Orange County Register

**T**his is a hard story for CC Peters to tell. She drains her coffee cup a third time, lights a cigarette. The smoke comes first, then the words.

"When I was 7 years old, I had this dream ..."

Peters stops and levels a look across the kitchen table.

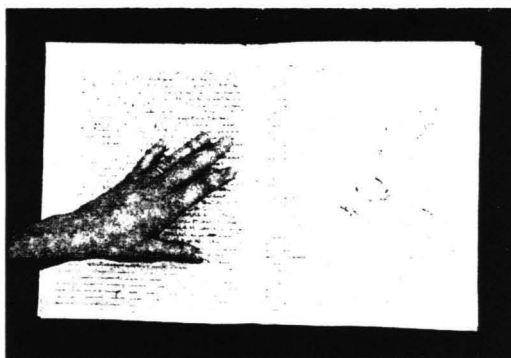
"That's what I was told; that it was a dream," she says. "That's what I believed at the time."

Now, 26 years later, the San Juan Capistrano housewife believes something else: She was abducted by aliens.

They came to her home in New Jersey, she says. Three of them, each just over 3 feet tall, appeared at the base of her bed and asked — telepathically — to play with her toys.

Peters remembers feeling woozy, then hearing a crunching sound, "like someone biting into an apple," and feeling a sharp pain in her nose.

She remembers floating: out her bedroom window, over the trees in her front yard and into a round room, where she saw her mother lying on a floating table, being examined by aliens.



NOTES: CC Peters' observations of alleged abduction.

## ARE YOU AN ABDUCTEE?

Here is a partial list of guidelines used to determine whether people have been abducted by UFOs. It is based on research by New York artist Budd Hopkins, who has interviewed hundreds of abductees over two decades and written two books on the subject, "Missing Time" and "Intruders."

- ▶ Have had missing or lost time of any length, especially one hour or more.
- ▶ Have been paralyzed in bed with a being in your room.
- ▶ Have unusual scars or marks with no possible explanation on how you received them, especially if you have an emotional reaction to them. (For example: small scoop indentation, straight line scar, scars in the roof of your mouth or on your nose, behind or in your ears, or on your genitals.)
- ▶ Have a memory of flying through the air, which could not be a dream.
- ▶ Have awakened in another place than where you went to sleep (upside down in bed or in your car) or don't remember ever going to sleep.
- ▶ Have the feeling of being watched all the time, especially at night.
- ▶ Have had electronics around you go haywire or malfunction with no explanation.
- ▶ Have seen a hooded figure in or near your home, especially next to your bed.
- ▶ Have heard humming or pulsing sounds and could not identify the source.
- ▶ Have had dreams of passing through a closed window or solid wall.

She remembers an alien — a scientist of some sort — taking her into another room, where "hybrid babies" sat like shoes in boxes in three rows against the wall.

Finally, she was taken into a room filled with blinding white light, where she encountered a feminine entity who exuded overwhelming wisdom.

The next morning, Peters says, she awoke with leaves and twigs in her bed. To this day, she believes she ripped them from the treetops as she passed over them — evidence of her journey.

It's an incredible tale, but a familiar one to the people of Orange County's abductee community, as active and organized as any PTA and growing all the time.

"Definitely growing," says Debbie Kenna, a Fullerton hypnotherapist with 75 clients who believe they were abducted. "As more information about this comes out, people are beginning to educate themselves and become aware of the possibility of abduction."

"Before, they may have thought they were going crazy."

Orange County is home to at least two monthly support groups where people meet to talk about their abductions. They also attend local and regional conferences and workshops to gather information on the phenomenon. And the Psynetics Foundation in Anaheim hosts regular "abductee nights," when stories are shared and discussed.

Abductees are all kinds of people. Professional and poor. Vocal and silent. Believers, debunkers and those who will wonder all their lives.

"Abductees always seem to be simple, innocent people who have had no prior interest in the subject," Kenna says. "Abduction is like an awakening; a massive consciousness shift."

For Peters, though, the abduction has meant upheaval in an otherwise normal life: The daughter of well-to-do, loving parents, she attended private schools and spent her summers in Europe. Now 33, she lives with her CEO husband and young son in a sprawling home overlooking Marbella Country Club.

"I know all of this sounds crazy," Peters says again. "I know it. And I keep wondering, 'Why me? I'm just a frigging housewife!'"

Most psychiatrists — as well as noted scientist Carl Sagan — believe alleged abductions are simple hallucinations, bouts of fitful slumber when a person is thrashing about in bed, half awake but still dreaming of lights and almond-eyed beings.

"People can be absolutely convinced that aliens are kidnapping them," says Dr. Robert Baker, professor emeritus of the University of Kentucky's psychology department. "It's an old science-fiction theme."

But Harvard University psychologist Dr. John Mack disagrees. Mack, founder of the psychiatry department at Cambridge Hospital and winner of a 1977 Pulitzer Prize for his psychoanalytic biography of Lawrence of Arabia, has investigated almost 70 alleged abductions and conducted hundreds of hours of interviews and treatment.

"When memories come back like that, I never have any question that people are describing something that has authentically happened to them," Mack told the Boston Globe in 1992. "No one has been able to come up with a counterformulation that explains what's going on."

### Orange County encounters

The number of Orange County residents who think they have been abducted is hard to gauge.

However, a 1992 Roper poll of nearly 6,000 U.S. adults showed that lots of people believe they've had alien encounters. The poll was funded by Las Vegas developer Robert Bigelow and commissioned by a group of people who believe in alien abduction, including author Budd Hopkins and Temple University professor Dr. David Jacobs.

The questionnaire contained queries as benign as "Have you experienced self-esteem problems?" and as off-the-wall as "Has someone in your life claimed to have witnessed a ship or alien near you or witnessed you being gone?"

The conclusion: Two percent of all Americans believe they have been abducted, many repeatedly, by beings from another world. If you applied the statistic to Orange County's 2.5 million residents, roughly 50,000 people from Seal Beach to San Clemente think they have been abducted by aliens.

Impossible, says Dr. William Cone, a Newport Beach psychologist who specializes in treating alleged abductees.

"There is no data. But I really, honestly think it's very few people."

A former marriage and family counselor, Cone developed an interest in alien abductions after reading Whitley Streiber's "Communion," a 1987 best seller that brought the idea of alien abduction into the mainstream.

"This wasn't my game plan, to spend my career on the fringe," Cone says with a smile. "But if you think you've been abducted, you come to me."

Abductees compare their experience to that of rape victims: taken against their will, undressed and examined by strangers, then returned to their lives shaken, scared and dysfunctional. Many suffer post-traumatic stress, sleep and sexual prob-

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lems and have trouble maintaining jobs or relationships.

"There's no self-help book for abductees," Cone says. "I just try to make the experience a piece of their life, rather than their whole life. I destress them, give them coping skills and help them to function as human beings."

Some clients are children, as young as age 4, who tell Cone of their trips aboard spacecraft with "snowmen," "doctors" and "little friends" hovering around them.

"The parents are completely freaked out," Cone says.

Does he believe their stories? "I don't disbelieve anything. I'm interested in paranormal experiences, but I have no way of verifying their stories."

#### A follow-up visit

Peters' dream of abduction was not her last encounter with the "grays," as aliens are known in the abductee community.

In June 1990, she was awakened by a voice in her right ear: "Friday night, JUNE 30!!!!!!"

Knowing only the date, Peter prepared for an earthquake.

"I told my parents I loved them, the whole bit," she says. "I thought there was going to be a burglary, a death in the family."

At 5:40 a.m., Peters says, she was awakened by two taps.

"I sit up and I look and whammo! I see these two creatures standing in the bedroom doorway," she says. "And what was weird is that when I was a little girl, I knew I would see them again."

"I had forgotten about them for 15 years."

She could only describe them as "absolute flesh and blood."

"They were solid. One was

put them on a table in a round room and subject them to what appear to be medical procedures.

"At times, these 'examinations' are very painful," Cone says. "Some people have also reported other humans involved in their abductions, some in military uniforms."

Russ Estes, a San Diego-based producer who, with Cone, has interviewed at least 100 abductees for a documentary on the phenomenon, says the similarities of the stories are "absolutely astounding."

"Granted, the media has brought a heck of a lot of information to the public, but even the smallest details are highly similar," Estes says.

Does he believe them?

"Tough question," Estes says.

"I don't disbelieve them. Most of these people have no reason to lie. And why would they subject themselves to ridicule?"

Baker, of the University of Kentucky's department of psychology, believes abduction stories are "a false belief or delusion."

"These are hoaxes!" Baker bellowed in a recent telephone interview. "Every one of the things that (abductees) take as evidence of something strange going on, of aliens abducting 3 to 4 million people annually. ... Every one of the things they argue can easily be explained with a simple understanding of human psychology."

Missing time?

"We all daydream," he says.

"We read a page when we are tired and cannot remember a thing we have read."

Sleep paralysis, also known as hypnagogic or hypnopompic experiences, is common, too.

"When you're half awake and half asleep and see, for example, balls of light coming at you from the walls."

"These people aren't crazy, because the paralysis is real," Baker says.

What about scars and scoop marks abductees bear as proof of their experience?

"Those can be done at night by fingernails and toenails," Baker says. "We do that to ourselves all the time."

"Listen," Baker says, finally. "In no way do we have any physical evidence that it can be established and agreed upon by competent scientists that we have ever had any visitations by extraterrestrials."

#### Strength and support in numbers

All this means nothing to the members of the Out There Group, a gathering of 24 alleged abductees ages 10-56. They meet every month in the Mission Viejo home of hypnotherapist Jane Lake.

Some abductees enjoy the experience, Lake says.

"They feel they are doing something for humanity, contracting with the extraterrestrials to help us all."

Before they are accepted into the group, prospective members must answer a series of questions based on research by New York artist and sculptor Budd Hopkins. Hopkins has interviewed hundreds of abductees over two decades and written two books on the subject, "Missing Time" and "Intruders."

Once accepted into the group, members bond quickly, Lake says.

"Abductees need to know that they are never by themselves," she says. "There is an energy within them, but they also feel isolated and scared."

"We help them get control of the energy within them."

## Is it all just in their heads? Psychologists offer thoughts

**CULTURE:** Some say 'alien abductions' simply are hallucinations. Others aren't so sure.

By NICOLE BRODEUR

The Orange County Register

There were the three women who claimed to be abducted by aliens, sending a Bible Belt town into a frenzy.

Later, they admitted they were drunk and had made up the whole story.

"They just didn't want their husbands to know they were passed out in their cars," said Robert Baker, a retired University of Kentucky psychology professor who has studied the abductee phenomenon for years and chalks it up to simple hallucinations.

"People claim all kinds of things," Baker said. "For most of these people, there is no physical evidence. I'm very skeptical of these tall tales."

Still, people who believe they have been abducted by aliens continue to tell their tales and seek help from professionals such as Dr. William Cone of Newport Beach.

Cone, who specializes in treating abductees, said his patients fall into three categories:

► "The curious": People who have read books or seen movies about alien abductions and wonder if they are part of the phenomenon.

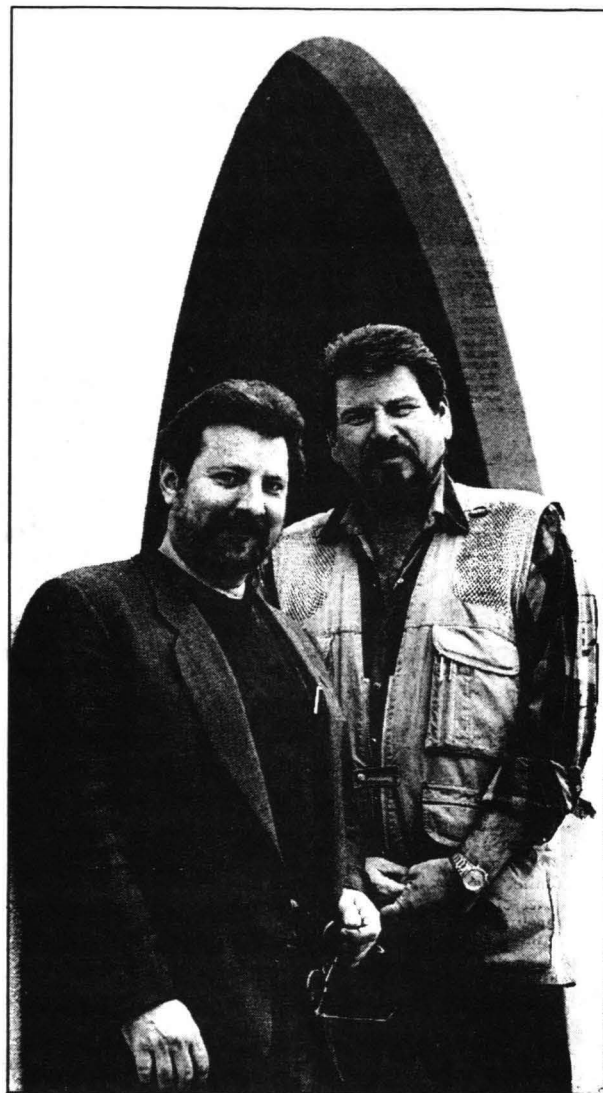
► The mentally ill ("It doesn't take long to figure that out," Cone says).

► "The real dyed-in-the-wool abductees who ... have been really traumatized," Cone says. Baker contends that every alien abduction story can be explained.

Most "abductions" are because of a sort of sleep paralysis — when a person is asleep, then wakes up and feels a heavy weight on his chest. Or a person falls asleep, then has a waking dream.

"Then you see things and hear things that seem very real," Baker said.

These experiences are frightening, he said, but they are not



**ALIEN WORK:** Dr. William Cone, left, and TV producer Russ Estes deal with alleged alien abductees.

alien abductions.

Scientist and author Carl Sagan, in a 1991 Parade magazine article, said this of abductions:

"No abductee has filed a page from the captain's logbook or a strange examining instru-

ment, or taken an authentic photograph of the interior of the ship, or come back with detailed scientific information not hitherto known on Earth.

"These failures surely tell us something."

GAZETTE, Chillicothe, OH - Feb. 19, 1994 CR: J. Fry

## Official: No UFOs at military base

The Associated Press

DAYTON — An Air Force official says there are no records at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to support the theory that the remains of a flying saucer and its crew were brought to the base in 1947, a television station reported Friday.

Col. James Miller, commander of the Air Force Foreign Aerospace Science and Technology Center, told WDTN-TV that base officials have extensively researched the issue in hopes they might find some evidence.

"We've had no success at all," Miller said. "And I know today there are no such vehicles or bodies on the base."

The crash occurred 75 miles northwest of Roswell, N.M., on July 2, 1947. Air Force officials said at the time that the wreckage was from a weather balloon equipped with a radar-reflecting device.

But some people have said the device was a flying saucer that crashed and that government teams whisked away the wreckage and the bodies of aliens. They have alleged that the remains of the crash first were flown to Fort Worth, Texas, and then to what is now the Wright-Patterson base.

Believers that the device was a flying saucer said the 1947 occurrence was the beginning of a government secrecy program that has hidden proof of the existence of extraterrestrial visitors for more than four decades.

Miller told WDTN that if the object had been easily identifiable as a weather balloon, it probably would not have been brought to Wright-Patterson.

He said it might have been brought to the base if it was a foreign balloon and would have come to the base if it could not have been identified.

However, he said extensive research of base records has turned up no indication that a flying saucer landed at Roswell.

"We have nothing on record for that investigation," he said, adding that it would have been almost impossible to keep the discovery a secret if the device had been from another planet.

Much of the speculation stems from claims by William Haut, a former public affairs officer at Roswell Army Air Field. Haut said he was told to prepare a news release reporting that parts of a flying disc had been recovered, then was told to change the story to report that the device was a weather balloon.

In addition, a nurse reportedly told a funeral director that she witnessed the autopsies of spacemen whom she described as having oversized heads and beetle-like creatures. The nurse later died in a plane crash.

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DEBBIE KENNA

hypnotherapist who treats alleged abductees

standing in the door and the other one was holding something long and thin.

"His head was bobbing; he was looking back at me very quizzically, like 'I just woke you up, are you OK?'"

Just then, the creatures started to vaporize "like the snow that you see on the TV set."

She later sketched their images in her journal.

"The whole thing lasted 45 seconds," Peters says, then pauses and eyes her visitor. "I have never done drugs in my life."

#### Missing time and other symptoms

The abductees' stories are intriguing in their similarities.

The most common symptom is missing time — one to several hours when they cannot account for their whereabouts.

Abductees also suffer from sleep paralysis, a condition in which they remember being awake in bed but unable to move. Some also feel heavy weight on their chests, as if something is sitting on them.

Once paralyzed, abductees see aliens — about 3 feet tall, with almond-shaped eyes and gray bodies — before them.

The aliens take the abductees from their homes or cars and lead them aboard a spacecraft,



# UFO

## devotees

## meet in

## New Orleans

## in March

By John Sullivan  
Staff Writer

Seen any unexplained lights in the night sky — UFOs?

If so, have you been reluctant to talk about it with your friends or family?

Well, you're not alone.

That's the message that Buddy Crumbley and the members of Project Awareness are trying to get across to a public that associates UFOs with hoaxes, bad sci-fi movies and tabloid newspapers in the supermarket check-out lines.

To help its cause, Project Awareness is hosting the first annual New Orleans UFO convention on March 11-13 at the New Orleans Airport Hilton.

Crumbley said an estimated 600 people are expected to attend to hear a variety of speakers discuss everything from the Roswell crash in 1947 to theories about the crop circles found in England in 1993.

Crumbley said he is aware that when UFOs are mentioned, people tend to get a little skeptical.

Still, he said, "You would be surprised by the number of people that will talk about unexplained things that have happened to them once they realize that you are serious and aren't going to make fun of them."

The general trend of the media is to treat any mention of UFOs as something light-hearted or "something to get a chuckle."

The search for UFOs and their study is serious business for Crumbley.

"Most people are afraid to come out and say they've seen something or had an unusual occurrence in their lives," Crumbley said. "We just want to get people to talk about their experiences."

And that's why Project Awareness was formed, he said, to organize conferences and meetings to promote the distribution of information to the public about UFOs or subjects of new thought.

Crumbley said Project Awareness is not associated with any UFO or parapsychological organization and they do not come under the umbrella of "New Age" research.

An increased awareness of UFOs and UFO-related items, such as the mysterious crop circles in England and reports of sightings, has helped generate a lot of interest in this otherworldly topic, Crumbley said.

News organizations carried a series of articles in 1993 about crop

circles being found throughout England. These were large areas of flattened crops that formed circles and other geometric forms. Usually, there were no tracks leading to the circles. Although two persons did say they tracked the fields and made some of the circles, they admitted they had nothing to do with most of them.

thing that happened in New Mexico in 1947 is also helping, he said.

In 1947, he explained, outside the small community of Roswell, N.M., "something crashed." The first personnel on the scene were from a nearby military base. The next day they were quoted in nearby newspapers as saying that an airship of unknown origin had crashed and that the bodies of

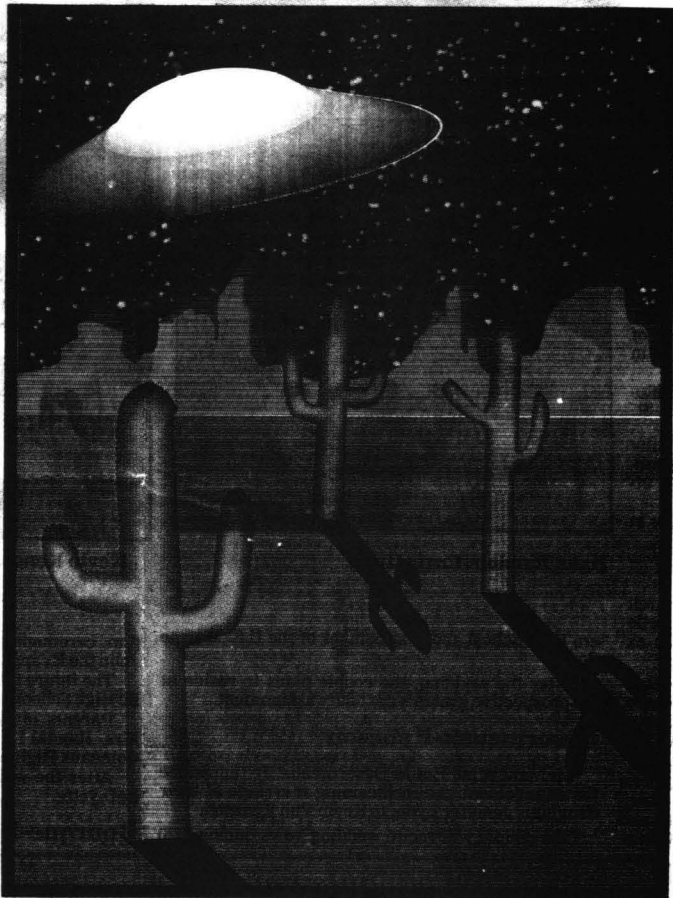


Illustration by Kelly Richards

Scientists from England, the U.S., Russia and Japan are still investigating the crop circles — and have yet to come up with an explanation that would account for such an occurrence. These crop circles have also been reported in some areas of the U.S.

And an increased interest in some-

several occupants had been recovered.

Less than a week later, these same officials released a statement saying that they were mistaken. The object they had seen, they said, was just a weather balloon. Helping add fuel to the fire was a persistent story that then President Harry Truman, talking

TRIBUNE, Salt Lake City, UT - Feb. 14, 1994

## Mysterious Light, Boom Shake Idaho Residents

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FAIRFIELD, Idaho — Residents in south-central Idaho wonder what lighted up the sky and created a boom that rattled windows from Fairfield to Hagerman last week.

"We all saw it, sort of a red and blue strobing light. We thought maybe the police were pulling us over," said Tanzy McCool of Fairfield, who was riding on the high school bus between Bliss and Gooding.

Deputies from Camas and Elmore counties investigated the incident, but have come up with no answers.

Tanzy's father, Ben McCool, said he saw the "strobing" light twice about 10:15 p.m. Thursday.

The Air Force said it was not one of its planes.

"We did have some KC-135's in the Twin Falls and Jerome area at that time refueling planes from other bases," said Capt. Christie Dragan, Mountain Home Air Force Base spokesman. "But none of them would have the capability of flying fast enough to create a sonic boom, and certainly not any kind of flash."

The phenomenon could have been a meteor entering the atmosphere, said Jake Reichard, president of the Magic Valley Astronomers Club.

"A meteor, the size of a grain of sand could light up the sky and could make a sound like a sonic boom as it came in," he said. "Most meteors burn up before reaching earth, so it would be hard to say if this was one."

The Air Force Space Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., searched for records of any debris, meteors or aircraft that could have caused the sightings, but found nothing, public-affairs officer Maj. Suzann Chapman said.

The Missile Warning Center keeps track of all material circling the earth, including missiles, Chapman said. Debris had been expected to fall in southern parts of America, but none in Idaho, she said.

CR: M. Bieseke

and drinking with some Missouri businessmen, described how the U.S. found a UFO and the bodies of some of the crew.

Throughout the years since 1947, the Department of the Air Force and the Department of Defense have both denied that anything out of the ordinary happened near Roswell. It is the subject of several books and a soon to be released TV movie, though.

All of that keeps people's interest in UFOs and the like, he said.

"People are becoming more open about talking about their experiences," Crumbley said.

Crumbley was quick to point out that UFO encounters are usually labeled as hoaxes or gags or someone mistaking an ordinary item for something out of the ordinary.

Still...

"When people from widely separate parts of the country or even across the globe report the same thing or almost the same thing, you have to begin to wonder if there is something there," Crumbley said.

He did say he did not believe that one bright morning people would walk out to get their newspapers and find aliens on their front lawn.

"No, I don't think that is going to happen," Crumbley said. "I do believe that these visitors have been with us

for as long as man has been here. But I don't think they are ready to come out and say hello just yet."

Guest speakers for the New Orleans convention will be:

**Dr. Raymond Moody:** Author of *Life After Life* and *Reunions*. He talks about UFOs and the paranormal.

**Dr. Bill Roll:** A graduate of Oxford, England and considered the world's leading parapsychologist.

**Linda Howe:** Three-time Emmy winner, author and UFO researcher.

**Colin Andrews:** English crop circle researcher.

**Bud Hopkins:** Author of *Intruders*, which is about people who have claimed to have been abducted by UFO crews.

**Lt. Col. Donald Ware (retired):** Retired Air Force fighter pilot and UFO researcher.

**Bob Oechsler:** Former NASA mission specialist.

**Scott Maas, Debbie Jordan and Katharina Wilson:** All will discuss personal UFO experiences.

For registration information, contact Project Awareness at 904-432-0000 or write to them at P.O. Box 730, Gulf Breeze, Fla. 32562.

STAR-PHOENIX, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada - Dec. 2, 1993

## Astronaut wants aliens to get him

HOUSTON (Reuter) — When Story Musgrave is floating outside the space shuttle Endeavour on the Hubble Space Telescope mission, he may have a little more on his mind than fixing the blurry telescope.

"I try to communicate with the life that's out there. I'm serious. It is not that far out," Musgrave said Wednesday in an interview

with the Houston Post newspaper.

"When I'm circling around out there, I try in whatever ways I can to get them to come down here and get me," said the 58-year-old astronaut.

Musgrave, who became an astronaut in 1967, is the senior member of the seven-person crew set to launch early today on the criti-

cal mission to fix the Hubble.

Musgrave is looking forward to more shuttle flights.

"I love space and I love the space business," he told the newspaper.

"There's no way I can conceive of walking away. I'm gonna die on the job probably, one way or the other," he said.

# Her 'alien' experiences get attention



Leah Haley

By **Scottie Vickery**  
News staff writer

Leah Haley's life is the stuff that tabloid shows are made of.

She won't say who she really is, but she's happy to tell you about where she's been — spending quite a bit of time with people from another planet.

"My life is far from normal right now," Ms. Haley said.

Talk about an understatement.

Ms. Haley said that since she was at least 3 years old, she's been repeatedly abducted by aliens and has been taken aboard their spaceship.

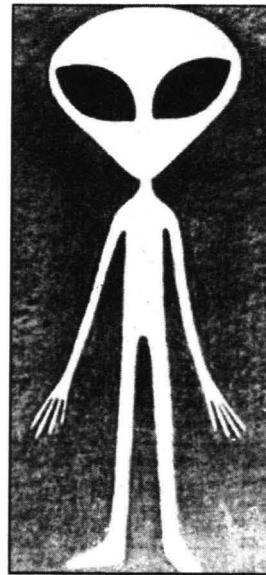
And that's not the half of it. Not only have the aliens removed eggs from her ovaries and produced creatures that are part human, part alien, Ms. Haley said she has been kidnapped on several occasions by govern-

ment and military officials who have tried to make her believe that none of it really happened.

Oprah, Sally Jessy and A Current Affair could have a field day.

Ms. Haley — who said she grew up in Alabama and was abducted from her homes in Gardendale, Florence and Tuscaloosa — won't say much about herself, and offers no details that can be verified or documented. She said she lives in Mississippi, has two daughters and is in the process of getting a divorce because her husband wants a more normal life.

She won't reveal her real name; Leah Haley is the pseudonym she uses to protect her family's privacy, and the name she used in the book she wrote about her experiences, *Lost Was the Key* (Greenleaf Publications, \$19.95).



This is a drawing of the alien Leah Haley says visited her in Gardendale.

GLOBE, Boston, MA - March 2, 1994 CR: B. Greenwood

**ALEX BEAM**

## My date with an alien



As Campbell's "Viewer's Guide to Area 51" makes clear, there are many rational explanations for the UFO sightings near Rachel. The unpolluted skies are literally alive

at night, bristling not only with stars, meteorites and radiant planets, but also with jet fighters, bombers blasting away at the saguaro and, yes, top-secret reconnaissance planes taking off and landing from the Groom Lake air base. The SR-71 Blackbird, with its distinctive spoon nose, and the flat, boxy F-117 Stealth fighter were often test-flown at night; when viewed from certain angles, they look a lot like you-know-what.

Campbell notes that magnesium flares dropped from the sky to illuminate night bombing runs could easily be mistaken for UFOs, and some "sightings" have coincided with a laser show in faraway Las Vegas. Says Campbell: "It's a challenge to figure out what's going on here because there are so many lights in the sky."

Not surprisingly, Campbell's skepticism isn't very popular in a town that hosts an annual UFO convention and sells bumper stickers that read: "Earthlings Welcome!" So he has quietly moved on to another cause: legally snooping on the top-secret Groom Lake Air Force base, which employs a small army of high-tech security goons to shoo away curiosity seekers. Campbell publishes a hiking map that leads visitors through public lands to a mountain ridge overlooking Groom Lake.

Although Campbell and fellow members of his "Secrecy Oversight Council" have been chastised for spying on the base, they have never been arrested. Why? Because the name Groom Lake appears on no Air Force documents; it does not officially exist. Now the Air Force wants to put the entire mountain ridge off-limits to Campbell & Co., a land grab that has stirred up formidable opposition in free-spirited Nevada.

Stay tuned, on whatever frequency you deem suitable.

Eastwood Community School is bringing Ms. Haley back to Birmingham on Feb. 2 for a lecture on her experiences.

In a phone interview, Ms. Haley said she knows her tales of alien abductions seem bizarre. In fact, she refused to believe it herself until July 1990. That's when she first discussed the events with her family and decided to try to learn more about extraterrestrials.

"I tried to explain it as a dream because I had never heard of anything like that," she said.

Ms. Haley said she's been abducted dozens of times — almost always from her homes — throughout the years.

Once, between 1960 and 1962, when she was between 9 and 11, she and her younger brother and a friend were on the front porch of her Gardendale home when they saw blue and silver spaceships. They went to the woods to see if they could find where they landed, and Ms. Haley wandered off alone. She saw the spaceship and a "beam of bright light, like a bunch of sunrises all together, coming toward me."

She doesn't know how she got into the craft, but she remembers being in a round room, lying on a platform. "Little creatures were standing around me," Ms. Haley wrote in her book. "They did things to me, but I don't remember what."

The aliens she has met are friendly, Ms. Haley said, and she is not afraid of them. They are about five feet tall, she said, with chalky-colored bodies and heads that are much wider at the top than the bottom. Their eyes are big and black, with no eyeballs or eyelashes, and are used to communicate, Ms. Haley said.

"Their eyes are so intense, you can read their thoughts and they can read yours," she said. "They don't talk verbally like we do at all. It's kind of a mind transmission. They

speak telepathically, mind to mind rather than voice to voice."

Once, while on a spaceship, Ms. Haley remembered seeing what she calls a "baby greenhouse," a room with transparent containers containing part-alien, part-human babies.

**Ms. Haley's story includes tales of** harassment by military and government agents. Between July 1990 and January 1992, she said they tapped her phone and kidnapped her at gunpoint for "deprogramming." She calls these agents, who she said are trying to cover up the abductions, OMAGS, or "obnoxious military and government scoundrels."

"I was able to give the aliens the benefit of the doubt, but these were human beings that abducted me," Ms. Haley said. "They knew exactly how I felt."

Although Ms. Haley said she knows there are people who do not believe her stories, "I've been really fortunate that nobody's laughed at me to my face ... Rather than experiencing ridicule, I've had so many people interested that I've had trouble getting peace."

Ms. Haley said she is speaking out about her abductions because the aliens told her that she needed to spread the word that they are coming so that humans could be prepared.

She said she hasn't made any money from her speeches (tickets to the Birmingham lecture are \$5 each) and the book. She said her husband has left her over it, adding without irony that she has "alienated family members" by speaking out.

Still, she said, she will continue to tell her story. "I just think this is so important that the public be aware of all of this," she said.

"Somebody would actually physically have to kill me to get me to shut up," she said. "That's how important this is."

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## Ashley residents report strange lights

FARGO (AP) — Some residents around the south central North Dakota community of Ashley say they have seen unusual lights in the sky — and one local resident claims to have had a much closer encounter earlier this week.

Donald Klumb, 17, said he was coming home at about 3 a.m. last Sunday when he spotted what appeared to be lights in a ditch along a road near his parents' home east of Ashley.

"As I was coming up ... almost right next to them ... everything in my pickup shut down, and about 10 seconds later, everything came back on and I went home," Klumb said.

Klumb said he returned to the ditch the next day and found that the grass in the ditch had been flattened in a circular shape.

Ashley Police Chief Marv Mayer said there were still traces of flattened grass at the spot when he investigated it several days later, but he is uncertain what caused it.

Mayer said he also is investigating reports from Ashley farmer Larry Rott, who lives south of town. Rott said he saw very bright white lights moving across the sky on four nights this week.

"Well, I don't know what it is, but it's a bunch of lights shaped in a U-form and then it's got a tail," Rott said.





Jeff Taylor/Journal

UFO enthusiast Fred Whiting of North Potomac supports independent research into unexplained sightings and findings.

## Area group in search of UFOs

By WILL SCHERMERHORN  
Journal staff writer

**M**embers of the area-based Fund for UFO Research don't believe the wild claims made about UFOs in supermarket tabloids and pulpy paperbacks.

In fact, some members are not sure any unidentified flying objects are from other worlds.

But the small, private, nonprofit organization's volunteers do believe this:

Some UFOs cannot be explained away as weather balloons, meteors, satellites, aircraft, stars or planets, weather-related illusions or out-and-out flights of fancy.

That doesn't mean anyone should rush to the conclusion that UFOs are spaceships, members said.

Despite the mathematical possibility of UFOs and extraterrestrials, research into their existence should be done with care, said North Potomac resident Fred Whiting, secretary-treasurer of the Fund.

"You need the best evidence investigated with credible witnesses," Whiting said.

"Short of finding hardware or scientific reports or government documents that are unambiguous, it's going to remain debatable," said Fund member Don Berliner of Alexandria, Va. "You cannot use the process of elimination unless you know you are considering all possibilities, and there's no way to know all the possibilities."

There is hope among UFO enthusiasts, however, that the debate over one incident could soon end.



**"All of these people are very credible. None of them has sought out any publicity. . . . All of these are people who've been tracked down."**

— Fred Whiting

As the story goes, a New Mexico rancher found shiny bits of metal foil scattered on his property in July 1947. Officials from Roswell Army Air Force base became aware of the material, examined the supposed crash site and declared it was the remains of a flying saucer.

Within hours, high-ranking Army Air Force officials retracted that and said what was found were remains of a downed weather balloon.

But other evidence points to a different conclusion — some witnesses said they saw strange metallic debris and bodies of odd creatures among the wreckage.

Two years ago, members of the Fund and Annandale resident Karl Pflock briefed the staff of U.S. Rep. Steven H. Schiff, R-Albuquerque, N.M., on the suspected crash.

Schiff said last week he became involved a few months later after some New Mexicans called his office, hoping to clear up the matter. Since last spring, Schiff has tried to locate whatever government documents exist regarding the incident but without success.

When his inquiries to the Department of Defense, Air Force and the National Archives yielded nothing last spring and summer, Schiff asked the General Accounting Office in

October to find out whether documents exist that pertain to the supposed crash.

"The government is clearly uncooperative," Schiff said on Feb. 3.

The GAO's inquiries are under way now, said agency spokesman Cleve Corlett. The GAO is not investigating the incident itself, and is unsure when its work will be done, Corlett said.

The possibility of finally finding out what happened 46½ years ago is a tantalizing prospect to members of the Fund for UFO Research, but

their enthusiasm is tempered by experience.

Despite the decades he has been interested in investigating UFOs, Berliner says he's convinced only of their frustratingly elusive nature.

That is the shared philosophy of the Fund, he said. Its 15 volunteer members include an astronomer, physicists, sociologists, a psychologist and other professionals.

Formed in 1979, the group has raised about \$350,000 to support independent research into UFO-related phenomena, Whiting said. The organization raises money by soliciting donations and selling reports of UFO investigations. It does not investigate UFO sightings itself, though many of its members do so on their own.

UFO enthusiasts run the gamut from "crazies" to serious, rational people, said Berliner of Alexandria, Va.

Members of the Fund fall into the latter category, said Richard Hall, chairman of Fund's board of directors.

"We don't have any crazies on the board," said Hall, a semiretired writer and editor who lives in Brentwood. In the many years since his interest in UFOs was piqued while he was in the Air Force, the study of the phenomena has slowly grown more accepted among scientists and the public.

Nevertheless, Berliner said, members of the Fund "have learned not to blurt out the latest uninvestigated UFO sighting at a cocktail party or a scientific meeting."

The Roswell case has a special significance to Berliner, a free-lance science and aviation author who lives by the Potomac River in an Alexandria high-rise. In 1992, he and writer Stanton T. Friedman published a book called "Crash At Corona" about the mystery.

Berliner said he's hopeful the GAO will locate documents on the 1947

### For more info

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incident that will settle the matter. In sworn testimony, the late Brig. Gen. Thomas J. DuBose, who was the chief of staff for the commander of the air base in 1947, claimed the weather balloon explanation was a cover story ordered by Washington officials.

Other witnesses have told intriguing stories, Berliner said.

■ A nurse told a friend she had assisted doctors in examining bodies of 3½-foot-tall hairless creatures that had large heads with large eyes and small mouths and slender arms and legs.

■ Several people reported seeing the debris, including light strong stick-like beams inscribed with unintelligible symbols.

■ Several people reported having been threatened by Air Force officials to not speak of what they had seen.

■ Since the late 1970s, rumors have floated around of glimpses of what appear to be strange craft hidden in buildings and underground at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio. Much of the debris from the Roswell crash site was reportedly taken to that base.

"All of these people are very credible," Whiting said. "None of them has sought out any publicity. . . . All of these are people who've been tracked down."

But none of the stories proves anything, Berliner noted, and that is part of the mystery: Why should the government resist giving out information about the crash of a weather balloon?

"If someone can convince me it was something mundane, then fine," he said. "So be it. . . . The position of the Fund and my position is, we want the answers. We don't care what they are, but we want the answers."

# Request renews UFO controversy

Nate McMahon  
Record Staff Writer

The newspaper that broke the Watergate scandal in 1973 has seized on another potential cover-up: the Roswell Incident.

The alleged crash of a UFO near Roswell in 1947 captured the interest of The Washington Post and a slew of other newspapers in New Mexico and across the country last week.

The stories started after the media became aware that U.S. Rep. Steve Schiff had called for an investigation into the affair.

Schiff, R-N.M., asked the General Accounting Office — the investigative arm of Congress — to look into an alleged cover-up of the 46-year-old Roswell incident.

UFO aficionados claim a flying saucer crashed on a ranch owned by Mac Brazel 75 miles northwest of Roswell, and the government removed and then hid the wreckage and perhaps the bodies of aliens.

They allege the remains

of the crash were taken first to Fort Worth, Texas, then to what is now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

According to the Army Air Corps, now the Air Force, the crashed object was a weather balloon equipped with a radar-reflecting gadget.

Schiff said his October 1993 request to the Department of Defense never mentioned UFOs.

He just wanted to know where the documents concerning the incident were, after some of his constituents requested he look into the matter.

The difficulty obtaining that information led to his request for investigation, and the resulting publicity came as a surprise.

"I thought the whole thing was entirely routine," Schiff said Friday. "I simply asked where the existing government documents were."

A "rather terse letter from the Air Force" told Schiff to look in the National Archives, but the Archives had no record of any such documents.

"It was surprising that a government agency said, 'Go away and don't bother us,'" he said.

It was at that point he contacted the GAO, although this case is unusual for them because they normally investigate money matters.

According to Cleve Corlett, director of public affairs for the GAO, the investigation is still in the early stages.

"The question is whether any evidence of the 'Roswell Incident' has been suppressed by the Air Force," Corlett said Friday. "All we've done to date is made a few preliminary inquiries."

It is difficult to tell if the GAO has ever investigated a purported UFO crash because the office has done "thousands of jobs over the years," according to Corlett, who said the GAO has no records department available to the press.

He was also reluctant to call the investigation unique.

"Unique is in eye of the beholder," Corlett said. "That's all there is to say."

The public affairs office at the Department of Defense had no comment about the investigation.

Locally, UFO researchers like Walter Haut are pleased with the attention.

Haut was an Air Force public affairs officer at the time of the crash. He now directs the International UFO Museum and Research Center.

The object crashed July 3 or 4, according to Haut, and was taken to Roswell Army Airfield by July 6. On July 8, Col. William H. Blanchard, Roswell base commander, told him the military had "a flying saucer."

Haut sent out a press release to that effect, he said, but a few hours later Brig. Gen. Roger Ramey, commander of the Eighth Air Force, contradicted the story.

"We were told it was a flying saucer and six hours later that it was a weather balloon," Haut said.

"It is difficult for me to comprehend how a senior officer on July 6 didn't know it was a weather balloon, but on July 8 all the senior officers knew it was a weather balloon."

Haut said he's doubtful the GAO investigation will explain the crash, because many eyewitnesses are gone.

"Frankly," he said, "it will take more than just Congressman Schiff pushing it. I was a first lieutenant of 25, and most of the senior officers were in their mid-30s on up."

"That means they are in their 80s now, or deceased."

Clifford Stone, director of Roswell's Outa Limits UFO Enigma Museum, said it is vital to make Congress aware of the crash.

Anything less "interferes with the delicate system of checks and balances," he said. "This wasn't a weather balloon. We need to find out exactly what it was."

The crashed object could have been an experimental aircraft or even a Soviet spy device, Stone said, and while the military may have been justified in classifying the crash then, it can't be now.

"The intelligence community wishes to keep this information classified," he said, "but I'd say that is a terrible wrong."

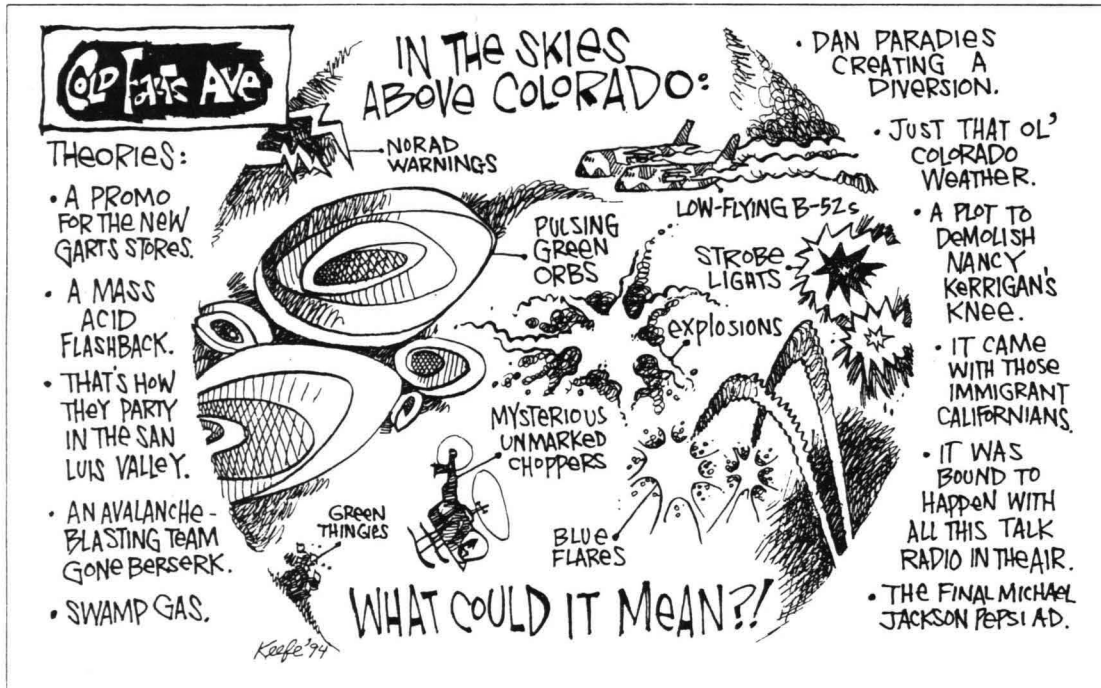
Stone has sent Schiff more than 130 pages of privately researched papers on alleged military cover-ups of UFO-related incidents.

Schiff has said he thinks a weather balloon or military experiment crashed at the site, not a UFO.



Mike Pettit photo  
Walter Haut, president of the International UFO Museum and Research Center, displays 1947 copies of the Daily Record which reported a flying saucer crash.

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## Unknown object sighted

BILL PAPICH  
STAFF WRITER

Rig workers who read newspaper accounts of a strange light over San Juan County Tuesday night say they saw something in the sky Monday night that may be even stranger.

"I've never seen anything like it before," said Pete Corey of Farmington.

Corey said he and four other men were at a drilling rig four miles northwest of Aztec at 8 p.m. Monday when they all saw what appeared to be a mysterious object with lights pass overhead.

"What we saw was big. That thing was low enough where you could almost see the whole body of the thing," Corey said.

"To me it was square looking with four lights. There seemed to be a light on each corner of this

thing. There was no sound. We couldn't hear a thing."

Corey said the object drifted across the sky for 15 to 20 seconds before it was out of sight.

Gabe Montano of Bloomfield was among the five men and said the lights didn't blink like airplane lights.

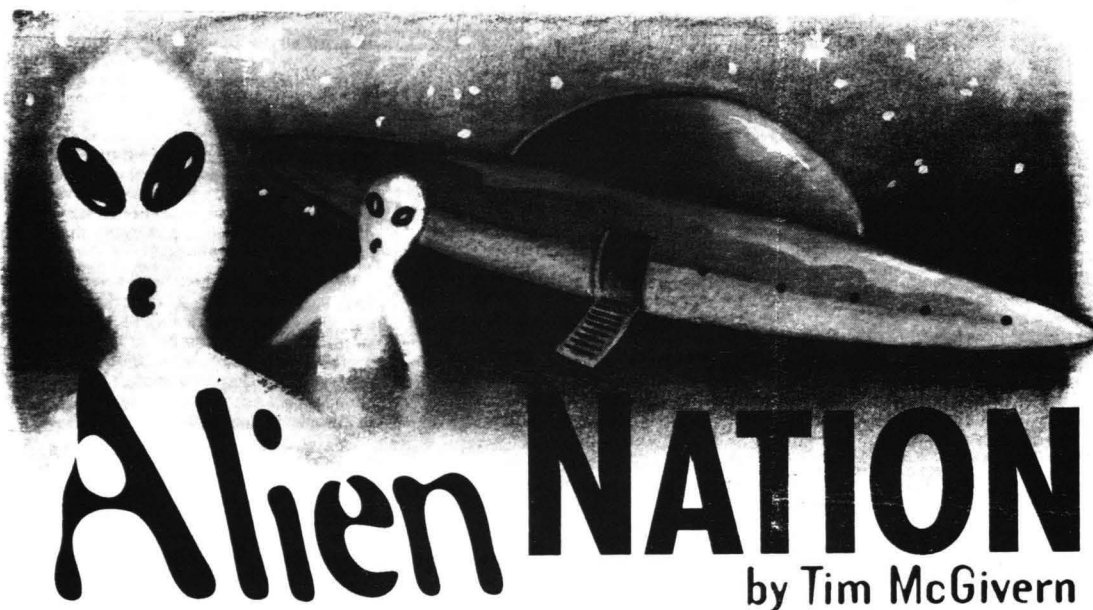
He said the object looked rectangular.

"It was kind of gliding across the sky. It wasn't going very fast," Montano said. "It wasn't very high at all. It was right there."

He said the drilling rig was 110 feet high and the object appeared to be only about 400 feet above the top of the rig.

Corey said he first suspected the object might be a weather balloon, but it was moving across the sky too fast for a balloon. He said the object was moving too slow to be an airplane.





On Wednesday evening, January 26, 1994, Michael Lindemann, a UFOlogist, self-appointed futurist and, well, potential nut-basket, spoke at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center to a standing-room only crowd of more than 320 people. (Roughly another 150 people were left in the cold because of limited space.)

The event was sponsored by the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) of Albuquerque,

On July 7, 1947, the U.S. Air Force announced that wreckage of a crashed UFO was recovered around Foster Ranch near Roswell, New Mexico. Less than 24 hours later, a photo was released that supported a new military claim that debris collected was only fragments of a downed weather balloon.

Interestingly, C.B. Moore, an aerologist and physicist who worked with the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

cause they captured alien bodies as well as debris from their spacecraft. According to research done in *UFO Crash at Roswell*, by Jonathan Randall and Don Schmidt, there are more than 30 living eye-witnesses to the crash and at least 10 living eye-witnesses to the bodies.

Lindemann claims, by 1947, "we were awash in aliens and the government knew it and kept it a secret for good reason." The facts cannot be documented by physical evidence (no aliens were noticeably present at the Cultural Center); however, Lindemann claims that what is onboard a UFO can be useful militarily, possibly providing the means for the greatest weapon yet developed on Earth. So, naturally, when the government acquires such material it keeps it a secret.

What? You don't think the government can keep a secret?

JFK was gunned-down in broad daylight and we still don't know what happened. Harry Truman didn't find out about the Manhattan Project until two years after its inception, all while he was Vice President of the

lished numerous books on the subject. Suddenly, Mack realized that he had no idea about the breadth, scope and strangeness of the universe because, according to Lindemann, Mack's new book will postulate that aliens are living among us, abducting people from their homes, cars and streets.

"Mack is a man of courage and integrity who is simply following his nose where the evidence goes," explains Lindemann.

People like Dean, Mack and Linda Moulton Howe (the author of *An Alien Harvest*, a graphically detailed look at how human abduction and cattle mutilation is related to the UFO phenomenon) don't need aliens to make their lives interesting, to make them feel good about themselves, or to make them rich. In fact, Lindemann cites a study in the November 1993 *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* which he claims finds UFO witnesses to be normal people not prone to fantasy or hallucination.

"[UFO witnesses in the study] tend to be employed, white-collar, middle-class, solid citizens," argues Lindemann. "We have this weird idea that we are talking about people who wear beads and crystals and babble religious mantras—that has nothing to do with UFOs," he adds.

The *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* study does, however, state that "...the majority of UFO subjects believed that space aliens were concerned with and even guiding the destiny of humankind. Such beliefs may provide these subjects with a sense of being cared about by omnipotent beings and a feeling that their UFO experiences made them participants in humankind's unfolding destiny."

Scientific reasoning aside, what about the evidence? Who are "these guys that we're going to meet very soon?"

"The next slide please..."

According to Lindemann's graphic aides, the typical alien resembles the standard Hollywood model: globular head, bug eyes and disproportionate smaller humanoid body (how could anyone forget the barroom scene in *Star Wars*?). One sketch showed four ETs gathered around a woman laying on a table in gynecological-exam pose (this during the abduction sequence of his mono-

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an international organization with chapters in all 50 states. Maria and Richard Rowlette are the MUFON state directors for New Mexico. Richard says MUFON has about 80 members statewide, the majority from Bernalillo County, and about 5,000 members worldwide.

Topics covered at MUFON's monthly meetings are UFO sightings, what to make of cattle being mutilated by aliens, and human abduction. Rowlette says that about one-third of New Mexican members have witnessed aliens and "one or two" have been abducted. He also says that there have been recent cattle mutilations around the Taos-Questa-Red River area. One of MUFON's goals for the future is to set up a support group for abductees, a place where people can share experiences without feeling like they'll be ridiculed or misunderstood.

During Lindemann's three-hour monologue Wednesday evening, he expounded on his beliefs concisely and irrevocably:

"Alien intelligence is here on Earth, in diversity, in numbers, and interacting a lot with humans."

And:

"Just about every reputable astro-physicist, astronomer, NASA scientist—you name it—is absolutely convinced that aliens exist and that it's only a matter of time until we meet these guys."

And:

"This is not an attempt to convert anyone to a new religion. This isn't religion. The evidence is all that matters."

Lindemann insists that the governments of the world—especially the United States—and NATO are covering-up strange and important secrets about UFOs.

Perhaps the greatest UFO cover-up occurred during July, 1947 right here in the Land of Enchantment. It was a demonstrably bizarre, clandestine event known as "The Roswell Incident."

at Socorro, provided information that refuted the military's balloon story (interviewed in *The Roswell Incident*, by Charles Berlitz, 1980). In 1947, Moore was involved with a project researching high-altitude balloons near North Field of White Sands outside Alamogordo. He believed this project to be responsible for "at least some of the flying saucer reports in the area" at that time. The Air Force identified the balloon to be a "rawin sonde" weather device, a 100-200 gram neoprene balloon attached to a radio transmitter. Many eye-witnesses said debris was scattered over 100 yards and that the ground was torn apart in some places. The weather balloon story sounds farcical when considering eye-witness testimony—including that of military personnel—stating that truckloads of debris were carried away; the rawin sonde weather balloon fits into an ordinary suitcase, according to Moore.

New Mexico Rep. Steve Schiff is presently investigating the Roswell case. According to a report in the *Albuquerque Journal* (January 14, 1994), the investigation was sparked by a "flurry of letters from constituents." Schiff accuses the Defense Department of stonewalling his pursuit for information. The Pentagon denied having records from the incident. The National Archives also led to a dry well.

Schiff reportedly surmised that "it could be a weather balloon," but more likely, "some kind of military experiment."

However, in March, 1993, Schiff co-wrote a letter to Defense Secretary Les Aspin stating that witness testimony suggests that "the balloon explanation was a cover story," and that perhaps "federal authorities sought to intimidate witnesses and their families into silence." According to the *Journal* report, Schiff says that he'll publicize all information he obtains.

Lindemann says the government organized an aggressive, systematic cover-up be-

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United States. Some conspiracy experts might even say the atomic bomb prompted the U.S. government to invent secrecy on a whole new level, and, more importantly, taught them how to spend tax dollars on projects that nobody could ever know about.

To alien theorists, the Roswell case is only one significant study into the pervasive UFO phenomenon that has been kept secret for too long. Lindemann cites Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), a division of NATO located in Paris in the 60's, as an organization that conducted a secret study of alien activity on Earth. According to Lindemann, Bob Dean, a fellow-futurist and retired military officer who took part in the study, says, "at least four separate alien races were found to be operating on our planet...posing all kinds of interesting social and political dilemmas." Lindemann adds that the information led NATO to believe that aliens do not pose a conventional military threat to our planet—at least not one that Earthlings could effectively respond to.

Another influential futurist, John Mack, a psychiatrist and professor at Harvard Medical School, has a new book about to be published which Lindemann says is going to "turn the psychiatry world on its ear." In 1989, Mack learned about alien abduction practices from Budd Hopkins, a man who has pub-

logue), thus revealing that aliens are approximately three-and-a-half feet tall, and dressed in matching spaceman suits. The voice in the microphone, matter-of-factly intones, "very often three abductors, sometimes four..."

Several slides showed dead cattle with missing body parts, others were drawings of light beams from above shadowed by a flying saucer which focused on an innocent, ordinary Earthling looking up in amazement. The audience even got to see one of Gary Larson's *Far Side* cartoons featuring two blob-like aliens in a saucer buzzing a panic-stricken city street like a crop duster. Lindemann explained how this cartoon is part of the subliminal message that *we are not alone*.

That's when I looked to the guy beside me and asked what brought him out tonight. He was a retired police officer from Chicago, 36 years on the force. He was a little disillusioned with the presentation as well. He said he didn't approve of the term "guys" being associated with aliens.

"They're not guys—they are entities, beings," he said.

He said he was thinking about becoming an investigator, checking out sightings mostly.

So what brought most of us out there for three hours of futurism at \$7 a ticket?

Who really knows? ■



Thomas Ward/The Orange County Register

## UFO-abduction tales getting more respect

By David L. Chandler  
The Boston Globe

One night in late November 1989, Maria says, she was asleep with her husband in their apartment, on an upper story of a Manhattan building near the Brooklyn Bridge, when she awoke to find herself paralyzed, with three small gray figures in the room.

The beings caused her to float off her bed and out the window, she says, into a beam of blue light that drew her upward, as if on an invisible elevator, into a hovering UFO.

The story told by Maria (not her real name) to an artist-turned-UFO-investigator is typical of those of people who say they have remembered, usually with the help of hypnosis, occasions when they believe they were abducted by alien beings, subjected to medical examinations aboard an alien spaceship, interrogated, had tissue samples taken from them, then were returned home.

Such tales were almost unheard of until recently, but in the past decade, popular books and movies have made alien abductions a hot topic among tabloid newspapers and tabloid-

style television talk shows. A recent Roper poll, believers say, shows that up to 2 percent of Americans answered "key questions" in a way that suggests that they may have been victims of alien abduction, although they don't remember it. (The same poll shows that 11 percent have seen ghosts.)

Most people, and nearly all scientists, believe such stories are so absurd as not to merit a response, let alone a serious investigation. A small but growing number of mental-health professionals, however, is beginning to say the reports are widespread enough and different enough from known psychological syndromes to deserve serious analysis.

"These are valid experiences and not some sort of mental aberration," said John Mack, a psychiatrist at Harvard University. "It's different than anything I could have imagined."

Not so fast, said Robert Baker, a professor of psychology at the University of Kentucky. "I think the whole thing is a mistaken notion, a fallacy," he said. Baker has written extensively on the use of hypnosis, a key feature of

many of the UFO abduction accounts. He said the kind of experiences recounted by the "abductees" are typical for people who have "waking dreams," a not-uncommon phenomenon people sometimes experience just as they are drifting to sleep or waking up.

Baker said most of those who investigate and write about supposed alien abductions have no training in psychology and "are very naive. Except John Mack — I'm really shocked at him."

But Mack, who has practiced psychiatry for more than 30 years and was the founding director of the Cambridge Hospital psychiatry department, said after talking in detail with 60 people about abduction experiences, "I could not put them in any kind of psychiatric category — except trauma. But if it's trauma, then what is the source of the trauma?"

It was that sense that this is a real psychological phenomenon — but a largely unrecognized one — that led Mack to join with Massachusetts Institute of Technology physicist David Pritchard to organize a conference on the subject recently on the MIT campus.

It was the first time respected academics have dared to mount such a meeting within the walls of a respected institution, and their fear of ridicule by the media and public, and reproach by colleagues, led them to go to great lengths to emphasize that MIT was

not sponsoring the event and that no public funds were used for it.

In fact, Pritchard and Mack tried at first to keep the conference a secret. Only reluctantly did they allow journalists to attend, and then only on condition that they not disclose who was there or quote directly what was said.

The subject is certainly easy to ridicule, and those who have gone public with claims of abduction sometimes have lost jobs or been demoted. But those who have worked with the "abductees" are increasingly convinced that whatever the physical reality may be, those involved need care and understanding that is not always forthcoming from mental-health professionals.

David Gotlib, a psychotherapist with a private practice in Toronto, said: "I believe that there is an unusual phenomenon going on here that cannot be explained in the usual ways that skeptics explain it. That, I'm sure of."

What it is, I don't know," Mack and other professionals who have studied these cases say that those who say they have been abducted are sane, normal and, on the whole, typical. When Mack asks the subjects to rate their certainty that the experiences were real on a scale of 1 (outright lie) to 10 ("it's as real to me as you standing here before me"), he says, "almost invariably it's a 10. Occasionally a 9."

They test normal on psychological tests. They come from all walks of life, all races, all ages. And almost all say they would rather be told they are crazy than to have to accept their memories.

In many ways, those who report such experiences resemble survivors of childhood physical or sexual abuse: The memories are initially suppressed, are recalled only with great difficulty, and then cause great mental anguish. Some therapists have suggested, in fact, that the abduction stories are a psychological mask for half-remembered childhood abuse.

But others, such as artist Budd Hopkins, author of the best-seller "Intruders" and now a nearly full-time UFO abduction investigator, say that doesn't hold up. For one thing, he said, many of the "abductees" also do have clear memories of childhood abuse (in about the same percentage of cases as in the public). If they remember the abuse, he reasoned, why would they also cling to the "cover story"?

There is one key claim made by people such as Hopkins, Mack and David Jacobs, a historian at Temple University who has written two books on alien abductions, to bolster their claims that this is a real phenomenon, not just some kind of delusion. It is, they say, the startling similarity in the details of accounts given by people from all over the country who apparently

never have had contact with each other or any awareness of each others' stories.

It turns out, however, that the people who investigate such reports describe a wide variety of experiences, ranging from terrifying to exhilarating, and different kinds of aliens ranging from green-skinned reptiles to tall, blond Nordic types.

Another problem with this argument is that because most of the "abductees" insist on anonymity, there is for the most part only the investigators' word that similarities exist.

Further, there are many ways that such similarities could be explained. For one thing, everyone has been exposed to such a plethora of similar images from movies, television, books and newspapers that the similar experiences may simply echo familiar media images. And, many skeptics have suggested, the investigators, especially when their subjects are under hypnosis, may be leading their witnesses — perhaps unconsciously — into providing the accounts they expect to hear.

But such explanations do not account easily for the distress most "abductees" experience when they go through their accounts. It is that intensity that convinces Mack that there is much more to it than a half-remembered movie image or a desire to please the investigator.

When, with the help of a hypno-

tist, subjects begin to remember, Mack said, "they became very distraught, because they did not want to believe this is real."

That was the case with Maria, the woman who described to Hopkins her abduction through an upper-story window in Manhattan. More than a year after she had told him her story under hypnosis, Hopkins said, he was independently contacted by two law-enforcement officers who had witnessed a UFO and saw a woman float out her window and into the craft, accompanied by three small beings. He described the men as being terrified and shaken, as evidenced by an emotional audiotape one of them made. The date, time, place and details of their account match Maria's story, Hopkins said.

When he told Maria about the witnesses, Hopkins said, she was shocked and distressed.

"She wanted for it not to be real," he said.

Her recollections, like those of a majority of "abductees," were dredged with the help of hypnosis, and the reliability of hypnotically recovered memories has been a central issue. Skeptics point out that, in general, evidence obtained through hypnosis is not admissible in court.

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## CNYers seek to contact extraterrestrials

By Gary Gerew  
and Mark Weiner  
Staff Writers

Despite the apparent contradiction, a group of Central New Yorkers are readying their lights, tones and thoughts to prove intelligent life can be drawn to southern Onondaga County in January. From another planet, no less.

It shouldn't be that difficult. After all, supposedly sentient beings were at Rich Stadium Saturday.

The exact location of the field work will be kept secret and revealed only to participants who pay \$80 to join the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence and attend a workshop on its methods the weekend of Jan. 29-30.

Suzanne Ezra of Syracuse, a co-founder of the center's local chapter, said the secrecy isn't designed to keep the unpaid away as much as to keep away the unprepared and the pranksters.

"Our people don't feel there's enough understanding in the community," she said. "People don't want this brought to public awareness. But there's a lot of responsi-

ble people that give up a lot of their time to work on this."

Ezra said the project's purpose is to begin diplomatic relationships with extraterrestrial life, even though some people who talk about their meetings with aliens haven't been altogether pleased with the results.

A Syracuse psychotherapist is among the local group's founders, but he won't speak publicly, fearing it would ruin his practice. In addition to psychotherapy, he works with people who say they have been abducted and examined by extraterrestrial beings.

"The things they have gone through are very frightening," the psychotherapist said. "It's even more horrifying when you find you don't have anyone to go to and discuss the experience."

Despite that fear, Ezra said the group's philosophy is that extraterrestrial life is not hostile.

She said she has been aboard their spacecraft and found the experience "beneficial" despite being left with some unexplained scars.

"My own experiences started when I was very young, and with young people there's more a feeling of intrigue than fear," said

Ezra.

Fear often blocks the telepathic connection that leads to understanding, said Ezra, which is why those going out into the field this month will be thinking positive thoughts.

The Syracuse chapter will be the organization's 24th. The international organization has about 800 members.

Dr. Steven Greer, the center's international director, is an emergency room physician in North Carolina. Greer said the local groups do more than hold meetings. "They are research teams," he said.

Greer said he prefers to keep their work low key because of the way the public reacts to such efforts.

"There is abundant evidence that there are extraterrestrial organisms visiting this planet," Greer said. "They are not hostile. And it's time for the world to recognize this."

He said the first step is for people to accept that extraterrestrial life exists.

"We're moving in the direction of educating the world's people

about this," he said.

The organization says there are 10,000 reported sightings of unidentified flying objects, or UFOs, worldwide each year. They say at least 10 times that number go unreported.

The center claims to have had success contacting UFOs in Mexico and England. Details about that field work and the organization will be presented at a free lecture at 7 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave.

Howard Schachter, the organization's director of research and training, will deliver the lecture, "Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind: Creating a Peaceful Relationship with Extraterrestrial Intelligence."

Schachter also will describe the organization's methods for contacting UFOs, using bright lights visible for a mile, sound and thought. He's also expected to play auditory tones recorded from a UFO. Those tones are what is beamed to space by the CSETI groups.

After the Jan. 30 workshop, the group will head to southern Onondaga County for the field demonstration and skywatch.





# Are we in the middle of a 'Louth Triangle'?

Expert says they were not Tucanos

**P**SYCHIC Peter Gregory is taking a keen interest in reports of a UFO being sighted in the Louth area.

He has seen several UFOs himself and knows from experience the ridicule that can follow from people who doubt what he says.

He said that the number of people who claimed to have seen something this time must prove that it is genuine. He believes the Louth area is going through a similar experience to that in Wales in the 1970s. That experience — the 'Welsh Triangle' — lasted for about seven months.

He added: "I am in sympathy with anyone who has had a close encounter or who has seen something they can't explain. I don't think people fully understand. Having had the experiences I have had, I want to talk to people who have had this experience. Their emotions afterwards are never the same."

"You know it is against everything you have been taught. All your reason is shattered. It's real because all your senses are telling you it's true. You have got to live within yourself afterwards, wondering how or why."

"People are afraid to come forward because of ridicule. This is wrong. There is a lot there that most people don't see in the sky. We have got all sorts of shapes appearing now. It's not just saucers."

Mr Gregory, of Mablethorpe, has seen four UFOs since April:

- A very bright glowing ball about the size of a football outside one of his upstairs windows for about four seconds at 2.30am on April 16.
- A silver ball high in the sky and travelling very slowly at 8.15pm on May 31.
- A red glowing object with a mass of shimmering lights at its centre at 2.45am on June 21.
- Three glowing ball-shaped objects flying in formation over the sea for 15 seconds at 3.50am on October 19.

His wife and children saw a large red ball in the sky over North Somercotes while travelling in a car on October 16.

The June 21 experience made a deep impression on him. He said: "It hung motionless in the night sky high above the roof tops of the houses opposite. It hovered silently in the grey black summer sky, the light in its middle gently undulating, changing

from yellow to gold and back to yellow again.

"I was totally overpowered by the sheer brilliance that emanated from it. To me, the shape resembled that of a giant stingray floating delicately in the ocean — not at all menacing, I thought."

"Its whole appearance gave me the impression that it was some wonderful living creature — but not from our world. As far as I could tell, it was between 20 and 30ft in length. There was no definite outline to it but I'm sure it wasn't solid as such."

"Although there was no sound at all, I could feel a very powerful vibration pulsing through my head and body all the time."

He videoed it for four seconds before it shot off at terrific speed, leaving a trail of white light behind it.

"My experience was so traumatic that, within the space of a few moments, it had dramatically altered my beliefs on existence forever," he said. It was unlike his previous psychic encounters.

Mr Gregory believes that sightings are of psychic origin and that psychics are able to view them more readily. He believes that psychic ability is, in most people, a latent thing which can develop.

"I am of the opinion that they do visit — not necessarily from other planets but from somewhere on our own earth or from our own future. Scientists are beginning to realise that time is a two-way thing."

He added that, before his April 16 experience, glasses on table tops at his home had shattered, a pram turned round for no apparent reason, there were hot and cold spots in the house, and footsteps on the stairs. People were seeing figures in the house.

"My own belief is that they are not extra-terrestrial. They are somewhere within our own earth. They visit or make themselves known to certain people. It is not a deliberate thing. People with a psychic facility can sense them."

"They leave smells that some people can sense. They leave a sense. Animals often avoid an area that a UFO has visited. A person with extra sensory perception can possibly pick up on these things."

Mr Gregory is prepared to meet anyone who wants to talk to him about a UFO sighting. He can be contacted via Sutton-on-Sea 442597.



Peter Gregory - he has seen several UFOs and accepts people ridicule these stories. He is convinced there is a 'triangle'.

FOTHERBY man Carl Benson was yet another person who saw the mysterious UFO near Louth recently.

He was even more amazed because he used to work in the RAF Regiment — and part of his duties was to recognise aircraft.

He saw three lights and a triangle in the sky as he was driving to Little Grimsby on the day dozens of other people report sightings. He at first thought the lights were aeroplanes in tight formation but then realised they could not be aircraft lights.

He did not hear anything and did not see any strobe lights. The lights were travelling in an east to west direction and then turned slowly to go off in a northerly direction.

As the objects went off, the lights were still shining at him, which would not be the case if they were aircraft lights.

He dismissed claims that they might have been Tucano aircraft. "Tucano don't fly in that sort of tight formation and I would definitely have heard Tucanos. It was weird," he said.

# Rita puzzles over night sky visitors



RITA Johnson looking out over the Godmanchester rooftops where she spotted the 'unreal' lights in the sky

## Were the eerie lights blazing from a UFO?

**P**UZZLED housewife, Rita Johnson thinks she may have had a close encounter of the Unidentified Flying Object kind.

For Rita, it was just the normal routine on a Sunday night in her Godmanchester home as she went about checking that the windows were secure before retiring to bed — until she saw something that has puzzled her ever since!

And unless anyone can give her some other explanation, Rita, who lives near the Causeway, feels she could have seen UFOs in our East Anglian sky.

She said: "Two lights, absolutely brilliant white, so white they were almost blue, took over ten minutes to disappear from my view."

The 'lights' flew a leisurely path from Huntingdon in a north-westerly direction. Mrs Johnson said: "I have always had an open mind about the possibility of the existence of UFOs."

"Obviously, I am not saying that that is what the lights were, but I would like an explanation to exactly what I saw."

"It was really eerie. It was the brightest light that I have ever seen, clear, steady, moving very very slowly. It was

just unreal."

Mrs Johnson added: "There was no sound at all. It was definitely not a plane or helicopter."

She told her husband Bill, who had been asleep at the time, but no one else. Then after a few days reflection she decided to ring The Town Crier.

She said: "When I made up my mind to try to find out about the lights, I just could not think of who would be interested."

"I can honestly say that I had not been drinking" Mrs Johnson laughed, "but I know what I saw."

Sergeant Scott Davis, of RAF Alconbury press office, when asked about the possibility of base operations on the night in question said: "There was absolutely no take-offs or landings that night from here. If someone was using the air space we certainly don't know anything about it."

A spokesperson from RAF Wyton confirmed that there was no flying operations from that base that night either.

If anyone in the area noticed anything unusual on the night of Sunday, January 2, or on any other night, perhaps they could let the Crier know — and we'll try to put Rita Johnson's mind at rest.

You can ring the newsdesk on (0480) 406555.

by Veronica Webb

## Mystery UFO sighting

**E**AGLE-EYED UFO spotters are to keep watching the skies after reports of a strange object seen hovering in the air.

Yesterday the British UFO Research Association appealed for anyone who had seen the object to get in touch with them.

They said they would be investigating the sightings. Police in Chester took

calls from members of the public who saw the object hovering above Huntingdon, just outside Chester.

Witnesses described a tall vertical object with coloured bars of light around it.

Schoolboy Adam Clayton, 15, a pupil at Christleton High School, said: "It wasn't very high above us — about 200ft — and we could see some sort of pads underneath it."

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## MANDRAKE

### Alien approaches

DID Admiral Bobby Ray Inman withdraw his nomination last week as the new US Defence Secretary on the instructions of alien life-forms?

This exotic possibility has reached me from Washington — in an extraordinary analysis of the conspiracy theories blossoming around the Clinton tenure of the White House, now a year old.

The imp-faced Admiral Inman, the former deputy director of the CIA, indignantly claimed in a rambling press conference last week that he was the victim of a Capitol Hill media plot.

His allegation featured Mr William Safire, the New York Times columnist, and Senator Bob Dole, the Senate Republican leader. The senator, he said, had stitched up a deal with Mr Safire to hammer him in his confirmation hearings over alleged tax problems while the Right-wing columnist would continue to lambast President Clinton in print on the Whitewater scandal. Mr Safire called the Inman accusations "weird".

But, weirder still were allegations in the Washington Post on the day of the 62-year-old admiral's bizarre outburst — that he was the US Government's ambassador-at-large to little green men.

Admiral Inman was well known to flying-saucer conspiracy theorists, said the Post. He was an intimate of "MJ12", spoken of in UFO-lore as a secret Pentagon group that liaises with beings from outer space. Furthermore, NASA scientists had been offered access by the admiral to alien spacecraft.

"I did not want this job," said the admiral from his home town of Austin, Texas. "I'm at peace with myself."

CR: T. Good

# Craft could be from another world

## Experts probe cigar-shaped UFO sightings

by JIM BRAKELL

UFO experts are investigating a string of eye witness accounts of a mystery craft spotted hovering over Chester and Wirral.

They say there is a chance the cigar-shaped object could prove to be from another world.

Ministry of Defence officials based at West Drayton say the craft, initially spotted over Boughton Heath, did not show up on their screens.

Christleton High School pupil Adam Clayton, of Littleton, was among the people who saw the mystery object looming in the sky over Chester.

'I was going to my friend's house in Huntington when I saw it coming over from the Saighon area,' he said.

'It was oval-shaped like a rugby ball with pads of some sort, was bigger than a car and came quite close to the ground. It must have been about 200 feet up.

### WATCH THE SKIES

●Anyone who wants to help the British UFO Research Association probe into the mystery craft can contact Philip Mantle on 0924 444049.

'It came towards me very slowly and was there for about 60 seconds before going off towards Boughton Heath in the direction of Sainsbury's,' said Adam.

'I would say it was something out of the ordinary as there was no noise coming from it, which indicated to me that it was not an aircraft.'

Police later notified the West Drayton authorities of a large object with seven different-coloured bars across it.

Inspector Andrew Horne, of Chester police, said a report had come in of the object being in a stationary position for about 10 minutes over Boughton Heath.

British UFO Research Association spokesman Philip Mantle said a dozen separate sightings had come in of an unknown craft hovering over the Chester and South Wirral areas since it was first spotted on Sunday night.

'There is a 95 per cent chance the sightings will be explained but there is also a five per cent chance they will not,' he said.

'We are keen for anyone who may have seen this to come forward as we are investigating it with our own team of people,' Mr Mantle added.

'It was speculated at first that it was a weather balloon or hot air balloon but it was too thin in shape for that. It was also seen at night, at a time when balloons are not supposed to be flying,' he said.

'One report we had suggested it was 200 feet long.'

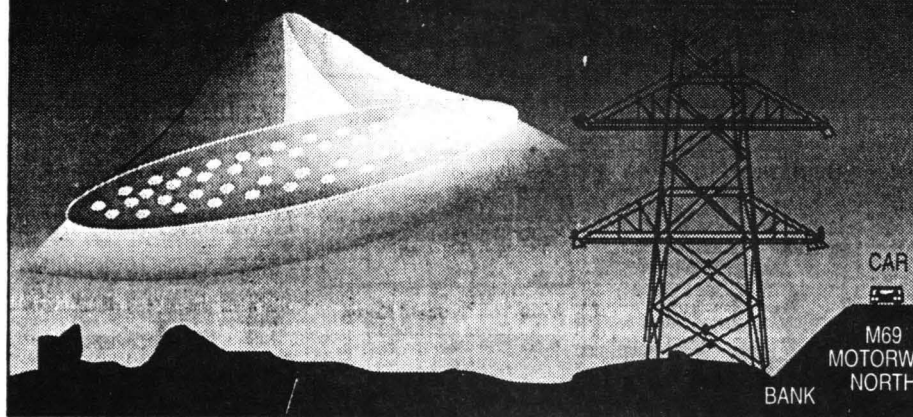


HEAVEN'S ABOVE: Adam Clayton watches the skies above Chester in the hope of spotting the mystery UFO again.

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## Beam me up Notts!

WHITE/GREY/BLUE COLOURED LIGHTS WITH FAINT PULSATING CLOUD. NO NOISE WAS HEARD. APPROXIMATELY 100FT HIGH AND 3-4 HOUSES ACROSS (APPROX 100-150FT)



● An artist's impression of descriptions of some of the sightings

STRANGE lights appearing in the skies above Nottingham can only mean one thing — the city is in one big FLAP.

The unusual lights and mysterious objects are baffling experts and authorities but UFO-watchers say Nottingham is suffering from a spate of UFO activity — known as a FLAP.

More than 30 sightings have been recorded in recent months.

Fresh reports range from Bulwell to Basford and have come from more than a dozen independent sources.

The Ministry of Defence denies any military activity and East Midlands International Airport claims there have been no unusual aircraft movements.

The latest batch of baffled Notts sky-watchers all describe the alien vision as a series of three white lights and two red.

No noise accompanies the sudden appearance of the lights which seem, according to some eye-witnesses, to be hanging in the sky.

Jonathon Bloomfield, 15, of Cheltenham Street, Old Basford, and his

### Mystery lights spark UFO talk

friend Shane Barratt, 13, of Midlame Gardens, Bulwell, claimed to have seen a glowing object in the city's skies regularly since Friday.

And on Wednesday evening they caught sight of the it again.

'We were outside with the telescope looking at stars and trying to find Saturn when we saw this glowing object. The next minute it was gone out of sight,' said Shane.

Their story was confirmed by Shane's grandmother Mary Swift, 55, of Corben Gardens, Bulwell, who claimed that she saw a similar object last Wednesday.

'I cannot be sure what I saw — I know I saw lights in the sky and I know it was not an aeroplane,' she said.

The object was also spotted above Daybrook at around the same time as it was seen hovering over Basford.

Lynne Walton, 39, of Chatsworth Avenue, Carlton, saw the spherical object twice that night — once in Daybrook and an hour later as she drove into Holbrook, Derbyshire.

'It was just hanging there like it was on a piece of string. It had three white lights and two red ones,' she said.

'I have always kept an open mind but I have never seen anything like that in my life.'

Investigator Tony James of the East Midlands UFO Research Association said that the latest sightings matched descriptions of craft seen over Arnold in August, Mansfield in November and Arnold again last weekend.

He said the organisation had checked with stockists of high-powered laser equipment and had ruled out any chance of pranksters.

Anyone with further information is urged to contact the East Midlands UFO Research Association on 275623.

## More UFO sightings reported

EXPERTS are being called in to investigate some close encounters of the Scarborough kind after another spate of UFO sightings in the region.

Researchers have been kept busy after many sightings in and around North Yorkshire.

Several days ago three colleagues at a Scarborough garage spotted a weird white light moving over the town, another man saw a mysterious object hovering near Barrowcliff School early one morning, and strange lights were spotted in Ryedale.

Now investigators at the British UFO Research Association have heard from other people all over the North East who say they have seen strange objects overhead.

The latest sightings come from a woman and her neighbours in Darlington, who described seeing "massive orange lights in a vertical arrangements" over her home.

A spokeswoman at the British UFO Research Association said the North could be under scrutiny from extra-terrestrials.

'It really is quite exciting, there has not been this much activity for quite some time and the latest sightings have real potential,' she said.

'We will be monitoring the area closely.'

### UFO mysteries

IT COULD be a case of Aliens 4 after more sitings of UFOs in the county have been reported to the Evening Telegraph.

Dorothy Taylor, 81, of Lime Road, Kettering, spotted a mystery object in the sky.

She said: 'It was like a big glittering orange-coloured lamp in the sky. I know it wasn't a star because of the way it moved across the sky.'

Mrs Taylor is one of about half-a-dozen county people who reported seeing a strange object in the sky between midnight on Thursday and the early hours of Friday. If you saw anything or have any explanations for the strange object write to Your Letters, Evening Telegraph, Northfield Avenue, Kettering, NN16 9TT.



# ALIENS SCAR SCHOOLMASTER

**A MELBOURNE teacher says UFO aliens have operated on him - leaving an ugly red scar on the back of his neck.**

The chilling case of the snatched schoolmaster is being investigated by Colin Norris, director of the Australian International UFO Research Group.

"This man is an excellent witness, who has given us detailed notes of his experiences," Norris tells me.

"The apparent abduction occurred at the victim's home - in the same coastal area as the young pilot Frederick Valentich disappeared in October, 1978."

The teacher's trauma began on a warm March night in 1980.

"I was at my home in Middle Park, opposite the beach," he says.

"I'd been reading in bed and had fallen asleep with the lamp on."

"About 4 am I woke suddenly - and was startled to see five non-human beings at the foot of my bed. Behind them was the open window."

"The creatures were about five feet tall, helmeted, with dark clothing."

"I tried to get out of bed and run, but I was totally paral-

ysed. Then, suddenly, I was out cold."

"I must have been unconscious for an hour, because when I woke it was five in the morning."

"I was immediately aware of discomfort in my right nostril, which felt as if it had been scraped red-raw. The back of my neck was also painful - and when I manipulated a mirror, I saw an ugly red stripe on the skin."

For three months after this incident, the teacher was almost constantly drowsy.

He would fall asleep on trains and trams - and struggle to stay awake at work.

The next remembered contact came in May, 1983.

"A music teacher friend gave me a lift to Adelaide in his VW Passat," the contact recalls.

"As we approached Ballarat in the pre-dawn darkness, we both saw an intense white light."

"At first we took no notice, thinking it was a police helicopter."

"But as we got closer, I saw a solid object, shining two white pencil beams down on to the other side of the dual highway."

"I told my friend to stop the car. As soon as he'd pulled over on to the gravel, I got out and stood with my hands on the VW's roof."

"The strange ship moved to within 50 feet of me - and I saw its details, which will remain with me forever."

"It was a silvery-white cylinder, at least 100 feet long. There were large oblong windows

## HAVE YOU:

\* Spotted or photographed a UFO?

\* Dreamed the future?

\* Seen or heard a ghost?

If you have had any kind of super-normal experience, POST wants to hear from you. Please enclose a photo of yourself when possible. Write to POST, GPO Box 501H, Melbourne, 3001.

**John PINKNEY**  
INVESTIGATING THE INCREDIBLE



**THIS dramatic picture of a UFO above Bass Strait was taken by plumber Roy Manifold - 20 minutes before young pilot Frederick Valentich vanished.**

glowing violet, along the sides.

"As it passed the car, it made a swishing sound. I had a strong impulse to cross the road and stand under the UFO, but I resisted."

"The cylinder cruised above the bitumen, heading towards Melbourne, and finally disappeared."

"When I got back into the car, my companion was sitting, staring ahead."

"I started to discuss the cylindrical object, but he looked blank and said, 'I only saw a light.'"

"Soon afterwards, the Passat developed electrical problems - something which had never happened before."

\* ON the day the highway encounter occurred, TV channels reported UFO sightings over nearby Bendigo.

Investigators suspect that "missing time" may be involved in this case.

They think it's possible the teacher was abducted from beside his friend's car - after which both men's memories were wiped clean.

## Objects reported hovering over city

UFO spotters are keeping their eyes peeled after several reports of strange objects hovering in the night sky in Chester.

More reports of strange lights over Littleton, Chester, have been received by the British UFO Research Association who claim that there has been an increase in UFO sightings in Britain since Christmas.

Schoolboy Adam Clayton of Littleton, Chester, said a strange shaped object with lights down the side passed above him as he was out with friends on Sunday night.

One man from Littleton, described the large UFO hovering over Sainsbury's as being a huge vertical shape with different bars of colour running down the side.

Schoolgirl Louise Hugh-

es, of Plas Newton, saw the object pass near her house.

She said: "I saw a massive light in the sky with two smaller lights at the side. It was about 200 ft up in the sky and moved away towards town."

Louise, 14, a pupil at Upton High School said: "I have never seen anything like it before. There was a massive light attached to it and it shimmered and hovered in the sky."

Mr Philip Mantle of the British UFO Research Association said today: "We are launching a full investigation into the reported sightings of the object and

will be sending out questionnaires to those concerned."

"A great number of apparent UFO sightings in Britain could be explained as cloud phenomena, balloons or light aircraft and only through a full investigation can this be deduced."

"I would say that about 95 per cent of cases have a rational explanation, leaving around five per cent unknown."

Anyone who wishes to contact the UFO Research Association to report a sighting should contact (0924) 444049.

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## Japanese make space for UFOs

TERRY MCCARTHY  
in Tokyo

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects may not appear in Japan's official trade statistics, but they are big business in the town of Hakui, population 28,000, on the west coast some 200 miles (320km) from Tokyo. The town council has somehow persuaded the central government to pay for the establishment of the world's largest UFO institute in Hakui, on the grounds that it will help local economic development.

The UFO centre is to be built in the shape of a flying saucer and will contain a library in Japanese and English on UFOs and other related phenomena from outer space. It is the brainchild of Josen Takano, who has been obsessed with extra-terrestrials since his student days. Mr Takano has already established the UFO Lovers political party, and ran - unsuccessfully - in a national election in 1992 on a platform of building a UFO landing strip outside Hakui.

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

"I have never seen a UFO myself," says Mr Takano, who works in the town hall's planning section. "But my real dream is to get on board a UFO." For the past 10 years Mr Takano has been collecting books and other documents from all over the world on UFOs. He is most proud of a report by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation on the recovery in 1950 of three bodies of suspected aliens, 3ft tall, along with parts of their spacecraft, from a crash site close to the Mexican border.

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

In 1990, Mr Takano organised the "International Symposium on UFOs and the Universe", for which he obtained funding from Japan's otherwise austere Ministry of International Trade and Industry. He also drew several astronauts from the US and the former Soviet Union. The institute opens in 1996. Parking tickets are free for any spacecraft within two light years' travelling distance.

## UFO buzzed my car, says woman

By MATT TRINCA

A SUBIACO mother-of-three says she was buzzed by a glowing UFO shaped like the teat of a baby's bottle as she drove to a Yanchep tourist resort.

The woman, 34, was terrified as the object swooped down to just above tree level and tailed her car for several kilometres before swinging away.

The woman, who refused to be identified, is still shaken by the 20-minute encounter and was reluctant to speak to the Sunday Times.

Her brother, 27, who was in the car, confirmed that the incident took place on December 31.

Her description of the UFO is similar to the one given by the Knowles family of Maylands

after an unexplained event on the Nullarbor in 1988.

The Subiaco woman said the object came down on the left-hand side of the car when the pair were driving north on Wanneroo Road at 1am.

"We stopped to get a better look and it was about 500m away. It was shining with lights and I saw a metallic gleam. But it did not look like a plane or a helicopter," she said.

"I was terrified, frozen to the wheel. My brother got out of the car, then I shouted at him to get back in and we sped off."

"He turned around and it was following us about 1km behind and above the road."

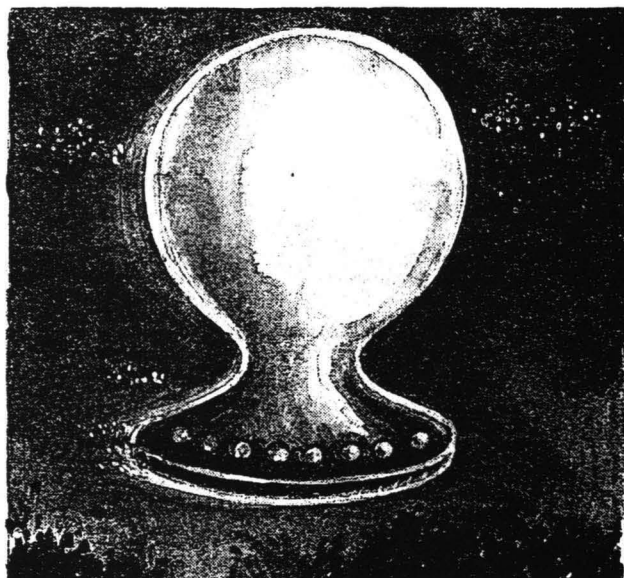
"Then it swung off to the left again as we turned onto the Yanchep road and kept pace with us for a while, then disappeared."

She contacted police, air traffic controllers and staff at RAAF Pearce who were unable to give her an explanation for the sighting.

"I am convinced we saw a UFO," she said. "It did not behave like a plane or a helicopter and it was an incredible shape."

UFO researcher Brian Richards said he was investigating the case and was struck by its similarity to other reported sightings.

Mr Richards, of the UFO Data Collection Centre, said the descriptions given by the Subiaco woman and the Knowles family appeared to be close.



□ An artist's impression of the object seen by a Subiaco woman.

# Secret of little men in a UFO!

THE sensational truth is soon to be revealed about the world's most baffling UFO mystery.

Four tiny alien bodies were reported to have been found in the wreckage of a crashed spacecraft.

Movie director Steven Spielberg has obtained secret military film of the incident, which has always been officially denied.

He plans to use the astonishing footage, which has only been seen by a handful of generals and officials, in a Hollywood version of the story.

Spielberg says: "I'm a UFO enthusiast and I've known about this secret for years."

## Fact

"ET and Close Encounters were fantasy, just science fiction. This will be science fact."

A script is being written and Spielberg has earmarked £50 million for the film, which is due for release on the 50th anniversary of the UFO landing in three years' time.

Its provisional title is Majic-12, codename of the White House committee appointed to investigate UFO sightings.

"The film will prove conclusively that beings from outer space DO exist," says

By MICHAEL HELICAR

one of Spielberg's team. "There has been a huge cover-up to prevent the public knowing the facts. We will tell the story exactly as it happened."

**It began on the night of July 2, 1947, when a disc-shaped object was spotted flying over an air force base near the sleepy city of Roswell, New Mexico.**

Soon afterwards, almost 100 miles out in the desert, there was a thunderous explosion.

The next day, a rancher stumbled across wreckage and called in the authorities. U.S. Air Force Major Jesse Marcel arrived, but

was mystified. "There was foil which couldn't be torn or even dented," he reported.

"There were sheets of hard stuff like plastic, only it wasn't plastic. And rigid rubbery stuff that wasn't like anything I can describe."

## Bodies

But, just as the two local radio stations were broadcasting this astounding news, they received an order from Washington to cease transmission "for national security reasons".

Meanwhile, 200 miles away, on the remote San Agustin Plain, engineer Barney Barnett and a group of archaeology students were trekking towards a huge metal object. It was the craft's

cockpit, and inside were the bodies of four aliens.

Barnett claims: "The heads were big, round and bald. The eyes were small and oddly spaced."

"They were between three and four feet tall, with long fingers. You could see they weren't human."

The military's official photographic record of the discovery was made by Nicholas Van Poppen, who took hundreds of still pictures and several reels of cine film.

**He was made to hand over every frame to intelligence experts and warned never to reveal what he had seen.**

But he says: "Three of the aliens had been badly mutilated in the crash — but the fourth

was unmarked. I filmed the post mortem, when doctors tried to see how they differed biologically from humans, but I never knew their findings."

Van Poppen's film is now in Spielberg's possession and it will be the centrepiece of his movie.

## Damaged

Some of the UFO wreckage was taken to an air base in Ohio, but although most of it was stored under armed guard in Hangar 84 at Roswell.

Even today, Hangar 84 is guarded and sealed.

The damaged bodies were cremated, according to another eyewitness, but the fourth was flown to a hush-hush UFO research museum on the outskirts of Los Angeles.

**It is still there, kept in a refrigerator, and known as The Man From Nowhere.**

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England - Jan. 15, 1994 CR: T. Good

# UFO 'WIDE AS DUAL CARRIAGEWAY'

AMAZED onlookers watched for more than three minutes as a saucer-shaped UFO flitted over Arnold.

Shocked legal cashier Helen Booth, of Surveys Lane, Arnold, was one of many witnesses.

The 23-year-old was parking her car to visit the corner shop in Calverton Road when she noticed a woman and child looking up at the sky.

"I got out and saw above me three

circles of white light, made up of smaller rotating circles of light," she said.

"The body of the craft was not visible. I could only see the lights and there was no engine sound. It was about the size of a dual carriageway in diameter."

## Convinced

"I have never seen anything like this before, but I have an open mind and I am convinced it was a UFO."

Two other adults and a shopkeeper also watched the bright hoops. They all said the lights were not attached to any visible beam from

the ground. "I was so excited I rang my mum and dad from a nearby phone box to tell them what I was seeing," said Helen.

Her parents, Pauline and Michael Booth, then watched the UFO from Surveys Lane.

Michael said he thought it was between 2,000 and 3,000 feet up. It disappeared when the lights just flickered out.

People are also reported to have seen the three-tier UFO above Duke Street in Daybrook at about the same time.

Michael, who works for the city council, said: "You hear about these things and I am quite sceptical, but I

just don't know what this was. "There was definitely something up there because it was causing turbulence in the clouds."

## Spotted

The East Midlands branch of the UFO Research Association said a similar object with electric blue rings of light had been spotted above Mansfield in November.

Investigator Tony James said that throughout December they had had numerous, separate reports of ball-shaped lights, about the size of a car, over Nottingham.

THE SCOTSMAN, Edinburgh, Scotland - Jan. 24, 1994 CR: T. Good

## OPEN HOUSE Ron Halliday

hot-line. There were more than 100 calls in the first fortnight. People from all over Scotland are not only current witnesses to the UFO phenomenon, but have been experiencing these strange encounters for decades. Whether in Edinburgh or Glasgow, Dumfries or Orkney individuals claim close-up sightings of what to all intents and purposes are solid, nuts and bolts spacecraft.

Sceptics may doubt the reality of what has been seen, but it certainly mounts a challenge to our assumptions so that "grown men" might feel encouraged to investigate these matters to establish the truth.

It may come as a surprise to learn that several governments already take UFOs seriously. As far back as 1974, the then French minister of defence, Robert Galley, openly proclaimed France's interest in UFO sightings and appeared on tele-

vision to discuss unexplained invasions of his country's air space. A research centre was set up in Toulouse staffed by scientists with a remit to investigate incidents where UFOs had allegedly landed on French soil. The US inaugurated Project Blue Book to review the phenomenon. Eventually, with great public fanfare, it announced that there was nothing of substance to report. However, documents released under the Freedom of Information Act reveal that in spite of an outward scepticism there exists, in reality, an intense private interest by military and Federal organisations in all manner of UFO incidents.

The Russians, now that communism has collapsed, avidly record UFO encounters and government scientists meet regularly to review cases. Alien technology, it is claimed, is the prize they are keen

to get their hands on. Meanwhile, in Belgium fighter pilots were put at the disposal of UFO researchers in a co-ordinated effort to monitor persistent overflying by a fast moving triangular shaped object which appeared to defy the known laws of aeroplane flight.

Perhaps, Sir Teddy, it is the UK which is out of step... except that the Ministry of Defence already monitors UFO sightings from a desk in deepest Whitehall. Indeed, such is the respectability which UFO research has gained in recent times that even our own military has been known to ask for assistance from the better known ufologists. Sir Teddy might portray this as Euro-lunacy infecting the shores of our more phlegmatic isle, but isn't a thirst for knowledge a facet of human existence which has driven society forward to ever greater material and cultural heights?

Many people have now claimed to have seen something in the sky which they cannot explain. Europe has recognised that the UFO phenomenon requires investigating. Is that really such an outlandish objective?

## Who saw the UFO?

STRANGE unexplained sightings have been reported in the sky near North Somerscotes on Thursday.

Numerous people claim to have seen a mysterious set of lights appearing and disappearing in the sky at about 4.30pm. One report said there were three delta-shaped lights. Another said that they seemed to be like cabin lights.

A number of cars pulled up by the side of the road to gaze upon what was claimed to be a UFO. The lights made no noise and merely stopped and hovered.

To compound the mystery, there have also been reports from two people that their TVs changed channels by themselves at about the same time.

## Plans to register UFO sightings

ANOTHER UFO has been spotted in the area - and the team who saw the craft are appealing for people with other sightings to come forward and share their experiences with them.

Mr Peter Gregory from Mablethorpe, whom we recently featured speaking about a sighting, was about 1000 yards from the microdishes down at Mablethorpe on Tuesday, January 4, which was a clear starry night.

He reports that at 11.08pm he spotted a light on the horizon, travelling from the north and arriving overhead within two minutes. He saw the rapidly moving Delta shaped form through binoculars and noted that it had 8 to 12 small lights on its undercarriage. "We nicknamed it the Starship. It was just as if it were stars that were moving," he told our reporter. "It was an enormous thing but made no noise. It had a red light at the back but it was not flashing like the light does on Star-Trek."

After much thought he positioned himself near the microdishes in order to spot these unidentified flying objects. "The dishes give out an electro magnetic field, so I feel it is of interest to what might be visitors from afar," he added.

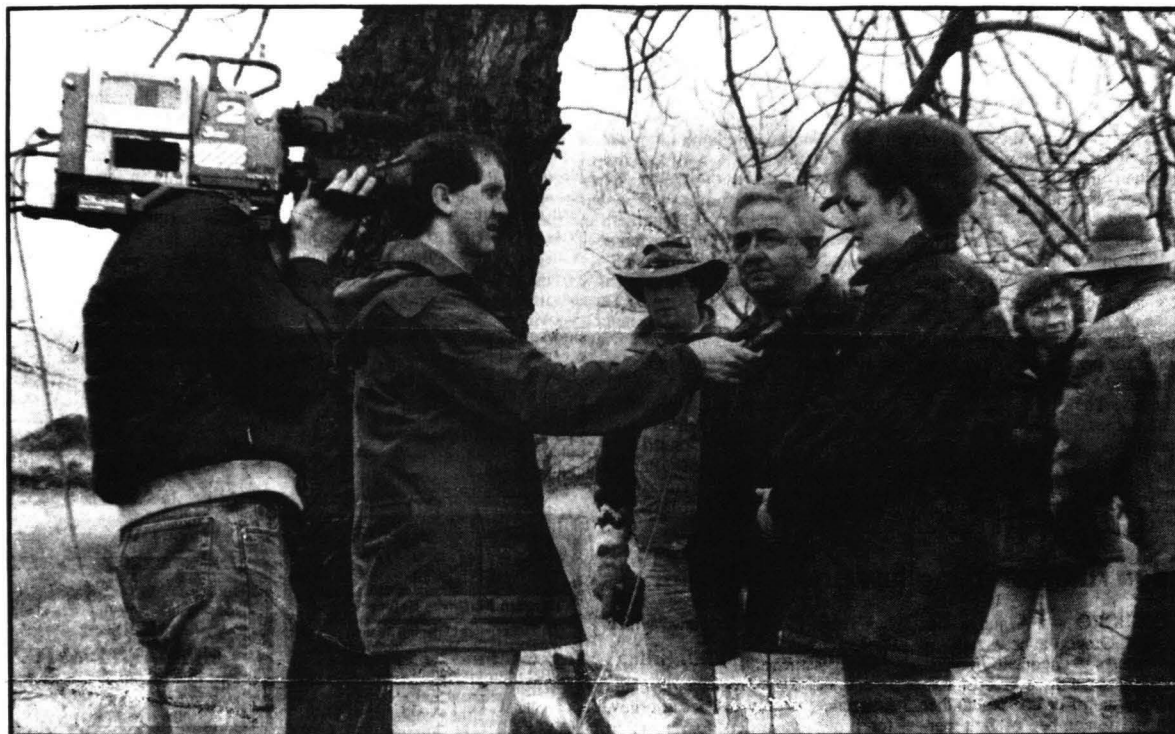
The following morning he checked with all local air bases to see what planes they might have had in the area but was told all flying had ceased in this area by that time of the night.

Peter has every intention of setting up a team to tackle the aerial phenomenon presently filling our skies and he hopes readers will join him in his researches. "So much is going on along the east coast I think it should be documented," he continued. "People have been seeing delta winged aircraft along here for at least 12 years now and I think the time has come for something to be done about it. We should get together a register to enable us to have an idea of how many people have had these sightings."

Spookily it was last Tuesday night that people in Louth and district once more reported their television's changing channel unexpectedly again.

Anyone wishing to contact Mr Gregory can write to him at 24 Somersby Avenue, Mablethorpe or telephone him on 0507 442597.





**BIGFOOT SIGHTING** — John Esposito (second from right) and his wife, Rusty (far right) of Wheaton, Ill. talk to camera crews about their Bigfoot "sighting" near The Dalles last year during a train trip

across the country. They revisited the location of the sighting Friday. Members of the Bigfoot Research Project are shown in the background. (Staff photo by Dave Grumbois)

## Bigfoot sighting reported near TD

By DAVE GRUMBOIS  
Staff Writer

So you don't believe in Bigfoot? Try telling that to John and Rusty Esposito.

The Wheaton, Ill., couple visited The Dalles Friday with members of the Bigfoot Research Project from Parkdale. They traveled to the site where the Espositos believe they witnessed the legendary *Homo sapien* last year.

John Esposito said he and his wife had been visiting friends in the area last January and were returning home via rail to Chicago, when their train came to a stop just outside The Dalles at about 3:15 p.m., Jan. 12.

Esposito nudged his wife and

motioned to a rabbit scampering outside their window. As the rabbit disappeared over a bluff, the couple noticed a hulking figure crouching down near the

"This wasn't a bear. This was definitely Bigfoot."

—Rusty Esposito

crook of a tree.

"It squatted down about three times," Rusty Esposito said. "It appeared to be watching the train."

The couple observed the figure for about eight minutes, John Esposito said.

"I play golf, so I know how to measure distance," he said. "It was about 25 yards from our car."

Esposito is a dentist, and his wife works as his office manager.

Peter C. Byrne, director of the research team traveled with the couple Friday to a spot off Frantz Taylor Road near the Pine-Wood Mobile Manor. The group hiked down a hill and across the railroad tracks, about a five-minute walk from Crate's Point. The couple's story is consistent with other "credible" sightings, Byrne said.

"They made sketches of what they saw," he said. "They drew

a creature with no neck. That matches other descriptions we've heard."

Byrne became interested in anthropology during the 1950s after searching for the Abominable Snowman in the Himalayan Mountains. He founded the current Bigfoot project in August 1992 with a grant from the Boston-based Academy of Applied Science.

The group investigates about 50 reported sightings each year, Byrne said. The Esposito's sighting brought the number of credible witnesses in 1993 to six.

"We see very few cases of fakery," Byrne said. "Most of the people misinterpret what they see. Our experience helps

us filter out the phonies."

For example, one man called Byrne to report finding a Bigfoot footprint. When research members investigated the print, they determined it to be nothing more than a skid mark made by a large dog.

The possibility of a Bigfoot living in the area around The Dalles is certainly a possibility, Byrne said. He described such a creature as being shy, nomadic and nocturnal.

In 1971, five people from The Dalles reported seeing Bigfoot on three separate occasions above the Pine-Wood area, Byrne said.

"We found the witnesses to be very credible," he said. "If you want to speculate that (Bigfoot) travels near water and crosses the river at the most narrow point — this area makes sense."

Byrne dismissed cynics who claim Bigfoot is just a myth.

"This isn't just some man in a suit who has been dressing up to fool people," he said. "If so, he's been doing it for 200 years."

Byrne isn't surprised modern science has to this point failed to produce a living Bigfoot. There have been few funded searches for the creature. Ultimately, Byrne said he hopes to locate and "communicate" with a Bigfoot.

"The answer isn't going to be found by walking through the woods," he said. "The answer will come from technology that will help us analyze their patterns of behavior."

Even if man cannot establish contact with Bigfoot, you don't have to convince the Espositos of its existence.

"I believe people who lie about this spoil it for the people who are really looking for it," Rusty Esposito said. "I've never seen anything like this before. This wasn't a bear. This was definitely Bigfoot."

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## REAL LIFE

By Roddy Ray

### The witnesses to the unexplained

A week ago this morning, Carlena King, 68, peered out the den window of her Detroit home and could not believe what she saw. She told her daughter Belle Washington, 33, who then

looked out and exclaimed, "What is that?"

They were standing there when John King, 67, came in from the bedroom.

"Daddy," Belle said, "Come look." The retired tailor looked. He dressed, walked outside and stood there for about 10 minutes, just staring. "Amazing," he said when he came back in.

Soon their neighbor, Lulu Golson, 77, dropped by. They hesitated to mention what they'd seen in the vacant lot between their homes, on Burlingame near Dexter; they didn't want to frighten Lulu.

But Lulu, aware that something was up, soon looked out as well. "What are they?" she asked.

"Footprints," Carlena said.

Belle, thinking nobody was going to believe this, called a friend who works at Wayne State

University and asked if there might be some sort of expert.

The friend asked around, but the only suggestion she came up with was, call Channel 2.

Belle called Channel 2, Channel 4 and Channel 7, but nobody was interested. So she called 911. A dispatcher took the information but called back 15 minutes later and apologetically said police could not send a car. Animal control brushed Belle off brusquely.

Hubert Walker, a friend of John, came over to drop off some clothes for alterations. He went out to look, and yelled: "That's weird! Just weird!"

Before she left for work, Belle called a friend who's a shutterbug.

"Let me get dressed, and I'll come over," said LaVerne Patterson, a retired postal clerk. LaVerne soon arrived and took several photos.

Such was the strange day last week at the home, when everybody saw what looked like giant footprints, maybe two dozen, of some two-legged beast in the vacant lot on



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Nobody official was very interested, so LaVerne Patterson came and got a snapshot.

Burlingame. Footprints "two feet long and a foot wide," Belle says.

By the time any keeper of the public record arrived Tuesday — George Waldman, Real Life photographer — heavy snow had covered up everything.

Belle says people can think she's crazy, but "there's a lot of things that are unexplainable in life. I believe in UFOs. I don't feel like we're alone. The government's been hiding it from us for years. I'm open minded to this stuff. For it to hit this close to home, it was strange."

# Exposure of 'Little People' upsets the Crow Nation

By Avis Little Eagle  
Today Staff

PRYOR, Mont. — Legends of those who live in the mountains and forests are sometimes based in fact.

And the television show "Unsolved Mysteries" is setting out to prove Crow and Shoshone legends that tell of the existence of a mythological tribe of "Little People."

The Unsolved Mysteries crew was in Laramie, Wyo., last week researching and filming a segment tentatively set to air Jan. 26. The show will focus on the legendary Little People, a tribe the Crow and Shoshone believe held superhuman powers and have existed in oral legends for centuries.

But Crow tribal members are upset because the show will feature beings who often assisted them with powerful medicine. They fear, if this story is told, scavengers and media will invade the area to exploit the Little People they hold in reverence.

Burton Pretty On Top, public relations officer for the Crow Tribe, said he felt uneasy with the idea that the Little People would be exploited on national television. He said tribal members know of places where skeletal remains lie, but keep the information secret for fear the sites will be

invaded.

"I'm not too sure whether I like that idea. We have respect for the Little People. If our beliefs are brought out and put on national TV, I'm not sure of the amount of sensitivity that will be used," Mr. Pretty On Top said.

"I feel they shouldn't be bothered. People shouldn't thrive on their privacy. I would discourage that. We have done enough damage to the environment and other things," he said.

"Everything God has created is sacred and holy. That means these Little People are holy too."

One cave in the Big Horn Mountains is said to be furnished in small scale proportions and is believed to be a home of the Little People.

Robert Stack, narrator of the show, will relate how a small mummy was found by Wyoming miners in 1932 in the Pedro Mountains. That mummy has since changed hands so many times its whereabouts are unknown.

The miners who found the mummy were looking for gold and blasted open a tunnel where they found a 14- to 18-inch mummified body on the ledge of a cave. The mummified body was preserved in a sitting position with its legs crossed and arms crossed on its chest.

A consultant for the TV show contends that the episode will not lack sensitivity.

Earl Murray, an author from Laurel, Mont., acted as a consul-

tant for the filming. Mr. Laurel had written about the Little People in a 1988 book entitled "Ghosts of the Old West." The book is now being reprinted and will be released in January to coincide with the air date of the segment on Little People.

The non-Indian author denies exploiting long-held secrets of the Crow Tribe, although tribal members told him he had violated the trust they placed in him when they told him of their legends.

But Mr. Murray said the show is only going to present information from the historical aspect, and appeal for the mummy that has been missing for nearly a quarter of a century, so scientists can either prove or disprove the legends, he said.

"The Little People would come to Crow elders who had them as spirit helpers. The question was whether or not they were a representation of those (spirit helpers) or a race of people," he said.

"It is believed the Little People themselves live everywhere in the mountainous country. The ones most known about are in the Pryor, Big Horn and Wind River Mountains," he said.

Mr. Murray said one of the miners who happened on the petrified body took it from the cave. From there it changed hands many times, eventually ending up with a used car dealer named Ivan Goodman.

Mr. Goodman encased the

mummy in glass and displayed it in his office, Mr. Murray said. Eventually scientists talked Mr. Goodman into allowing them to study the mummy.

The scientists, however, disagreed about the authenticity of the mummy. Some believed it was merely the mummy of a child. Others said calcification deposits in the bones indicated it was the body of a juvenile or an adult in its later years. Another scientist believed bone elongation was fully developed when the mummy was interred, indicating it was that of an adult, Mr. Murray said.

In the end, the argument over whether or not the mummy represented a race of tiny people was unresolved. The last anyone saw of the mummy was in the hands of a doctor in Florida. The "Unsolved Mystery" is the mummy and what it represents.

For the show, the mummy was recreated from pictures in the archives of the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History.

The show will appeal to viewers across the country to come forward if they know of the location of the mummy or any evidence that proves the Little People exist.

The Crow Tribe have protected the Little People for centuries according to tribal members. "We were told they were very small, but were superhuman," Mr. Pretty On Top said. "They were very fast, stronger, smarter. They must have been. They got ahead

of the invasion of the white people," he joked.

"We believe they still exist, but only in really remote areas of the Big Horns and Rockies in isolated spots, away from what you and I call civilization. Away from the influx of the modern world."

Mr. Pretty On Top said Indian people knew of the presence of the mummy in the remote cave, but Crow tribal members chose not to bother it. He said all the people who came into possession of the mummy died unexplainedly or unexpectedly.

The only time the Crow and Shoshone came around the mummy was to offer tobacco.

Once it was found by non-Indians, they took it off the mountain. Within a short period, four different owners of the body died, Mr. Pretty On Top said.

"The first died of a violent death. The next person died in an accident, the next one from an illness. It went from person to person. Each one eventually found it was bad for them to keep that because it had certain powers."

Eventually they wanted to bring it back to the Crows and put it back.

"If that story is true, if someone out there has the petrified human form of a Little People they should bring it back," Mr. Pretty On Top warned.

"White people don't believe in our sacred ways but in the end they find out we have power. There is power in our sacred bundles, power in our beliefs. They are desecrating our sacred ways."

## 'Bigfoot' has small town following in his footsteps

By Ellen M. Perlmutter  
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

He has been spotted in the Himalayas, in the U.S. South and Northwest, and definitely in supermarket tabloids.

Now, Bigfoot may have migrated to Washington County.

The mystery began when John Tyler and Cornell Ellis spotted 30-inch footprints Monday in the snow behind Mount Zion Church in West Pike Run, an old coal-mining community on the Monongahela River.

The footprints were "so clear that you could see the snow coming up between the toes," a still-shaken Tyler, 64, said yesterday.

What creature could have made such tracks? Out West, they call him Sasquatch; down South, it's Skunkape for his sulphur smell; and in Asia, he's known as Yeti, though the outside world calls him the Abominable Snowman.

"I know, I know, it's hard to believe," Tyler said. "But I measured the feet. I got a three-foot



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measuring stick.  
"The large feet was like 30 inches

from heel to toe. It has four toes and a heel. The stride was, oh, my God, about six or seven feet. It was real deep down."

West Pike Run Supervisor Steve Hajdu and Police Chief Phil Podroskey took pictures of the footprints, but they remain skeptical that Bigfoot paid a visit late Sunday or early Monday.

"It would be nice to find out what caused it," Hajdu said. "The tracks were there. What caused them, I don't know."

As Ellis, who tips the scales at 220, and Tyler, who weighs at least 180, traipsed around the church grounds Monday afternoon, they noticed that neither one made a dent in the crust that had formed on the snow in the sub-freezing temperatures.

"I don't believe the footprints are a hoax," said John Stasko, founder of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research. "I weigh 215 pounds, and I didn't make an impression" in the snow. Stasko was among the first experts called by Hajdu and Podroskey.

Of course, Stasko's stock in trade is Bigfoot reports, UFO sightings and such things. He organized the center after last year's dissolution of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained.

Police Chief Podroskey's report said there were eight to 10 footprints, each about 31 inches long by 17 inches wide — and that each was separated by a six-foot stride.

And there were smaller footprints, which Stasko interprets as those of a young or female Bigfoot.

What, exactly, is Bigfoot?

"Scientifically, there's nothing to explain what people see," said Stan Gordon, who headed the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained for about 20 years.

"He walks upright, like a human, but has a quick gait and very long arms. He seems to be intelligent. People have seen them eat apples, corn and berries." It is not known what the Washington County Bigfoot eats.

Gordon said it had been more than a year since the last Bigfoot report in Pennsylvania.

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## Puzzle of knockout fumes awaits autopsy

The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — While her remains lay in a sealed aluminum coffin, Gloria Ramirez's family denied hotly that she had taken any substance that would have made fumes pour from her body and sicken a hospital emergency room staff.

Medical examiners were taking special precautions with the autopsy on the body of Ramirez. It originally was scheduled for Wednesday, then was postponed until today while they made more safety preparations.

Ramirez died Saturday night of a heart attack after six hospital workers who were treating her suddenly fell unconscious from noxious fumes.

Relatives, upset at the notion she was somehow at fault for the mystery illness, wondered why paramedics who took her to the hospital didn't get sick, too.

"Whatever happened, happened in that emergency room," said Louis Huerta, a nephew. "There's something wrong here, and we're going to find out. We won't let this rest."

Authorities searched Ramirez's apartment for poison she may have swallowed, but they didn't find any, according to her father, Jesus Ramirez.

Coroner's officials told Jesus Ramirez that autopsy results probably wouldn't be available until Friday.

Ramirez, who was undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer, complained of pain Saturday night and was alert and vomiting when she arrived at the hospital. Within moments, the 31-year-old woman was in full cardiac arrest.

A preliminary coroner's investigation suggested the fumes came from the body of Ramirez. How poison got there remained a

mystery.

"She had like this film on her body, like you see on the ground at a gas station," Sally Balderas, a nurse recovering at Parkview Community Hospital, told *The Press-Enterprise* from her bed.

The staff was overcome after technicians began placing electrodes on her body and someone drew blood samples, Balderas recounted.

"The nurses just started fainting. I was putting them on gurneys, starting IVs and moving them to the parking lot. I also moved the victim from the trauma room to the isolation room," said Balderas, who collapsed 15 minutes later.

Doctors rejected the idea that Ramirez's cancer medication was at fault, and Ramirez's family said suicide by pesticide was out of the question.

Medical tests Tuesday indi-

cated the sickened workers may have inhaled some kind of organophosphate, a compound found in pesticides and military nerve gas.

That could account for some of the symptoms, including sweating, vomiting and irregular heartbeat, but specialists said the compound doesn't usually make people pass out immediately.

Some household products contain 1 percent to 2 percent organophosphates, while agricultural pesticides have up to 40 or 50 percent.

State agriculture officials, despite protests, last week sprayed a solution of the pesticide malathion, an organophosphate, over the city of Corona about seven miles from the hospital, but there was no possible connection, said Doug Hendricks, spokesman for the Cooperative Medfly Project.



# 'Bigfoot' will cast creatures in new light

BY MIKE RODMAN  
Democrat-Gazette Fayetteville Bureau

EUREKA SPRINGS — Casting director Gary Dyer hopes a third movie in a series of Bigfoot films will make viewers more sympathetic to the legendary creatures. "Bigfoot: The Movie" will be shot in the Eureka Springs area beginning in April and will follow a much different story line from the script first written 23 years ago.

"The concept changed from a monster movie to a story about misunderstandings," says Dyer, the local casting director. "One of the myths to be dispelled is that bigfoots are fictional. I never saw one — I never saw a flying saucer, either, but I believe in them."

Dyer said he is intrigued by the new perspective of writer and director Joy Houck Jr. of Eureka Springs.

Houck, Dyer said, was influenced by an expert from the U.S. Department of the Interior who worked in the woods for years tracking bears, took "hundreds" of pictures of bigfoots and found them to be nonviolent and possibly smarter than man.

Houck's first two movies about Bigfoot also were shot in Arkansas. The first was "Legend of Boggy Creek," shot in Fouke (Miller County) more than 20 years ago. The second was "Bootleggers," shot in Mountain View in the early 1970s and starring Jaclyn Smith.

Dyer said bigfoots — plural because it is said there are many — have been reported to be 7 to 8 feet tall with long arms. He said they communicate through telepathy, are very intuitive and can stand still for hours or days

while hiding.

The theory, Dyer said, is that they travel in a lava tube from the Pacific Northwest to Arkansas or even Florida. He said no remains have been found because they carry their dead back to glaciers for burial.

To sensitize viewers to the humanity of bigfoot, said by some to be the "missing link" from ape to man, the story depicts a Bigfoot baby being shot and Bigfoot trying to get it back to life.

Dyer wouldn't specify the exact amount of the movie's budget, but said it was more than \$2 million. The movie is scheduled for release Labor Day weekend.

Eye of the Eagle Production Co. of Eureka Springs is producing the movie, and Dyer has to fill a variety of roles. Although the five main characters will be cast in California, there are 20 other speaking parts and a need for more than 100 extras. The part of Bigfoot hasn't been cast yet.

Although actors of all races, colors and creeds are planned, Dyer said he has a particular need to fill the roles of a family of black sharecroppers instrumental in the script. Technical crew members also are needed.

Interviews for extras will be Wednesday and Thursday at the Four Runners Inn in Eureka Springs and Saturday at the Springdale Chamber of Commerce. Dyer said additional trips are planned to Little Rock, Dallas and Kansas City, Mo., to fill speaking roles that aren't filled locally.

Dyer said the production is a Screen Actors Guild movie, and therefore guild members must be seen first.

# Bigfoot?

## Strange tracks discovered in snow at West Pike Run church

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WEST PIKE RUN TWP. — Troops of curious sightseers invaded the Crescent Heights community of this rural Washington County township in search of what may be the latest "evidence" that the elusive Bigfoot creature is more than just a story to tell around the campfire.

Investigators say it is doubtful two tracks of unusually large footprints in the snow above the Mount Zion Baptist Church are a hoax.

Cornell Ellis Sr. was the first to spot the unexplained footprints earlier this week. Since then, countless others have stopped by to take a look and added enough fresh prints by Wednesday to spoil the original ones.

A church custodian, Ellis went out to burn garbage Monday afternoon in a metal barrel behind the church.

"I noticed gigantic tracks coming out of the woods," said Ellis. "I can't say exactly what it was."

He described the tracks as humanoid. He said

footprints composed of a heel, arch, ball and four toes were clearly defined in the snow.

Ellis took pictures and called his brother and a nearby homeowner. Together they called township officials.

Police Chief Phil Podroskey photographed and measured the prints. He measured one print at 31 inches long and 17 inches wide with a consistent stride of 6 feet. He said a second, smaller set of prints was not as defined.

An avid hunter, Podroskey immediately ruled out bear or any other common animal as the source of the tracks. He turned to the state game commission which referred him to a Coal Center man who investigates unexplained phenomena for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

Investigator John Stasko took the report seriously and launched an investigation.

"I don't think they (footprints) are hoaxes. It is too early to say what they are," said Stasko.

"I can't say this is Bigfoot yet. I can only say the tracks look real."

Stasko said the evidence was practically destroyed by the time he got to the site, but he ventured far enough into the woods to find prints defined enough for a plaster cast.

The Crescent Heights area is densely wooded and sparsely populated and offers many hiding places, said Stasko. He said whatever creature tracked through the area could be long gone by now.

Stasko recorded two sets of tracks alongside each other made by one foot placed in front of the other in a trail leading out of the woods into the clearing and back.

"Whatever it was came out of the woods, walked together to a certain point, turned around and went back into the woods," he said.

One set was 31 inches long and 18 inches wide with more than a six foot stride. The other was 17 inches long and 13½ inches wide with a four foot stride. The impressions were six to 10 inches deep with contours and ridges.

"I estimate something weighing 600 pounds and up. The impression alone would be virtually impossible to hoax. A human could not press down hard enough to make an impression that deep," said Stasko.

With 30 some years experience in the field, Stasko said he has seen many Bigfoot hoaxes. The last related sighting he investigated was two years ago in the same area although he declined to give specifics because of witness confidentiality.

It may take Stasko six to 12 months to rule out everything to the point he may find an origin or declare it unexplained.

"We try to keep an open mind until we exhaust all possibilities. I can safely say this is not a hoax. Now I have to decide what it is," he said.

Stan Gordon, an independent investigator from Greensburg with 34 years of experience in the field, keeps track of local unexplained phenomena. He also took the West Pike Run Township footprints seriously.

"The Uniontown area is one of the hottest spots in the state. Reports have been recorded as far back as a 1931 sighting in Indianhead," said Gordon.

Gordon said 1993 was the first year since 1972 that he and other investigators did not record a Bigfoot sighting in the Chestnut Ridge region.

"Hundreds of people have seen these things. You don't hear about them in the news because most people are afraid of being ridiculed," he said.

The Herald-Standard reported a rash of apparent Bigfoot and UFO sightings in 1973-74.

The newspaper again reported a mysterious creature was spotted in August 1980 and a UFO was sighted in November 1981 in the Brownsville/Grindstone area.

To report unexplained phenomena, call the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research at (800) 322-8360 or write to Stan Gordon at 6 Oak Hill Ave., Greensburg, Pa., 15601.

COURIER, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

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# Cat-killing continues on West Side

## ■ Pound-keeper says Satanists using animals in ritual sacrifices

By MIKE USINGER

When Pearl Perehudoff discovered her dismembered cat Tuesday morning, the only way she recognized the animal was by the markings on its tail.

After examining the corpse of the four-and-a-half-year-old pet, Perehudoff's vet told her the cat had been cut in half by a sharp instrument.

"The vet originally thought an animal had done it," she said. "When he took a closer look at the remains, he said it had been cut through."

The cat, named Kobi, isn't the first dismembered cat that's been found in the area bordered by Dunbar, Arbutus, 16th and 41st avenues.

Vancouver pound-keeper Vic Warren said many half-corpses have been discovered in the area in the past two years. Cats are cut cleanly in half and disemboweled. Blood is never found around the corpse.

As with Perehudoff's cat, the back halves of the cats are left on a lawn to be discovered by a passerby. Warren said nobody finds the front halves.

Warren said last year he was convinced the animals were being used in ritual killings by Satanists. Warren's comments were echoed by SPCA director Michael

Weeks and a private investigator working for an agency called R.U.O.K. Service Inc.

Warren said Thursday that the same group likely killed Perehudoff's cat.

"I have no reason to change my opinion," he said. "It's such a mystery. Not once has the other half of one of these cats turned up. They obviously want us to find the other part of the animals."

Half-cats were found sporadically in Vancouver until 1992. In the past two years, the number of dismembered corpses has risen dramatically.

Warren said nine were discovered in 1993, and another five last year. The cut-in-half body of a dog was also found last year. All were taken from, killed and left in the same West Side area.

"Usually, this type of thing happens when the weather gets warmer. I don't think there have been a lot of cases in the mid-winter," Warren said.

The Vancouver pound now keeps a file on dismembered cats.

Perehudoff said she wants area people to know their pets might not be safe.

"I don't want this to go unnoticed," she said. "The police told me this kind of thing happened a lot two years ago. I didn't know about it. Why didn't I hear about it?"

Residents should bring their cats inside after dark, Perehudoff said. "Whoever is doing this is pretty bloody sick."

## Bigfoot



Dr. John Esposito and his wife Rusty of Wheaton, Ill., point out the spot where they feel they sighted a bigfoot last year. The Espositos, who were riding Amtrak at the time of the sighting, returned to The Dalles last Friday to visit the location and meet with Peter Byrne of The Bigfoot Research Project, located in Mt. Hood, to discuss their experience. The couple said that the train had stopped just east of Crate's Point when they saw the creature watching the train. They were able to observe it for several minutes before the train moved on.

Photo by Carolyn Deach

# Green liquid puzzles Mission Street

Mystery substance believed non-toxic; testing to be tough

By Jim Herron Zamora  
OF THE EXAMINER STAFF

Public health officials analyzed a mysterious green liquid Friday that poured from the skies along with the rain Thursday afternoon along a block of Mission Street in San Francisco.

A preliminary examination of the substance led investigators to conclude that the substance did not pose a threat to health.

At least 20 people told fire officials and health inspectors that they witnessed the sheets of bright green "rain" that fell along Mission Street between Eighth and Ninth streets at about 2:30 p.m.

"It's just one of those unexplained mysteries," Les Lum, an environmental inspector for the San Francisco Health Department, said Thursday as he stood on Mission holding a tube of the liquid.

"We won't know what it is until we analyze it," said Dave Haberlin, a fire battalion chief sent to investigate. "It's strange. We may never

know what it is."

Most of the green liquid was quickly washed away by the ensuing rainfall, and what remained was heavily diluted, making testing and identifying it difficult, Lum said.

The liquid resembled radiator fluid, but there was far too much of it to have come from any one car, Lum and Haberlin said.

"It's even on the windows of some of the buildings," Lum said.

People on the street compared it to a mass hallucination.

Marvin Carman, a supervisor at the city Social Services Department's building on Mission, was having a cigarette outside his office when he saw everything turn green.

"All of a sudden the rain was green," Carman said. "It was iridescent. Green. Green, green everywhere. On cars, on buildings — everywhere you looked it was green."

Carman was so mesmerized, he forgot to run inside.

But Glen Wilson, who had recently read an article about Agent Orange, immediately ducked inside a restaurant.

"It was all over the place — real scary," Wilson said.

"It was like an apocalypse," said Gerald Murphy, who was outside the Social Services office.

"I couldn't believe my eyes," said Alice Jefferson, a security guard. "It was dark green. Light green. Shiny green. Just lots of different green rain everywhere."

"I don't know where it came from or why, but it was kind of beautiful," Jefferson said.

Haberlin speculated that the mystery liquid might have been released from a plane flying overhead.

A United Airline maintenance supervisor said he knew of no type of green liquid that could have fallen from a jetliner.

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## SCIENCE NOTEBOOK

### Electrodynamics: Strange Bursts From the Sky

Mysterious double bursts of radio emissions, originating near the surface of the Earth, have been detected by a small satellite designed to spot nuclear blasts.

Although the powerful pulses of electromagnetic energy occur predominantly at times of day favored by thunderstorms, they are not accompanied by flashes of visible light and they do not resemble the emissions generated in classic lightning.

Since the first sighting on Nov. 5, an instrument known as Blackbeard—mounted aboard the Los Alamos National Laboratory's \$17 million ALEXIS satellite—has seen about 100 of the bursts, "the likes of which are not described in the scientific literature," said Dan Holden, Blackbeard's principal investigator.

The emissions so closely mimic the bursts from a nuclear explosion that they could confuse nuclear surveillance equipment if they are not identified, scientists said.

The pulses have been measured most frequently over Africa, and occasionally over South America. Each lasts about 4 millionths of a second. Based on their travel time at the speed of light, this means that whatever is generating them cannot be more than 325 feet across, Holden said.

They occur in pairs separated by about 40 millionths of a second, suggesting that the second burst is an echo of the first, perhaps created when it bounces off the ground. If that is the case, Holden calculates that they may originate about 20,000 feet above the surface.

Holden and his team say the energy bursts appear to have been stretched and distorted by passage through the ionosphere—an electrically conducting layer of the atmosphere about 125 miles high—and that they may yield new insight into the workings of that region. "They are a fairly regular effect and may be some indicator of the global electrodynamic circuit," he said.

Scientists speculate that the bursts could be generated during the buildup to a lightning flash, or could be associated with another puzzling phenomenon: cloud-to-stratosphere lightning flashes too brief to be seen by humans. Or they could be something else.

"Until we collect a lot more observations, we won't be in a good position to sort out what these signals are," Holden said.

Blackbeard's mission is, in part, to map the flux of radio emissions from natural sources such as lightning, as well as human sources such as cellular phones and broadcast television, so that a clandestine bomb blast could be detected against this noisy background.

ALEXIS is funded by the Department of Energy's Office of Intelligence and National Security to test new technologies for possible use in checking the spread of nuclear weapons. In addition to Blackbeard, ALEXIS carries six telescopes for imaging low-energy X-rays.

A second small satellite called FORTE, scheduled for launch in late 1995, is designed to improve on Blackbeard's radio detection capability.

—Kathy Sawyer

# Gifts Keep Alive Search for Alien Life

By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD

Just as Congress was pulling the plug, an infusion of private money has kept alive the search for intelligent life elsewhere in the universe.

Some of the nation's wealthiest entrepreneurs have donated \$4.4 million to continue a project using radiotelescopes to observe 1,000 of the closest stars that most resemble the Sun, trying to detect signals from civilizations that might exist on planets that might be orbiting such stars. The project, begun by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in October 1992 and intended to run a decade, was canceled by Congress last October, with Government support scheduled to run out in March.

Nearly all research in astronomy has normally been supported by the Federal Government, though universities have increasingly had to look to private contributors to finance the construction of new telescopes. The W. M. Keck Foundation in Los Angeles is spending \$160 million for the construction of two new large telescopes in Hawaii.

Officials of the SETI (for Search

The money would be used to improve highly sensitive detection electronics.

for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) Institute in Mountain View, Calif., said last week that the donations amounted to more than half of the \$7.3 million they need to keep the search going through the middle of 1995. The money would be used to improve the highly sensitive detection electronics and install them next year for observations at a large radiotelescope in Australia.

"The private support reaffirms the importance of SETI," said Dr. Frank Drake, the institute's president and an astronomer at the University of California at Santa Cruz. "I look forward to a day, perhaps not far off, when we hear the first evidence proving we are not alone in the universe."

No such signals have been detected so far. In the project's first months,

astronomers picked up some intriguing radio emissions that did not appear to have natural origins, but upon further analysis, they were traced to known phenomena or radio noise from earth sources.

### Search for Unnatural Radio Signals

The donors who came to the rescue included William R. Hewlett and David Packard of the Hewlett-Packard Corporation; Gordon Moore, co-founder and chairman of the Intel Corporation; Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft Corporation, as well as the founder of Asymetrix Corporation and the owner of the Portland Trailblazers basketball team, and another person who wanted to remain anonymous.

The space agency had already spent \$60 million on the project, mainly to develop the sensitive receivers and other electronics required to listen for radio signals that do not appear to be natural. Congress originally approved a 10-year effort, but brought the project to a halt by rejecting NASA's request for \$12.3 million for this year's expenses.

Officials of the institute said they expected to raise the rest of the required money from private contributors in time to prevent any lapse in preparations for the next phase of the search.

For six months next year, said Dr. Jill C. Tarter, the project manager, the search will be concentrated on specific stars in the southern sky, as observed from the 210-foot Parkes radio antenna near Canberra, Australia. By then, the 1,000-foot radiotelescope in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, should be ready for use after extensive upgrading.

To reflect its apparent rise from the ashes, the surviving project has been named Phoenix. But only half of the originally planned search has survived the cancellation. A parallel all-sky survey, systematically looking for possible signals indicating intelligent life, had been started by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. It has been halted, with no immediate plans for resumption.

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## Trio throws cold water on origin-of-life theory

By CARLOS BYARS

Houston Chronicle Science Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The familiar image of life originating in a warm oceanic soup was challenged by scientists who say the reality may have been a lot colder.

And the seed, they say, may have come from outer space.

Jeffrey Bada of Scripps Institute at the University of California at San Diego said new scientific thinking is that the sun was dimmer and the Earth much, much colder when life formed about 4 billion years ago.

Life, he said, may have evolved in cold ocean water capped by 1,000 feet of ice.

Bada, David Stevenson of the California Institute of Technology and Stanley Miller, a chemistry professor at UC-San Diego, spoke at a press conference during the annual meeting of the 140,000-member American

Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest scientific organization.

Bada said scientists studying ice cores from Greenland have found a 3,000-year-old sample of an amino acid most uncommon on Earth.

That acid, X-aminoisobutyne or AIB, however, is found in the great Murchison meteorite that fell on Australia. And AIB is found in rock associated with the giant meteor believed to have killed the dinosaurs 65 million years ago.

Whether life first came from outer space or started here anew, and both may have occurred several times, Bada said he is positive the Earth was frozen.

The lack of greenhouse gases, and a sun 30 percent dimmer than today, would lower temperatures well below freezing, even given a hotter core due to greater radioactivity, Bada said.

ARKANSAS TIMES, Little Rock, AR  
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The White River monster may be on the loose again. Ann B. Carroll writes in the *Pocahontas Star Herald* that "eight reputable people" have reported seeing an ichthyosaur in amongst the catfish and buffalo feeding in the White's murky depths.

If anybody fries one up, let me know how it tastes.

[MAX BRANTLEY]

## Mini-submarine hunt for Nessie upcoming

LONDON (Reuters) — Tourists hoping to spot the Loch Ness monster will get the chance to hunt for it underwater aboard a mini-submarine next year.

"Each of the dives will be in a slightly different location. Maybe you will see something extraordinary, maybe you won't," said Alan Whitfield, operations manager of the English company that owns the six-passenger Canadian-built mini-submarine.

Many naturalists believe Nessie may not be the prehistoric monster of popular legend, but something like a humble sturgeon.

The 10-metre, 24-ton mini-submarine, which is fitted with powerful lights, will start operating in March to help researchers probe the ecology and natural history of the loch.

When it completes researching the 230-metre deep, steep-sided Scottish loch, tourists will be offered seats to go monster hunting.

The *Daily Mail* said the hour-long trips would cost the equivalent of about \$140 a person.

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CR: D. Ryszka

## Authorities investigating reported cattle mutilations

DE SMET (AP) — Kingsbury County authorities are looking into a report of cattle mutilation after a farmer found the carcasses of a Charolais bull and two cows in a pasture near here.

Sheriff Norman Lee said the remains of the bull, owned by Art Geyer of De Smet, turned up last Saturday. The 3-year-old animal is believed to have died last week, he said.

The bodies of the 4- and 5-year-old cows were discovered in the last three weeks, said Geyer. One cow was found the day after it died.

"It's hard to explain, but they were definitely killed and mutilated," Geyer said. "The sex organs, tongue and ears were taken. ... I didn't think much about it until it happened to the bull."

NEWS, Paris, TX - Jan. 20, 1994

## Mysterious booms hit state

CLEBURNE (AP) — Johnson County residents flooded law enforcement authorities with telephone calls after a series of unexplained booms, described as explosions by some residents, shook the North Texas county.

Authorities said 50-60 telephone callers reported hearing the explosions between 12:30 and 3 p.m. Wednesday.

The explosions shook houses and rattled windows, deputies said.

The unexplained booms were investigated by local and U.S. Air Force officials, but no one could come up with what caused the noise.

"It just sounded to me like a deep, sonic boom," said Steve Bales, who works out of his home near Benbrook. "It's loud enough to where if you're in watching TV, you can hear it."

CR: T. Adams