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Washington Researcher Predicts A 'Flap'

UFOs Are Visiting North Country?

By RYNE R. MARTIN
Managing Editor

MASSENA — A Washington man is predicting a number of unidentified flying objects will be sighted in northern St. Lawrence County over the next few weeks.

Jeffrey Nelsen, who describes himself as a researcher for UPI (Unexplained Phenomena Investigation), said his group has received a number of calls from residents in Massena, Ogdensburg and Heuvelton in the past few days.

Nelsen predicted more and more St. Lawrence County residents will observe UFOs in the coming weeks.

"I personally believe a flap is starting there, an episode of multiple sightings. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of sightings in a short period of time," he pointed out.

"A flap occurs anytime there is an unidentified object in the sky over a community every night for a week, for instance. It's not a random thing," according to Nelsen.

He pointed out some UFO experts also believe there was a flap in Northern New York several years ago.

His organization recently placed an advertisement in local newspapers asking people who had witnessed UFO sightings in the past 48 months to contact UPI.

"We are looking for something very specific, and we are finding it. They are night to night, and they are increasing. We're getting a large response from Massena, Ogdensburg, from St. Lawrence County," Nelsen said.

He said the reportings from around St. Lawrence County seem

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credible. "These witnesses are describing similar objects. These objects are being timed going in specific directions. It falls in line," ac-

cording to Nelsen.

He noted UPI tracks UFO sightings throughout the continental United States. Nelsen separated his organization from other UFO research groups.

"We're less interested in the objects themselves than in what the sightings are doing to people psychologically and spiritually. We have a slightly different viewpoint than the majority of investigators out there. We care about them as individuals. We want to know what they feel," Nelsen suggested.

The researcher said he is most interested in receiving calls from "normal people" who have seen anomalous lights appearing in the skies over St. Lawrence County.

"We're not talking about UFO buffs. These are just average good people who happen to have an ex-

perience. We're talking about excited people. The times and the objects they are describing are the same. Most everybody's story has been confirmed by others in the area," he said.

"We're not out here to make names for ourselves. It certainly is not a profitable business. We're just trying to do some honest statistical studies," Nelsen noted.

He said his organization has officially been tracking UFO sightings since April, but UPI has been randomly studying reported UFO incidents for the past two years.

Nelsen said his organization accepts collect calls at 206-889-9228 from individuals who believe they have seen unidentified flying objects. Those calls should be made after 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Strange lights in sky start talk of UFOs

BY WESLEY YOUNG
SALISBURY POST

When Lavenda Darby stepped outside Saturday night to smoke a cigarette, she thought the light over Trudy Cranford's home was a star.

Then it started giving off colors.

"It was red, blue, green and a bright, bright yellow," she said. She called Trudy to come out and look.

The light — and other lights they say appeared — gave quite a show for more than two hours. The two women got family members and neighbors

Did you see bright lights?

Attention, all watchers of the night sky: Trudy Cranford and others who live near Webb Road on Old Concord Road say they saw strange lights in the sky late Saturday and early Sunday.

Did you see anything that

night?

Do you have an explanation for what the people saw?

If so, call the Post before Friday at 638-9603. Be sure to spell your name and leave your telephone number.

to come out and look.

Mrs. Cranford saw one of the lights "throwing off red dots on the bottom."

Ms. Darby saw four lights rise above the treetops together and suddenly scatter in four directions.

POST, Salisbury, NC - Aug. 17, 1994

The women called the law.

Deputies R.A. Walters and David Nefores came out to Mrs. Cranford's home on Old Concord Road to have a look. The home is near Webb Road, and the light was over in the west.

Walters saw colors on a light that looked sort of like the lights you might see on an airplane at a great distance. But the way the object moved ruled out an airplane.

"I stood there and watched it for maybe 15 minutes," Walters said. "It would move real slow and drop down just below the tree tops, and go back up. I had seen that many times before and just assumed it was an airplane."

But "it was too stable in movement and stayed in the area too long" to be an airplane, Walters said. "A helicopter could hover, but what they would be up there two or three hours for, I don't know."

Walters didn't see the more bizarre light movements the women reported.

"I saw a little dot-like thing come out of the bottom of it," Mrs. Cranford said. "The way things were coming out of it, they just came out like they were flying around, then they would dart back in under it."

A little later, one of the women saw a bright light streaking from north to south at a fast speed.

Ms. Darby saw the four lights in a rectangular shape that rose above the eastern treetops.

They "came straight up, ever evenly," then separated "real fast, like comets," she said. One went east, one north, one west and one south.

Ms. Darby remembers the first light, the one over Mrs. Cranford's home, as shooting out "little beams of light, like lasers."

Deputy Nefores was more skeptical than his partner.

"It was nothing," he said. "Somebody must have seen an airplane or something. I really couldn't see much but the stars ... and clouds passing in between them. The people that saw them thought the lights were getting brighter and dimmer, but personally, I think it was just the clouds covering them."

Deputy Walters, though, says something was "definitely there."

"I just assumed it was some sort of military aircraft," he said. "It might have been a helicopter. They do emit about the same kind of light."

Lt. Col. Jasper G. Owens, at the Army National Guard support facility near the Rowan County Airport, said there were no maneuvers at his station that he was aware of.

But, he added, distance is hard to judge at night.

"If (an aircraft) was five, eight or 10 miles away, it could appear to move very slowly," Owens said. "If you get a different color light, the relative position may have changed."

He added that changing colors can also come about because of the "night blind spot" people have in the center of their eyesight. Peripheral vision picks up light better and may fool you into thinking an object is both moving and changing colors as different parts of the eye pick up the object.

But Owens had no explanation for the odder light movements the Old Concord Road residents claim to have seen.

Mrs. Cranford said the experience has her wondering if she saw a UFO. Her husband, Roger, asked the officers what they should do if something should land in their yard.

"I said, get a camera and take a picture and call me," Walters said. "I've never arrested a Martian before."

"I guess it was a UFO," he added. "It was flying and it was unidentified."

TRIBUNE, Albuquerque, NM

Sept. 17, 1994 CR: K. Pflock

Near Roswell

Man has film of UFOs

ROSWELL — A New Mexico man says he and members of his family have spent the last six months shooting videotape of unidentified flying objects shaped like domes, cigars, rods, centipedes and dots that flash in groups.

Jose Escamilla held a news conference Thursday to show a compilation of more than 700 hours of footage shot since March 12 at the family home at Midway.

"Every day we get something; at least one or two (objects)," he said.

Two Roswell sisters, Kristine and Gracelyn Kelley, both 20, said they saw a sphere Escamilla said he filmed for about 30 minutes July 14. The women described it as an orange fireball with a white streak.

"I said it was a UFO, but Grace said, 'No, you're nuts,'" Kristine Kelley said.

Escamilla has sold his footage to UFO Central Home Video, which will market it to people interested in UFOs and to UFO museums and video stores. Some footage already has been shown on the television programs "Sightings" and "Hard Copy," but Escamilla said he hasn't been able to get on national daytime talk shows.

'Sightings' sets Roswell visit

A television production crew is to be in Roswell on Thursday to talk to unidentified flying object buffs about unexplained sightings in Midway.

The TV show "Sightings" will speak with Jose Escamilla, Clifford Stone and John Price, all of the UFO Enigma Museum.

The program is expected to air sometime in September and will probably include footage of a July 14 UFO sighting.

On the tape, a huge sphere can be seen traveling past Midway toward Roswell. It is described as looking like a jet with a contrail, but when the video camera zoomed in, a huge sphere appeared. The film was 2 1/4 minutes long.

The "Sightings" producers will spend two days in Roswell and Midway.

Wreckage of a 'Spaceship': Of This Earth (and U.S.)

By WILLIAM J. BROAD

A mysterious 1947 crash in the New Mexico desert that became legendary among flying-saucer fans and cover-up theorists turns out to have involved something nearly as strange as an alien spaceship.

The wreckage, quickly whisked away by the Air Force, was part of an airborne system for atomic-age spying that was invented by a leading geophysicist and developed by Columbia University, New York University and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, according to an Air Force report on the once-secret project as well as principals in the espionage effort.

The program was called Project Mogul, and its goal, set by a postwar America wary of losing its atomic monopoly, was to search high in the atmosphere for weak reverberations from nuclear-test blasts half a world away.

The debris, found near Roswell, N.M., was a smashed part of the program's balloons, sensors and, of most consequence to the growth of spaceship theories, radar reflectors made of thin metal foil.

At the time, the Air Force said the wreckage was that of a weather balloon, a white lie. But over the decades, the incident grew to mythic dimensions among flying-saucer cultists, who spun slim evidence into weighty charges while touting

conspiracy theories in scores of books, articles and television shows.

The United States, they said, had possession of alien bodies and otherworldly gear that was incredibly thin and strong. The Government, they charged, made death threats to keep knowledgeable people quiet. It studied extraterrestrial craft to learn the secrets of making stealth bombers and fiber-optic communications networks. Roswell was the greatest of all governmental cover-ups.

On Sept. 8, after an eight-month investigation, the Air Force issued a report and a number of thick appendices that to all appearances deflate the conspiracy theory once and for all. Of course, ardent flying-saucer fans contend that the cover-up continues.

"This won't lay it to rest," Col. Albert C. Trakowski, retired, who as an Air Force officer had run Project Mogul, said with a sigh in an interview. "The psychology is simple: People believe what they want to believe. In New Mexico, flying-saucerism has become a minor industry. There are whole museums dedicated to the presentation of outrageous fictions."

The story of Project Mogul and its repercussions was pieced together from the Air Force report

and a host of supporting documents, as well as from interviews with Mogul officials and scholars who study the history of atomic espionage.

The spying system was the brainchild of Dr. Maurice Ewing, a geophysicist who during World War II worked at Woods Hole, on Cape Cod, and later founded a premier earth science research center, the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University. His work at Woods Hole involved naval research on the underwater transmission of sound, which, scientists were discovering, can extend thousands of miles. It turned out that waters of differing temperatures, salinities and pressures acted like guides to bounce sound waves between layers over long distances.

It occurred to Dr. Ewing in 1944 that the earth's atmosphere might harbor a similar sound channel at its upper edge, in the tropopause, the transition zone between the troposphere and the stratosphere. After the war, he proposed a surveillance system to the Air Force, which seized on it as a possible way to monitor distant nuclear blasts. Having detonated the world's first atomic bomb in 1945, the United States feared that the Soviet Union might soon succeed as well.

In 1946, Project Mogul was given a top-secret classification with the highest priority. Based at the Air Force Watson Laboratories in Red Bank, N.J., the project hired many prominent scientists and academic institutions to develop the gear. Dr. Ewing and Columbia University, where he had moved, were involved in developing low-frequency sensors. Dr. Athelstan F. Spilhaus, a prominent meteorologist at New York University, was in charge of developing high-altitude balloons that would stay at a constant height. Woods Hole helped interpret test results.

The project at first used neoprene meteorological balloons. Later it pioneered the use of polyethylene balloons, which today remain an important tool of high-altitude research because their transparency lessens solar heating and the up-at-day, down-at-night cycle that such heating imposes on balloons. Project Mogul had the polyethylene balloons manufactured in Mamaroneck, N.Y., and in Minneapolis. Test flights of sensing gear were launched from such places as Lakehurst, N.J.; Bethlehem, Pa., and Alamogordo, N.M.

Readings high above the earth were radioed to ground stations. Early test flights, before Mogul developed its own sensors, carried naval underwater sound sensors.

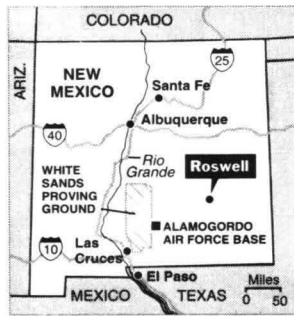
"Money was no object," Colonel Trakowski said. "We seemed to have an unlimited budget."

The New Mexico work was the most extensive. Numerous balloon flights carried both sensors and, to aid tracking, radar reflectors. To the untrained eye, the reflectors looked extremely odd, a geometrical hash of lightweight sticks and sharp angles made of metal foil.

B-29 bombers, bomb-toting balloons and ground sites at the White Sands proving ground in New Mexico detonated high explosives for sound-monitoring experiments. The project also eavesdropped on American nuclear blasts in the Pacific, including the Sandstone series of 1948.

The Soviets detonated their first nuclear bomb in August 1949. Mogul detected it, most experts interviewed about the program said. But by that time it was clear that the work was doomed. The main problem was high-level winds that often pushed the balloons out of range of radio communications with the ground. The project was ended in late 1950.

"Operationally it was a nightmare, but scientifically it was a



The Air Force has issued a detailed report on wreckage found near Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

great success," Dr. Charles B. Moore, Mogul's project engineer and now an emeritus professor of atmospheric physics at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, in Socorro, said in an interview.

Colonel Trakowski added that the visible nature of the system, with its squadrons of big balloons, had abetted its demise. "It was like having an elephant in your backyard," he said, "and hoping that no one would notice it."

A final reason, said Dr. Charles A. Ziegler, a Brandeis University historian writing a book on atomic-age spying, was that Government research showed that sound waves from distant blasts could be monitored on the ground. The United States, he added, now runs such a system around the globe. Details of it are a top national secret.

Although Mogul disappeared into dim Federal corridors, its fallout did not. Its debris littered the New Mexico countryside. According to the Air Force, it was just such debris that fell to earth in 1947 outside Roswell and sowed the seeds for decades of confusion.

Since the Roswell debris no longer exists, the Air Force cannot prove that it was from Project Mogul. But photographs of it, taken in 1947 and published in newspapers, show bits

and pieces of what are obviously collapsed balloons and radar reflectors.

"The relatively simple description of sticks, paper, tape and tinfoil has since grown to exotic metals with hieroglyphics and fiber-optic-like materials," the Air Force report says. "Bodies of extraterrestrial aliens were supposedly retrieved."

Books devoted to the subject include: "The Roswell Incident," "The U.F.O. Crash at Roswell," "The Roswell Report" and "The Truth About the U.F.O. Crash at Roswell." It was considered by flying-saucer devotees the best U.F.O. case of them all, the most thoroughly investigated and authenticated.

The groundswell eventually reached the Washington offices of Representative Steven H. Schiff, Republican of New Mexico, who early this year asked the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, to press the Pentagon to declassify documents relating to Roswell. That, in turn, led to the Air Force report, which Air Force Secretary Sheila E. Windall ordered to be as thorough as possible.

"Back then the Air Force had to protect top-secret information," said Lieut. James McAndrew, an investigator who worked on the report. "But after 47 years it's good to stop taking a black eye."

The Fund for U.F.O. Research Inc., based in Mount Rainier, Md., charges that the Air Force report excludes all the evidence that conflicts with its conclusion. "It ignores the many statements from witnesses which describe the unusual strength and light weight of what looked like metal foil and structural beams," the fund said in a statement.

Walter G. Haut, president of the International U.F.O. Museum and Research Center, in Roswell, said in an interview that the Air Force was up to its old tricks.

"It's a bunch of pap," he said of the report. "All they've done is given us a different kind of balloon. Then it was weather, and now it's Mogul. Basically I don't think anything has changed. Excuse my cynicism, but let's quit playing games."

USA TODAY, Arlington, VA - Sept. 9, 1994

UFO believers still stand their ground

By Dennis Cauchon
and Robert Davis
USA TODAY

"AF Captures Flying Saucer On Ranch In Roswell Region." That headline appeared in the Roswell Daily Record on July 8, 1947, during the nation's first wave of UFO sightings.

More than 47 years later, Unidentified Flying Objects are thriving tourist business in Roswell, N.M. (pop. 44,654).

And UFO believers and skeptics are still fighting about the debris found in rancher W.W. Brazel's field.

Thursday, the Air Force said the wreckage was from the fourth test balloon launched in a top secret program to monitor Soviet nuclear activity.

"This report is intended to stand as the final Air Force response," declared the report.

Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M., triggered the report after the Defense Department gave him the rundown when he asked for documents on Roswell.

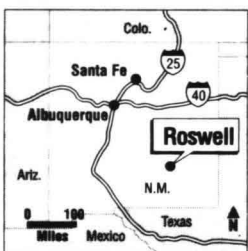
He ordered a General Accounting Office probe of what happened to the documents. That caused the Air Force to do its own report before the GAO finished. "I want the documents out, so people can make up their own mind."

UFO believers immediately ridiculed the Air Force report.

"This (report) would be easier to accept if I didn't personally know the people who saw all of this," says Walter Haut, an airman in Roswell at the time.

He wrote the Air Force press release reporting a UFO crash. Jesse Marcel isn't convinced by the Air Force report either.

His father, an Air Force major, was one of three people sent to get the debris. The elder Marcel showed his 11-year-old son what he found.



"I saw this very strange material with strange writing on it," says Marcel, 58, a physician and pilot from Helena, Mont.

UFO believers say it contained a metal, thinner than aluminum foil but possessing super strength, so tough it couldn't be torn or burned.

Haut says he knew the town mortician, who got an urgent call for child-sized caskets, and a nurse who witnessed the autopsy of four-foot tall aliens.

The Air Force report scoffs at these claims. It says the balloon was actually carrying a test contraption made at a toy factory. It contained tin foil and balsa wood, held together by Elmer's glue. It notes many people promoting the Roswell story make money from it.

UFO skeptics say the report confirms what thorough reporting has already proved. "This will put the story to rest for people willing to look at facts," says Paul Kurtz, of the Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. "But many UFOologists just can't be convinced. Even Hugh Ross, an astrophysicist and minister who believes in UFOs, backs the Air Force: '98% of UFOs are myths. This is part of the 98%.'"



When Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, left, commander of the Eighth Force, and Col. Thomas J. Dubose, his chief of staff, posed in 1947 with debris from a mysterious crash at Roswell, N.M., they identified it as the wreckage of a weather balloon. That was a lie, but just barely.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, Denver, CO - Sept. 4, 1994

20 in Del Norte report things going blink in the night

Associated Press

DEL NORTE — More than 20 area residents claim to have seen strange lights and objects that change color in the Del Norte night sky above "D" Mountain early last week.

Del Norte resident Mary Ann

Jones said she and a friend saw a triangular, honeycomb-like object in the sky about 11 p.m. Aug. 28 that "just disappeared" after they had been watching it for about an hour.

One witness reported seeing two of the objects separate from the others and drift to below cloud

level.

Another witness described one object as having twinkling blue and red lights around it.

Most witnesses had similar accounts.

Alamosa County sheriff's deputies said they hadn't seen the objects.

What goes around comes around: Second crop circle appears

► It appears in cornfield. Farmers harvested, ate it. Investigation begun.

By Mark Weiner
Staff Writer

A mysterious crop circle has appeared in a Central New York corn field, leaving UFO investigators abuzz about the second formation in the region since last summer.

The latest discovery is on the north shore of Oneida Lake, in the town of Vienna in Oneida County.

"The folks had farmed there for about 25 years and they've never seen anything like it," said Ron Taylor, a Baldwinsville geologist

who investigated the formation for the Central New York Questers, a group that studies strange happenings. Taylor said they are awaiting test results, but haven't ruled out the possibility weather conditions caused the phenomenon.

The circle of flattened corn stalks is about 19 feet wide, and covers most of an 11-row corn field, Taylor said.

"It wasn't perfectly round," he said. "It was sort of elliptical, and looked almost like a comma."

The family that owns the land has no explanation, Taylor said. The family does not want to make its experience public and harvested most of the flattened corn to keep away curiosity seekers.

"They just wanted it kept kind of quiet," said Suzanne Ezra, Central New York coordinator for the Cen-

ter for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

"They weren't real open to the possibilities," Ezra added. "The father doesn't believe in UFOs, and he just wanted it done and over with."

Taylor said the family permitted him to take samples of the flattened corn on Saturday. He said he was told the damage occurred Aug. 14.

"By Saturday afternoon it was almost a week old," Taylor said. "You could see a counterclockwise swirl of corn, with corn near the middle inter-braided and wrapped around each other."

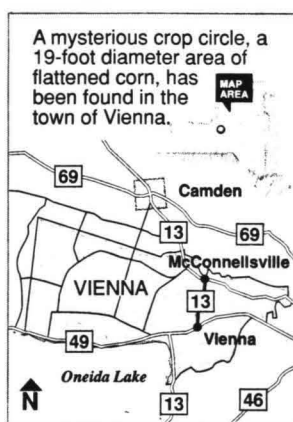
He added, "Most of it they had picked and eaten. But we did find enough corn that was still on the stalks, and I did collect samples."

The samples were sent for anal-

ysis to W.C. Levensgood, a plant biophysicist who studied crop circles discovered last summer off Route 28 in Herkimer County.

The formations found in Helen Pyc's oat field in July 1993 reminded many of crop circles that have been found in Britain. Some of the British circles have been blamed on rare weather conditions or pranks. Others are unexplained.

State police suggested the Herkimer County circles were the result of mischief, but never solved the case. UFO investigators had the soil and grain samples analyzed by Levensgood at Pinelandia Biophysical Laboratory in Michigan. Levensgood found similar characteristics to the British crop circles.



Herald-Journal

Saucer reported but not found

Silver Spring Township police were involved in a close encounter of the alien kind Tuesday night.

Cumberland County Communications Center dispatched township police after receiving a call from the Carlisle area that a flying saucer was sighted along Trindle Road.

Township police investigated the sighting at 11:47 p.m. at the intersection of Trindle Road and Konhaus Road but reported the UFO was "gone on arrival."

No physical evidence of any unearthly visit was reported.

Results in the Oneida Lake case are expected in about a month. Neighbors reported a thunderstorm moved through the area during the day.

The landowners say the circle appeared between 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., when they were away from home, Taylor said.

The National Weather Service confirmed thunderstorms were in the area during the day, but they had no reports of tornadoes or other severe winds. Meteorologists said they had not received reports

about the crop circle.

"This is the first I heard about it," said Kirk Lombardy, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service radar station in Binghamton, which covers Central New York.

"If it was hot that day it might have been a dust devil," Lombardy said. "On a real hot day the warm air from the ground rises very rapidly and begins to spin. It looks like a tornado. They usually go as far as a field maybe, and then they dissipate."

Lombardy ruled out that possibility after he found the day's temperatures were in the 70s.

Taylor, whose 125-member group worked on the Herkimer County case with the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network, said he hasn't ruled out weather conditions as the cause of the new circle.

"I would say there is the possibility this could be from some sort of whirlwind vortex," Taylor said. "It's hard to think somebody would want to leave a message in an 11-row wide corn field that engulfs all but two rows."

He added, "If Dr. Levensgood doesn't see anything there, I guess we'll dismiss it as a freak of nature."

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UFO enthusiast comes home to first site

By MARK H. HUNTER
Rio Grande County Editor

ALAMOSA - Early one morning in the fall of 1956, John DeHerrera and his brother David were delivering the Valley Courier east of Alamosa on Highway 160 when an unidentified flying object flew below a stand of trees then zipped over their heads.

Later he found out that Front Range newspapers reported many residents had seen the same thing all along the highway clear to Walsenburg.

The experience changed his life forever.

DeHerrera, 54, grew up, moved away from the Valley and is now a technical writer for Beckman Instruments in Fullerton, California. But he still investigates UFO's, hallucinations and other unexplained phenomenon as an intriguing hobby.

A return to the scene of his first (but not only) UFO experience on Friday brought back a flood of memories.

The egg-shaped object flew below tree-top level in a west bound direction, stopped when the boys pulled their pickup truck off to the side of the road, then veered right over their heads in a southerly direction, he said.

"There were no windows on it, no airfoils, no nothing," no technology that was known at the time, he said.

It flew off at around 10,000 mph, he said.

The object also let loose with a burst of flame from its tail when it turned. "It was amazing. It was almost an electrical flame," DeHerrera said.

Since he's been involved in new technology, he's discovered that scientists can do strange things with plasma.

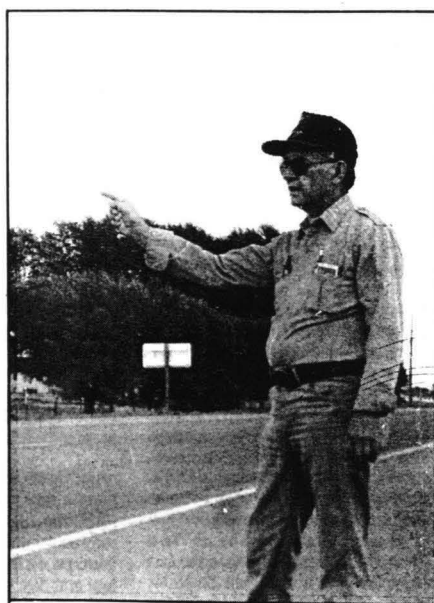
The object of his youth fits a theory he's developed that many of the UFO's are made of plasma, that's why they can change shape, glow different colors and even disappear in front of witnesses.

The 'glowing green balls' that many Valley residents have seen could be 'plasma' aerial phenomenon that contain intelligent passengers or are controlled by intelligent creatures, he said.

DeHerrera is an investigator for MUFON, or the Mutual UFO Network, which is a worldwide organiza-



Photo illustration by John DeHerrera



WHERE IT HAPPENED. John DeHerrera points to where he and his brother spotted a UFO east of Alamosa while they were delivering Valley Couriers early one morning in 1956. (Courier photo by Mark H. Hunter)

tion dedicated to the investigation of unexplained objects. People have been seeing strange objects since the dawn of time that cannot be explained, he said.

DeHerrera: Moses' burning bush?

One time several years ago he was alone out in the Mojave Desert late at night when he spotted a glowing blue object near the base of a hill. As he got closer to shoot some video of it, it burst into flames then vanished. "It was just like Moses in the Bible," he joked.

To make sure that people are not imagining flying objects, he and a medical doctor in California have hypnotized more than 250 people who have not seen flying objects.

After UFO's or aliens are suggested

to them by researchers, virtually all of the subjects do 'remember' seeing alien objects or alien creatures under the hypnosis and even vividly remember the encounter after the hypnosis is lifted, he said.

"The mind can take people to places and then use that in a mental drama," he said. Even though people can experience UFO encounters that never actually happened, DeHerrera does not discount close encounters because they happen all the time, he said.

Government ridicules reports

Why are UFO or aerial phenomenon's so discounted by the government and consequently the public? It goes back to the Cold War and the times in the 1950's when people were beginning to report their sightings at the same time the military

was working on top secret weapons, he explained.

In order for the military to do its work in secret, the CIA and the Pentagon agreed on a policy of ridiculing sightings so they could get on with their work, he said. "The military does not like reporters snooping around," he said.

For example, when a crashed UFO was reported near Roswell, N.M., in the early 1950's, Frank Goddard was also working on his rocket motors in the same area. The military reported the crashed UFO was actually a weather balloon, which was finally reported truthfully just this week.

The policy of ridicule continues to this day.

DeHerrera said he has a friend who works for the Federal Aviation Ad-

ministration, FAA, and who sees things on the radar screens all the time that move too fast for conventional aircraft, move in different directions and completely disappear, he said.

"They don't report it because the report will just get thrown away," he said.

Mysterious Valley different?

Is the "Mysterious Valley" that mysterious after all?

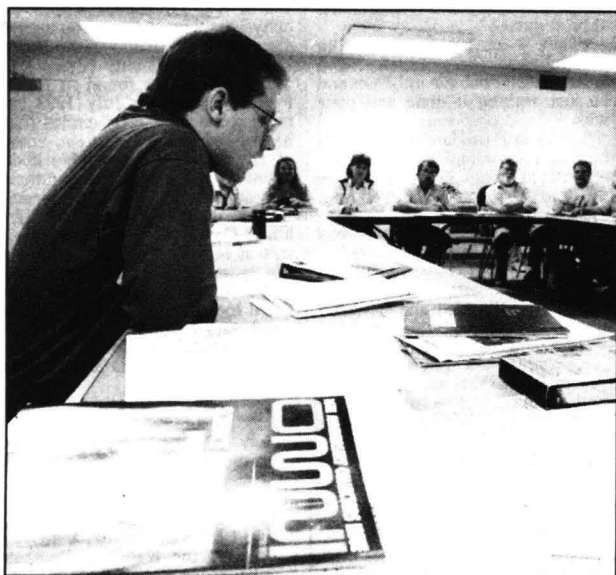
Not really, DeHerrera answers.

He agrees there is a lot of unexplained activity in the Valley skies, but there is also a lot of unexplained activity in the skies over many desert areas.

"They don't like to be around cities," he said with a grin. He doesn't know who "they" are though, but he wants to find out.

Keeping an eye on the final frontier

By HOLLY FULMER
Eagle Correspondent



DAVE PRELOSKY/BUTLER EAGLE

Members of the Butler UFO Group meet each month to discuss such topics as the nature of unidentified flying objects, government cover-ups and Bigfoot. At left is Carl McAnallen, group coordinator.

It's not a bird. It's not a plane. In fact, that pulsating light in the sky or flying object may not be so easily explained, say members of a local club who study and investigate sightings of unidentified flying objects.

Carl McAnallen, coordinator for the Butler UFO Group, says he gets about two or three reports of unidentified flying objects each month. The majority of the sightings, he says, are actually misidentified atmospheric conditions, planets, or in some cases, helicopters.

However, McAnallen says almost 15 percent of all sightings cannot be explained.

One of the most notable sightings in Butler County occurred in Oakland Township on March 14, 1990, McAnallen said, when a hovering light in the sky was caught on videotape and strange burn marks were found nearby on a large patch of grass.

In 1989, three different people said they saw an odd-shaped, hovering light in the sky above Clearview Mall.

Although he's never seen a flying saucer himself, McAnallen spends his spare time investigating the stories of area residents who say they have witnessed extraterrestrial events.

Occasionally, there are people with UFO tales whose credibility must be weighed because some others before them have made up fantastic stories, McAnallen said.

Some of the harder-to-dismiss reports that McAnallen has investigated range from unexplainable lights in the sky to sightings of metallic-looking, triangular objects flying overhead.

McAnallen says he's also talked to several people in Butler and Mercer counties who claim they've

been abducted by aliens.

"They say they were awoken by little aliens," McAnallen says. "Little four-foot gray entities with large black eyes."

In some cases, according to McAnallen, the alleged victims actually have bruises or scrapes on their bodies.

Dan Hageman, co-director for the group, assists McAnallen in the investigations.

A Navy veteran who claims to have seen UFOs twice in his life, Hageman says he's convinced the government knows more than it's telling about UFOs.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the government is involved in a massive cover-up," Hageman says.

McAnallen is also the state section director for the Mutual UFO Network, an international, non-profit corporation based in Texas whose members are devoted to the study and investigation of UFOs.

He said he's been interested in UFOs since his early childhood, even though the subject was not a

chariots of fire and what we call angels of the Lord. In my 1994 book, I showed how and made clear the key site--because Gulf Breeze represented on a Mercator flat map of the Earth the topographical center of North America and South America. Located at the same latitude 30 degrees North as the ancient Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt, the site of Gulf Breeze forms an equilateral triangle (just like the Great Pyramid) with the Earth's center, North Pole, and South Pole. Thus, the Gulf Breeze UFOs seem to be related to measures of the

round Earth and its history and to the human race on Earth. At the same time, the UFOs over Gulf Breeze may be related to the future and brilliant space-city called the New Jerusalem and described in the Bible.

One of the purposes of angels is to impart new knowledge to the human race and to protect them and watch over them. In Billy Graham's opinion, the UFOs seem to represent the angels of the Lord. Hence, they

may have been sent here to watch and observe and protect and impart new knowledge about the Earth and the human race and future events. In case of a major crisis or war, they might intervene in order to stop the war and establish peace and order on Earth. The first major "waves" of the UFOs started near Mount Rainier, Washington, on June 24, 1947. Prior to this event, there were sporadic sightings - such as 1820 New York State or 1896 San Francisco or an 1897 "wave" around the United States. Other major "waves" came in 1952 and 1957 and include the seven years of sightings over Gulf Breeze or 1987 to 1994. On this basis, the events and "waves" would apparently continue and might involve 100 years

after the 1897 "wave" or the year 1997. Needless to say, we are approaching the year 2000 and the new century.

After the start in 1947, the increase of the "waves" seems to suggest that the coming of the UFOs points to some kind of a countdown or climax or an understanding or discovery as to why they came in the years after 1947. Hence, we should watch the skies and look up and keep in mind that they could very well be the angels of the Lord cited in the Bible and concerning the unfolding events and unfolding years on this planet Earth. That is, the unfolding events associated with end-time and biblical statements about hovering angels and chariots of fire.

Kenneth Lloyd Larson.

BUTLER UFO GROUP

The Butler UFO Group meets monthly at the Butler Area Public Library. Meetings are open to the public. For the time and day of the next meeting or for more information about the group, contact Carl McAnallen at 283-7607. Reports of area UFO sightings may also be made to McAnallen.

popular one.

"I can remember being in school and doing reports on UFOs and the teachers thought I was weird," he said.

The Butler UFO Group, formed in December, has 12 to 15 regular members. These laborers, students, teachers, engineers and other professionals meet once a month to gather information, try to satisfy their curiosity, or seek support in dealing with a personal experience, McAnallen says.

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OH - Sept. 1, 1994
Teen reports seeing
UFO Monday night

BERLIN HEIGHTS

A teen-ager has reported seeing an unidentified flying object with blinking lights hovering around her home for almost three hours before it disappeared.

Carmen Utter, 15, said she also heard a loud noise like the wind, but did not see any signs of wind.

Utter's reported sighting was the latest in a series of UFO sightings in Erie County in recent years. Most of the sightings were centered near Perkins Township and occurred in the summer.

Sebastian Sightings: What Is It?

By MATT GRIMISON
Press-Journal Staff Writer

Citizens of Sebastian, do not attempt to resist. Surrender and take us to Mayor Art Firtion.

By 10 p.m. Tuesday, the alien invasion had started. Sebastian resident Liz Caldwell spotted the mothership heading south along Barber Street.

"It looked like a sideways disk, you could see lights all the way around it," Caldwell said. "I have no idea what it was, but it was pretty. It was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen."

The aliens' mind-control seemed to be working. Panicked citizens called local law enforcement agencies Wednesday morning.

Someone even called the Vero Beach Municipal Airport, inquiring if the invading craft could have been a "harmless" terrestrial aircraft.

Jay Bennett, the communication supervisor for Sebastian police, offered speculation into the sightings.

"It was a blimp going to land at the Vero airport," he said in a hushed tone. "We've taken another call on this, and one of our dispatchers (reportedly) saw it (flying over Sebastian)."

It seems these visitors have reared their ugly heads in the city before, Bennett said.

"People call us all the time," he said.

Dale Blankenship, Vero Beach airport's tower supervisor, offered more explanation about the reported aliens.

"It's not uncommon for (blimps) to land here if it's late at night," Blankenship said. "It's very possible they landed last night."

"A lot of those blimps fly out of Fort Lauderdale and that area. They traverse the coast all the time, and do occasionally land here."

But Airport Director Bill Sherry said he doubts it was a blimp.

The three or four blimp operators who land in Vero Beach always coordinate in advance with the airport, Sherry said. "It's a major operation to come in because the ground crews (of about 20 people) have to come in and they have to ready a tiedown," Sherry said.

"I've never known any of them to come in for a night landing here," Sherry said.

Blankenship said the airport tower closes at 9 p.m., so there wouldn't be any witnesses if an aircraft of any type touched down and took off again.

PRESS-JOURNAL, Vero Beach, FL - Oct. 6, 1994

Unknown Purpose

In a recent issue of *TV Guide*, the noted evangelist Billy Graham was quoted as saying the Unidentified Flying Object (UFOs) appear to be the same as the angels of the Lord described in the Bible. Between the years 1987 to 1994, brilliant ring-shaped and varicolored UFOs have hovered over Gulf Breeze, Florida. Some of the films and photographs appeared in *The Islander* newspaper during the past few years, and Gulf Breeze has been visited by Japanese television crews and other media reporters. In my opinion, the UFOs may have come to the area because they are here for a purpose not yet grasped and understood by us. In a feature newspaper column in the *Los Angeles Times* for August 22, 1994, columnist Jack Smith questioned the existence of UFOs and wondered why they didn't land on the White House lawn or in the Rose Bowl. Smith asked: "What are they waiting for?"

When I read his column, I wrote to Smith and said that I thought that the UFOs existed, that they had visited the Earth and various continents for some 47 years, that they had an advanced technology and knowledge not yet attained by humans, and that they might be waiting and watching in case of a major crisis or a need to impart advanced knowledge to the human race. In my opinion, I think that the UFOs might have some connection to the shaping and forming of the round planet Earth and to a Higher Intelligence or God in the Universe. Indeed, they might be (as Billy Graham felt) the angels of the Lord described in the Bible. In my 1994 book on Gulf Breeze and the UFOs, I suggested that the UFOs had appeared over the key site because they are related to the measures on the Earth and could be called biblical

UFO researcher seeks fellow 'abductees'

By Andy Porter
Staff Writer

GALLUP — A self-proclaimed UFO researcher who hopes to stage a local seminar to discuss alien abductions and extraterrestrial sightings claims to have more than academic knowledge of the matter.

The researcher, Robert Allen, who titles himself "director of research" for his organization, "The Interplanetary Sciences Research Organization," said he has been repeatedly abducted by aliens.

In an interview Friday at a local coffee shop, Allen talked vigorously about how, through hypnosis, he discovered several years ago that he has been repeatedly abducted and examined by alien beings since he was seven years old and growing up in an orphanage in Pittsburgh, Penn.

A muscular, crew-cut figure, Allen spoke rapidly and with animation as he skipped between, among other things, talking about UFOs, alien abductions, telepathy, cattle mutilations, crop circles, sinister biological experiments, governmental coverups and the future of mankind.

Allen, who described himself as self-employed, said he founded his organization in Grants, "because Grants has such a high volume of UFO activity over the last 15 to 20 years."

The southwest as a whole, Allen claimed, is a hotbed of UFO activity due to the large number of secret government activities at places such as White Sands Missile Range, Los Alamos National Laboratories and at the classified test center at Groom Lake near Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada.

To publicize his group, Allen displayed one of the bright-orange fliers, headlined "Attention Earthlings!", that he said he has put out all over the southwest.

"Now, they do draw a lot of attention and I've had a lot of people come out, quote, out of the woodwork, over just these types of fliers," Allen said.

People are reluctant to report they have been abducted by

UFOs, Allen said, because "they are fearful for their credibility."

"Many, many people have had bizarre experiences with alien abductions, with numerous factors, where the scrutiny that they would go through, reporting this, bringing it out in the open, (it) would be so damaging...that it would cause them to lose their gainful employment, (possibly) divorce, particularly in alien abductions."

"My main focus in New Mexico is alien abductions and cattle mutilations," Allen said. "(It) is very hard to do because what you are dealing with is a process of how to determine how cattle have been mutilated and the validity of the person who reports the sighting."

Allen alleges that elements of the United States government, particularly the military, are deeply involved with aliens and regularly conspire to deny the existence of extraterrestrial visitations.

"The people in power automatically denounce these sorts of things, 'where's your proof?', 'what did you really see?', 'what haven't you seen?'" Allen said.

"Now the really odd part about this is the government has spent hundreds of millions of dollars in a cover-up program. I don't know how well you've been following the newspapers, but lately there's been a lot of attention drawn to Groom Lake, an area outside of Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada."

"Well the workers are reported getting very, very ill over the projects that are being developed there, it's called 'Area 51,' they call it 'Dreamland,'" Allen said.

The government is developing alien-based technologies that the extraterrestrials have given the government, Allen claimed. That is the cause for the workers illnesses.

Allen charged repeatedly the U.S. government was working with the aliens to further genetic research.

"What were doing now is working in cooperation with these aliens to further genetics, in other words, they can create alien life forms," Allen said.

The government's attempts to cover up alien incursions was "blown" in 1947 when an extraterrestrial spacecraft crashed near Roswell in 1947, Allen said.

"These (the alien) ships are propelled by electromagnetic energy, and during (a monsoon rainstorm) a bolt of lightning hit one of these ships, which is very common, a flier who has spent any amount of time in the air will tell you lightning strikes are common to aircraft," Allen said.

"Being space pilots, they underestimated the energy (in thunderstorms) and it caused in a period of four years, three of these craft to go down in New Mexico," Allen said.

There are many different kinds of extraterrestrials watching the earth, Allen claimed, but the ones that abducted him were the "grays," an insect-like race of beings from Zeta Reticuli, a binary star system.

"They're not emotional, they have no emotion whatsoever," Allen said. "When these beings abducted me, they were absolutely no facial expression. They have faces, they're insectoid, they're not humanoid, they look like an insect. They're 'grays' they call themselves basically."

"They're three-and-a-half to four-feet tall, approximately 50 pounds, they have incredible brain capacity. In fact, they have two brains, one brain is totally developed for psychic abilities. They telepathically communicate with you. They have no vocal cords. They telepathically communicate with you inside your brain."

Although Allen claimed at times in the interview that the aliens are benign and mean humanity well, by his accounts the visitors also paradoxically practice bizarre and harmful medical procedures on humans and even intend to use people, like parasites, to reproduce.

"Imagine a race of beings that are parasitic in this respect, they have to use a host being to reproduce," Allen said after graphically describing some of the damaging aftereffects of alien abductions.

'Mogul' claim doesn't slow UFO theories

CR: K. Pflock
SUN-NEWS, Las Cruces, NM - Sept. 16, 1994

SANTA FE — The Air Force explanation that it was a top secret balloon, designed to monitor Soviet nuclear testing, that crashed at Roswell 47 years ago adds one more chapter to a growing mystery.

That is far from the Air Force's obvious intent, which was to write the final chapter in the mystery it created so long ago when it insisted the debris collected from a ranch near Corona and taken to the Roswell Army Air Field was a weather balloon.

The Air Force's "disclosure" fooled the Associated Press reporter in Washington whose story was carried in newspapers around the state on Sept. 9.

The AP article swallows the entire line and concludes that the Air Force "expended considerable energy on the report."

The only reason the Air Force had to exert "considerable energy" is that once a cover story has been fabricated, it gets harder and harder to keep the ruse going.

Actually, the Air Force was asked last year by Rep. Steve Schiff to look into the "Roswell Incident." The Air Force's rather quick reply was that it didn't have any record of a crash near Roswell in 1947. The Air Force suggested Schiff check the National Archives, which said that sort of information isn't sent to them.

So in early January, Schiff asked the General Accounting Office to investigate the possibility of a military cover-up. In July the GAO reported that it had run into a stone wall trying to get any data. Schiff persisted.

Then, two months later, the Air Force came out of nowhere with a new answer.

Sure enough, it wasn't a weather balloon — it was a top-

secret mission launched out of Alamogordo called Project Mogul. Where did the Air Force come up with that one?

Six weeks ago I told you about a 189-page report titled "Roswell in Perspective," written by Placitas resident Karl Pflock, a former deputy assistant secretary of Defense who has extensive background in the intelligence community.

Pflock did a great job challenging many of the assumptions that have permeated the Roswell case since the beginning, and in raising serious questions about the credibility of most of the witnesses.

The Pflock report reviews material contained in numerous books about the subject and debunks most of it.

One piece of new information, discarded by researchers bent on proving an alien craft had crashed, was the existence of Project Mogul, an operation so sensitive that it had a "Triple A" priority, a status shared in 1947 only by the Manhattan Project.

Pflock concluded it was a highly sophisticated balloon from that project that had been found.

The Pflock report was released in July, just about the time Rep. Schiff was telling the GAO not to let the Air Force off the hook.

Since nothing was known of any Air Force investigation into the "Roswell Incident" at the time, could it be that Air Force officials picked up a copy of Pflock's book and said, "Yeah, that's it. That's the way it happened. You see, there were these secret balloons...."

Maybe it was an effort to get Schiff off their tail. Pflock is a convincing, credible writer and his theory was the most mundane anyone had advanced.

And because Pflock appears to have been so accurate on his "Mogul" revelation, there now is even more reason to look further into his other major finding.

If you're interested in knowing more, "Roswell in Perspective" can be obtained from the International UFO Museum and Research Center, P.O. Box 2221, Roswell 88202. Tell them you're not from the Pentagon and you can get it for \$25.

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INSIDE
THE CAPITOL

Rain or a UFO? Farmers say saucer theories are all wet

BY KAREN NELIS
Staff writer

SCHODACK — George and Gerry Mesick raise buffalo and sell buffalo steaks and burgers and such.

One would think that's unusual enough to attract occasional sightseers, but what's causing a stir at the Mesick's GEM Farm off Route 9 these days is a flattened hayfield.

Some people think it was hit by a UFO.

George Mesick, an eighth-generation farmer, thinks it was the heavy rain last Sunday.

But that hasn't stopped the curi-

ous from flooding the Mesicks with phone calls and paying visits to the site. Researchers from the Capital Region Mutual UFO Network have explored the spot, taken samples of soil and grass, and tested the land with a Geiger counter.

"If it's not natural, who knows what did it?" said Ray Cecot, section director of the network.



Mesick

One couple from New Jersey called Saturday and asked for permission to camp on the site so they could get in touch with the heavens.

"This is getting out of hand," said Gerry Mesick, adding that she didn't want people camping on their 800-acre farm.

So many people have gone to see the site that they've created a long path from the road through the crops. In fact, the hay that may or may not have been flattened by a rectangular spacecraft is actually starting to perk back up and can be

salvaged, but what's been trampled by human feet is ruined.

The strange (or natural) phenomenon came to light Tuesday night when a neighbor noticed that a roughly rectangular section, measuring about 750 feet long and 125 feet wide, of the nearly 3-foot-high grass had been flattened to the ground, said Gerry Mesick.

Similar flattened crop fields have been spotted elsewhere in the state in the past year, including Oneida and Herkimer counties. The spots, known as "crop circles," have been

appearing on farms in England since 1980, sparking speculation about alien spaceships landing on Earth. Some of the circles have been ruled hoaxes, but many still are unexplained.

"It's not out of the question that a strong downdraft from a thunderstorm could cause that," said AccuWeather meteorologist Paul Yeager. "Things like that happen."

That would be fine with Gerry Mesick. If it was a UFO, she said, "Then we'd have to charge admission."

Intergalactic tourists? Strange lights fill night skies

By Winda Benedetti
Staff writer

At 4:55 a.m. Friday a Post Falls Police dispatcher got a call from a woman who noticed strange lights hovering over the Cougar Gulch area southeast of town.

"She said, 'Please don't think I'm crazy,'" said Laura Claffey, emergency communication officer.

Claffey knows the woman isn't crazy because she saw the lights, too. And so did two Post Falls Police officers.

"It had blue and yellow and green and red lights," Claffey said. "It was there for half an hour. It was really high up."

Claffey said she could only make out the brilliant lights. She and the officers used binoculars to get a better look but the lights just turned blurry.

There have been a slew of similar reports in North Idaho and Eastern Washington, according to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle — at least 10 in the last two

weeks, said Peter B. Davenport, the center's director.

"People are seeing very interesting objects in the night sky," Davenport said. "Call them, if you wish, spacecraft."

A man in Leavenworth, Wash., reported a brilliantly lit object hanging in the night sky on Tuesday, he said. Another person reported an object "bigger than the moon" streaking up a valley in the vicinity of Laclede, Idaho.

And in several instances people

have reported flashing yellow, green and blue lights, he said.

Federal Aviation Administration and Coeur d'Alene airport officials said they didn't know of anything strange passing through the area.

"We had no scheduled UFO flights that night," Greg Delavan, director of the Coeur d'Alene Airport, said with a laugh.

Delavan said airplanes must have green and red navigation lights on. But he admitted blue and yellow lights are unusual.

Air Force still withholding truth on Roswell UFO case?

Editor, The Transcript:

The Associated Press released a story on Sept. 9 which said, according to the United States Air Force, the Roswell UFO crash of 1947 was in reality a balloon.

Initially the Air Corps cover story, which was released on July 9, 1947, the day after the military had declared they had recovered an extraterrestrial craft, stated that the wreckage was from a Rawn Target balloon. The report was followed by many articles ridiculing the countless people who were seeing disks and other unexplainable phenomena in the sky. The tactic persisted and is still used to this very day, 47 years later. Ridicule plus lies make a very effective weapon.

The government was successful in silencing the radio station

in Roswell, the newspaper and all persons involved in the recovery of the debris. As people, some officers at Roswell in 1947, became disillusioned with the government for not revealing the truth, they began to talk. The threat of humiliation and even death was not such a powerful weapon to elderly witnesses or to the spouses and offspring of good citizens who were silenced for so very long.

Finally, in January, 1994, the Air Force, after waffling and trying to avoid the subject, had to do something. A courageous congressman, Rep. Steven Schiff, R-N.M., using the Gen-

eral Accounting Office as the investigative tool, forced the military to search for facts concerning the Roswell incident.

The Air Force took eight months to come up with another story. They now claim that the wreckage was from a balloon belonging to Project Mogul, which was a spy program used against the Soviet Union.

Project Mogul is not the answer. The Air Force has not presented any evidence that this is true. They should know where the balloon was launched, wind directions and other data which can be checked by researchers. Don Berliner, of the Fund for

UFO Research, commented on Project Mogul being used as an excuse some time before the government released the statement.

The fact remains that the Air Force (I am referring only to a very small segment of the intelligence branch) had to come up with another story. The investigation was gaining momentum. Thousands of American citizens were petitioning for the release of the truth. Political officials were being harassed about a very sensitive topic during an election year.

The truth has not been released by our government; OUR

case?

government, which spends \$15 billion dollars a year on secret projects. Who is the enemy?

I am ashamed of our nation for allowing thousands of good citizens to be ridiculed, humiliated and even harmed. How dare they "protect" us. How dare they "know what's best for us."

If anyone wants to be convinced that UFOs are real we do have the documents, photographs, video tapes (including NASA footage), scars on honest citizens' bodies, radar records, multiple sightings and artifacts from landing sites.

Who are the witnesses? People of all races, ages and professions, including high ranking military officers, two past presidents of the United States, ministers, priests and eminent scientists.

The UFO phenomenon is the most important happening in the history of modern man. Yet, most of us go right on ignoring what is happening about us, believing what the intelligence agencies tell us.

What ever happened to our Constitutional rights? Stand up and demand the truth!

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VALLEY TIMES, Beaverton, OR - July 14, 1994

Crop circle: an act of vandals or UFOs?

TIGARD — So what's the deal with the Aloha crop circle?

The farmer who owns the wheat field where the crop circle appeared a few weeks ago says it's vandalism.

On the other hand, a Port Angeles, Wash., woman who has researched crop circles and believes it's not a hoax will talk about the phenomenon Friday and Saturday in Tigard.

The woman, whose name is simply "ilyes" (pronounced "eyeless"), is national coordinator for the Center for CropCircle Studies/United

States Network. She has researched crop circles, formations that also have appeared in other parts of the world.

Ilyes will share her views, show videos and pictures, and answer questions at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Oasis Center, 11509 S.W. Pacific Highway. The cost is \$12. Seating is limited; call 245-5685 for reservations.

The Aloha crop circle — a pattern formed by wheat stalks that somehow were knocked over — has piqued the curiosity of area residents who debate whether it's a teenage prank or a supernatural sign.

Ilyes claims it isn't a hoax. "It was not, could not, have been made by teenagers, as some would like to believe," she says.

That's not what the property owner believes. Dan Coussens told the Hillsboro Argus last week he'll lose about 20 acres of wheat and between \$7,000 and \$10,000 in income because people flocked to the field after TV and radio stations invited people to look at the crop circle.

Coussens also said his insurance company told him vandalism is not covered under his policy, so he's stuck with the loss.

FEEDBACK

Real story on UFO crash in New Mexico has not been told

Concerning the Associated Press story titled "Inquiry into UFO claim has down to earth results," published in *The Gazette* Sept. 10 and relative to a 47-year-old UFO crash at Roswell, N.M., the U.S. government cover-up continues.

The balloon was part of Project Mogul, a secret effort to use long-range balloons to monitor Soviet nuclear tests, or so the story goes.

The real story is yet to be told and as a democracy, freedom of speech is relevant. What the final Air Force response to Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M., in his request for documents on Roswell does do is:

- Avoids the eyewitness descriptions of the types of metals involved.
- Avoids the town mortician report that he received an urgent call for four or five child-sized caskets.
- Avoids a nurse and doctors who performed autopsies on the 4-foot-tall aliens reports.
- Avoids the testimony of dozens whom handled either the bodies or the metal fragments.
- Avoids the testimony of over 350 first-, second- and third-hand witnesses, many of whom have agreed to testify before Congressional committees. Some have asked for immunity from prosecution because of Oaths of Secrecy documents which they signed.
- Avoids the harassments and death threats reported on witnesses by the military.

If this is justice, then we want no part of it. Nor should any truth-seeking Americans in this matter.

George D. Fawcett
Lincolnton

COLUMBIAN, Vancouver, WA - Sept. 29, 1994 CR: M. Dobbs

Larry King looks for UFOs

By **DAVE JEWETT**
The Columbian

Larry King admits that he's a skeptic about flying-saucer reports, but says he's willing to be convinced on the two-hour live television special he's hosting Saturday. "If there are UFOs or flying saucers, why is it they are always landing in remote areas? Why don't they land in Washington, D.C., or Times Square?" he asked during a telephone interview from his hotel room in Los Angeles.

"If they'd land in Washington, D.C., I'd guarantee them a spot on the show," he said. Then, chuckling a bit, he changed his wide open invitation to say it might depend if the show were doing an O.J. Simpson topic that night.

Saturday's show, airing on cable's TNT, is titled "The UFO Cover-Up? Live from Area 51."

Guests are scheduled to include UFO experts, authors, celebrities, skeptics and government officials.

King will mediate the show from Rachel, Nev., a town nestled in the shadows of the off-limits Area 51 test site and military base. This is a place so secret the government continues to deny its existence, but which local residents and some UFO investigators contend is a secret test facility created for UFO

exploration.

The program will include live and taped interviews, viewer telephone calls and audience discussion.

King said he hopes the show will provide television's most balanced and serious look yet at the legends, claims, theories and evidence of UFOs.

Former U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater is scheduled to relate his surprise experiences trying to get to the UFO phenomenon.

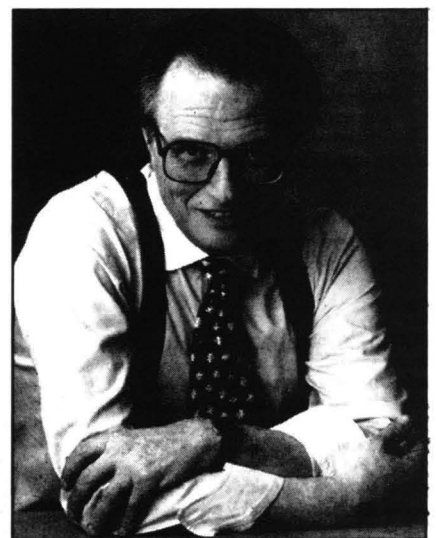
King said he's especially interested in hearing what Goldwater will say. "He's cantankerous at his age, and says what he means," King said.

King a skeptic

Although he is a skeptic on the subject, King said he's eager to hear what people have to say.

"I may be skeptical, but I hate secrecy, so I'll be especially interested in hearing just what is going on at this well guarded base in the desert. If we have invisible planes there, or experimental planes that can fly upside down, why not admit it? As the world is today, who are we hiding it from?"

Following his usual practice, King isn't boning up on the subject



Larry King, a UFO skeptic, is eager to hear what people will say on his Saturday show.

by reading the many UFO-related books.

"I usually don't read the books guests have written. This dates back to my earliest days in radio, when I was doing a show from a restaurant. Guests would just appear, so I didn't have time to read books.

"Besides, after all these years, I think I'm at my best when I haven't read the book ahead. That way I'm still curious about the book. You can get overly informed and then not ask the questions people want asked."

King said he believes he works best when he can get down to basics by asking, "What's this all about?"

Steve Schiff still not satisfied Roswell 'UFO' story told

By Karen MacPherson
WASHINGTON BUREAU

Roswell Incident to fly again on national TV show

The Associated Press

ROSWELL — The Air Force, in a report just last week, said there would be no convincing some people that the so-called Roswell Incident, often touted as a UFO encounter, was nothing more than a downed balloon.

And now NBC-TV's "Unsolved Mysteries" has announced it will carry another report on the 1947 incident.

Tim Rogan, coordinating producer at Cosgrove-Meurer Productions, said the Roswell Incident portion of the program will be more than an update of the segment originally aired Sept. 20, 1989, and Jan. 24, 1990.

"We filmed some new stuff recently with Glenn Dennis in Roswell and then did some re-enactments based on what he was talking to us about," Rogan said.

Dennis, still a Roswell resident, was a mortician at the time of the 1947 event. He reportedly received telephone inquiries from

Roswell revisited

"Unsolved Mysteries" airs 7 p.m. Sunday, KOB-Channel 4.

military doctors on tissue preservation and was further informed by a military nurse that three alien bodies had been pronounced dead on arrival at Walker Air base, now the Roswell Industrial Air Center.

Dennis was interviewed by "Unsolved Mysteries" in July, Rogan said, and the recreation of his story was filmed in Los Angeles at a former Army base.

The original "Unsolved Mysteries" segment on the Roswell Incident was filmed entirely in Roswell. Rogan said some of the footage will be included in the program, which is scheduled to be broadcast Sunday night.

Rogan said the 10- to 12-minute segment

will also include the request by U.S. Rep. Steve Schiff for more information and the Sept. 8 report from Washington that concluded the crash was likely a secret Army Air Force balloon designed to monitor Soviet nuclear testing.

The 25-page report by Air Force Col. Richard Weaver predicted that "pro-UFO" elements simply would dismiss his report as part of the coverup.

Rogan said Sunday's show is devoted entirely to "UFO-related stories."

"We have a story about abductees — people who claim they have been abducted by aliens — then an update on the Roswell Incident and a story on Area 51, which is the mysterious air base in Nevada," he said.

UFO stories still keep the public interested, Rogan said.

"We always get a good number of people replying to the show. This one is something we'll probably get mail from forever."

intent was to search for UFOs," Schiff said.

Schiff first asked for Defense Department help on the Roswell Incident in March 1993, when he sent a letter to then-Defense Secretary Les Aspin.

Schiff was told that the Defense Department had no documents on the Roswell Incident, and that he should check the National Archives, which is the repository for old federal records.

Archives officials, however, said they didn't have any files on the incident either.

That's when Schiff called in the GAO, which launched its investigation last January.

It was a Washington Post article on the GAO's investigation that ignited the Air Force's own search for documents, according to the report released last week.

"The review of Air Force records did not locate even one piece of evidence to indicate that the Air Force has had any part in an 'alien' body recovery operation or continuing cover-up."

What Roswell rancher W.W. Brazel found on his farm in 1947 actually were pieces of debris from a top-secret project — "Project Mogul" — that used long-range balloons to monitor Soviet nuclear tests, officials said.

While stating that this explanation closes their effort on solving the Roswell incident, Air Force officials were resigned to the fact that it won't be universally believed.

"Pro-UFO" persons who obtain a copy of this report ... (will) most probably believe the 'cover up is still on' ... the Air Force said.

Strange lights revisit Del Norte

PROSPECTOR, Del Norte, CO - Sept. 1, 1994

Over the past week some area residents have spotted strange lights in the night sky ranging from a formation of glowing objects to singular objects that change colors.

Although more than 20 people claim to have seen the objects, most would not go on the record to describe their experiences fearing ridicule by their neighbors and friends.

Del Norte resident Mary Ann Jones said she and a friend saw an object high in the night sky on Sunday around 11 p.m.

"It had a funny shape," she said. "It wasn't exactly a triangle shape but it turned round. It reminded me of a honeycomb."

She said she and some friends spotted the object for two nights in a row. After watching the object for about

an hour, "it just disappeared," she said.

The sighting Jones and a friend made on Sunday is just the latest on the area.

According to several witnesses, who didn't want their names in the newspaper, a group of 20 residents spotted a group of at least 12 objects over "D" Mountain for over an hour Sunday night.

Two of the objects separated from the others and drifted down to below cloud level, one person said.

Another witness described one object as having twinkling blue and red

Schiff says the General Accounting Office, Congress' watchdog agency, is continuing its investigation of the Roswell Incident, an investigation he requested after the Defense Department contended it could find no documents on the matter.

The GAO has set no deadline to complete

its report.

UFO believers also have scoffed at the Air Force report, saying the explanation doesn't fit all the facts, especially those "details" about possible extraterrestrial beings.

While news reports have focused on the UFO angle, Schiff emphasizes that he's only

interested in making sure that all documents on the incident are made public.

"My question about the Air Force report is whether it provides a complete accounting of all records dealing with the Roswell Incident, regardless of their content."

"At no time did I or the GAO state that my

New Chapter in Old Mystery

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM - Sept. 12, 1994
CR: K. Pflock

Forty-seven years after the fact, the U.S. Air Force has disclosed the existence of a much more complex "balloon crash" to account for the Roswell Incident alleged alien spacecraft crash.

The Air Force dug into its records of the July 1947 incident at the request of Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M. The report attributes the wreckage to "Project Mogul," a system of balloons trains to carry instruments to detect Soviet nuclear tests.

If that is the truth, and the "weather balloon" cover story of 1947 was to hide the fact of the much more mundane "Project Mogul" — and not alien spacecraft's bodies — then the Air Force played an active role in sowing the seeds of the long-playing Roswell Incident mystery.

If that is not the truth — well, we are offered only a more sophisticated version of the weather balloon explanation of 1947. In the final analysis, all the Air Force really gave up in response to Schiff's request is confirmation that they lied back in 1947 about what really happened.

Covering up

I could hardly believe what I was reading when the AP article "Air Force Denies New Mexico UFO Cover-Up Conspiracy" appeared in the Sept. 9, 1994 Journal. After almost fifty years, the Air Force is still covering up the UFO crash that occurred on a ranch near Roswell, New Mexico in early July, 1947 and still insisting that it was a weather balloon. As many have asked before, if it had been a weather balloon why was the crash site immediately sealed off by military police, all military personnel silenced, and even private citizens threatened if they revealed any information about the site and debris of the crashed ship?

How ridiculous that the Air Force should now begin a "new" investigation on the insistence of Rep. Steven Schiff, R., N.M. that the General Accounting Office de-classify documents relating to Roswell. I venture to say that no Congressman, or even the President of the United States, would be able to get the real documents relating to the Roswell crash, which are still kept under tight security by the Air Force after nearly fifty years.

Any reader wishing to delve further into the UFO incident can read about it in numbers of books in the libraries or bookstores. Two of these are: THE ROSWELL INCIDENT by Charles Berlitz and William L. Moore (NY Berkley Books, 1988) and THE TRUTH ABOUT THE UFO CRASH AT ROSWELL by Kevin D. Randle and Donald R. Schmitt (M. Evans Co., Inc., N.Y., 1994). It has also been portrayed on TV.

One should not interpret UFO as meaning 'aliens' from outer space — the initials mean Unidentified Flying Object. Some strange unidentified craft crashed near Roswell in 1947. Perhaps in another fifty or hundred years the Air Force might release its secret UFO documents, but I doubt it.

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lights around it, "like a Christmas tree," she said.

Most witnesses' accounts of the incidents throughout the last two weeks have been similar and consistent.

There was talk on the police scanner Friday night about a reported object spotted over the east side of the Valley.

Alamosa County Sheriff's deputies said Monday they had not seen anything.

— Courtesy of the
Valley Courier

Cammodudes, psychospies & high desert

In case you plan nothing of great societal import next weekend, consider an outing in the southern Nevada high desert at the most far out place on earth. How far out? The late Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 spy plane pilot shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960, once said "you can't get there from here."

There really is a there out there, the infamous Groom Lake Area 51 spook central military base, outpost franchise of the famous Lockheed Aircraft skunkworks. It's been home to the high flying U-2 (not the rock group), the SR-71 Blackbird, the F-117 Stealth Fighter and maybe — just maybe — rebuilt or copycat extra-terrestrial Identified Flying Objects.

My old friend John Lear (yes, one of Bill and Moya's kids), was one of the first to hike in and photograph the top secret (and allegedly heavily polluted) desert kingdom. Longtime Las Vegas TV anchorman George Knapp quit his job to concentrate full time on Groom Lake and similar projects. Last year, British author Timothy Good published *Alien Contact*, three chapters of which were devoted to beyond top-secret Nevada shenanigans. The book made extensive use of contributions from both Lear and Knapp. Mr. Good was kind enough to send me a copy. The William Morrow publication presents fascinating stuff and will make a good primer if you decide to attend this weekend's hijinx in the high desert.

A guy named Glenn Campbell (no



ANDREW BARBANO

relation to the country singer), quit his job and moved to tiny Rachel, Nev., a couple of years ago. He has since established himself as the unofficial tour guide to Dreamland, the nickname of the officially non-existent Area 51 base. Next Saturday and Sunday, Mr. Campbell is hosting something called the Freedom/Ridge/Tikaboo Peak Free Speech Encampment.

"Everyone in the world is invited to a free camp-out on the military base that doesn't exist," Campbell announces via the Groom Lake Desert Rat. His newsletter is the first new publication for the region since talk show host Travus T. Hipp published the tongue-in-cheek *Bullfrog Times-Picayune* about seven years back. Bullfrog was a mythical Nevada county with zero population established by the Legislature to try and scam as much money as possible from the proposed high-level nuclear dump site. It (the county, not the paper), was quickly ruled unconstitutional as well as nonsensical.

The outing carries risks, and not just from the heat. "People caught on the other side of the (non-existent base) bor-

der are immediately arrested," Campbell warns. "Bail of \$600 cash is required to spring you from jail and there are no ATMs in the county." Talk about a lack of civilization! "You will be required to appear in court at a later date," says Campbell, "and the fine is usually \$300 to \$600." Would you expect anything else in the home county of former State Sen. Floyd Lamb and his brother, once and future Vegas Sheriff Ralph Lamb. Mississippi looks better by comparison.

Over and above vicious cowboy lambs, "nasty desert critters like rattlesnakes are rare," says Campbell, "but you should be careful where you walk and put your hands." Out in the cow counties, it's always wise to keep one's hands above one's head.

"The border area is actively patrolled by an anonymous force of security guards wearing camouflage fatigues and driving white Jeep Cherokees (maybe that's where O.J. was heading). These 'Cammo Dudes' watch Freedom Ridge with high power binoculars and video cameras capable of reading car license plates a mile away. Be aware that the security patrols may record your license plate numbers and will probably run those numbers for identification. No one has ever been prosecuted for photographing the base or publishing pictures, but many innocent visitors have lost film and equipment to authorities," Campbell warns.

Weekend festivities include a Freedom Ridge Camera and Video Show in which "participants are invited to bring

cameras and display them proudly on the ridge. They do not have to be functional or real. To avoid the charge of inciting a federal crime, we cannot recommend that you bring film or videotape."

Campbell asks participants not to litter or bring firearms. (Do the Cammo Dudes carry live ammunition?) "Please do not steal the restricted area signs and do not taunt or moon the Cammo Dudes," Campbell pleads.

More information can be had via the Area 51 Viewer's Guide, available for \$18.50 by writing the Secrecy Oversight Council, HCR Box 38, Rachel 89001. Faster service can be gotten by calling Campbell at (702) 729-2648. If you're into electronic mail (I bet the Cammo Dudes are, especially Campbell's), you can access him care of psychospay@aol.com.

Anybody who attends, please call me with a report and a Lincoln County Jail food review. And maybe your personal explanation about how Freedom Ridge constitutes a Nevada oxymoron.

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POST, Salisbury, NC - Aug. 23, 1994

What was that? Other readers report seeing odd

BY WESLEY YOUNG
SALISBURY POST

People on Old Concord Road were not the only ones who saw odd lights in the sky two weekends ago. More than half a dozen callers, from Spencer to Concord, telephoned the Post to comment on unusual lights in the night sky.

County Fire Marshal Randall Faggart, one of the callers, said he noticed the light because it

flashed as bright as lightning, far brighter, he said, than lights he's seen on helicopters.

Trudy Cranford and Larenda Darby gave the first report to the Post last week. They said they saw the lights late Saturday, Aug. 13, and on into the early hours of Aug. 14. They said the first light was white at first but then started giving off different colors. The lights slowly moved back and forth. One saw "red dots" that appeared to come from the bot-

tom of the light and fly around it. Later, one of the women saw four lights rise together above the treetops and suddenly go in different directions. They called neighbors, relatives and lawmen to witness the lights.

Here are what callers to the Post said:

Sarah Klein: I saw a very bright light Friday night coming from Winston-Salem to Salisbury, for about 20 minutes between the times of 8:30 and 9. It was much too bright to be a

star. ... I call it a UFO, because I had read about them before and it was very outstandingly bright and too close to earth to be a star.

Brian Stricker: I was wondering if you actually knew there was a meteor shower in the northern part of the sky every August ... and that is what that was. I was down at the lake looking at it. ... This time of year we pass in front of the area of the galaxy where you can see the meteors on this side

lights

of the earth. And that is what all those lights were, whether they were colors or whatever, that could have just been the way people were looking at it, I don't know.

Randall Faggart: I saw the lights Saturday night, 9 o'clock or 9:30. I just saw one light: It was a real bright white and after it flashed white I saw

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - Sept. 14, 1994

Sandwich Shaped Object Provides Exciting Viewing Meal For Shoreline Park Sky Watchers

by Patti Weatherford

The night of Tuesday, Sept. 6, proved to be a post Labor Day "picnic" for skywatchers at Shoreline Park. Multiple witnesses described a "sandwich" shaped object in the sky to the west. It all started when witnesses looking to the south, saw four red lights, stationary. At first it was thought that it might be a plane, but the lights just faded out. No white or green lights were seen, which would be typical of conventional aircraft. Witnesses said that the two lights in the middle were higher than the ones on the end. About five minutes later, around 9:25 p.m., a single red light popped in and out to the west. Then three red lights appeared, in a row (like where the ham and cheese would go) inside a golden colored box type structure (bread slices). I hope my language is not getting too technical for you! The object then just disap-

peared. A short time later a witness saw a football-sized ball of light pass quickly over the pavilion. Ball lighting maybe, but who knows?

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, around 2:30 a.m., two witnesses out the highway - Pizza Hut area - were watching an "amber-colored star" when it suddenly dropped straight down and made some zig-zag movements before shooting straight up out of sight.

There have been frequent "amber-colored" sightings recently. Could it possibly be the "sandwich" of Sept. 6, viewed from a distance, making the golden and red colors appear to merge into the amber?

Thursday night, Sept. 8, was busy also with anomalous lights popping in 12 different times before watchers at Shoreline Park. Be sure to report your sightings to the UFO Hotline 438-3261 (hold the mayo please!)

multiple colors from the bottom. I was on Daugherty Road coming off of N.C. 152.

Larenda Darby: The police officer said there were clouds out that night. I'm sorry, but it was really pretty and there were no clouds whatsoever. (Ms. Darby is one of the two people interviewed in the original story. Her first name was misspelled.)

Josh Webb: I saw the lights when I was outside watching the meteor shower. Their lights weren't different colors — they were just bright white and a little of yellow.

Lisa Monroe: I have a 6-year-old child, (Justin Monroe) who saw the lights Saturday night at dusk. He kept trying to get me to see the lights. I never did see them. He described them as

bright lights in the sky, (in) different colors, he said yellow and red. I went out to try to see them. They were coming from the direction of Interstate 85 (they live in Spencer). I never saw them but he did, and he wanted me to call and let you know.

John McDermott: Me and my wife, I'm pretty sure we did see it. We had thought it was a plane at first, but it wasn't moving anywhere. It was doing this jog back and forth a little bit, and turning all colors ... like it says in the paper.

Christy Benedict: We've been watching the lights. We watched them Wednesday night and last night, which was Friday night, and I had been told about them by my grandfather ... there on Saturday night.

Unidentified flying objects Air Force's disinformation policy still seems to be in effect

Re: "Report lays UFO incident finally to rest — maybe" (The Times, Sept. 18). It appears that the Air Force policy of ridicule and disinformation around the subject of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) is still intact.

Reporting on the findings of the reported crash of a UFO near Roswell, N.M., in 1947,

TIMES, Seattle, WA - Sept. 29, 1994

the article claims that the object was not a UFO, but from "Project Mogul" — a high-altitude research balloon made of (black) neoprene.

There is just one thing wrong with this explanation. All of the witnesses who have testified that they were involved in the discovery, recovery and transportation of the reported wreckage found in the New Mexico desert described the material as being a bright (silver), lightweight metal. Testimony supporting the recovery of metallic wreckage has come from civilians and retired Air Force

officers. I suppose the Air Force story about the Roswell crash boils down to one thing: If you tell a big enough lie long enough most everyone will believe it.

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SUNSHINE COAST DAILY, [City Unknown], Australia - June 16, 1994

Coast UFO sightings on increase: Expert

Reports by SALLY BENNETT

SUNSHINE Coast residents have come out of the closet to reveal an increasing number of UFO sightings.

Last month alone five people reported separate incidents of Unidentified Flying Objects and a local expert said they were becoming more frequent.

Coast co-ordinator of UFO Research Queensland Jeffrey Spiro said about 50 sightings were reported on the Coast each year.

And reports were always more frequent when there was a lot of military activity, regardless of where it was happening in the world.

"We have had people who have seen incredible things," Mr Spiro said.

Mr Spiro said interest in UFOs was so strong as many

as 200 people had attended the association's monthly meetings.

Tomorrow's meeting at Maroochydore's CWA Hall from 7pm will discuss the reported UFO testing site at Pine Gap.

Mr Spiro said the meetings, which had been going since May 1990, aimed to help people deal with UFO sightings.

And he said sceptics were welcome.

"Critics and sceptics are great. They keep us on track to be thorough in our investigations," Mr Spiro said.

While he conceded that some of the reports he received could be put down to something more believable, he said he refused to accept all could be explained.

Tomorrow's meeting cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for pensioners and includes a discussion, video and supper.



● MR SPIRO... welcomes sceptics.

Yandina manufacturer 'knows what he saw'

A YANDINA man who has reported three UFO sightings will never be convinced earth has the only form of life.

He knows what he saw and no amount of contrary evidence will make him change his mind.

"I've seen a lot of strange lights and there's always been a reason for them," the man, who did not wish to be named, said.

"But these ones are so distinct, I have never seen anything like them."

The man, who holds a pilots licence, said he did not believe in UFOs and thought most sightings were figments of people's imagination.

"I still believe a lot of things are."

The self-employed manufacturer said he had his first "extra-terrestrial" experience when he was just six years old.

Since then, the 44-year-old has reported two sightings including one at Yandina about two months ago.

"About two months ago this ringing began to drive me crazy. I looked up in the sky and there was this object."

The man said he saw a bright red and green object hovering over Mount Ninderry which his wife witnessed.

"It made the hair on my arms and my head stand up and the crickets on the ground became quiet and still."

He said it was similar to his second experience which saw a group of smaller objects leave the main one and speed along the ground at high speed.

About 14 years ago, when the man was living in western Victoria, he said he had another unearthly experience which began about 8pm and continued through the night.

"I was in the paddock servicing a machine when something started emitting light," he said.

"It made the hair on my arms and my head stand up and the crickets on the ground became quiet and still."

"It was a white light that was extending in height. I would say it was a few hundred feet away."

The man said he tried to leave his property and head for town but his car, which he had not had any problems with, would not start.

UFO SIGHTINGS LAST MONTH

■ May 7: A person reported seeing a bright light with two red shafts reaching the ground in the Noosa area.

■ May 8: A UFO was reportedly seen over Peregrine Beach. People in an aircraft reported seeing a light come down over scrub and land. When they went to investigate they failed to find any trace of the object.

■ May 10: A couple driving a car reported seeing a bright light in the Tewantin-Cooroy area about 4am. They said the light had a bright red glow and appeared to be following their car. They said it was about five times larger than a star and moved from one side of the car to the other. Mr Spiro said the light could not have been mistaken for Venus, which becomes brighter, because it frightened the people and had a red glow.

■ May 24: Two brightly coloured objects were reportedly seen in the Yandina area. They had an orange glow which moved in a half moon direction and bounced. The objects were said to have been there for about an hour and about 15 degrees above ground.

■ May 26: A yellow-white light was reportedly seen in the Gympie area.

ADVERTISER, Andover, England - July 29, 1994 CR: T. Good

Crop circles, UFOs and little grey men

THE Andover public was given a chance to evaluate the very latest information on crop circles and UFOs in a recent lecture/presentation at Cricklade College.

by Andy Sully

England and elsewhere.

Introduced by circle enthusiast Reg Presley, the show was aimed at complete beginners to the subject as well as hardened investigators.

The packed audience included several dozen American enthusiasts as well as notorious circle hoaxers Doug and Dave.

However sceptics kept very much in the background as Andover's circle expert Colin Andrews presented an illustrated talk that set out the latest evidence.

Colin has come a long way since he first became interested in the phenomena while working as an officer for Test Valley Borough Council.

He has now established base in Connecticut and keeps a detailed database of circle information, travelling the world to visit sites, talk to witnesses and address official forums on the subject.

"A great many of the circles found may be the work of hoaxers but if all the circles are formed by mankind then this is the greatest and most elaborate hoax the world has ever known," he said.

His theory is that circles are a form of communication from alien beings—a message that has become much more sophisticated in the years since 1976 when the phenomena was first widely reported.

Striking parallels can be drawn between the artwork of many 'primitive' cultures and the formations currently emerging in the cereal fields of Southern

The ancient prophesies of the Hopi Indians of Arizona show circular patterns on the ground and talk of men coming from the sky to warn of a time when the earth is in danger.

"Mother (Earth) is crying" is how the Hopi expressed the message that Colin Andrews says is currently being imparted to us in code by extra terrestrials.

Colin illustrated his talk with slides of the latest sophisticated crop formations. The phenomenon (60 have been reported in Southern England this year alone) has become worldwide and pictures of circles in Russia, Hungary, Canada and the Australian outback were shown.

The only link seems to be that the circles appear in areas of porous rock and are often in the close vicinity of ancient sites.

Scientific evidence was marshalled for the anti-hoaxing argument. Cellular changes have been noted in crops within circles and water table changes reported.

How had the normally brittle mature oilseed rape plants been bent to make a circle without snapping them? What could explain the changes in the electromagnetic field recorded within the span of the circles?

Colin also presented a video made by Dr Gerald Hawkins, a former NASA scientist who has made a mathematical study of 'genuine' crop circles and

found that the ratios between the rings of the circles correspond exactly to the ratios of the diatonic scale used on a piano keyboard.

He has calculated the likelihood of this happening by chance as one in 100,000.

Colin's talk was followed by a lecture from Timothy Good, who combines the unusual professions of classical violinist and UFO investigator.

Mr Good focussed on the 23 per cent of unidentified flying object reports which remain officially unexplained.

Using recently released CIA and US military documents he showed how seriously the American government took these reports in the 1940s and 50s, and suggested that military interest has continued unabated ever since.

He drew the audience attention to the so-called 'Roswell incident' of 1947 when a crashed UFO was supposedly recovered in New Mexico. Documents about the incident have never been fully released.

A firm believer that alien 'tourists' and information gatherers have visited the earth, Mr Good pointed out that 3500 UFO reports have been filed by military and civilian pilots over the years, and he touched on UFO reports from early history.

All in all the evening's lecture proved a fascinating and sometimes hilarious experience for both sceptics and believers.

Oh and don't worry about little green men by the way — apparently they're little grey men.

OBSERVER, St. Albans, England - July 20, 1994 CR: T. Good



BOOKS

Steve Murray

Real or not

FOR more than 40 years experts have been divided over whether UFOs are extraterrestrial visitors or merely figments of people's imagination.

Some believe that aliens are actually making contact with earth while others think that the human mind is imagining the apparent experience.

However, according to an internationally-renowned expert from Harpenden, things are not quite that simple and his new book attempts to explain why.

John Spencer, who lives in Southdown, is chairman of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) and an officer of the international committee.

He has made radio and television appearances throughout the world and has written many books on UFOs.

His latest, *Gifts of the Gods*, is potentially the most controversial as it presents a new interpretation of the mysterious phenomenon.

In the book, John suggests that UFOs are a paranormal energy that affect the human psyche and can cause permanent change.

He explains: "We have to look at cultural interpretations of these experiences. A spaceship to us may not be one to someone else."

"I have met an African man who often saw what we would describe as a UFO, yet he believed that he was being visited by the ghosts of his ancestors."

"We don't know whether we're right in interpreting these experiences in the way that we do and there are other explanations."

"Only certain kinds of people seem to be affected by such experiences, after all, how many accountants claim to have seen UFOs?"

"It seems that many people become much more creative and

artistic after the experience and this may be because it stimulates the creative right-hand side of the brain and they become more aware of the paranormal."

John's book is packed with examples of people who have become creatively gifted after experiencing what they believe to be UFOs.

One is Finnish doctor Rauni-Leena who claims to have spoken to extraterrestrials and believes they have saved her life on two occasions.

She thinks that the UFOs are an expression of the paranormal and many first-hand accounts in the book examine the way in which these experiences can be misrepresented.

Ironically, John is an accountant and management consultant by profession and has written books on management training.

Gifts of the Gods: Are UFOs Alien Visitors or Psychic Phenomena? is published by Virgin tomorrow (July 21) at £5.99.

LLANELLI STAR, Dyfed, Wales - July 7, 1994 CR: T. Good



UFO spotting... (l-r) Sharon Williams, Jackie Honeybun and Marilee Haddock search the sky for an answer to their strange sighting.

... as UFO sighted at beach!

IT'S BEEN all eyes to the sky for UFO spotters after a mysterious 'extra terrestrial' sighting at Llanelli Beach by three midnight strollers.

The curious 'space-ship', which was hovering in the direction of the Gower, was sighted by Marilee Haddock, Sharon Williams and Jackie Honeybun, who watched the silent object for 20 minutes.

The peculiar object, which first took the shape of a star and was amber in colour, continued to change shape and colour.

"It started round with red lights around it then it went into a cigar shape. Then it was like a long triangle with green and white lights around it," said Sharon, aged 23, of New Dock: "It looked like a penny in the sky but it got bigger as it was coming closer."

"It had little red lights underneath it and they shot off," added 24-year-old Marilee, of Ropewalk Road.

The unidentified flying object continued to move from east to west, changing colour as it went and circling the moon.

When it started getting too close for comfort they decided to leave but when they found themselves unable to start Marilee's car they really started panicking.

After numerous attempts at bump-starting they finally fled.

The girls are adamant that it was not a figment of their imaginations.

"I'm positive - unless the RAF have invented a plane that can change shape," insisted Sharon.

"If anyone knows of an explanation we'd be happy to know," added Marilee.

A spokesman for Swansea Airport said that the Hercules transport planes used during RAF night-training were almost certainly the only possible explanation for the baffling aircraft.

UFO claims across the North-East

CLOSE encounters in the North-East:

■ March, 1982: Two Northumbria Police officers claimed they saw a UFO hover over the Tyne Valley for almost an hour.

The mystery object was spotted just west of Newcastle before losing height in the region of the Roman Wall.

■ April, 1980: A Jarrow widow on her way to a chip shop spotted a glowing ball which came to a hovering halt just a few feet from her.

She threw herself to the ground when it came nearer.

■ August, 1988: A woman reported seeing a 12-foot object hovering ab-

ove the Town Moor. Police claimed it may have been a plane's reflected lights.

■ March, 1994: Police were flooded with calls from people claiming to have spotted a UFO over Washington.

The mystery object was tracked down to a new bowling alley in The Galleries, which was celebrating its official launch with a spotlight display.

■ June, 1994: An elderly couple sparked a UFO alert when a lump of jelly landed on the pavement near their home in Seaton Delaval.

But fire chiefs blamed the mystery object on a school-boy prank.

Dr, about this alien...

An anti-rational boom is sweeping America and, suddenly, I do not feel I missed out on the 1960s. Recently, four of the 10 best-selling books were on themes of near-death experiences, spirituality, and the immortality of love and consciousness.

Psychics and palmists' salons are proliferating and weighty magazine articles are questioning memory, some even denying the Holocaust. Men and women are seeking happiness through wonder drugs such as Prozac and are forming electronic communities on Internet with people they have never seen.

It was just a matter of time before someone added unidentified flying objects to this potent mix. Recently, book store displays were joined by a weighty tome about little grey aliens with blank eyes abducting large numbers of Americans and forcing them to have sex inside spaceships, followed by lectures on ecology.

It would be easy to dismiss *Abduction* (published in the UK and US by Scribners) as crazy except for one detail. Dr John Mack, its 64-year-old author, is an eminent Harvard professor and psychiatrist and winner of the Pulitzer prize for his previous book, a biography of T.E. Lawrence. He used clinical methods to interview 90 people who claim to have been abducted (13 appear in the book). And he believes them. Or so he says. On a sunny spring morning in Cambridge, Massachusetts, I met Mack inside a wooden box of a house with a yard full of tangled weeds. Tired from appearances on such talk shows as Oprah Winfrey and Larry King, he asked about the FT's circulation before settling on a pink velvet chaise longue to tell how he moved from scepticism to believing in large-scale cosmic rape.

According to the publisher's hype, one in 50 Americans has experienced an alien encounter. Mack was introduced to the phenomenon by Budd Hopkins, a New York-based artist

and father of the UFO abduction movement, whom he met in January 1990. Hopkins told him of more than 200 people across the US who had, apparently, been kidnapped by aliens.

Mack recalls: "My first reaction was that there must be something wrong with him and that he was dealing with some contemporary form of mental illness. But I met the people and they were of sound mind, telling their stories reluctantly, scared of being ridiculed."

"Their stories were so similar, and told with such intensity and detail, that they could not be explained psychiatrically. It could only be real experience. That shook me up. If it's real, what is it?" He began seeing abductees in spring 1990 and says that only a handful of the 90 he has

years earlier; Dave, who as a child had his pants removed behind a bush by aliens; Jenny, who gave birth to a human alien hybrid; and Peter, who had an alien wife in a "parallel universe".

These are aliens with a purpose - to save us from ourselves. After being raped or examined, abductees are lectured on how mankind is destroying the earth. Images, given either telepathically or through giant screens, show vast areas of polluted water or parts of the planet disintegrating.

If the true motive of the little grey men is to turn us green, why are they not appearing to world leaders or those who could do something to ward off this impending ecological catastrophe?

Mack claims they are. "Pres-

almost entirely a US phenomenon. Mack says this is simply because the country has a large number of trained psychotherapists to help people "remember". But there is much controversy at present over aggressive, memory-enhancing techniques used by therapists to "recall" events so traumatic that, apparently, they had been repressed.

A California court recently awarded \$500,000 (£329,000) to a father who accused therapists of conning his bulimia-afflicted adult daughter into "remembering" childhood incidents of incest that he said had never occurred. As a result of her charges, the man lost his job and his wife.

Mack gives little detail on his methodology except to say that it involves hypnosis and breathing techniques. He writes that "memory of an abduction may be outside of consciousness until triggered" and sweeps away suggestions that his subjects were people already familiar with UFO literature.

"These are real powerful emotions from the core of their being," he says. "We can't invent memories like that. Furthermore, there are physical findings - cuts, scoop marks, lacerated and triangular lesions, implants and inexplicable nose-bleeds. Accounts of abductions often coincide with other reports of UFOs in the vicinity." He adds: "Maybe the phenomenon is mysterious and has no place in our world view. But it's not false."

"The problem is with western culture, which is just not ready to accept the idea of life on other planets. Other cultures, like native American and Buddhist, don't have problems with this. But we have become so arrogant that we don't want to think we are not in control. No other people in the history of mankind has been so denying of the existence of other intelligence."

That said, he rubs his blue eyes and says: "I think you've got enough there," before moving wearily on to the next interview. Even aliens, it seems, need publicity.

Christina Lamb meets an eminent Harvard professor who believes that large-scale cosmic rape has been taking place on earth

interviewed have some form of mental illness or effects of a trauma.

In his book, he details a handy do-it-yourself guide on how to recognise when you are experiencing an alien abduction and not simply the effects of overwork or excess alcohol. Abductions usually begin at home in bed or while driving at night. The first sign is a flood of blue or white light, an odd hum or sighting of a being or craft. A beam of light then floats you through the wall into a spaceship.

In a large room, lined with flashing computer consoles, small grey beings with large heads and long arms undress the abductee and remove hair, skin and sperm samples. Female abductees are often impregnated and the foetus later removed.

Mack's book quotes Ed, who remembers a silver-blond alien woman taking a sperm sample from him inside a "pod" while at high school 30

tigious people are worried about their reputations so they don't want their identities revealed. We have good evidence that one world leader, at least, has been taken. We've talked to him and he doesn't deny it."

He adds: "I have patients from all walks of society. A prison guard and female gas station attendant, at one end of the spectrum, to a prominent business executive, high-level diplomat and someone running for Congress at the other."

The first known abduction case was in 1957 in Brazil, a country with a fine line between reality and fiction. In the US, the first documented case occurred in 1966. Betty and Barney Hill, a retired couple who had got lost one night in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, underwent hypnosis and "remembered" being kidnapped by aliens. Their experience led to books, films and TV dramas.

Abduction appears to be

CASE ONE

PHOTOGRAPHER Wendy Garratt's close encounter is just one of a catalogue of reported sightings over Tyneside.

Wendy set her sights on a mysterious flying object as it passed over her Belshill Close, Wallsend, home on New Year's Day in 1984.

Brother Alan and mother Catherine kept watch while Wendy reached for her camera.

"I could see it wasn't a star," Wendy, who was 20 at the time, told the Chronicle.

"It grew to be 10 to 15 times as big as a star and could be seen clearly with the naked eye."

Wendy quickly alerted the police but when they



● SIGHTING - Wendy Garratt

arrived the vision had begun to fade.

"I suppose they must have thought I had been celebrating New Year a bit too much," she said.

"By then, it looked much more like a star."

"I suppose that was a fair first impression if they hadn't seen what we'd seen."

CASE TWO

DESIGN engineer Les Baisdon was among hundreds of shocked Britons who spotted UFO activity on a cloudy night in 1980.

Les, of Ashington, was walking to a post box with his two young sons when he spotted four or five objects moving in tight formation through the clouds.

"They were definitely not planes," he recalled.

"They were very much like cigar shapes with a tail that glowed."

He added: "At first, I thought it was meteorites but they would have been coming down."

"These objects were moving horizontal to the ground."

During the same night, authorities

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They were very much like cigar shapes with a tail that glowed
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all over Britain were bombarded with reports of UFO sightings.

"I was a non-believer in so-called UFOs but what myself and my sons saw that day we just couldn't explain," said Les.

"It was certainly something out of the ordinary."

DORSET EVENING ECHO, Weymouth, England - July 28, 1994 CR: T. Good

Open mind call on crop circles

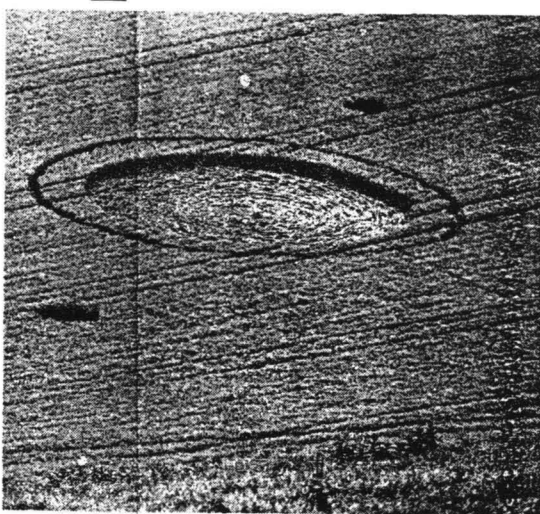
IN reference to the letter (Echo, July 23) by Two Sceptics headed "Do Aliens Eat Corn?" Firstly, I am very pleased that they sign themselves the way they have because, believe me you, I would rather have a hundred sceptics than debunkers or hoaxers.

Crop circle formations appear all the year around including, as they asked, in grass and linseed rape and have been seen high up on the mountains in snow.

I heartily agree with regard to the damage that the human crop circle hoaxers do each year to the farmers' fields and the Centre for Crop Circle Studies do not condone any person entering a field without the farmer's prior permission. I hope with the White Paper that has been issued that any person will think twice before entering anyone's land.

I know I would not be too happy if people just tramped around my garden, and really it is no different.

So to conclude my answer to the two sceptics: keep an open mind and if you are interested in the subject and want to know more, myself and two of my fellow field researchers will be giving three talks in late August, one to be held in Dorchester, one in Bournemouth and one at Chickerell in the function room at the pub at Knights in the Bottom, where we had a large formation appear in the early hours of July 23 this year.



IN A WHIRL: The controversy goes on.

We have had such a tremendous response from the public and farmers telephoning for information that I am asking any person who wishes to know the date and venue of the talks to send an S.A.E.

We are a voluntary organisation and have no funding. The research is carried out by dedicated people.

So please if you do wish to come to any of the talks do not forget to send your S.A.E.

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YORKSHIRE EVENING PRESS, York,
England - July 9, 1994

Driver spots UFO over A1079

A UFO has been spotted on the border of North and East Yorkshire.

Helen Flaherty, from Allerthorpe, near Pocklington, was travelling to York on the A1079 when she saw a light in the sky at 8.10pm last night.

She said: "My partner spotted it first. There was a light in the sky. It got brighter and brighter. It was cottage-loaf shaped. It was moving quite fast, then it veered off to the left. It was travelling at quite a rate of knots. It appeared to be climbing then it just disappeared."

Miss Flaherty said she had checked with all local airbases but they had nothing flying at the time.

YORKSHIRE EVENING PRESS, York,
England - Aug. 13, 1994

Snowy TV led to 'UFO' sighting

A YORK man believes a UFO caused interference on his television set as he watched a satellite film.

Victor Bell, 25, of Kingsway North, went to check his satellite dish after his picture became "snowy" when he saw a box-shaped object fly over his house. It then headed towards the Nestlé Rowntree factory in Wigginton Road.

"I heard a humming noise. It did not sound like anything a jet would make," said Mr Bell, who works at the Job Centre in Clifford Street.

"I'm not saying it was an alien craft or anything, but it was a bit odd. It was box-shaped and had a single light on it."

The incident took place at about 10.50pm on Wednesday.

DORSET EVENING ECHO, Weymouth, England - July 21, 1994 CR: T. Good

A MYSTERY OF EVER INCREASING CIRCLES

THERE'S one bumper harvest already being gathered in Dorset this summer — and it's not of the edible kind.

It's a harvest of fascinating data being gleaned from the numerous crop circles appearing all over the county. So far their number has trebled since last year and the season has only just begun!

Soil, stones and plant material from sites is being sent for analysis to scientists from as far away as America, who are determined to crack the mystery.

One new line of research this year is studying how the plants themselves are affected by being in a circle.

An American scientist claims that the molecular cell structure of plants alters permanently when they've been in a circle — but as yet he doesn't know why.

Dorset crop circle expert David Kingston, based in Weymouth, is helping with the research.

And using sophisticated receptors investigators have also realised that the ground retains "super magnetism" for about eight weeks after a formation. "Sometimes you can

By FELICITY WARNER

leave a circle with a thumping headache whilst others leave you feeling absolutely elated," explained Mr Kingston.

David is a convener for the national Crop Circle Studies Centre, which is based in London and responsible for collecting data world wide.

He continued: "This year we have also noticed that the patterns are becoming much more complex in their design. There is nothing to explain why this is."

Even more mysteriously, their appearance this year has co-incided with a much higher level of reported UFO activity across the county.

"We cannot help but link the two together — but what it all means is a huge and complicated

Bumper harvest for crop investigators

question which is yet to be answered.

"My own hunch is that UFO's are connected with the formations. You only have to look at the complexity of some of these circles to see that they're behind them. But I cannot say much more than that."

Last week alone, David received 126 phone calls between Monday and Thursday from members of the public reporting circles or UFO's.

"When we get a number of sightings on the same night we are often able to track a flight path by tallying up the reports with times and venues of sightings. Often it turns out that within a day or two a crop circle appears somewhere within that area."

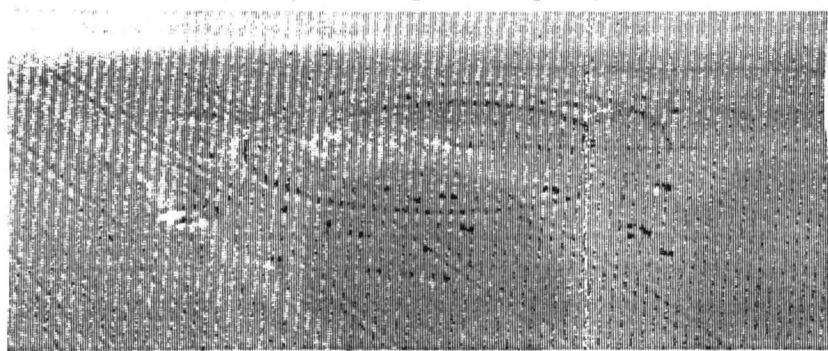
Crop circles also seem to be appearing near ancient monuments such as standing stones and burial mounds all over Dorset but particularly in Wiltshire around Stonehenge.

David's obsession, which started in 1978, leads him to strange places



DAVID KINGSTON

DORSET EVENING ECHO, Weymouth, England - Aug. 11, 1994 CR: T. Good



The formation at Langton Herring.

No signs of human entry

I FEEL I must reply to the article about Rob Ironmonger (Echo, August 3). The formations have appeared in the following crops, oil seed rape, beans, beet, grass to name but a few.

This year I visited one in four-foot high stinging nettles, so I'm afraid he has his facts wrong there.

I do agree that there is wilful damage caused by unthinking members of the public, as I stated in an early article I wrote for your paper.

I must say, though, that when the farmer actually gives out the location of such formations it is really like holding out a red rag to the bull.

The members of the research investigation team in Dorset always give the farmer the protection of not disclosing the area of such formations unless his wishes are otherwise. In fact, we have offered to provide a service to the farmers by operating a system which has worked very well in other parts of the country.

That is to place a member of our investigation team at the gate leading into the field where there is

a formation, signpost the way along tractor lines which lead into the formation, thus causing the least possible damage to the standing crop, and to charge members of the public £1 per head which the farmer then can donate to his local church or charity or if he wishes keep it to compensate for any damage done by the formation.

Why Mr Ironmonger thinks that whatever it is that creates the formations would not want to visit Chideock is beyond me. I'm sure the residents of the beautiful village would disagree.

Formations have appeared high up in snow on Mount Everest and on the mountains in Afghanistan and I feel they are a little bit more remote than Chideock.

Now that the formation at Langton Herring has been harvested, I am enclosing a photograph of it. This, I am sure Mr Ironmonger would agree, is very hard to hoax. We have photographs of it just after it appeared and there were no signs of human entry into the field.

As a result of the tremendous response to the formations this year and the "spheres of light"

seen hovering above the fields both before formations occur and afterwards, there is a series of talks on the subject with slides, video footage and the audio noise factor that has been recorded in the formations. The talks are being held as follows:

August 25, 7 p.m., at the Friends' Meeting House, 8, Holloway Road, Dorchester.

September 8, 7 p.m., at the Victoria Inn, Knights in the Bottom, Chickerell, Weymouth.

Bournemouth: venue, date and time to be announced later.

For those wishing any further information on the talks or wishing to join our voluntary research team, please contact me on (0305) 775891.

My thanks go to Rodney Best, the pilot who enabled Richard Peacock to photograph the Langton Herring formation.

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Puzzled by crop circles

I WAS interested in your article 'Farmer Says Hoaxers Ruining Crops' (Echo, August 3rd).

I do not put forward any opinion as to what (or who) causes this phenomenon. But I am rather puzzled to repeatedly read that, without any doubt, crop circles are formed by 'hoaxers'.

I would like the following questions answered, please, by anyone with any evidence relating to these circles:-

1. Is it the same group of people who are responsible for the thousands of crop circles that appear both in this country and many others? If so, they must indeed have supernatural powers to be in so many places at the same time — not to mention an unlimited bank balance!

2. Why do they do it? Surely if it started as a joke it would have worn thin by now?

3. Last, but certainly not least, how do they do it? Why does it seem that no-one has ever been caught whilst in the act of 'crop circle making'?

Finally, I am rather puzzled at Mr Ironmonger's statement that 'a spacecraft wouldn't want to land in Chideock more than once. If you landed there you wouldn't want to do it again!'

Why not? Does he know something about Chideock that the rest of us don't?

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● INVESTIGATION LAUNCHED AS UFOs BUZZ TAUNTON DEANE

ALIENS IN THE SKY AT NIGHT

THREE Taunton people have experienced close encounters with unidentified flying objects in separate incidents this month. Now the Somerset UFO Research and Investigation Network wants anyone else who may have seen the phenomenon to come forward with information.

The Stoke St Gregory based group aims to explain strange sightings — 80 per cent are proved perfectly logical.

But, says spokesman Sue Hembury-Kellow, 20 per cent go unexplained. She believes the sightings this month could fit into that category.

The most spectacular sighting was reported by a woman driving from Taunton to Churchstanton on the evening of June 9 when she was passing through the usually quiet village of Blagdon Hill.

The woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, was passing the Lamb and Flag pub at 11.20 when she saw a large, horseshoe-shaped object in the sky with multi-coloured lights around its edge slowly rotating at a height of several hundred metres.

After hovering for about

five minutes, the object moved silently away in the direction of Wellington.

Sue Hembury-Keller said: "This sighting is unusual because it is so vivid."

"The woman who reported the incident claims never to have seen a UFO before and is a very reliable source."

"What makes the sighting even more interesting is that it ties-in with a number of previous incidents in the area."

The first was reported by a man driving along Toneway, Taunton, in the early hours of June 1.

He saw a low-flying, silent object with an underside covered in square patterned

light. The driver pulled off the dual carriageway at Creechbarrow Road and saw a second object join the first. They then went off in different directions.

The man described the objects as having red and white strobing lights and a central spotlight. At first he thought they were strange aircraft but was puzzled when he switched his engine off and could still hear no engine noise.

The other sighting was by a

woman in Trull on June 4. At around 10.30pm she saw a burning orange globe beyond the bottom of her garden.

It moved slowly across the sky, changing shape into an oval with flickering flames around its edge. The object then moved off towards Queen's College.

Sue said: "We always try to find explanations for these sightings but we need as much information as possible to get to the truth."

Anyone who has spotted these or any other flying objects can contact the Hotline on Taunton (0823) 491068.

Report by KIRSTY SENIOR & BEN DUNCAN

Appeal for witnesses is issued after string of 'UFO' sightings

□ DOZENS of UFO sightings have been reported across Sedgemoor in the past month and investigators now believe the area may have become the "flying saucer centre" of the South West.

A second UFO investigation group has now moved in and an urgent appeal has been issued for witnesses to an event which took place recently.

A witness claims he watched a UFO land near the outskirts of Bridgwater.

And Avon and Somerset Police are now advising witnesses to report any unidentified flying objects to the Air Traffic Control centre at West Drayton, near London.

UFO investigator Sue Hembury-Kellow, of the Somerset UFO Research and Investigation Network, said: "We have had an awful lot of sightings and it really has been a record breaking month."

"This area may be becoming the UFO capital of the South West — we had 40 sightings in June alone."

"But it is a sighting on July 7 which especially interests us."

"It was 3.27 am and the witness was driving from North Petherton towards Bridgwater when he saw the UFO about half a mile away. It looked as if it was about 200ft high and it was big. It appeared to have a series of four or more squares on it and also three or four lights of various colours."

"Then, in 20 to 30 seconds, it went straight down and it is presumed the UFO landed in the field below."

Spectacle

"We really could have a UFO landing in the Bridgwater area and we very much want to hear from anyone else who saw it."

In another alleged UFO sighting near Brean a family on holiday called police after they spotted two objects high in the sky late one night.

Jeff Ashworth, who lives at Chilton Polden, also believes he saw the Brean UFO — and he is so convinced by his sighting that he now plans to join the SUFORIN group. He said: "I saw a very low bright light and the astounding thing was that it just switched itself off and then re-appeared about 30 seconds later."

"The second time this happened it had moved considerably to the right. It looked to me as if it was carrying out some form of observation from a height of a couple of hundred feet."

Another UFO witness has spoken publicly for the first time about a sighting in Bridgwater in recent weeks.

She watched the spectacle from her home in Maddocks Court and said: "I saw a concentration of two or three lights which were stationary for a considerable time and then they appeared to the left of their position."

"The lights were oval-shaped, looked quite close and gave off a steady yellow tranquil glow."

Anyone with further information can contact SUFORIN on its 24 hour hotline on (0823) 491068.

Mystery craft in night sky 'defied laws of physics'

Aliens hovered over us say pals

REPORTS of a UFO in the skies above Cambridge have baffled the authorities.

Three teenagers claim they saw "strange movements" and a mysterious aircraft which defied the laws of physics flying above the city.

Police and airport managers have not been able to explain the bizarre apparition — but the boys are convinced what they saw was a craft from another world.

The friends were sitting on the recreation ground in Vinery Road at about 10.30pm when they noticed strange "pin-pricks" zipping backwards and forwards around the sky.

After a while they saw a craft come out from behind a cloud, and at first they thought it was a plane.

Jamie Wilks, 14, of St Philip's Road, said: "We ignored it and carried on looking at the pin-pricks, which were moving around."

"But suddenly it seemed to come really close in no time at all. There was a single red light on top and two blue lights underneath."

"There was a bowl-shaped depression underneath which we could see because of the light coming off it."

By JO BUTLER

"It seemed to stop for a second, then it turned on its side and went off again — it just went."

"I'm convinced it wasn't a plane. Planes don't move like it was moving. It was defying the

laws of physics."

Jamie and his friends, Benjamin Vincent of Vinery Road and Andrew Hyde of Ward Road, both aged 15, say the whole event lasted only a few minutes.

The report mystified David Bywater, director

of airport and flights at Marshall's Airport.

He said: "I really cannot think what it could have been. There was certainly nothing from here at that time."

Dr Peter Andrews, head of information services at the Royal

Greenwich Observatory in Maddingley Road, Cambridge, said he thought it was unlikely that the craft was a visitor from another planet.

He said: "There are lots of things that could explain it. Lasers, a model aircraft or something."

"At the same time there are lots of occurrences like this which are very, very hard to explain."

■ Have you had a close encounter with an alien force? If so, beam a message to our UFO Hotline on Cambridge 65778.



What we saw . . . Jamie and Andrew with a sketch of the strange object

Picture: Eddie Collinson. 4821942

NEWS & JOURNAL, Stroud, England - Aug. 3, 1994

UFO sighting?

A WOMAN startled by a mysterious flying object which passed across the sky in King's Stanley as she was hanging out her laundry believes it may have been a UFO.

The 65-year-old woman, who asked not to be named, was in the garden of her home in Middleyard when she saw the object at around 11am last Thursday.

"I happened to look up towards this silver ball," she explained. "When I looked up properly, it flew off."

The woman checked with her son, who works for the RAF, but no aircraft were scheduled to fly over that part of the country at that time.

"I'm not young and I didn't imagine it," she insisted. "It reminded me of the flower of a thistle. I'm sure I couldn't have been the only person to see it."

UFOs have hit the headlines in the district before. Last summer brought a rash of strange sightings, and experts have described the area as a 'hotbed' of UFO activity.

Set of crop circles mystify experts

By PAULA KING

A huge series of crop circles half a mile in length have appeared in a wheat field.

It is believed to be the biggest crop circle formation ever found in Oxfordshire.

UFO enthusiasts say aerial surveillance shows the circles, rings, half-rings, loops and straight paths near the White Horse Hill, Uffington cover a distance of about a half mile.

Members of Oxford-based Contact International UK, who investigate UFO sightings, said it was at least double the size of any previous discovery in the county.

The group's vice-president, Mr Geoffrey Ambler, said the formation seemed to be small when first seen from the road but the full extent was revealed when viewed from the air.

He refused to speculate on how the circles had been formed.

However, estate manager Mr Richard Salmon said he believed vandals were to blame.

He said he had no doubt that the circles were created by humans with a plank of wood and a piece of string.

He believed the design was inspired by a programme on crop circles on satellite television.

Mr Salmon said: "To me it is just vandalism and not very funny any more."

"As well as the damage from the crop circle, you get people tramping into the field to look at it and see if they can work out how it was done."

He urged people viewing the circles to do so from White Horse Hill.



Mystery . . . one of a number of crop circles that have appeared in the Oxfordshire countryside over the summer

OBSERVER, Stirling, Scotland - Aug. 10, 1994 CR: T. Good

UFOLOGIST MALCOLM KEEPS OPEN MIND ON CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

COLIN WRIGHT and Gary Woods were on their way to Tarbrax, a small village in West Lothian, around midnight on August 17, 1992, when something happened which has left them unable to lead a normal life.

As they approached a blind bend on the A70 they were startled by the appearance of an object floating 20 feet off the ground, with a "shimmering silver curtain" of small flake-like pieces descending from underneath it.

To their eyes it was undoubtedly a flying saucer. As their car entered the silver curtain, they say the road and surroundings disappeared, leaving them in total darkness. The cassette which had been playing on the car radio began to decrease in volume and the car started to shudder.

They quickly sped away from the scene, and Colin found that his seat-belt, which he had been wearing prior to the incident, was now unbuckled.

Both men reported a feeling of extreme peacefulness after their strange encounter, but it was what happened later that made this experience more than just another typical sighting claim.

Colin and Gary found themselves feeling as though something had happened that they couldn't remember, and underwent hypnotic regression, where they were put into a trance and taken back to the incident.

Under this process Colin remembered being naked on a

By CHRIS DEERIN

stretcher which was floating in mid air, and he was surrounded by small grey aliens. He sat up to look around and found he was travelling along a circular corridor, with a highly polished silvery surface.

He was taken into a large circular room and standing there was a large alien which had three fingers. The alien approached and put its hands on his head, and his head started to pound. A smaller alien also came up and touched him and he found the being had very cold skin.

He blacked out at this point and the next thing he knew he was back in the car with Gary.

It may sound similar to a plot from Star Trek, or countless old sci-fi films where the aliens always get it in the end. But this is no movie, and according to the man who has been working on it for the last two years, this close encounter could turn out to be Scotland's most famous UFO case of all time.

"There is clearly something strange going on on this planet of ours that needs investigating," says Malcolm Robinson, a paranormal researcher who has his base at his home in Tullibody. Malcolm, who works for United Glass, has been taking Ufology, the study of UFOs, seriously since 1979.

"I'm a paranormal researcher, I investigate claims of UFOs, ghosts and poltergeists and other strange phenomena," he said. "I find it totally exciting, it's easy to scoff, but if people would only look at the evidence then they would see that there must be something there."

"We are trying to get answers to the UFO reports,

particularly at the moment in Bonnybridge and Denny. In the main we have found that many of the reports have identifiable solutions but there is a residue of reports left that we just can't understand."

Ufologists call places like Bonnybridge "window areas" or "hotspots". That's an area which receives more reports of sightings than others.

The objects sighted above Bonnybridge, of which there have been numerous reports, have been discoid in shape — your typical flying saucer. People have also spotted coloured lights moving erratically in the sky.

Malcolm said: "At the moment I'm the chief Scottish investigator for both BUFORA (the British UFO Research Association), and the Mutual UFO Network, based in Texas."

"I've noticed that in my research there has been a steady increase in UFOs in Scotland."

Sightings of flying saucers have been reported for many years. Many of these sightings come up in places of conflict such as during the Second World War, or in the recent Gulf War. This has fuelled speculation that these "UFOs" are nothing more than highly advanced war weapons or reconnaissance vehicles of battling countries.

There are also many reports from areas surrounding military installations.

Malcolm accepts 95 per cent of UFO reports have natural, identifiable explanations, but says: "The other five per cent, when built up to a worldwide figure, is quite a sum."

"As far as our own group is concerned we are sitting on the fence. We are not saying there are wee grey men, we are just saying there is something unusual in the skies."

UFO ABDUCTED MY FAMILY

MoD worker's amazing claim under hypnosis

ADORSET Ministry of Defence worker believes he and his family may have been 'abducted' by a UFO.

The saucer shaped craft, cocooned inside a glowing mist, zoomed around their car on a motorway.

Investigators believe the abduction took place some time during the journey or after he pulled onto the hard shoulder and watched the UFO stage a spectacular light show.

For under hypnosis Steve, a storeman, relived the night of the sighting and saw himself in the car which had been lifted high off the M69 motorway near Leicester.

Then, the taped regression session reveals, he was shocked to discover his wife 'Jenny' and two daughters Mary, eight, and Cheryl, five, were missing from the car.

And although Steve was careful not to discuss his hypnotic regression with his wife, she told an even more bizarre story when she was regressed.

She found herself on a couch being medically ex-

EXCLUSIVE REPORT by David Haith

aminated by alien beings with large heads and three fingered hands.

And she told how nearby she could 'see' her young daughter struggling to es-

aped with something similar in their lifetimes.

"It's time for people like me who have had these experiences to stand up and be counted.

He added: "I think the Government know a damn sight more than they're saying but I don't believe UFOs are a threat. We are simpletons in comparison with this higher intelligence which is trying to educate us and steer us in the right direction."

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"I know Steve personally and I'm absolutely certain this is not a hoax.

"This family has had a very real and sometimes frightening experience.

"They should at least be respected for having the courage to make it public."

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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FOURTH KIND - SEE CENTRE PAGES.

cape the clutches of the other-worldly creatures.

Although Steve realises many will dismiss the family's story as fantasy, he has agreed to speak out because he says: "I feel sure that a lot of the people ridiculing this now could be

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BEGA DISTRICT NEWS, [City Unknown], Australia - July 1, 1994 CR: VUFORS

Locals report UFO sightings

REPORTS of Unidentified Flying Objects are not common in the Bega Valley - until now that is.

In recent weeks several local residents have reported seeing what they described as UFOs.

In one reported sighting, a woman travelling from Candelo to Bega said she was followed by a bright light which kept appearing and disappearing immediately behind her car.

The situation scared the woman so much that she stopped and the light surrounded her car for a moment and then suddenly disappeared.

The other reports range from night time sightings of bright orange lights in the sky which appeared to be moving to a day time sighting of a football-shaped object with windows and lights.

The object was reported by a young Bega West resident who immediately informed her parents.

All the sightings have occurred in close proximity to Bega and in many instances have been reported by several people.

A UFO investigative group says sightings have been reported from all along the east coast between Melbourne and Sydney in recent weeks which tallies with those reported in Bega Valley.

FREE PRESS, Denbighshire, England - July 8, 1994 CR: T. Good

UFO SIGHTINGS SPARK APPEAL BY EXPERT

RUMOURS have been circulating that Denbigh has become a focal point for extra-terrestrials.

UFOs were reported to have been spotted over Denbigh in June and May this year.

And now local ufologist, Mrs Margaret Fry of Llangernyw, has asked for these people to come forward to share their experiences.

It is understood that nurses and a security guard saw a large UFO hovering

over a quarry by the industrial estate in Denbigh on May 12.

Also a woman is believed to have seen orange and red lights which darted together over Moel Parc, Bodfari receiver mast on June 27.

Mrs Fry first became intrigued by UFOs when she saw one on July 17 in 1955 in Bexley, a borough of London.

She said: "I remember the day very well. There had been a heatwave and I was taking my son to the doctors for treatment for sun stroke. A shadow seemed to be hovering above our car.

It followed us at right angles and eventually the car stalled. When we got out this 18 feet wide craft hovered just above the ground in front of us. It just looked like a dumb bell.

"I was stricken with panic and horror. I was just glued to the spot with fright.

"It went away again quickly and from there my interest in research began. But I didn't formally start any investigations until 1965."

She said that people may find it difficult to believe that there had been sightings, but she pointed out

that when her research began, a lot of people told her that they had seen UFOs on the very same day she had in 1955.

She continued: "Most people that see UFOs do so in groups, either with their friends or relatives. But I can understand the sceptics, unless they experience something for themselves then they will not truly believe. But I am not asking them to believe me, because I know what I saw. There are by some estimates sightings of a UFO somewhere around the world every 15 minutes.

"I don't think people should be so narrow-minded to think that we are the only intelligent life force in the universe.

"There's so very much that we don't know about our own universe never-mind any others that maybe out there."

If anyone believes they did see unexplained objects flying over Denbigh on the dates mentioned, please contact Mrs Fry on 0745 761.

She said that all matters would be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

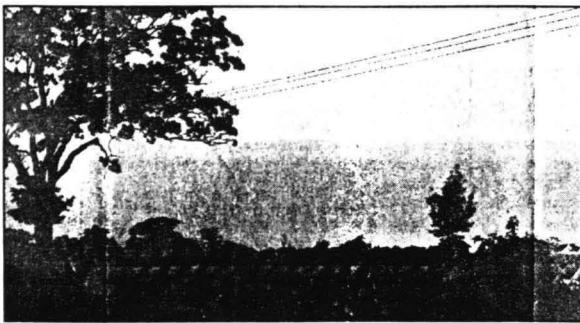
UFO was no meteorite - I saw it!

I NOTICE that once again you have used the photograph of a UFO which was taken by my late grandfather, Leslie Brigham, back in the 1970s. My grandfather took this picture after I had spotted the object in the night sky.

After knocking on several villagers' doors in order to get other people to witness the object, I then cycled from Fangfoss, where I lived, to my grandfather's home, approximately a mile away, in order to inform my grandfather of the spectacle.

Knowing him to be an accomplished photographer, I knew he would have the necessary equipment with which to capture the object on film. This he duly and competently did. The result was a write-up in The Yorkshire Evening Press.

As it took at least 15 minutes from my first spotting the object to arriving at my grandparents' home and then a further five minutes while my grandfather set up his tripod and camera, I find it rather puzzling that your most recent comment on the picture is that it is



The mysterious light in the sky over York, photographed by the grandfather of reader Mr John Ward in 1974

"possibly a meteorite burning on entering the earth's atmosphere". Anyone who has even the slightest knowledge of things astronomical will know very well that meteorites do not hang about to be photographed. Indeed, if you carefully examine the picture you will see that there are in fact more than nine meteorites visible, their tell-tale trails giving their presence

away. The object in the picture is no meteorite. Neither is it an alien vessel from another world. What it is for certain I still do not know. However, I do know it is not from outside the earth and as such is still, well and truly, an unidentified flying (floating?) object.

It was lovely to see my grandfather's handiwork in the paper again but I'm sure he too would

take you to task if he had read your explanation of what it might be.

John Ward, Pinfold Terrace, Tollerton.

CR: T. Good

NATAL MERCURY, Durban, Natal July 29, 1994 CR: MUFON

Dozens saw UFO over Durban

DURBAN UFO investigator Dimitri Galanakis has had dozens of calls from members of the public who saw a strange flying object traversing the skies around Durban during Tuesday's stormy weather.

Mr Galanakis, who works for worldwide UFO investigators Quest International, said after an initial report of a sighting over Glenhills, he had had reports that the same craft had been seen "from Kloof to North Beach".

It had been described as a circular object with bright red and green lights - not strobes such as are found on conventional aircraft - and with a white, hazy glow around it.

"It also produced a strange humming sound which is common in these kind of craft and which has something to do with the propulsion system," Mr Galanakis said. - (Mercury Reporter)



Secret slaughter

The cattle are dying — but at the hands of natural or unnatural predators?

Today and Monday, *The New Mexican* examines the latest rash of cattle mutilations.

TODAY:

- This year, some 46 cattle in Northern New Mexico appear to have been mutilated. What's behind their deaths?
- Who are the men and women who spend their time researching mutilations?
- Cattle mutilations are nothing new.

MONDAY:

- Why does it matter that ranchers are losing their cattle? A look at what the mutilations cost New Mexico.
- A Pecos couple remember the horrible way their horse died.

By ZACK VAN EYCK
The New Mexican

Eli Hronich and Ray Trujillo live in Northern New Mexico and make a living raising cattle.

Other than that, they would seem to have little in common.

Hronich lives near Eagle Nest and has his 2,500 head of cattle spread out on leased land from Angel Fire clear up to Raton.

Trujillo makes his home in Ponderosa, some 100 miles southwest of Hronich's neck of the woods. His 3,500 cattle graze just south of the Valle Grande, west of Los Alamos.

But the two men share something else. Bad things are happening to their cows.

In the past 18 months, each has been hit repeatedly by a mysterious phenomenon researchers believe might be responsible for 10,000 cattle deaths throughout the world since the 1970s.

Since April 1993, Hronich has discovered 13 steers and one cow dead and mutilated — their sexual organs removed, their tongues cut out, their anuses cored.

cattle mutilations in Northern New Mexico in the past year and a half. Twenty of those cattle belonged to Trujillo, she said.

"They were hitting him every six weeks there for a while," Staehlin said. "What they're doing to his is they're pulling the spine out."

Trujillo did not answer numerous phone calls at his house over the past few weeks. According to Staehlin, Trujillo is reluctant to talk to the press because he believes media attention could increase the number of cattle mutilations on his ranch. She said Trujillo is now living in a mobile trailer, without a phone, so that he can better watch his herd.

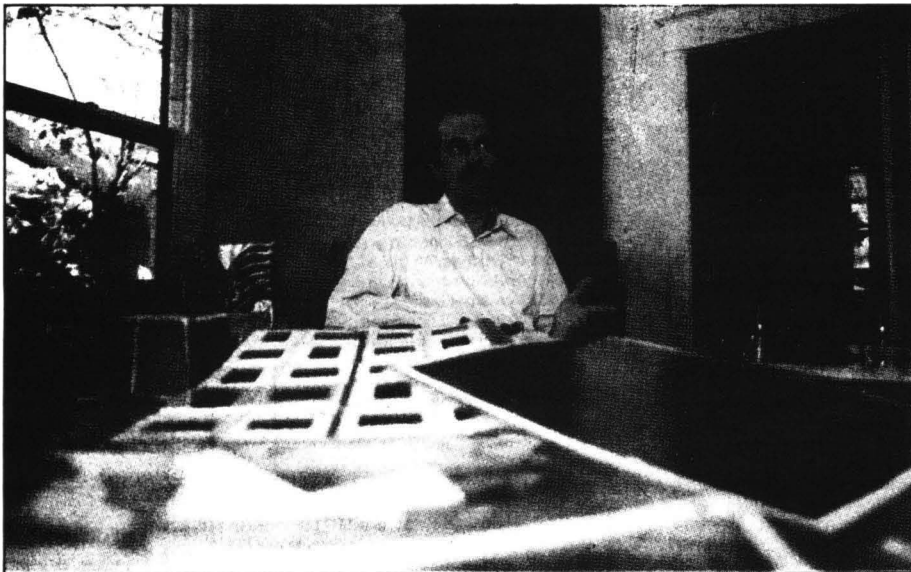
"He's 17 miles from Los Alamos, and he believes Los Alamos (National Laboratory) is doing this. He's says he's seen black helicopters," Staehlin said. "They were flying during the day and at night."



Max Córdova of Truchas talks about the August mutilations of three of his cattle.

Nick Sokoloff/The New Mexican

Cattle mutilations MYSTERY on the RANGE



Laura Husar/The New Mexican

Mutilation researcher David Perkins with photographs of incidents he has collected over the years.

Never is there a trace of blood, a tire track or footprint even though the cattle are sometimes found far from the nearest road.

"We've lost 14 head of cattle.

The minimum cost per head is \$650, and we lost one cow valued at \$1,000 to \$1,200," Hronich said recently. "I haven't been able to find out who's doing it."

According to Gail Staehlin, an amateur cattle mutilation investigator from Albuquerque, there have been 46 reports of

Jim Danneskiold, a spokesman for LANL, said the lab is not conducting experiments on Trujillo's cattle, or anyone else's.

"The charge is absurd," Danneskiold said, adding that LANL doesn't own or operate any helicopters.

Staehlin said she cannot explain why Trujillo and Hronich are taking the brunt of the damage in the state's latest wave of cattle mutilations.

"I wish I knew. That's why we're feeding all this info into the computer," she said. "It could be geographic locations that they're going after. Maybe they're going after areas that have been sprayed with radioactive stuff."

Snow that appeared blue in color and caused some local residents to become burned or sick fell on Eagle Nest on May 17 and 18 of 1955. A nuclear detonation had taken place in the Nevada desert on May 15 of that year.

Cody Burson, a New Mexico Cattle Growers Association representative in Colfax County, said he is unaware of any widespread panic among the area's ranchers.

"The depressed cattle market is probably enough to worry about at the moment," Burson said. "They're losing money. I'm sure everybody is paying attention to (mutilation reports), but they have other problems to worry about."

But those other problems have explanations.

Jerry Seward, who lives east of Maxwell, is still trying to figure out who mutilated two of his heifer calves last fall.

"They took both the rectum and the vagina," said Seward, who has more than 200 cattle. "They took a strip about six to eight inches wide down the entire length of their belly, including the udder area, down to the front legs. They took clear to the bottom of the jaw."

Seward, like most ranchers who have had cattle mutilated, dismissed the conclusion of a 1980 court-commissioned report. That study, conducted by ex-FBI agent Ken Rommel Jr., said predators and scavengers were solely responsible for a rash of apparent mutilations occurring in Northern New Mexico at that time.

"Predators? No way," Seward said. "You could see where they had been cut."

Seward said he is still angry about the incident, which cost him about \$1,000.

Tom Reed of Questa can sympathize. Reed, who manages 84 head for the Texas-based Waltrip Ranches Inc., said he had two mutilations several years ago and another one earlier this year.

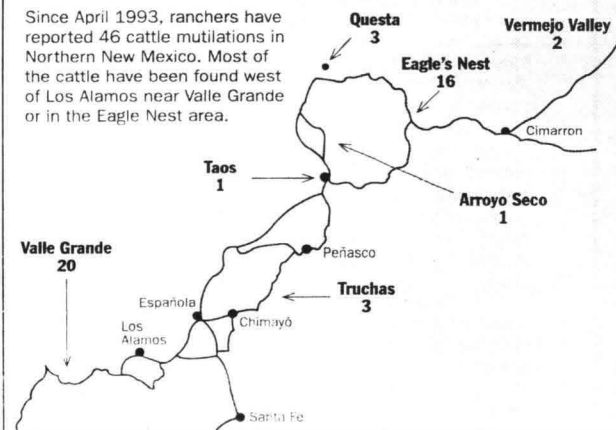
"It's been going on for a lot of years, and nobody seems to have gotten to the bottom of it yet," Reed said. "I think there's more public awareness now of these things going on and more people, it seems like, are starting to check into this thing."

Max Córdova of Truchas had three cows — which he co-owned with family members — mutilated in August.

"A lot of people have come forward and said it's a more common occurrence than people realize it is. I've gotten calls all the way from Pecos from people saying, 'It happened to us,'" Córdova said. "They say they haven't come forward because they didn't know how the public was going to react."

Where they're slaughtered

Since April 1993, ranchers have reported 46 cattle mutilations in Northern New Mexico. Most of the cattle have been found west of Los Alamos near Valle Grande or in the Eagle Nest area.



Kevin Dolan/The New Mexican

COMING ON TV

Sightings, a syndicated television program, will feature Eli Hronich and several other Southwestern ranchers in a segment about cattle mutilations on Friday. Locally, the program will air at 9 p.m. on KASA, Channel 2.

Broadcaster Larry King will discuss cattle mutilations, UFOs and related phenomena in a two-hour program Oct. 1 on the cable television network TNT. A *TNT/Larry King Special*, *The UFO Coverup?* will air at 6 p.m. MDT.

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(continued from page 15 - NEW MEXICAN, Santa Fe, NM - Sept. 18, 1994)

A history of animal mutilations in New Mexico

1975

■ **Aug. 28** — Rancher Jimmy Wall discovers a dead calf, whose udder and sexual organs have been removed, on his Portales ranch.

■ **Aug. 31** — Abiquiú rancher Alva Simpson finds his prize bull mutilated, its sex organs cut out and its rectum cored.

■ **Oct. 11** — Two more cows are found mutilated, one belonging to Virginia Aycock of Springer, the other to Sam Britt of Clayton.

■ **Oct. 21** — Five helicopters are seen buzzing cattle near Seneca.

■ **Oct. 27** — Five low-flying helicopters are seen at the J.D. Heiman ranch near Hayden.

■ **Early November** — New Mexico Gov. Jerry Apodaca authorizes a National Guard helicopter unit to station itself near the Clayton airport to help guard the area's pastures against the mutilators.

1976

■ **Manuel Gomez** discovers the first of what would be many mutilated cattle on his ranch near Dulce.

1978

■ **April** — An 11-month-old bull is discovered mutilated near Dulce. A string of circular marks, about four inches in diameter, are found etched in a dirt road near the body.

■ **June** — A mutilated cow near Dulce is observed by state policeman Gabe Valdez to have broken bones and clamp marks on its hind legs, indicating it might have been lifted and dropped.

■ **June 25** — Dogie Jones, director of the state Livestock Board, says predators, lightning strikes and hitchhikers are the likely cause of the strange cattle deaths.

■ **July 1** — Three families living near each other three miles northwest of Taos are startled at 12:05 a.m. by a bright orange light in the sky outside their homes. The next morning, a thin powder is found on the roof of a pickup truck parked nearby. Tests find the substance to contain large amounts of potassium and magnesium, as well as calcium, sodium, phosphorus and iron.

■ **July 5** — State policeman Valdez, rancher Gomez and Sandia Laboratory scientist Howard Burgess pen up about 120 of Gomez's cattle and run them one at a time through an ultraviolet light. Valdez reports five cows are found to have "a glittery substance" on them. Analysis of samples conducted later by Schoenfeld Laboratories reveals significant deposits of potassium and magnesium.

■ **July 12** — A mutilated cow, five months pregnant, is found on the property of former Rio Arriba County sheriff's deputy Robert Rodela, who says the cow appeared to be cut with "precision tools."

■ **Mid-November** — Two mutilated heifers are found two miles apart at Santa Clara Pueblo.

■ **December** — Sen. Harrison Schmitt, R-N.M., calls for the U.S. Justice Department to investigate cattle mutilations.

1979

■ **January** — Four mutilated horses found near Carlsbad.

■ **Feb. 15** — A mutilated bull is found near Duran in Torrance County. Valdez reports that skid marks on the ground indicate the cow was dropped from the air. Tripod marks are found nearby.

■ **February** — Los Alamos veterinarian James Prine concludes that cattle are mutilated by coyotes, vultures and dogs.

■ **April 8** — Two Jicarilla Apache tribal officers on routine patrol with their vehicle lights off witness an unidentified "aircraft" hovering 50 feet off the ground and aiming a powerful spotlight at cattle on Gomez's ranch near Dulce, the site of four recent cattle mutilations.

When the officers turn their light on, the craft turns off the spotlight, rises swiftly and flies south. Valdez

learns from the Air Traffic Control Center in Longmont, Colo., that the craft was spotted on radar flying 300 miles an hour at an above-ground elevation of 5,800 feet. The radar blip goes off the screen about 20 miles north of Albuquerque.

■ **April 20** — The U.S. government becomes involved in cattle mutilations for the first time. Sen. Schmitt and U.S. Attorney R.E. Thompson convene a multi-state mutilation conference in Albuquerque. Schmitt and Thompson announce they will investigate.

■ **April 20** — The state Livestock Board reports 53 cattle mutilations have been reported in the state since 1975. It concludes 95 percent were the product of predators and the other 5 percent were done by "something other than predators."

■ **April 24** — The New Mexico Criminal Justice Coordinating Council approves a request by Santa Fe District Attorney Eloy Martinez for \$44,000 in federal money to fund a year-long investigation of the state's cattle mutilations. In Guadalupe County, a pregnant cow is found mutilated.

■ **April 27** — Ken Rommel Jr., a longtime FBI agent, is named by Martinez to coordinate the cattle mutilations probe.

■ **May 2** — Valdez announces that a Los Alamos chemist has found a common tranquilizer and a common anti-coagulant drug in the body of the bull mutilated Feb. 15 in Torrance County.

■ **May 12** — A mutilated cow is found at Santa Clara Pueblo.

■ **June 18** — Twelve chickens and three goats are found mutilated near Carlsbad close to the site of four horse mutilations five months earlier.

■ **June 21** — A mutilated cow is discovered near Coyote.

■ **June 29** — A mutilated cow is found in Tres Piedras.

■ **July 3** — A mutilated cow is found in Regina.

■ **July 4** — A mutilated cow is found in Lindreth.

■ **July 8** — A cow is mutilated near Tierra Amarilla.

■ **July 21** — A mutilated cow is discovered in Truchas.

■ **Aug. 13** — A mutilated cow is found in Socorro.

■ **Aug. 16** — A mutilated cow is discovered in Questa.

■ **Sept. 13** — A mutilated cow is found in Truchas.

■ **Sept. 15** — A mutilated cow is discovered in Tomé.

■ **Sept. 17** — A mutilated cow is located in El Cerrito.

■ **Sept. 28** — A mutilated cow is discovered in Truchas; another mutilated cow is discovered in Medanales.

■ **Oct. 14** — Rommel files a report on 10 mutilations he investigated between July and September. His preliminary conclusion is that predators and scavengers are solely responsible.

1980

■ **April 14** — Sen. Schmitt, saying he is unsatisfied with the initial conclusions of Rommel's study, announces he will ask the Justice Department to conduct further investigations of cattle mutilations.

■ **June** — Rommel's study is published. In it, he launches a scathing attack on local investigators and the news media for suggesting that anything other than natural causes, predators and scavengers are to blame.

■ **July 25** — Tommy Blann, research associate with the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., challenges Rommel's findings. He suggests that the mutilations are part of chemical-biological warfare experiments performed by the Soviet Union.

■ **Aug. 3** — A cow owned by Victor Salazar is found mutilated three miles east of Tierra Amarilla. Jim Byrd, a state livestock investigator,

says he believes predators are not to blame for this mutilation.

■ Reports of cattle mutilations in New Mexico drop off dramatically for the remainder of the year and decade.

1993

■ For the year, rancher Eli Hronich reports a total of eight cattle mutilations in the Eagle Nest and Angel Fire areas.

■ **September** — Two cows owned by Pat and Gerry Seward are found mutilated on ranch land between Raton and their home in Maxwell.

■ **September** — A steer owned by Leroy Moore is mutilated near Eagle Nest. The jaw is stripped of flesh, the skull removed.

■ **April** — A cow owned by Eloy Rael of Questa is found mutilated a half mile from his home.

1994

■ **April** — A 9-day-old bull owned by Fabian Marquez is found mutilated near Arroyo Seco. The jaw is stripped of flesh.

■ **April 12** — A 16-month-old heifer owned by Daniel Quintana is found mutilated inside the city limits of Taos.

■ **May 14** — Two steers owned by Hronich are found mutilated near Eagle Nest.

■ **May 30** — A 3-month-old heifer is found mutilated on Tom Reed's ranch near Questa.

■ **Early summer** — Sandoval County rancher Ray Trujillo reports 20 of his cattle have been mutilated since April of 1993.

■ **July 24** — A steer owned by Hronich is found mutilated near Eagle Nest.

■ **Aug. 15** — A steer owned by Hronich is found mutilated near Eagle Nest.

■ **Aug. 17** — A steer owned by Hronich is found mutilated near Eagle Nest.

■ **Aug. 19** — Three heifers owned by Max, Albert and Alberto Ordoña are found mutilated in a pasture west of Truchas. All three cows were believed pregnant.

■ **Aug. 30** — A steer owned by rancher Hronich is found mutilated on T.V. Gorman's ranch about two miles south of Eagle Nest.

Compiled by Zack Van Eyck

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, Denver, CO - Sept. 24, 1994 CR: C. Carpenter

Mutilations revive debate

Predators or more sinister forces? Veterinarians, experts disagree

By Dick Foster

Rocky Mountain News Southern Bureau

A new wave of cattle mutilations in Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada has renewed debate over the cause of the mysterious deaths.

There was marked disagreement Friday among veterinarians, livestock inspectors and other animal experts over the source of the mutilations that have claimed more than two dozen cattle in New Mexico since last spring, one in Nevada and now four in the past month in eastern Colorado.

Emmy-award winning author Linda Moulton Howe said Friday a year-long study funded by the Bigelow Foundation in Las Vegas is under way to gather scientific data on the mutilations. Howe and Denver pathologist John Altschuler are heading the study, which will provide funding for necropsies.

Howe urged ranchers and veterinarians to contact her office in Huntingdon Valley, Pa., with information on mutilations.

Colorado state brand commissioner Gary Shoun said Friday he considered most mutilations the work of natural predators. Animals will eat the soft tissue from a dead animal very quickly, said Shoun. The parts they take — eyes, udders, lips and anus — are similar to those that appear to be "cut away" in a mutilation.

But veterinarian Garth Lamb of Las Vegas, who conducted the necropsy on a mutilated steer last February, said, "There's no way this was done by any kind of predator."

The steer, found 150 yards from a rancher's home, had a 6-inch diameter hole cut out of its skull where one ear had been.

"A radiologist I showed that to said, 'My God, that's thick cortical bone. You don't cut that with a knife.' You have to take a bone saw or something pretty heavy to get through that stuff. And I wondered how did they take this bone off in the middle of the night," said Lamb.

The steer's entire penile organ had been removed deep into the intestines, but the opening on the belly where it had protruded was "sealed shut," said Lamb.

"How they took that out and closed that body wall back up I don't know," he said. "You'd have to be pretty good cowboys just to . . . catch that steer. And this was done by someone with some form of expertise to do things to tissue that would be very difficult to do."

SANGRE DE CRISTO CHRONICLE, Angel Fire, NM - Aug. 25, 1994

State to investigate recent Eagle Nest cattle mutilations

Ellen Miller-Goins, staff writer

EAGLE NEST — "I'm just really puzzled that they're picking on him." That was Gail Staehlin's response to two more mutilations on cattle belonging to Eagle Nest rancher Eli Hronich.

Staehlin, a coordinator for investigating mutilations in New Mexico, said the first occurred Monday, Aug. 15, the second, Aug. 17, increasing Hronich's reported incidents to 13. Rancher Leroy Moore has had one.

The two recent incidents occurred north of the blue water tower in Eagle Nest.

According to Staehlin before the two incidents occurred, "Eli said he saw a helicopter."

"These seem to happen around a full moon," she said. "We will be having nightly watches. Six people a night will use night-vision binoculars throughout the Moreno Valley."

Kevin McClellan, deputy director of the State Livestock Board, arrived Tuesday to begin investigating the incidents.

Asked to speculate on probable causes, McClellan said, "That's the main reason I'm

coming up there — to see what's the deal, see what the inspector has and see what's causing this."

Cattle inspectors are law enforcement officers, part of whose function is to investigate possible crimes as they relate to livestock. Inspectors like Jerry Valerio, who has investigated Eagle Nest occurrences, are trained at the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy.

"Our main job is livestock inspection — cattle have to carry a brand and we check for overall health. This agency is over 100 years old starting in 1887."

McClellan did not want to speculate on causes, but when he was asked if lightning could have caused only certain soft-tissue organs to disintegrate, he said, "Lightning does strange things. That's why I'm going up there. We'll see if we need to look at weather radar."

McClellan added, "Right now it's an investigation. Our main concern is that rancher who is losing cattle."

Based on tissue samples that were sent to a pathologist in Denver, Staehlin said, "It's been confirmed — the hemoglobin surrounding the cuts has been cooked at a very very high heat."

Linda Howe, television pro-

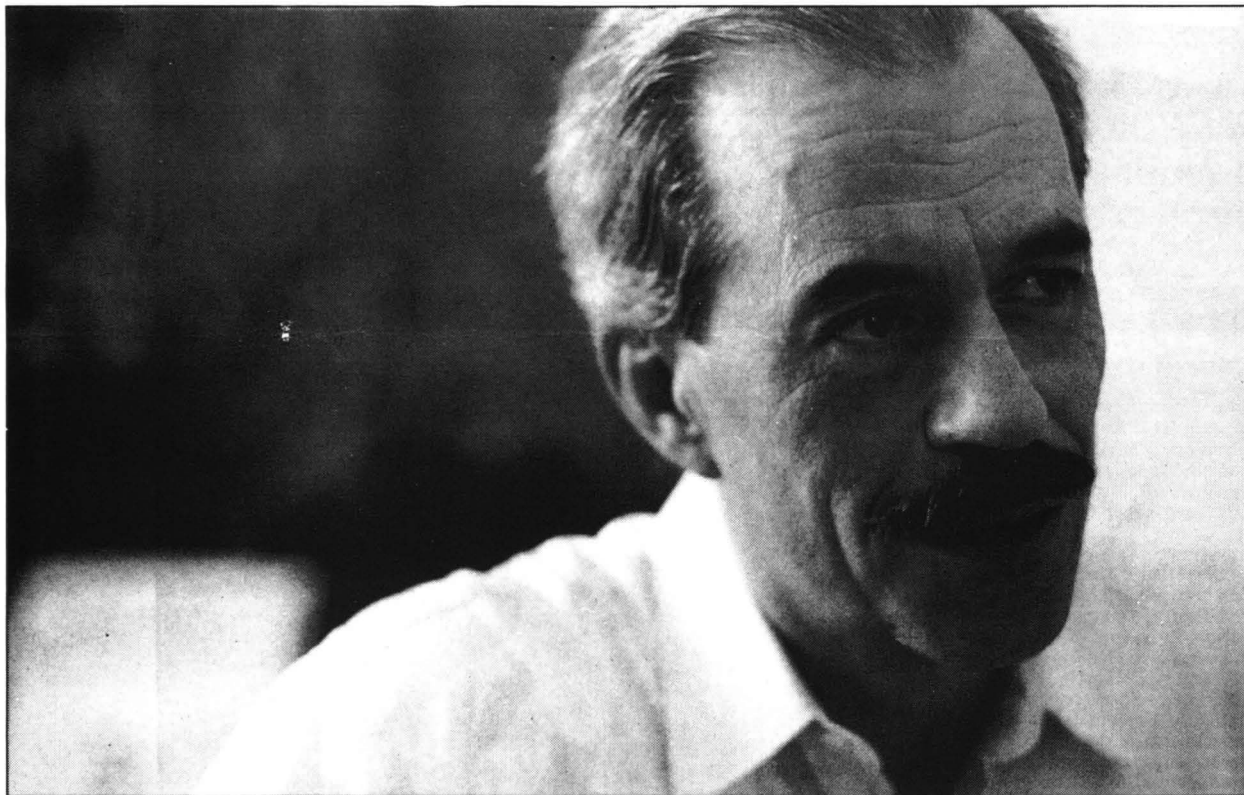
ducer, documentary film maker and author, who has investigated similar cases since 1980, confirmed that necropsies (autopsies) performed on Hronich's cattle revealed the incisions used to remove body part had been made with high heat adding, "what was peculiar is that lung tissue had been totally ravaged by pneumonia bacteria."

Howe is managing the Veterinary Research Grant to investigate the incidents. Referring to existing veterinary and pathology reports, Howe said, "The facts lead to highly anomalous (abnormal) causes. This is not caused by lightning, predators, disease or satanic cults. We're dealing with highly sophisticated technology based on medical and scientific analysis."

"The more remarkable part of this story is how the media and the general public chooses to deny what's going on instead of following where the facts lead."

Staehlin echoed Howe's sentiment when she said, "People don't want to deal with anything they don't understand."

The veterinarian and pathologist who have been involved with Staehlin's New Mexico investigations were unavailable for comment. ■



David Perkins: 'Nobody is getting anywhere with this thing — not from the traditional angles of investigative techniques.'

Laura Husar/The New Mexican

Researchers struggle with theories

By ZACK VAN EYCK
The New Mexican

When David Perkins stumbled upon his first mutilated cow in the fall of 1975, he had no idea what he was getting himself into.

The Yale University graduate was a 29-year-old writer living in the communal vil-

lage of Liebre in Huerfano County, Colo. He was making the lonesome drive home when he noticed the cow lying dead on a nearby ranch.

Later he learned the cow was a victim of the mutilation phenomenon that became commonplace in the greater San Luis Valley before the end of the decade. His interest piqued, Perkins went to the county sheriff's office to learn more. What he discov-

ered was that he and his fellow citizens of the Liebre community were thought to be responsible for the act.

"Hippies were the No. 1 suspect for years," Perkins said laughing during a recent interview at his Santa Fe home.

After clearing his name, Perkins continued to ask questions. Soon he was en-

'The unwritten law in science is if you can't explain it, you didn't see it.'

HOWARD BURGESS
scientist

bigfoot' — just an incredible host of stuff that most newspapers leave out.

"I maintain you can't rule out any of that evidence, that it's all some sort of mass psychosis or mass psychological phenomenon. That's what I'm interested in."

Perkins admits his theory has received little support among his peers — and there are a growing number of private citizens, mostly writers and UFO buffs, who have taken serious interest in cattle mutilations.

Linda Moulton Howe, who produced an Emmy Award-winning documentary on cattle mutilations, and Chris O'Brien, a musician who is working on a book about strange happenings in Colorado's San Luis Valley, are in active pursuit of the extraterrestrial theory.

The field is void of hardcore scientists and government investigators, except for those, like ex-FBI agent Ken Rommel Jr. of New Mexico. He studied mutilations, concluded they were being caused by predators, and moved on.

Howard Burgess was a respected Sandia Laboratory scientist in the late 1970s when he assisted state policeman Gabe Valdez in investigating dozens of mutilations in Northern New Mexico. Burgess said in an interview earlier this month there are few individuals in government law enforcement or

the scientific community willing to make a serious, prolonged effort at solving the mutilation mystery.

"The unwritten law in science is if you can't explain it, you didn't see it," said Burgess.

Valdez said his investigation was hampered more by a lack of time, money and diagnostic support.

"I think if a person really concentrated on it and had the time to do it and with the right resources, you could come up with an answer — especially now that our laboratories are so much more sophisticated," Valdez said.

The puzzling nature of cattle mutilations drew 41-year-old Gail Staehlin into the fray. Staehlin, an Albuquerque computer operator, has become the leading authority in the state as to the number and type of mutilations involved in the current spree, often acting as an intermediary for victimized ranchers.

"It's got me hook, line and sinker," she said. "I've never been a rancher, but I feel this is a crime, and something has got to be done about it."

Howe might now have the support that eluded past researchers. She was recently put in charge of a research grant from the Bigelow Foundation, based in Las Vegas, Nev., aimed at solving the cattle mutilation mystery once and for all. Howe said much of the grant is being used to pay veterinarians and pathologists to perform tests on samples taken from mutilated cattle.

Perkins applauds Howe's efforts and the research grant but questions whether financial support is the key that will unlock the mystery.

"Good luck," he offered. "To me, it's like how much money would it take to prove the existence of God? No amount of money would prove that."

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Clayton cow death called suspicious

BY ANDREW STINY
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TAOS — Circumstances surrounding the death of a cow found 20 miles west of Clayton last Tuesday are "suspicious," a state livestock inspector says.

But Dwayne Massey, a Clayton-based inspector for the New Mexico Livestock Board, is not calling the death a mutilation at this point.

"I don't know whether it was or not (a mutilation). I can't say it is and I can't say it isn't," Massey said by phone Friday.

There have been at least 30 cattle mutilations in northern New Mexico in the past 18 months, according to media reports, prompting an investigation by the livestock board and an offer by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., to make federal resources available.

Three weeks ago in Mora County a man reported a mutilated cow and another cow being dragged through brush by a sound "beam" which he said stopped after he fired several shots in the direction of the beam.

Massey said he was called last Tuesday afternoon to a ranch he did not want to identify, where he found a cow with its rectal area removed. Unlike some incidents termed mutilations, this cow had its tongue intact, but there was no apparent blood around the animal, no signs of a struggle, no tracks and no suspicious activity reported, according to Massey.

"I don't know what did it," Massey said. "It doesn't look like any of the rest of them I've seen ... some things about it, doesn't look natural."

Massey said he took photographs and the Union County Sheriff's Office videotaped the scene. No tissue samples were taken from the animal and he has had no requests from the Albuquerque headquarters of the New Mexico Livestock Board to obtain samples, Massey said. The incident is still under investigation, he said.

Kevin McClellan, deputy director of the state Livestock Board, said Monday the board is working toward requiring tissue samples from all cattle that are believed mutilated.

Fifteen years ago during other mutilations, the National Guard and other agencies were involved in the investigation but nothing was resolved Massey said, adding that he hoped a resolution could be found this time. The Livestock Board has discounted predators as being the cause of the recent mutilations.

Massey put the market value of the Clayton cow at about \$800

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Nick Sokoloff/The New Mexican

Alberto Córdova walks by one of three cattle he lost last month near Truchas. The mutilations have the rancher thinking about selling his herd.

Horse's death brought issue to light

By ZACK VAN EYCK
The New Mexican

In 1947, the same year an unidentified flying object allegedly crashed near Roswell, Willie C de Baca found a mutilated cow on a ranch near La Cienega.

According to his son, Felipe Cabeza de Vaca, the cow's sexual organs and udder were removed, its anus cored out — typical of what would later become known as the "classic" case of cattle mutilation.

"Everything was done real nice. He couldn't find any tracks," Cabeza de Vaca, who was 6 years old at the time, said of his father. "At that time, they thought it was coyotes. Coyotes kill cows, but I've never heard of a coyote sexually abusing the corpse."

Linda Moulton Howe, who has written two books on animal mutilations, says cattle mutilations were occurring with some frequency in the early and mid-1960s — especially in northern Alabama and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia.

But it was not until 1967 that the curious mystery gained widespread attention both in the U.S. and across the world. That September, Lady, an Appaloosa mare owned by Burl and Nellie Lewis of Alamosa County, Colo., was found dead and horribly disfigured.

The skin had been completely removed from the horse's neck and head, the blood drained from her body, and her major organs removed through what appeared to be surgical incisions.

Strange lights, making what appeared to be impossible maneuvers, had been seen by local residents in the night sky before and after the horse's death. That extraordinary twist sent the story across The Associated Press wires, and a new phenomena was officially launched.

Many European and Asian countries, Australia and other nations have reported similar occurrences. Investigators estimate that between 8,000 and 10,000 authentic mutilations have taken place in the 27 years since Lady's death.

By 1971, cattle mutilations had been reported in a number of U.S. states, primarily in the Midwest. Two years later, Kansas was hit hard with dozens reported. Then in 1975, they spread to every state west of the Mississippi including New Mexico, which would experience an intense wave of mutilations in the last two years of the decade.

"Seventy-five was really an incredible year," said Tom Adams, a Texas-based writer who has tracked cattle mutilations for more than 20 years. "There were a lot of

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scientist

interesting cases in the '80s, although not nearly the quantity as in the '70s, but quality."

New Mexico's rash of mutilations in the late '70s came complete with unmarked helicopters, UFOs, weird marks on the ground and strange dust falling from the sky. The silvery dust, dropped from a UFO onto a pickup truck near Taos in July 1978, consisted largely of potassium and magnesium, according to now-retired Sandia Laboratory scientist Howard Burgess. High levels of potassium and magnesium were also found in the remains of mutilated cattle, Burgess said.

Burgess said recently that despite researching mutilations for years, he was never able to form even a working hypothesis as to what might be causing the mutilations.

"When I'm trying to analyze problems I make it a point never to create a theory," Burgess said. "I just collect evidence, and if you get enough evidence it should make a picture. But it never did, except it's doing something we couldn't do."

Burgess said he worked with officials from the University of Iowa's veterinary lab to determine what tool or method was used to excise the animals' sexual organs and other body parts. A group of veterinary surgeons and lab technicians worked for more than eight hours on the carcass of a dead cow trying to duplicate the incisions found on mutilated animals, but could not, he said.

"The head of the vet lab, one of the best in the U.S., said whoever was doing this ... he laughed, he said 'those fellows out there have more precision cutting than any of our instruments here.'" Burgess said. "We couldn't pinpoint an answer as to who was doing it because they were doing something our best lab couldn't do."

Burgess said he found some reported mutilations that were actually just mangled by animals. But in what he calls the "real mutilation

cases," it was not only clear that other animals were not responsible, it was apparent the cattle had been picked up from the air and dropped.

"They were generally grabbed by the front knees," Burgess said. "We figured (the mutilators) had some way of spotting them from the air, and maybe that (the cattle) had been marked so they could then be spotted by ultraviolet light."

The source of New Mexico's mutilations was officially reported in 1980 — although not everyone accepted the findings — when former FBI agent Ken Rommel Jr. issued a court-commissioned report on the state's mutilations. Rommel concluded that natural predators and scavengers, like coyotes and buzzards, were solely responsible for the so-called mutilations. Rommel stands by his findings to this day.

Proponents of the predator/scavenger theory say no blood is found in part because blood gravitates to whichever side of the animal is lying on the ground, and therefore does not leak onto the ground while the udder, genitalia and rectum are being eaten. And since many of the cattle are believed to have died of natural causes, they say, the blood has collected on the ground side of the cow long before scavengers come along.

Jake Saiz of Española, a retired butcher and rancher, said recently he would expect "lots of blood" to be found at the scene of any predator-related cattle death.

Saiz also said he would expect some blood to be present as a result of scavenger activity following a natural death, unless the animal has been dead for a long time and has dried out.

"I cut a lot of elk and deer," Saiz said. "So I know after the animal is dead, the blood is still liquid as you make the cuts. It's just there. ... Sometimes I keep them (refrigerated) for two or three days (before butchering the animals) and the blood comes out liquid."

Rommel said, "any forensic pathologist will tell you that as soon as a person dies, the blood starts to settle in the body. So that would account for no visibility of blood because the blood is settling in the body, just as it settles in the body of a human being."

Rommel also questions whether "classic" mutilation cases are actually bloodless.

"That's just part of the lore," he said. "These people have a wonderful way of overlooking things. They will say there's no evidence at the scene, but they will overlook a bunch of bird crap on the carcass. There's been birds sitting there eating and they ignore that."

A chronology of animal mutilation cases

1967

■ **Sept. 9** — Lady, an Appaloosa mare, is found dead, with all the skin removed from her neck and head, near the Great Sand Dunes in the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado. Odd scorch marks and pod marks are found near the carcass. Strange lights making impossible maneuvers in the night sky were reported.

1970-71

■ Widespread reports of cattle mutilations in several states, primarily Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

1973

■ The mutilations spread to other states. Ranchers in Iowa, Missouri and Illinois report hearing or seeing helicopters just prior to discovering mutilated cattle.

■ **December** — In Kansas, 44 mutilated cattle are found in different locations over a period of several weeks. All were missing sexual organs and had their blood drained. Some were missing some combination of ear, tongue, udder, rectum and patch of skin. Ranchers and other citizens create armed patrols to scout the state's back roads in search of the mutilators.

1974

■ Mutilation activity reported primarily in Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Minnesota.

1975

■ The mutilations spread into every continental state west of the Mississippi, including New Mexico. Sightings of helicopters, UFOs, hooded humanoid figures and Bigfoot are associated with some of the mutilations.

■ **April-December** — The Colorado Bureau of Investigations receives 203 reports of mutilated animals, primarily cattle.

■ A government-commissioned report concludes that so-called cattle mutilations in Colorado are caused by predators, lightning strikes, toxic plants and bovine disease.

1976

■ Mutilations are reported in Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Texas.

1978

■ **June 8** — Rancher Forrest Gladney of Okete, Mo., finds a mutilated heifer one day after unusual lights had been seen in the sky near his farm.

■ **June 18** — At least six people report seeing a bright saucer-shaped light around Elsberry, Mo., north of St. Louis, near where the June 8 discovery was made.

■ **Aug. 9** — The seventh cattle mutilation in three months is reported in the Elsberry, Mo., area.

1979

■ **Stigmata**, published by Tom Adams of Paris, Texas, reports animal mutilations have been reported in the following U.S. locations: Benton and Little River counties, Ark.; Butte County, Calif.; Logan, Crowley and La Plata counties, Colo.; Adams, Fremont and Twin Falls counties, Idaho; Madison County, Iowa; Copiah, Hinds and Lincoln counties, Miss.; Kimball County, Neb.; Taos and Rio Arriba counties, N.M.; Jones and Deaf Smith counties, Texas; Carbon County, Utah; Snohomish and Skagit counties, Wash.; Washburn County, Wisc.; and Natrona County, Wyo.

■ **April 20** — At a multi-state conference on cattle mutilations in New Mexico, Tommy Blann, research associate with the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., quotes records from the British Museum in London indicating mutilations have occurred in countries across the globe, including Canada, Australia, Puerto Rico, England, Scotland and Sweden. At the same conference, Dr. Henry Monteith, an engineering physicist at Sandia National Laboratory, says Russian scientists have written him asking for help in solving the same mystery there.

■ **Oct. 2** — Mutilations are reported near Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

■ Sheriff's deputies in Arkansas and Texas stake out dead animals and observe buzzards tearing away at the carcasses, leaving behind what they say looks like many of the reportedly mutilated cattle.

■ **UFO and Related Phenomena** News of Terre Haute, Indiana, reports a total of 7,000 animal mutilations have been reported in the U.S. by the end of the year.

1980

■ **Winter and spring** — The Royal Canadian Mounted Police report a rash of cattle mutilations in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

■ **Nov. 3-9** — Three cows are mutilated in Texas. They are the first cases in that state since several were found in Deaf Smith County in 1978-79.

1984

■ **April 13** — A cattle mutilation is reported by rancher Kenneth Knight in Morgan County, Colo. According to the *Denver Post*, it is the first report of a livestock mutilation reported in Morgan County since 1980.

1985

■ Mutilations are reported in Marshall County, Ala.; Elbert, El Paso, Logan and Weld counties, Colo.; Pratt County, Kan.; Cascade County, Mont.; Rio Arriba County, N.M.; Spartanburg County, S.C.; Duval County, Texas; Manitoba, Canada; and Wales, U.K.

■ **March** — The *Denver Post* reports there have been approximately 8,000 cattle mutilations reported worldwide since 1967.

■ **Fall** — While feeding hay to his livestock near Trinidad, Colo., 23-year-old rancher Myron Scott sees strange lights hovering over a pasture two miles away. The next day, he discovers a mutilated steer in the same location. The 600-pound animal's hide has been pulled up over its body "like you'd roll a cigarette paper," he reports. The tongue has been cut out and the horns and spine are broken as if, Scott reports, it had fallen to the ground.

■ George Yarnell, sheriff of Elbert County, Colo., estimates at year's end he has investigated 100 reports of cattle mutilations in the past two decades, at least 40 of which he classifies as "real" mutilations with no apparent explanation.

1989

■ Numerous UFO sightings are reported in northeast Alabama, where an outbreak of mutilations would occur three years later.

1992

■ **November** — A mutilated cow is reported in Costilla County, Colo., the same night witnesses report strange lights in the sky farther north near Great Sand Dunes National Monument. A few days later, two mutilation cases are reported in Las Animas County, Colo.

■ **October-May 1993** — Dozens of cattle mutilations are reported in northern Alabama, primarily in DeKalb and Marshall counties.

1993

■ **April** — Emilio Lobato, a rancher in Costilla County, Colo., reports that he has had 17 cattle mutilated since 1975.

■ **November-January, 1994** — UFOs, helicopters, other apparent military aircraft and Bigfoot creatures are observed by residents in Colorado's San Luis Valley and the upper portion of Northern New Mexico throughout the three-month period. Cattle mutilations are reported sporadically during this time.

1994

■ **June 24** — A 150-foot oval of crushed wheat is found near the site of a cattle mutilation in Garnett, Kan.

Compiled by Zack Van Eyck. Sources include: *The Associated Press*, *The New Mexican*, *The Albuquerque Journal*, *The Rio Grande Sun*, *The Denver Post*, *The Rocky Mountain News*, *The (Alamosa, Colo.) Valley Courier*, *The New Atlantean Journal*, *UFO and Related Phenomena News*, *Stigmata* and other newspapers, magazines and books.

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Watching out for Sasquatch

By Heather Rock Woods
STAFF WRITER

PLEASANT HILL — More people than ever before are catching glimpses of California's most elusive mammal this summer, says Tom Morris. Morris isn't talking about mountain lions, he's talking about Bigfoot.

Backpackers in the Emigrant Wilderness area of the Sierra Nevada have reported 18 sightings of Bigfoot in the last 20 months, Morris said. And there could be even more 7-foot tall, 800-pound creatures out there. "The majority of encounters don't get reported," Morris said. "People fear ridicule."

Morris, a self-described compulsive collector and a construction contractor, has been researching and searching for Bigfoot for 20 years. At 17, he left his Orinda home to spend the summer tracking Sasquatch in the Trinity Alps.

Although Morris has never seen a Bigfoot, he's a firm believer in the existence of several dozen hairy primates that, on two feet, wander the Sierra and Cascades mountains of the Pacific Northwest by night.

Encounters with Bigfoot are monitored by a dedicated network of believers who run organizations like the Bigfoot Research Project and the Western Bigfoot Society.

Members keep track of bits of evidence such as locks of strange hair, plaster casts of giant human-like footprints, and a 1967 home movie with a large black gorilla-like creature striding into a Northern California forest.

"As far as I know, there's no good evidence of Bigfoot's existence, and there's lots of bad evidence," said Bob Steiner, the founder of Bay Area Skeptics. "If you blow up photos you can sometimes see a zipper."

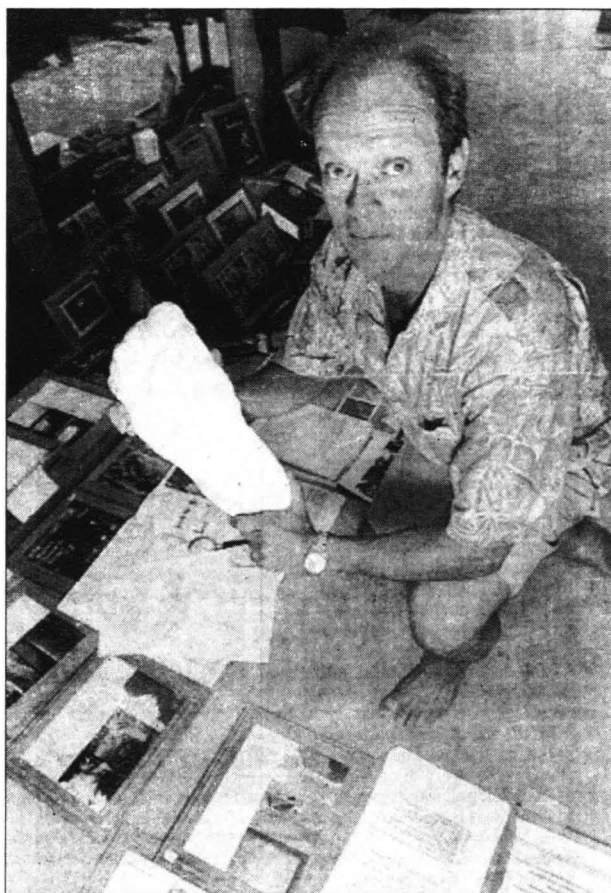
The existence of Bigfoot is impossible to disprove, said Arthur Berger, a professor at San Francisco State University and student of popular culture. He said many followers of unusual phenomena believe science is a limited approach to confirming their theories.

Morris says he is detailed in his approach. His largely unfurnished Pleasant Hill house is littered with stacks of correspondence with other Sasquatch researchers, old newspaper articles, a library of Bigfoot books and pamphlets, a giant plaster cast of a foot print, and a small gallery of framed photos from his expeditions.

Now Morris, 36, has compiled his research and information from other sources into a packet that a local copy center will print and bind in book form by the end of this month. The book will have sections on recent sightings, how to increase the chances of encountering the creature, and theories about the mysterious animal's behavior.

Morris plans to print about 500 copies, spending \$3,000 of his own money. An agent at Hancock House International is also interested in the book, he said.

"It's definitely not going to be a money maker. I have to keep re-



ALAN GRETH — Staff

Tom Morris of Pleasant Hill, who has been tracking Bigfoot for 20 years and has written a book about the elusive Sasquatch, shows off a plaster cast of a footprint he says may be that of the creature.

minding myself of that because I'm so into it," Morris said.

When asked why no one has been able to capture or collect a Bigfoot, Morris points to the remoteness and vastness of Bigfoot habitat.

"Geez, you could put a herd of elephants in the wilderness and no one would find them," Morris said.

Bigfoot has yet to gain scientific status as a real species. By and large, the academic community is not impressed with Sasquatch research. "It's spurious scholarship. There are all kinds of footnotes and references but it's all nothing," Berger said.

"California's Bigfoot/Sasquatch" will be available for \$17.95 at the end of September through Bigfoot Investigations, 1000 Pleasant Valley Drive, Pleasant Hill 94523, (510) 930-8113.

Rural Chinese report monster in lake

BELJING — China's version of the elusive Loch Ness Monster has been sighted once again in the waters of a remote mountain lake, Xinhua news agency reports.

The large creature, spotted off and on over the past century, reportedly swam along the surface of Tianchi Lake (The Lake of Heavenly Waters) for 10 minutes one afternoon last week as a group of astonished local people looked on. They took photographs and even captured images of the creature on videotape, Xinhua said.

One eyewitness, identified as an ethnic Korean named Kim Taik, described the creature as having a head as large as that of a bull and a dragon-like body covered in flowing, golden blond hair.

Xinhua said local residents firmly believe in the existence of the "Tianchi Monster," as they call it, and have kept a watch for it since it first appeared about 100 years ago. (Deutsche Presse Agentur)

Naturalist ignores skeptics in his decade-long quest for hulking, hairy creatures with giant feet whom he believes link apes of 15 million years ago with prehistoric human cave dwellers

In search of China's elusive 'Wild Man'

By Joseph Kahn
Wall Street Journal

SHENNONGJIA, China — China has 1.2 billion people; Hu Zhenlin is looking for the ones with size-48 feet.

Hu is a naturalist, tracker, stalker of China's hulking, hairy, secretive Wild Man. If the Eastern equivalent of Big Foot roams these remote, virgin forests, Hu seems the man likely to find one. For more than a decade, he has searched high and low for a Wild Man, obsessed by a 1981 encounter that left him convinced of their existence.

Camping out in a cave one frozen night, he heard a loud ripping sound. Horror overtook him. The hair on his head bristled. He unsheathed his knife and cowered in his sleeping bag.

The next morning, destruction surrounded his cave hideout: Trees were torn clear from their roots and scattered in the fresh snow. Giant footprints were everywhere.

"I developed a sixth sense that night — the sense of the Wild Man in our midst," Hu said.

Wild Men are paleontological mysteries — doubters say they are the figments of untamed imaginations — but Hu has his theories. He thinks they are a link between the apes of 15 million years ago and prehistoric human cave dwellers. He would like to befriend a Wild Man and bring one in for scientific questioning. As a bonus, the discovery would demonstrate what many here have presumed all along: China gave birth to modern man.

"We need to catch one!" Hu said. "If we can catch one, all our problems are solved."

Like the hunt for Big Foot in the United States, and the Abominable Snowman in Tibet, this has proved exceedingly frustrating. Wild Men (and Wild Women and even entire Wild Nuclear Families) have been seen and heard but never captured or photographed.

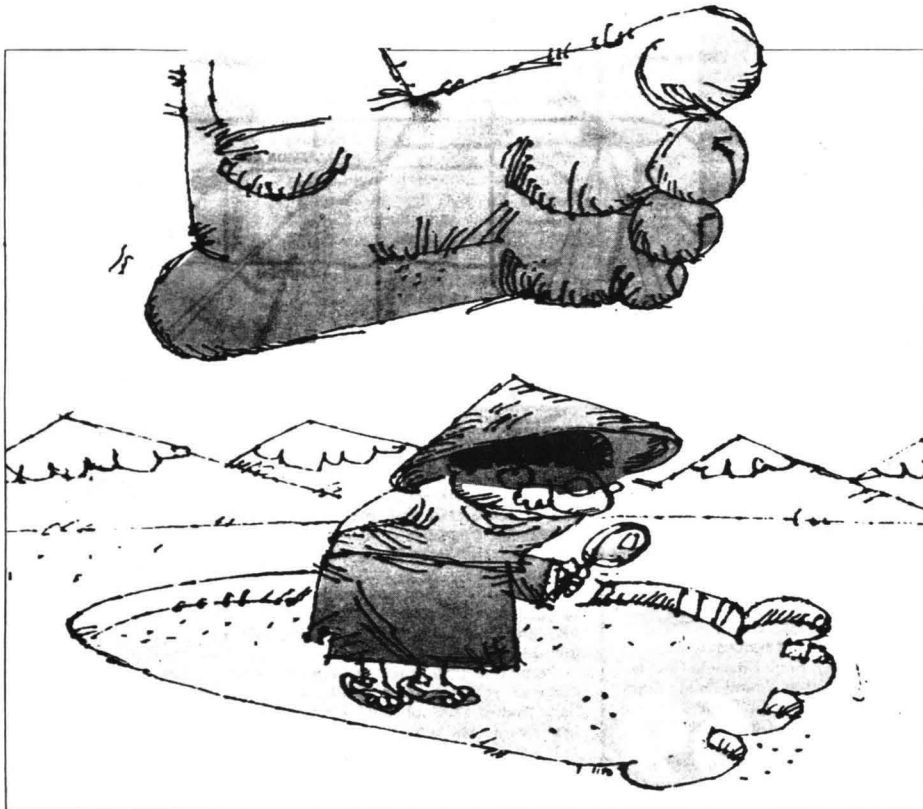
Still, the descriptions have been consistent enough to provide a reasonably clear Wild Man composite. They stand about 6 feet tall and are stoutly built. Red hair covers most of their bodies, forming a mane flowing elegantly down their backs.

Laboratory tests of hair fragments indicate the hair is closer in texture to human hair than the burly hair of apes, Hu said. Wild Men have nearly human faces, no tail and no claws. They have gigantic feet. Judging from Hu's clay models, four human footprints would fit snugly inside one Wild Man footprint.

A sexual encounter

Rangers in Shennongjia's forests, about 600 miles west of Shanghai, have had the closest encounters with the Wild Men. Though strong enough to uproot trees, they appear to be curious and friendly. Consider the story of Li Mingzhi, who vividly recalls his encounter with a Wild Woman in 1967.

As well he might. She approached him on a bitter winter's day. She had a large nose, painted bright red by the cold. Through her hairy chest, he could see that she had "breasts the size of rice bowls and nipples the width of



Mark Mattern/Rocky Mountain News

"They're skeptical that the Wild Man exists."

— Ranger Yuan Baowen

thumbs."

She was grinning. As she neared him, Li froze with fright. She came up and hugged him tightly for six minutes. During the embrace, she made motions with her body suggesting an interest in sex. Li managed to wiggle away. When he glanced back over his shoulder, the Wild Woman's cheer had vanished; she hung her head and appeared to cry.

Another ranger, Yuan Baowen, watches for fires from a tower in Shennongjia. But he spends so much time out of his tower searching for the Wild Man that his bosses have threatened to sack him.

"They're skeptical that the Wild Man exists," Yuan said contemptuously. He knows better.

Yuan recounts how he and his wife took a stroll through the forest one snowy spring day in 1989. As they rested beneath a rock outcropping, they spotted a Wild Man sunning himself on a slope some 400 meters away. So desperate was he to prove the Wild Man's existence that he planned to shoot the beast with a semiautomatic rifle he had brought along.

"Then my bosses would know I was telling the truth," he said.

Fate intervened. Before he could get close, the Wild Man finished sunning, got up and faded into a stand of bamboo. Yuan never got off a shot.

"I almost jumped off a cliff myself that day. Aaayahh, so close!" he recalled.

Yet another Wild Man search team reportedly shot and killed a Wild Woman a few years ago — but by chance the body washed over a waterfall and was never recovered.

Wild Man museum

China's chief repository of Wild Man lore is Hu's simple logger's cabin deep in Shennongjia's alpine forests. He lives here year-round, spending the winter tracking the Wild Man and much of the summer fending off visitors and government functionaries who come to gaze at Wild Man habitat. One room of the cabin is plastered with faded photographs of people who have seen the Wild Man, along with descriptions of their encounters. Wild Man hair samples and casts of Wild Man footprints also are on display.

Hu takes his mission seriously — he thinks of himself as a sort of Jane Goodall of the Wild Men. He lives frugally, fishing for his food, raising a bee colony and drinking from mountain streams. He gets small government subsidies and a small slice of the province's Wild Man tourist revenue to continue his work.

China's ruling Communist Party has appointed an official Wild Man Investigation Committee but hasn't named the Wild Man an endangered tribe — partly because no one has been able to capture one. Local authorities have thus far denied Hu the two things he thinks would make this mission easier: a helicopter and a stun gun.

What worries Hu and others is that time may be running out. China is rapidly modernizing its economy. Even in this remote province, highways and karaoke lounges are springing up where evergreen forests once held sway. Unchecked, this process may eventually destroy the Wild Man's habitat.

Hu can be as elusive as the Wild Man himself when it comes to discussing Wild Man lore. Doubters won't get a word out of him. But on one recent evening, after a meal of fatty pork washed down with home-brewed liquor, he drops some of his skepticism about journalists — and a bombshell. He has some secret evidence about the Wild Man that only the committed can view.

Hu plops a video into a VCR — one of his few modern contrivances — and presses "play."

There, in living color, is a towering adolescent. Nearly neckless, he has long limbs and giant feet and scales trees at a single bound. He romps around a farm eating bananas. He can't speak and can't distinguish warm from cold. When dressed by his mother, he tears off his clothes.

Though there is no sign of red hair, or a flowing mane, Hu said he is the offspring of a local woman and a Wild Man. Fearing prying journalists, he keeps their identities secret. But the tape, for him, is reason enough to continue his search.

After all, gorillas were mythical creatures for 300 years before Western scientists captured one.

"I've only been at this a few years," Hu said. "Come back next winter."

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Fairbanks scientists discover flashes above storms

The Associated Press

FAIRBANKS — University of Alaska Fairbanks scientists say they have the first proof of fireworklike flashes of red and blue light that soar into the atmosphere above thunderstorms.

Pilots for years have reported such flashes. But researchers first recorded them last year in black-and-white videos of thunderstorms in the Midwest. During another trip ending two weeks ago, they captured color images

of the flashes.

"This is like finding a new species of animal in the Amazon rain forest that nobody had ever thought about before," said Gene Wescott, geology professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Geophysical Institute.

Wescott and UAF physics professor Davis Sentman captured the images with low-light-level cameras aboard two jet aircraft flown out of Oklahoma City in a project sponsored by the National Aeronau-

tics and Space Administration.

The scientists do not know what causes the lights.

But bright red flashes, which the researchers call "sprites," appear for a few thousandths of a second above thunder clouds, and extend up to 60 miles above the ground. Researchers also recorded popping sounds that coincided with those lights. Other lights, called "blue jets," explode like water spray from whales.

Some of the flashes ex-

tend up through the ozone layer into the base of the ionosphere, where the aurora borealis occurs. The scientists measured the position, altitude and speed of the flashes for the first time this month.

They used two jets for three-dimensional positioning, and a camera system designed by project engineer Daniel Osborne of the Geophysical Institute.

Color images recorded on a TV spectrograph will be analyzed to determine atomic and molecular composition.

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Fire demons



Terrified residents of a hillside village in northwest Nepal's Bardiyah District are trying to figure out why fires are mysteriously igniting their rooftops and haystacks. Freak atmospheric conditions beneath a blazing spring sun may be the cause, and 10 houses have been reduced to ashes by the flames. Sometimes, one blaze suddenly will go out in full view of the villagers, only to shift to another roof nearby. Fearing some "unseen force," villagers who can afford it have begun replacing their roofs with tiles.

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