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1952 Box Elder sighting endures to intrigue UFO buffs

By MONTE WHALEY
Standard-Examiner staff

In 1952 Harry Truman seized steel mills paralyzed by strikes, the Supreme Court upheld barring subversives from teaching in schools and the Brooklyn Dodgers lost another World Series to the New York Yankees.

Communists were everywhere, the hydrogen bomb exploded in the Marshall Islands, and people were eyeing the skies and seeing stuff they couldn't explain.

From Korea, to San Francisco, all the way to New York City, weird lights and odd shapes buzzed over homes, military installations and entire cities.

By the end of the year, 1,501 reports had

been turned into the Air Force concerning UFOs, the most ever received — or at least publicly acknowledged — by the military.

Many of the sightings were debunked out of hand.

But one in Northern Utah drew investigators from the Air Force and the CIA, and endures to puzzle and intrigue UFO buffs to this day.

It was about 11:10 a.m. on July 2, and Delbert Newhouse and his wife and two children were driving west to Oakland, Calif., when Newhouse's wife spotted something whirling above the ground about seven miles north of Tremonton in Box Elder County.

According to Newhouse's account he gave

to investigators, Newhouse's wife saw 10 or 12 shiny objects milling about the sky. Newhouse stopped his car, rushed to the trunk, quickly loaded his motion picture camera, and shot about 30 feet of film.

Newhouse had spent about 21 years in the Navy and was described by investigators as a veteran aerial photographer.

Newhouse told questioners, both civilian and military, that he held the camera still as most of the objects moved off toward the western horizon. He then trained his camera on another object which had broken off from the group.

The remaining object hovered before flying off toward the east and disappearing completely. Newhouse said.

Newhouse's film was analyzed by Project Blue Book, an Air Force-commissioned probe into UFO sightings, and by the Navy.

Photo experts from both services said whatever was on Newhouse's film was neither airplanes, balloons, nor reflections, and probably not birds.

But the Robertson Panel, headed by CalTech mathematician Dr. H.P. Robertson, said in 1953 that Newhouse probably captured a formation of ducks, sea gulls, or other birds reflecting light from the strong desert sun.

Yeah right, said Mildred Bieseke, the Utah state director for the Mutual UFO Network. "I think the Robertson panel said Project

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - Nov. 16, 1994

Exciting UFO Sightings Thrill Loyal Local Skywatchers

By Carole Baker

"It's the most significant sighting in a long time", was how veteran skywatchers described the events of Monday night, November 7, 1994. For approximately two and a half hours between three and twelve individuals watched the display of a total of nineteen amber lights in the sky over Pensacola Beach. This event follows other sightings of similar UFOs in the same area during late August and September of this year.

It was a clear moonlit night and the stars were clearly visible as events began to unfold at Shoreline Park. At 6:30 p.m. three skywatchers heard what has been described as a "skyquake", a loud rumbling sound from out over the Gulf of Mexico. Approximately forty minutes later at 7:11 p.m. the same three witnesses saw an amber light appear in the sky above The Dunes Hotel. Another similar light was spotted at 7:20 p.m. Shortly after that a sequence of six sightings occurred in the area of the

south end of the Bob Sikes Bridge near the water tower. The last of this sequence was over the Bob Sikes Bridge at approximately 7:25 p.m. Again these were the amber/red light UFOs that have now been seen many times in this area. At 7:20 p.m. another red light was sighted to the east of Tristan Towers, making a total of ten sightings during this sequence. It should be noted that there was no regular air traffic, either commercial or military, planes or helicopters, flying in that area of the sky during the evening although a plane was seen flying from north to south later that evening toward the end of the sequence of sightings.

Nine more skywatchers arriving were also able to witness this phenomenon later in the evening, making a total of twelve witnesses in all including two visitors from the United Kingdom. The sightings began again at 9:05 p.m. in the area of sky above The Dunes Hotel. This was followed

in rapid succession by a total of eight other sightings. The most significant of these would be four UFOs which were observed through field glasses by four skywatchers moving together across the sky, then veering off in pairs to the south and east. Another skyquake was heard faintly at 9:20 p.m. and then a very loud one at 9:30 p.m. No further sightings were witnessed on this evening. All of these sightings were at between ten and fifteen degrees from the horizon.

"The way they faded out and came back in and the way we watched those last two travel away from us until they looked like stars in the sky is what makes this sighting so significant for me" is how one witness described the events of the evening. The skywatch group includes some members who have been watching the skies in this area for several years now and it is generally felt that this increase in activity is building up to some very significant sightings in the near future. Keep looking up!

Blue Book were efforts by the government to downplay the UFOs," Bieseke said.

Robertson — who was later found to be a member of the CIA — and his findings about the Tremonton sighting, ran counter to what Dr. Robert Baker later told the House Committee on Science and Astronautics, Bieseke said.

Baker, a consultant with Douglas Aircraft, testified that the objects were not birds, Bieseke said. Baker also eliminated most other natural phenomena, she said.

"He (Newhouse) described them as gun-metal objects, with one inverted on top of another," Bieseke said. "That doesn't sound like birds, does it."

Newhouse, who is believed to be living in Washington state, couldn't be reached for comment.

His Tremonton film, however, is considered a "classic" UFO sighting because more than one person saw the object (his family), and the object looks to be solid, rather than a light, said Dr. Craig Gundy, the Northern Utah regional director for the Mutual UFO Network.

Gundy, who teaches anatomy and physiology to health care professionals at Weber State University, said the UFO Network attempts to catalog sightings in hopes of someday figuring out what they are. "We don't speculate on their origins."

But Bountiful attorney James L. Thompson thinks he does know their origins. Thompson claims in a recently released book, "Aliens & UFOs," that aliens are visiting Earth, and that they could be tools

of Satan.

Thompson said Utah is a prime ground for UFOs, because of the religious beliefs of many of the people who live here. "People are spiritually attuned here and they lead lives in such a way to promote interest in spirituality."

Michael M. Wertheimer, professor emeritus of psychology at the University of Colorado, said UFO sightings seem to go up when the media reports on one.

Wertheimer served on the Condon Committee, formed in 1967 at the university to study the UFO question. Committee members included physicists, engineers, investigators, meteorologists and psychologists.

"Our skeptical conclusion was yes, there certainly has been some puzzling sightings, but it's a logical fallacy to conclude from unexplained sightings that there must have been some extraterrestrial visitor," Wertheimer said.

The committee learned about secret aircraft testing by the military. Members also learned that when weather balloons explode, filaments descend to earth in quite an unceremonious manner, Wertheimer said.

All these factors, plus Mother Nature's tendency to play tricks on us, played into the committee's conclusions that our world probably isn't a galactic landing pad for curious aliens, he said.

"People have been interested in the unusual and the occult for thousands of years," Wertheimer said. "And people continue to believe."

CLACKAMAS CO. NEWS, Estacada, OR - Oct. 5, 1994

It may have been TV's first live UFO, and they didn't even notice

Several years ago, when Whitley Streiber's "Communion" was all the rage on the TV talk show circuit, it wasn't uncommon to see the poor guy nervously laughed off by his hosts. Phil Donahue let him have it, and so did Larry King, who broke into an uncontrollable fit of laughter while "interviewing" this guy who claimed to have been abducted by something resembling a cross between E.T. and a disfigured fetus with eyes the size of silver dollars.

Who knows what the story is? I, for one, don't know. But I'm willing to concede that something is happening to these people, and that it is probably related to what we call UFOs.



Bates & Pieces
**David
Bates**

I'm no expert on the subject, but it seems like the media is taking these stories more seriously these days.

In the last few months, there have been quite a few mainstream reports on the phenomena, many of which have focused on Dreamland, a code

name for the military installation at Area 51 near Groom Dry Lake in the Nevada desert. The existence of the base is denied by the government, and since it's hidden by high mountains that are patrolled by armed guards who don't even know what they're

guarding, trying to figure out what goes on there during the night is a chore.

The allegation, of course, is that the U.S. military is experimenting with captured UFOs there, especially the one that was allegedly captured in 1947 in Roswell, New Mexico. The fact that mighty strange things are seen in the night skies over the base only fuels the fire.

Larry King did the subject justice Saturday night on TNT with a live two-hour special, broadcast from the Nevada desert about an hour from Area 51. The panel was mostly good, and the pre-taped sequences, while organized rather incoherently, were interesting.

But the show's producers could not have advertised the program's most fascinating moment.

The broadcast started at about an hour before dusk and ended in the

dark. About ten minutes before the show's end, with the camera trained on one of the panelists, a bright light appeared in the sky behind him.

It was a big, round, white light, nothing like a plane. It looked like a small moon. It just appeared to the left of the guy and then started moving slowly behind him.

For a second, the camera operator seemed to have noticed it because the focus shifted to the light. Then they cut away. When they came back to the guy a few minutes later, the thing showed up again and floated right behind his head and was gone.

King spent much of the evening dropping one-liners and asking his guests in near-desperation, "Why do you think they just don't land here? Right now?"

I wonder how he felt afterwards when his producers showed him what they had captured on tape.

A UFO Experience At Gila Bend - A Cover up?

Editor's Note: We asked several weeks ago if anyone had any information about a UFO sighting on or about September 1. Two ladies from San Diego had reported seeing one near Gila Bend that night. We did not receive any response about that sighting, but this week a ranch worker told us about seeing one early in the morning (about 4:00 am) on November 2. Below is the story the ladies from San Diego told. If anyone has any more information about these sightings, or others, a UFO organization in San Diego would very much like to have your story. Please contact the SUN and we will put you in touch with the San Diego group.

"It was September 1st, 11:30 pm, when my daughter and I arrived in Gila Bend, Arizona.

"We were headed east on Interstate 8, when my daughter noticed a blue and white flashing light on the other side of the freeway. I was driving and she asked me what I thought it was. We saw it dip to the ground and come back up at a sharp angle and then just stay in the air. I continued driving as my daughter watched out the back window. She saw it do different maneuvers in the air and then she said it was coming up the freeway.

"On the other side of the freeway, about 12 feet off the ground, the UFO caught up even with our car and then turned off into the desert and sat down in the field. When it turned off into the desert, we could see that it was totally round with red running lights along the bottom of the disc. This is the only time we saw the UFO light up the outside of the vehicle with a blue, white light.

"Not believing what we saw, we decided to go back and take another look. As we were getting close to the next exit, we noticed a police car going down the other side of the freeway with his red lights flashing and no siren. We saw him turn his lights off before getting to the blue and white flashing light and then turn off along side the freeway and park. When we exited the freeway, we noticed a frontage road leading back along the same side of the freeway we were on. We took this road back until we could see the blue and white

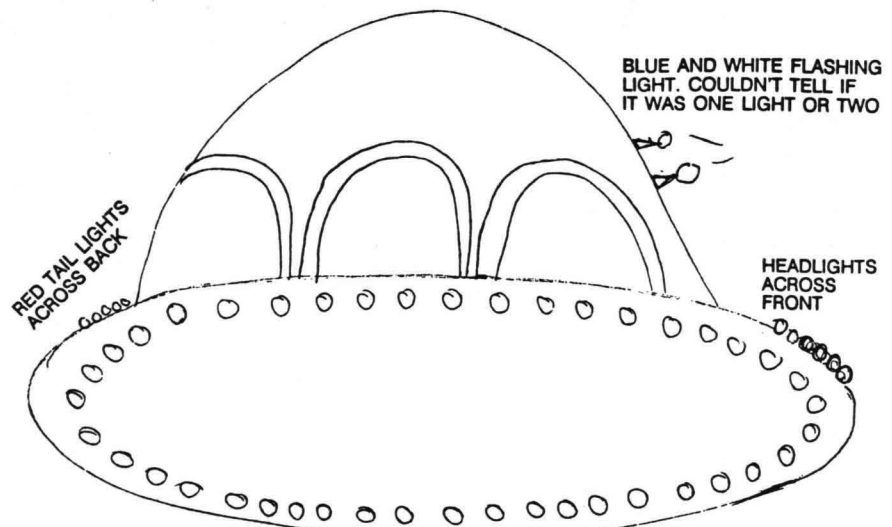
flashing light on the other side of the freeway. We stopped the car, turned the lights off and stood on the running boards of the car.

"We watched this UFO do anything it wanted to in the air. Up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and hovering. We didn't realize, as we were watching, that we were next to a railroad track. A freight train coming down the track caught the UFO's attention and it decided to cross the freeway and check it out. After crossing the freeway, it stopped to the front, right side of the engine. It shined its brilliant white lights on the engine and lit it up like daylight. As the train moved won the track, this UFO moved backwards, keeping its light on the train. It then made a turn to go back across the freeway and sit down in the field.

"We waited to see if it would lift off again, it didn't, so back on the freeway we went. My daughter, watching out the back window, saw two more lift out of the field, so we decided to go back. We couldn't get close enough to them and got back on the freeway. We did this a couple more times as we tried to get close to the blue and white flashing lights.

"The next time we got on the freeway, my daughter said, 'On, my God, Mom, look in the sky, there's more.' There were 4 or 5 blue and white flashing lights in the sky. Again on the other side of the freeway, lifted up a blue and white flashing light. This UFO was 3 times larger than the one that came up the freeway. As it made a turn towards the desert, part of the UFO encompassed the freeway. We could see clearly the disc shape with the red running lights on the bottom.

"It just so happens there was an exit right there, so we took it. We turned off our lights and went across the bridge to the other side of the freeway and parked on the frontage road. We were so close we were afraid to get out of the car, so instead, we rolled the windows down. If the windows were down we could hear the engine, if the windows were up we couldn't.



This is a hand drawn sketch provided by the ladies from San Diego who saw the UFO's near Gila Bend on September 1. The local man who saw another UFO on November 2 described the color much like those of the San Diego report.

The author of this article has worked for a San Diego School District for 25 years, where she orders all text books for 22 schools and keeps text book accounts for all of these schools.

The engine was a steady sound that didn't vary whether it lifted up or sat down. My daughter said it reminded her of electrical lines. There was a lot of flashing of light in the sky that night. It looked like an electrical storm was in the distance. We watched this UFO do the same pattern time after time. Like it was teaching someone how to drive. It moved slowly, with its lights on the ground and would go across the frontage road, that we were sitting on, make a turn to go back across the frontage road, sit down in the desert, lift back up and do some maneuvers in the air, then make a sweeping turn to head for the frontage road, cross over it and so on. As we watched the UFO, a white pickup truck passed us, going about 80 miles an hour down this frontage road. The truck wanted to go under the UFO. We saw him do this twice before I looked at my watch and noticed it was not 3:00 am. We had been in Gila Bend for 3 1/2 hours. This seemed to bring us to our senses and we realized we weren't being safe sitting on a frontage road by ourselves. We were also concerned that the light was hitting us each time it made its turn to go back across the frontage road. So back on the freeway we went.

"As we were going

down the freeway, I pointed off to our right and in the sky was another blue and white flashing light. I no sooner mentioned it to my daughter and the UFO made a sweeping turn in the sky and white lights were not facing us. We weren't concerned at first, but soon realized it was on a course for our car. It was coming toward us from the passengers side of the car. As the UFO dropped in the horizon, we realized it was going to hit us, buzz us or take us. We felt those were our only options. We were scared to death, to say the least as we watched this UFO come up to our car make the most incredible stop and turned to go down the freeway with us. The bottom of the UFO was even with the top of the passengers window. I was leaning over the steering wheel and could see from the lights down. My daughter could see all of it. We could both see the metal, which looked like wet concrete with pores, something like a sponge. It wasn't shiny or smooth. It was a rough dull material. It seemed like it was next to us forever but in reality probably 15 seconds. Long enough to scare us to death. It then turned from us and went back into the desert.

"We decided on our return trip from vacation

(two weeks later), we would again stop in Gila Bend and talk to a policeman, especially since we knew one saw it.

"As we checked into our hotel room, there was a restaurant next door with several police cars out front. We decided to have dinner and talk to a policeman. We asked if one could come to our table when they were ready to leave. He came to our table and I told him what we had seen two weeks before and that we had seen a policeman pull off the side of the freeway to watch. He ridiculed us and said we had been smoking whacky weed and watching dust croppers dust their crops. I asked him to please not insult my intelligence - that we hadn't been in Gila Bend for 3 1/2 hours watching dust croppers dust their crops, at night no less. I also told him we had the opportunity to speak to a NASA member about it and he certainly hadn't ridiculed our story. As soon as I said NASA member, he stood up straighter and said he didn't know anything about it, turned around and walked out the door.

"When my daughter and I were ready to leave, I asked the lady at the cash register how long she had lived in Gila Bend. She said all her life. I then told her we had a UFO experience two weeks before and had she heard anything about it? She said, 'Oh my yes. Is that what you asked that policeman?' I said 'Yes,' and she said 'It was the biggest hush job you've ever seen.' I thanked her and left.

"This experience gave us a vacation of a lifetime. One we will never forget.

"Another observation" When we saw the blue flashing light, the UFO was usually hovering or sitting on the ground. When the UFO came toward us, we only saw the brilliant white lights along the front, like headlights. When it was going away from us, we saw red lights in the back, like taillights. We think the blue lights could have been something to do with communicating with each other."

DAILY RECORD, Roswell, NM - Oct. 21, 1994

Magazine seeks UFO answers

Sylvie D. Nelson
Record Staff Writer

The recent release of an Air Force report of a supposed alien aircraft crash outside of Roswell in 1947 didn't bring the answers some were looking for.

The report said the material found was a Project Mogul balloon, designed to detect nuclear activities in the former Soviet Union.

An international science magazine is seeking answers they believe the federal government hasn't disclosed on unex-

plained events. In its October edition, Omni has printed a petition, called the Roswell Declaration.

The petition asks readers to sign the declaration, which will be sent to President Clinton in December. It calls for an executive order to declassify government information regarding the Roswell Incident, unidentified flying objects, and extraterrestrial intelligence, according to the Omni article.

So far, the response has been tremendous, said Keith Farrell, Omni editor during a phone interview Thursday.

"We've received thousands

and thousands of responses," he said. The letters are being counted and no exact figures were available.

The petitions come from all over the world, Farrell added.

"We have felt for a while it's time to have the books opened up," he said.

Sending the petition to the White House doesn't guarantee immediate action, if any.

"It depends on who's in charge of keeping the books," he said.

Although the magazine is hoping to shed some light on the Roswell Incident, it doesn't endorse UFOs.

Executive producer borrows from Oliver Stone's playbook

By KATE O'HARE

Tribune Media Services

"Roswell is absolutely unique in all the UFO cases," said Paul Davids, co-executive producer of "Roswell" on Showtime, "because it is the one time in history when the U.S. military issued an official announcement that they had recovered a crashed flying saucer."

"Even though the announcement was later retracted and labeled a mistake, the fact is that the announcement came from the office of the commanding officer of what was then, in 1947, the only base in America that had the atom bomb and the planes to deploy it. This was an extremely sensitive, critical part of

our defense establishment."

Davids admitted borrowing a little from Oliver Stone's playbook to tell the story, which he describes as the "'JFK' of UFO movies." He blends scenes based on witness testimony from Kevin Randle and Donald Schmitt's book with speculation on what may have happened that summer on the cusp of the Cold War, and what may have continued to happen in the decades since.

Apparently those decades brought on a change of heart for some military men. "Brigadier General DuBose was stationed at Eighth Army Air Force Headquarters in Texas when this happened in 1947," Davids said. "He and General Ramey were responsible for telling the public it was nothing but a weather balloon, and to forget about it."

"Now, DuBose stated, in a video deposition before his death last year in '93, that that was a cover story. His words were, 'This was a matter that was more than top secret. The orders to give a cover story came from the office of General McMullen in Washington, the army chief of staff, reporting directly to President Truman. Those orders were accepted as though they came from the president himself.' So a policy was set that the facts were going to be suppressed, and in the process of researching our film, we learned that the facts are still, unfortunately, being suppressed today."

Davids' interest in the subject at large began on Feb. 25, 1987, when his daughter called him outside to see a flying saucer in the daytime skies over their Pasadena, Calif., neighborhood. According to Davids, he and his two children watched a dull silver, domed object flying silently around, coming as close as 500 feet, for about five minutes.

The official government reaction to the UFO phenomenon is the bureaucratic equivalent of a disinterested shrug. But public interest may be at an all-time high, even though, according to the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago, sightings are at an ebb.

"Right now," said center spokesman Mark Rodeghier, "very few people are seeing UFOs." Nevertheless, the success of Fox Broadcasting's "The X-Files" — which takes the point of view that the government knows a whole lot more about paranormal stuff than it's willing to say — has opened a lively conversation about who knows what, and why they should let the rest of us in on it.

1994 ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - Nov. 23, Mysterious Object Glows Behind Gulf Breeze UFO



The Red Light Gulf Breeze UFO made an appearance several months ago, and stayed around long enough for this photo to be taken by Bland Pugh. A mysterious outline surrounding the object has never been explained.

Skywatchers Welcome Familiar Phenomenon

By Bland Pugh

What you are about to read happened several months back, but I think it is significant enough to write about. On a beautiful afternoon last fall, I was sitting at my computer doing a story, when the phone rang, it was Ed Walters. He said that he had been seeing something in the sky all afternoon and could not tell what it was. Walters said that he did not know if he was seeing aircraft, or if the Gulf Breeze UFO was playing tricks again, popping in and out. A few minutes into the conversation he and I agreed that I would meet him at his home around 7:00 p.m., just at dark.

When I arrived we went inside and talked a few minutes while he told me what he had been observing. I had brought two cameras, my video and 35mm, being anxious, we went back outside and began to set up in his driveway. He set up his 35mm camera and tripod as I began to get my video out and reconstruct my tripod. Anyone who knows me, knows that my camera equipment looks like it has been through two wars and one dog fight. It is ragged, but it works and that is what counts. As I struggled with the tripod, Ed and I talked. Around 7:30 or so I heard the distinct sound of several jet aircraft at a great height. I looked up scanning the cloudless, moonlit sky and found the source of the rumbling,

three jet fighters were in a very wide triangular formation (over a mile apart). My guess, they were at 20-25,000 ft. heading in a southeasterly direction towards Eglin, AFB, some 35 miles to the east, and were about to begin their descent to land. I commented to Ed, "if anything were to pop in now they (the fighters) would have one hell of a front row seat." I had not even gotten that out when Ed said "Oh my God there it is." I spun around and there sat the Gulf Breeze "Red-Light" UFO. It was approximately 18 to 22 degrees elevation and was hovering to the southwest. Ed grabbed my field glasses that were sitting on top of my car, my video camera was still in the trunk and the only camera that was available was Ed's 35mm, he said "go ahead and shoot it with mine, I'll watch it through the binoculars." I was not that familiar with the camera, but I began to shoot anyway. I got the first shot off and advanced the film. I took four pictures all together, by then I was satisfied that the UFO was not going to do any maneuvers, so I began to watch it with the naked eye before it blinked out. As I watched it, Ed handed me the binoculars, while looking at the "Red Light", to my amazement I saw a small aircraft flying very high above the object and out to sea. I watched to see if there was any reaction by the aircraft, but there was

Researcher Reports Yellow Sighting

by Vicki Lyons

Several people from around the country had UFO sightings while attending the 1994 Gulf Breeze UFO Conference October 14-16 sponsored by Project Awareness.

One of the most spectacular sightings was reported by Linda M. Howe, a three time Emmy award winning TV producer and conference speaker from Huntingdon Valley, PA.

Linda is a Stanford graduate and is one of the most respected research-

ers and authors in the UFO field.

The following account is of her October 16 sighting in her words:

"While attending the Gulf Breeze UFO Conference as a speaker, I went out skywatching on Pensacola Beach. Writer Michael Norris and I were standing near the ocean waves at the Beach. I was facing directly west. Three others were about 200 feet inland (north) walking toward the west. I was first to see a bright, scintillating, ripe-banana-skin-yellow-colored object suddenly pop into view moving slowly from south to north on a straight horizontal line from the ocean toward land. I yelled and the other four watched also.

The object seemed about one-quarter to one-half mile away and perhaps 500 to 1,000 feet in altitude. None of us could hear any engine or

other noise from the moving object.

The most outstanding feature was the bright, sparkling light which reminded me of a Fourth of July sparkler. The sparkles did not trail down from the object. The object seemed to consist of the sparkles. Along the center line of the cigar shape were darker areas suggesting structure inside the bright, sparkling yellow light.

In a fraction of a second before it popped out again, the object dipped slightly downward. From pop-in to pop-out, I estimate it covered 12-15 degrees of sky in five seconds. During that time, I raised my hand at arm's length to compare the size of the object to my fingers. It fit in the oval created by touching my index finger to my thumb."

Linda Moulton Howe

none. Seconds later the UFO just blinked out in its usual manner. The sighting lasted approximately 3.5 to 4 minutes. No white flash at the end, it just blinked out....Gone.

Ed and I talked about it and compared what we had just witnessed with the many other sightings we'd had. It was a typical Gulf Breeze "Red-Light", I hate to say it, but there was nothing unusual about it at all, just your run of the mill, garden variety Gulf Breeze "Red-Light" UFO.

We were to learn later that several people at Shoreline Park also observed the UFO and video recorded it as well. I was given a compass bearing that was reportedly taken from Shoreline Park, but it did not match mine (close but no cigar) and the two bearings did not intersect, thus making a triangulation impossible. I went back the next day, during the daylight, and re-shot the bearing. With the inaccurate compass bearings I was only able to make a guess that the UFO was at an altitude of roughly 4000 ft. and was 1 1/4 miles from us and well out over the Gulf at the time of the sighting. There was no movement to speak of.

That was not to be the end of the story. The next day Ed called me and said "I need to show you something."

We met and I was amazed at the pictures he showed me, there in the picture was a rectangular object or shadow around the Gulf Breeze "Red Light" in all four of the photographs. Even though the pictures were slightly out of focus, (caused by my inexperience with Ed's camera,) the object is clear enough to see the outline in all four pictures. The other things that stood out in the photographs were the light background and the power or telephone wires, which were in all four photos. These wires were in each picture, they should have been, as we were close to a very dim street light-pole. What we couldn't account for was the mysterious outline surrounding the red object. I showed the photographs to a well known local photographer and asked him what the hell was that around the red light? His comment was that, "It was whatever was there when we took the photograph." I then said, "But I didn't see it." He shrugged his shoulders. I could only scratch my head and say "thanks for the opinion."

And no, the rectangular object above the "Red Light" is not the small aircraft that I saw high above through my binoculars. It was never in alignment with the camera while the photo's were being taken.

I sent the pictures to Jeff Sainio, a Computer Photo Analysts, for evaluation. Jeff came back, saying he "didn't know what it was and could not tell me anything either."

I have not published these pictures until now for no particular reason, only that I did not know what I was dealing with. I figured you would enjoy them, so there you have it, I don't know what the object is behind the "Red Light" and I have not found anyone else that knows either.

All anybody can say is to keep looking up and behind you.

GUEST OPINION

UFO reports up in Inyo, Mono area

By Jeffrey Nelsen
director and co-founder of
Unexplained Phenomena Investigations

U.P.I., an independent research group dedicated to the objective study of the UFO phenomenon and how it relates to social and spiritual expression, has been experiencing a great increase in the volume of UFO reports and related phenomena over the past few months. U.P.I., located in Washington state, reports a large number of calls have been pouring in from the counties of Inyo and Mono, as well as a general increase in the number of calls from around the country. UPI is by no means the only research group finding itself inundated with report activity. The directors of other lines have confirmed this dramatic increase as well.

As Director of the U.P.I. research group, it has been made obvious to me that not all callers are comfortable with the subject of UFOs and many are unwilling to complete the interview process due to a number of reasons which include fear of being publicly identified and/or ridiculed. This fear leads to what has been estimated as 90 percent of all sighting witnesses to refrain from reporting these events to local authorities and/or researchers. This, as well as informing the Inyo and Mono communities about what is taking place in their area, is the main motivation behind this article.

The fact that many are reluctant to report their sightings, coupled with the actuality that most individuals are not aware of the various research groups actively studying this phenomenon, makes it more difficult to compile the necessary information which would make for a more conclusive and integrated understanding of what is taking place. Yet, the sheer number of completed case files and inquiries cause the members of this research group to feel that a major event in Ufology may be eminent.

The increase in UFO sightings is by no means restricted to your California communities, although the number of sightings in your area is most definitely of consequence. It is interesting to note that many of the descriptions of objects reported to have been seen in the sky, and over the highways which run through Bishop, Independence, Benton, Coyote Valley, Pine Creek, Crowley Lake, and Lone Pine are also being reported in places such as Arkansas, Michigan, New York and Washington as well as other areas of the United States and abroad. Some of the unusually configured craft have had little or no coverage in the media, so the idea of social contamination due to literature, film and/or television seems highly unlikely. And unless these objects are manifestations of some archetypal image of the collective unconscious which has been stimulated or awakened by our present state of being (and some truly believe this), then multitudes of individuals are, with their own eyes, seeing the same or identically crafted objects which I will refrain from describing here in order to prevent bogus reports from contaminating our statistical base.

One of the most commonly asked questions from those who call our report line is, "Am I crazy or has anyone else reported seeing the same thing?" If you have witnessed any usual lights and/or objects in the sky over your area, or even landing on your neighbor's property, rest assured you're not the only one. To give you some idea of just how many people are witnessing these unusual objects, let's

consider the fact that more than 80 anomalous objects or lights have been reported to the U.P.I. Report Line since we placed our first advertisement in your area in late September. At last count more than 45 of these objects were viewed from a distance which was reported to be less than 1,000 feet. These sightings can be further broken down into three distinctly different shapes and/or types of objects.

If we look at the number of witnesses reporting the occurrence of these unusual sightings over an eight-day period, we begin to see how prevalent this kind of event truly is. From Sept. 23, 1994 through Sept. 30, 1994 a total of 28 witnesses report having seen 65 individual craft which ranged in apparent size from that of 16 BB pellet sized glowing ovals which resembled a "string of pearls" flying in formation (larger objects viewed from a distance), to that of a small house hovering a few hundred feet above the ground and within 1,000 feet of the witness.

Remember, the number of witnesses and objects stated above reflects only completed case reports from an eight day block of time and does not include a great number of incomplete witness reports, which are due to "caller-disconnects" and those who asked that their sighting remain completely confidential. In these instances, case forms were not filled out and no record of any type (other than verbal) exists. Know also that all reports are confidential in regards to witness names and/or all identifying information.

Many people would like to explain away these types of events as airplanes, helicopters, and the like, but having personally taken a large number of reports from the Inyo and Mono County areas, I must say that most of the individuals reporting events seems rather "down-to-earth" and unaffected by the "UFO media." It is continually stated by reporting witnesses that, "I know what I saw and it wasn't like anything I've ever seen before," then accenting their point with, "THAT WAS DEFINITELY NO PLANE." As a matter of fact, a great many of the witnesses are ex-military or work in fields related in some way with Aero-Space technology and believe they can say with certainty that what they saw was definitely anomalous in regards to our current level of technology.

In closing, there is one issue that concerns me and that is a growing number of reports of people actively trying to initiate CE5 contact with these objects by means of flashlight waving and the like. Close Encounters of the fifth kind and related activities have in a number of cases resulted in very strange and traumatic experiences for the participants and I do not recommend it (as fantastic as it may sound). Remember, these lights/objects represent an unknown. Great caution and common sense should be exercised when in close proximity to anything wild and/or unknown. Sometimes our fear can act as a healthy barrier, a railing which keeps us just this side of harm. I'm not suggesting that one should fear the unknown, just that you think before you act.

We are still compiling and analyzing the information from your area. Once we have completed our study of the information taken from Inyo and Mono counties we will make our findings available to the public (excluding identifying information of witnesses). Until then, if you wish to know more about our work, you are welcome to call us at (206) 889-9228.

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UFO realities

Little do you know about the truth of what is really going on.

An incredible secret war has been going on for many years. It is a struggle we can never win. An incident in that struggle occurred on a farm near Floyd's Knob, Ind., in the summer of 1954. A sister and brother I'll call Susan and Ted now recall the childhood events of that time. Susan remembers the orange ball outside and the beautiful blue, purple and violet lights in her room. The little gray beings and the tall blonde-haired, blue-eyed, human-like being in resplendent robe who seemed to be in charge. The beings great interest in her stepfather's polio atrophied legs. Her sister's curly-haired head next to hers as they went up the beam into the craft. The needle that was inserted up her right nostril. Once back in the house she found her family sitting like zombies in the front room.

The next day the military arrived. In came a white staff car, jeep, vans full of instruments, and a troop carrier with soldiers who combed the entire 16-acre farm. Equipment was set up in the front room and many tests were conducted, especially on Susan. She was given an injection by white-coated doctors that made her sleepy and caused her to reveal the secrets of her mind. Ted remembers some of the activities of the military outside the home, for he was the only one allowed out to do the chores in the several days that the military was there. In this incident, as in others like it, we see our forces trying to find out what the aliens were up to after they have already done it. One thing sure, we have never been able to stop any of the many thousands of abductions.

Now, in a lighter vein, let me mention that even though the aliens are fantastically powerful, they still are not "fool proof." In my Curtis/MI case, the aliens seem to have light beam power problems. When returning the abductee, the aliens had a frightened, flailing, human on their hands when they couldn't get through the roof until the light beam powered up. Once the man was in bed, he watched a gray bump its head and be unable to get through the ceiling until the beam power increased.

The aliens have such a busy abduction schedule they get mixed up on clothing and where they put people. They put a Missouri farmer's truck all back on the wrong ridge. In my Illinois farmer case the aliens lost track of the abductee when he switched houses on the farm. They appeared in the original house scaring the wits out of the new tenants who moved out the next day.

Some bewildered persons have found themselves naked in the yard, or in bed with muddy feet up on the pillow. In my Pamela/MS case (she sets off electrical things and blows light bulbs) she and husband found themselves laying at odd angles on each other in bed. A family of five found themselves all in different bedrooms on a night neighbors saw bright lights and a burned circle was in the back yard. One husband kept replacing his wife's nightgowns hoping she wouldn't be seen floating naked over the neighborhood. One woman wore her new Victoria's Secret nightgown to bed and was taken. She was returned to bed wearing an oversized man's shirt. What man awakened in the Victoria's Secret nightgown and what did he tell his wife?

In a real puzzler the abductee was returned home wearing a man's tee shirt instead of her nightgown. The logo in the tee shirt was, "13th Tsukuba Marathon." This riddle seems solvable, but I haven't heard that it has been.

Just about the funniest alien "goofup" was when a woman near Jefferson City, Mo. had her escorting aliens abandon her and hurry to their craft. The UFO had landed and the weakened earth gave way under it. It had set down on a Missouri sink hole and it sank out of sight. Scientists from nearby Rolla, Mo. investigated this 20-foot diameter, 30-foot deep hole. Although the UFO scene is deadly serious, one can see a little pathetic humor occasionally.

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Great Falls authorities make 'light' of UFO report

By MARK DOWNEY
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Snow or rain, colder temperatures, strong winds and northern lights are on central Montana's horizon this week, said the National Weather Service.

So is an unidentified flying object. Great Falls police were told Saturday.

The cloudy skies could keep people from seeing the aurora borealis — the northern lights — that graced the horizon Saturday night.

Britton said several people Saturday night called the weather service office near Great Falls' Gore Hill to report an arc of luminous northern lights. He said he saw the lights himself.

If skies are clear, meteorologists recommend that people get out in the country and away from urban or artificial lights to get the best view of the northern lights.

The northern lights could explain the report to Great Falls police Saturday night of an unidentified flying object hovering for several minutes

over a southside home at about 11 p.m. before zooming off.

Police Lt. Jim Sharpe said a man who lives on the 400 block of 11th Street S., who refused to identify himself, said he and two companions saw the object. The caller described it as "a bright, wedge-shaped light," Sharpe said.

Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controllers at Great Falls International Airport said they saw nothing abnormal on their radar Saturday night.

UFO Sightings Flap In Ventura County

BY Sean Casteel

According to the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) Sector Director for Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, Alice Leavy, "A lot of unusual activity is occurring in the Camarillo and Newbury Park areas. It also extends over to Thousand Oaks. It was quiet through most of last year, up until December 1993. Then everything starting happening -- perhaps coincidentally -- prior to the large earthquake this past January. There have been consistent sightings since then through July of this year."

Leavy went on to talk about some incidents from the past several months in the Ventura County area.

"There was a very strange sighting over Thousand Oaks this past July," she said. "It was seen all over the area by a lot of people. It was a very bright orange pulsating light that remained in the sky about 20 minutes. One fellow took out his telescope to look at the thing, and he said it has white, twinkly things all around it. After it has hovered about 20 minutes, it just blinked out and was gone. If you were out that evening, you didn't have to look too hard to see it. It was very bright."

Leavy conducts monthly meetings in Newbury Park for local MUFON members which are also open to the public. She said that she is often approached by people attending the meetings who wish to report UFO sightings and even their own alien abduction experiences, nowadays called a Close Encounter of the Fourth Kind, which involved being taken aboard a UFO against one's own will.

"Usually," Leavy said, "I'll hear a flurry of sightings reports, and then I'll get calls from people concerning abductions. There is a definite pattern to it. The sightings and abductions seem to go neck and neck."

One of the group's members told Leavy about an incident that happened on the 101 Freeway this past March.

"She was driving the 101 Freeway about 9:00 at night," Leavy said, "returning from bowling. And at the Dawson off-ramp a large -- about the size of two or three houses -- triangular object was moving very slowly and quite low over the Freeway heading toward the ocean. She was just beside herself, and at the next meeting she came up and told me about this. In a case like that, we just take notes, which is all we can do because a month had passed at that point."

Another case of a sighting on the Freeway came to Leavy's attention this year.

"I got a call from a fellow in our group," Leavy said. "His daughter was returning from Santa Barbara. It was late, probably approaching midnight, and as she was approaching the Conejo Grade on the Freeway, there was a brilliant white light blocking the lane of the Freeway. She panicked, and applied the brakes. And then it just blinked out and was gone. It had actually been encumbering the south side of the freeway. When she got home to Newbury Park, there had been -- coincidentally -- a power outage. She was very excited and upset when she told her parents what had happened on the freeway. And simultaneously, their power was off. The area around Moorpark Road and Ventu Road was blacked out for an hour or so."

Still another recent incident involved a woman who works in Camarillo.

"She works the graveyard shift as a security guard," Leavy said. "On three different occasions, she has seen bright white lights moving slowly over the nearby fields."

Leavy theorizes that Ventura County is a sightings hot spot because of the two U.S. Navy bases, Port Hueneme and Point Mugu, that are located in the area. She talked about the experiences of one of their members who lives in the Malibu area.

"In May of '93," Leavy said, "she took some photos of eleven objects coming in off of the ocean. She's up so high in Malibu that she can see from Point Mugu all the way to Santa Monica. We had her slides made into good-sized photographs and sent them to Walt Andrus at MUFON National Headquarters. He took them to MUFON Staff Photo Analyst Jeff Sainio. They're very unusual photographs."

"The woman who took the pictures," Leavy continued, "said at one point, 'I don't know what they're doing over there at Point Mugu, but I've seen these blue beams of light shooting straight up from the base.' She said she still sees that now and then. Some sort of testing must be going on out at the bases. And it may be what is attracting the attention of the UFOs."

Leavy said her local MUFON chapter conducts semi-regular "Skywatches" that have turned up occasional anomalous sightings.

"At one point," she said, "a brilliant white light was coming toward us, and as it was approaching we were wondering what was going to happen, it blinked out. We had another incident where one of our members was doing a skywatch by himself over in the industrial section of Newbury Park. He saw something go overhead that look very unusual. Then his camcorder went dead for a full ten minutes."

Leavy continues to hear of strange experiences from people attending her group's monthly meetings, and said that she and her MUFON chapter are planning to start their own abductee support group to help people deal with the fear and trauma that often accompanies alleged abduction by aliens. The group will be headed by Certified Hypnotherapist Yvonne Smith and Psychologist Deborah Truncale, Ph.D. and is scheduled to start in January of next year.

Footage of UFOs is shown

Nancy Fleming
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When Jose Escamilla used his computer to animate two UFOs flying across a sky for a promotional video, he didn't know he'd soon be filming them for real.

Escamilla held a press conference Thursday to show the public video footage of unidentified flying objects filmed at his family's residence in Midway.

About 20 people packed into his 109 N. Main St. office to view a compilation of more than 700 hours of video footage taken since March 12.

When a blur or flash appeared on the TV screen, Escamilla would slow the video to reveal the object frame by frame. Some shapes sped across the screen in just a few frames.

Since his video records at 30 frames per second, he explained, an object that shows up in four frames only took 4/30ths of a second to move across the camera's field.

On the other hand, one image of a sphere with a con-trail, or jet stream, was filmed



Mike Pettit photo

Video producer Jose Escamilla points to an unidentified flying object during a press conference held Thursday in Roswell. Escamilla

says he has more than 700 hours of UFO footage that was videotaped this year near his home in Midway.

for about 30 minutes on July 14 and was witnessed by two Roswell residents later in the day.

Kristine and Gracelyn Kelley, both 20, said on the night of July 14 they saw what looked like an orange fire ball with a white streak.

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

When a friend told the sisters about Escamilla, they discovered he had recorded the same object earlier in the day.

Escamilla and his family have been shooting the enormous amount of video because "every day we get something; at least one or two (objects)," he said.

There are images shaped like domes, cigars, rods and centipedes on his film, as well as dots that flash in groups. Most of the footage is shot during the day, he said, because it is hard to distinguish objects at night.

Escamilla said he would just like to find out what the

images are. He said he can't say they're aliens, just unidentified flying objects.

So he has sold his footage to UFO Central Home Video which will market it to UFO researchers, museums, video stores and other interested people.

Some of the footage has already been shown on the TV programs "Sightings" and "Hard Copy," with "Hard Copy" scheduled to return to Midway soon for an update on its story.

COLUMN ONE

To them, encounters aren't alien

A UFO conference provides a safe haven for those who say abductions of humans by extraterrestrials are commonplace.

By ADAM C. SMITH
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Pensacola Swartz craned her neck and peered through wire-rim glasses into the stars over the Gulf of Mexico.

"I hope they're going to cooperate tonight," the 78-year-old great grandmother said. "I came to see a UFO."

Up and down the Gulf Breeze beach more than 100 others watched and waited. Some stood, clutching cameras and binoculars. Others sat in lawn chairs.

Then a shout.

"Look! Behind us! Behind us!"

Over the dunes, a flock of white birds flew in V-formation. The watchers glanced at them, and with some scattered mutters turned quickly back toward the gulf. Swartz was mildly miffed.

"I think we're going to have to be a little skeptical here."



Drawing by Bonnie Curnock

PORTRAIT: What do the aliens look like? Here's one artist's rendition.

No one saw a spacecraft over Gulf Breeze that night, but that did little to stir skepticism. This is a UFO conference, after all, a safe haven from debunkers, from doubters, from ridicule. This is a gathering where a man like Cliff Hill from Sharpes, Fla., can feel comfortable discussing his spouse with a stranger.

"Well," he explained while standing in a buffet line, "my wife is an extraterrestrial. That's really why I'm here."

More than 700 people showed up for the three-day conference in Pensacola last weekend. Speakers provide cutting-edge news about alien phenomena — camouflage techniques of aliens, hybrid babies and the spirituality of alien encounters, for instance — while guests share experiences, theories and support.

"It's really nice to be with other people and be in the norm," said Linda Simmons, a Mississippi resident wearing sparkling gold sneakers.

Like many of the conference guests, Simmons suspects she may have been abducted by aliens a few years ago, but she is reluctant to be "regressed" under hypnosis to find out for sure.

It's described as the UFO community, but it's really a variety of subcultures. You've got your New Agers, with their crystals and aura analyses; your activists fighting

against the government's cosmic coverups; your mild skeptics who may have seen a UFO once upon a time but have doubts about some of the popular theories.

"We always get some wannabes and some look-a-loos," said Tim Wilson, a rapid-talking Fort Myers maintenance man. "Maybe they've had a dream, or maybe they've had nothing. They're looking for ego gratification from somebody else."

Wilson resembles a Deadhead version of Kenny Rogers, and he seems to know almost everyone at the conference. He founded a support group for abductees in the Fort Myers area, a sort of Alcoholics Anonymous for those wanting to share what can be tumultuous memories.

"There was one fellow who thought he had had an experience with a very attractive alien. Well, he got regressed and it turns out he had had semen extracted by a machine. He was devastated," Wilson said. "You should be able to talk to somebody, like your priest, but you can't."

Some abductees remember their experiences, some learned of their abductions only after being hypnotized. Still others suspect they have been abducted, and either can't find a qualified expert to regress them or don't really want to know.

John Rizzolo, an earnest 32-year-old pizza deliveryman from Chapel Hill, N.C., isn't sure. He sat in the Pensacola Grand lobby hoping to speak with some of the UFO celebrities. He nervously stumbled over his words as he recalled the memory of being floated out of his bedroom window and into a spacecraft.

"I still am not convinced that something real happened. I just have these images. What is the origin of these images? They are so real."

Rizzolo's flashbacks include small gray creatures with big heads, big almond-shaped eyes and little bodies performing excruciating procedures on his arms and legs. "It's very hard to talk about."

Part of what drew him to the conference was a chance to meet the legendary Budd Hopkins, who has been studying and writing about alien abductions for years. Maybe, Rizzolo said, Hopkins would take an interest in his case.

The 2nd Annual Gulf Breeze UFO Conference came just a few weeks after the Air Force released a report on the granddaddy of all UFO cases, the Roswell incident.

This is the story of the flying saucer that crashed in the New Mexico desert 47 years ago and



SIGNS: Jim Weiner autographs a book, the *Allagash Abductions*. He says he was abducted in Maine in 1976.

which the Air Force quickly whisked away and covered up. The account sometimes includes recovered alien bodies and sometimes

ALIENS: Randell Hardy of Panama City was selling these dolls. Also available at the conference were "Pleiades University" sweatshirts and "My Starchild is a Honor Student at Zeta Reticuli Elementary" bumper stickers.



Photo by Scott Fisher

doesn't. In the UFO community, Roswell is akin to the grassy knoll.

So widely believed is the Roswell conspiracy legend that this year, a New Mexico congressman convinced the investigative branch of Congress, the General Accounting Office, to determine what really happened outside Roswell. The GAO report isn't out yet, but the Air Force released its own findings last month.

What crashed on that New Mexico ranch in July 1947 was not an alien saucer, as the Air Force initially announced and quickly retracted. The Air Force said its investigation now shows the wreckage came from a top-secret project designed to monitor Soviet nuclear tests. The wreckage really came from a balloon.

An outsider could be forgiven for expecting the Air Force report to be a hot topic at the Pensacola UFO conference. Its conclusion challenges one of the greatest legends in ufology, after all.

But compared to extraterrestrial kidnapping, to alien implants embedded in nostrils and to crossbreeding of aliens and humans, a crashed flying saucer is old, and very tame news. Besides, the UFO

community is so used to coverups that another governmental denial is meaningless.

"Come on," a grinning Debbie Jordan of Indiana said of the new Roswell report. "Our Air Force majors don't know the difference between a weather balloon and a 70-foot spaceship?"

Jordan is a famous abductee whom Hopkins wrote about in one of his books, and she paused to sell her own autographed book, before continuing. "What makes you think they're not going to lie about the biggest thing ever to happen to mankind. Of course they are."

Roswell expert Kevin Randle said much the same: "If you've been abducted, and you know these things are real, then the Air Force report is irrelevant."

It's an indicator of how mainstream UFOs are becoming that a congressman will demand a taxpayer-funded UFO investigation. Or that a Harvard psychiatrist and Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer, John E. Mack, publicly acknowledges that he believes the stories of abductees.

Or that people like Philip Klass, a UFO investigator and former

avionics editor of *Aviation Week and Space Technology*, is increasingly called upon to debunk UFO tales. For all the amusing myths about UFOs and abductions, Klass sees a serious side to the growing number of people saying they've been abducted.

"In my opinion this UFO abduction cult will have more victims than in Jonestown or Waco, Texas. Not necessarily in terms of number of people dead, but in terms of psychologically scarred people," he said in a telephone interview.

While some of the abductees sell books and lecture at UFO conferences, Klass wonders how many others are not getting the psychological counseling they need.

In Pensacola, though, debunkers like Klass were nowhere to be found among the guests sorting through "Pleiades University" sweatshirts and "My Starchild is a Honor Student at Zeta Reticuli Elementary" bumper stickers.

Hopkins, that guru of the abductee set, drew a standing ovation when he exhorted: "Know ultimately that the truth is on our side."

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Air Force's UFO report just another coverup, some say

Richard Olmsted
Record Staff Writer

The Air Force's latest claim to have uncovered what occurred in the 1947 supposed alien aircraft crash near Roswell has been dismissed by those who are familiar with the incident.

On Thursday, the Air Force claimed the wreckage was a secret Army Air Force balloon used to monitor Soviet nuclear testing.

Code named Project Mogul, the government was trying to protect its monopoly on nuclear weapons, the Air Force's report said.

The report was supposed to close the door on the incident, but only stirred up the 47-year controversy of what happened in the flying saucer crash north of Roswell.

Walter Haut doesn't accept the latest explanation.

He was a public relations officer at the Roswell Army Air

Field who was told to write a press release that a UFO was found.

"Project Mogul, that's kind of hard to accept something like that when people describe things differently," said Haut, 72. "How do you explain the I-beams, the metal sprang back to its original form and the strange writing?"

John Price, operator of the Outa Limits UFO Enigma Museum on South Main, said Project Mogul is nothing new.

"All the Project Mogul launches except for Launch 9 have been accounted for. Maybe that's what they found at the debris field," Price said, "but I doubt it very seriously."

He said Project Mogul has been used as an excuse before and has been ruled out by UFO supporters.

Jesse Marcel Jr., a Helena, Mont. doctor, is the son of Major Jesse Marcel Sr. His father, now deceased, was an intelligence officer with the

509th Composite Bomb Group major who went to the crash site on Mack Brazel's farm and brought back some of the wreckage.

Marcel Jr., 58, saw the items as an 11-year-old boy when his father brought some home.

"There was an awful lot of strange material, I-beams and material with hieroglyphics on them," Marcel Jr. said. "A lot of people would disagree with (the Air Force report), especially about the bodies, unless all those people are lying, or unless there were two sites, but I do not think so."

Nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman was one of the first researchers to dive into the Roswell incident in 1978, seeking answers.

"The Air Force is playing hard ball and it makes me angry," Friedman said.

He said the Air Force may be covering up a real UFO crash for five reasons:

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■ The government was trying to use the crash site findings as a weapon.

■ If the discovery has potential as a weapon, the government didn't want it falling into enemy hands.

■ Political instability erupting if was an alien space craft — mental breakdowns — because earthlings wouldn't be the only (and supreme) beings in the galaxy.

■ Religious backlash because religions teach that humans are the sole occupants of the universe which would be proven false with the finding of space aliens.

■ World strife similar to Eastern Europe over 500 years ago when they thought the world was flat before scholars realized the earth was round, and Columbus' voyages to the New World. Friedman said new means of transportation and viewing the universe would

shock the world much like it did in 1492.

Friedman suggests aliens haven't contacted earthlings because we aren't worth talking to, or they aren't concerned with us. He thinks aliens might have been keeping tabs on the earth since 1944 when nuclear testing started. Friedman suggests aliens might perceive earthlings as a threat and come to check on us and be seen in the process, a reason for the numerous sightings.

Gary Weeter, assistant director in charge of a General Accounting Office's investigation looking for records on the Roswell incident.

At the request of Rep. Steve Schiff R-N.M. in February, the GAO is searching Air Force, Army, Navy and the Atomic Energy Commissions' records to find any and all files relating to the incident. He and his partner Rich Davis aren't trying to prove or disprove the crashed object was alien or

military.

"We are performing an independent GAO review of classified and unclassified documents relating to the Roswell Incident," Weeter said. "We want to be thorough and comprehensive, so we are taking our time on this report."

"We have no time deadline, but that doesn't mean we can just ignore it. It's difficult to locate material and the sheer volume of it is enormous."

The goal is to find all existing information he said, and let the public review it and reach a decision.

Schiff was trying to get answers about the project, but was unable to through the Department of Defense. He asked the GAO to look into it.

Weeter said the Air Force's report was prompted by the GAO's investigation. Friedman also believes the Air Force released the report trying to compliment the GAO search.

UFOs: Are they real or TV moneymakers?

By ERIC MICHAEL COX
Staff Writer

What if aliens did land "Without Warning"? And what's the deal with all of the recent media coverage aliens and UFOs have been getting?

Within the last month, two major networks have produced feature length specials on the "UFO question." One program, Larry King: Live From Area 51, which aired on cable's TNT network in early October, attacked the issue of alien existence from a news point of view and handled the issue objectively.

Sunday night's "Without Warning," described during intermission disclaimers as a "realistic depiction of fictional events," was, according to CBS previews, designed as a tribute to Orson Welles' radio special, "War of the Worlds," which was broadcast from New York's Mercury Theater in 1938.

Those programs, coupled with a slew of other videos and films regarding UFOs, have made for an unnatural publicity campaign for aliens.

That brings us to the important question ... why? Why have television, video and film producers chosen this particular time frame to exploit the UFO question? After all, the phenomenon has been around since the beginning of history almost.

Three explanations, in my opinion, could be proffered to answer this perplexing question. None of these opinions are backed up with any kind of scientific proof, but are merely the result of my own observations, reading and viewing.

Number One: Probably the most feasible reason for offering up a slew of UFO programming could be a matter of dollars and cents. Historically, UFOs have been a topic of much interest. People, whether or not they believe in the phenomenon, tune in when such programs are aired. Network producers know this. Thus, augmented coverage of the issue could be done for ratings' sake; simply a matter of money.

Number Two: These programs, as far fetched as it may seem, may be a series of test balloons (excuse the pun) implemented by our government. The U.S. government has a history of such activity and certainly other test balloons have been more bizarre. The purpose of the test balloon is to gauge public reaction in regard to a fictional event. But, while the featured program or event is fictional, it could be similar

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Reporter's notebook

to a real event that may or may not take place in the future. By judging the viewing public's reaction to a bogus event, officials can get a rough idea of how it will react if the real thing occurred. It's a well-known fact that various branches of our government have provided the media and the public with misinformation designed to sway public opinion. So, why not now?

Number Three: There is a distinct possibility that all of this coverage surrounding the UFO question is directly related to Halloween. Again, UFOs are generally a topic of much interest in the United States — especially at Halloween. Perhaps Hollywood has turned away from Monsters of the Grave for frights and is looking more toward the stars for scary effects.

According to local, self-styled UFO expert Donald Worley, the augmented coverage of the UFO phenomenon is an indication of the government's realization that the "dam" holding back the truth behind the alien phenomena "is ready to finally burst."

"It (media coverage of UFOs) has made a lot of people think," Worley told the News-Examiner. "It has especially made those who control the media think. I feel the whole thing is snow-balling, but the government will probably stop it with some trick."

Worley, who has studied UFOs and investigated alleged UFO abductions for years, said Congress will almost certainly finance another in-depth study of the phenomenon.

"If it gets to the point where a lot of people are genuinely concerned over the matter, the government will undertake a study of the situation and conclude that there's nothing to it," he said. "They'll stop it with some trick. When the issue gets overwrought they'll do something that will make it all seem so ridiculous and unbelievable."

Whatever the case, it seems strange to me why so much publicity about the strange little buggers would suddenly appear. Is it just to scare us because of Halloween? ... or is it a warning of some kind? — a conditioning to get us used to the idea of accepting extra terrestrials as a part of our universe, solar system and, possibly, our planet?

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OZARK PROFILE



Shirley Ricardi

Dream led to career as UFO expert

By DEBORAH ROBINSON

Times Staff Writer

A dream she had back in 1982 marked the beginning of Springdale resident Shirley Ricardi's interest in UFO phenomena.

Though Ricardi describes herself as an "extremely fundamental Christian," who grew up during a time when people like Gene Autry and Roy Rogers were the heroes of the day, over the years she has made a kind of uneasy peace with her belief that extraterrestrials are out there.

"I went through a major crisis wondering how these two things can fit together in my universe," Ricardi said of her UFO research and Christian beliefs. The apparent contradictions led her to look at both the Old Testament and the New Testament "with opened eyes. I realized we have all these preconceived ideas ... from the old Renaissance masters about what Christ and the angels look like."

After that initial dream, which she describes as a "little-guys-with-big-eyes type of thing," Ricardi didn't think much more about it until she saw author Whitley Streiber, who has written books about his claims to have encountered extraterrestrials, on a late night talk show a year or so later. A drawing of an alien on Streiber's book about his own UFO

encounters looked very similar to the ones from Ricardi's dream.

"I fell over in a dead faint," she said. "It was so closely akin to what I saw in that dream. When I started listening to him, it gave me cold chills. It completely wreaked havoc with my reality."

After that, Ricardi and her family moved to Northwest Arkansas and she met a woman who was doing past life regressions. The woman, Delores Cannon, has since published several books about the prophet Nostradamus.

"I went through three regressions with Delores," Ricardi said. "It scared me. I completely stayed out of it (investigating UFOs) for five years."

In the spring of 1993, however, she was drawn toward UFO research again, and attended a convention on the subject held each year in Eureka Springs. Working from a list of phone numbers of people who attended the conference, she began making calls to see if there was interest in forming a local group. The Society for the Study of Human and Aerial Phenomena (SSHAP) came together later that year to research reports of unidentified flying objects and other unexplained phenomena in this area.

"We have several doctors in our group," Ricardi said. "One is a psychiatrist, one is a PhD. We have a veterinarian, bank executives, waitresses. All kinds of people."

The group also has more than its share of reports to look into. "We have a lot of sightings up here," she said, noting that several reports have come from Benton County, in the Pea Ridge area.

The biggest case the group has undertaken involves disk imprints or rings found in the Pea Ridge area in August 1993. That summer, 13 such rings appeared at other locations in Kentucky, Oklahoma, Alabama and Indiana. The rings are a form of UFO phenomena that has been studied around the world.

The Pea Ridge ring turned up in an elderly couple's backyard one morning.

"A video of the ring showed it changing colors in front of you," she said. "It started out black, then started turning gray like soot, but nothing came off. A few days later it was white."

Samples of the grass have been studied. Though the results were "very abnormal," Ricardi admits that "we don't know what they mean yet."

Cattle mutilations have also

"We've got people from all over the area having very bizarre experiences in our forests."

— Shirley Ricardi,
SSHAP founding member

been reported in the Pea Ridge area. A veterinarian performed autopsies on three mutilations and found the animals to be almost "bloodless." Precision cuts had been made to remove certain parts of the animals.

Another category of reports involve what Ricardi refers to as "big and hairy" creatures similar to Bigfoot.

"We've got people all over the area having very bizarre experiences in our forests around here," she said, noting that there seems to be a correlation between UFOs and the "big and hairies."

One woman under hypnosis described a situation where she was boarding a craft, Ricardi said, and on that craft she reported seeing "a short Bigfoot in a miniskirt."

Ricardi is in the process of studying clinical hypnotherapy so she can work with people who have had experiences with extraterrestrials. The hypnosis sessions are aimed at helping the person remember things that may be blocked out or forgotten.

Information gleaned from around the country corresponds with some of the information SSHAP has put together. For instance, many UFO researchers have concluded that "there's more than one alien kind," with some looking more like Streiber's aliens, and others looking more like humans.

SSHAP also has a questionnaire members are asked to complete. Those who have answered the 75 questions have found "a strong correlation in certain things." A random telephone survey conducted in Northwest Arkansas turned up the information that members of the group have things in common that are pretty much outside the experience of the general population.

"We have people who should have been dead but were miraculously saved," she said. "Most

think guardian angels are a little bit different than we thought they were. Most say they felt directed to move here. That was before the job spurt."

Ricardi said the questionnaire has been sent to the Right to Know Committee in Washington D.C., a national group that studies UFOs. That group will forward the questionnaire to groups all over the U.S.

"I think our correlations are going to ring true all over the country," she predicted.

Since its inception, the local group has received a good deal of publicity, which has attracted calls from television programs such as "Encounters." That program, which airs on the Fox network, is interested in doing a segment on Arkansas. Because "Encounters" is mostly interested in the "big and hairy" sightings, Ricardi said she has referred them to others.

Groom Lake spotlight grows brighter

Media interest in the secretive military base peaks as Larry King brings the story to prime time TV.
By Susan Greene
Review-Journal

In this year of Bobbitt, Roseanne, Tonya and O.J., the news media have found an even more unlikely obsession near a parched lake bed, deep in the Southern Nevada desert — Area 51.

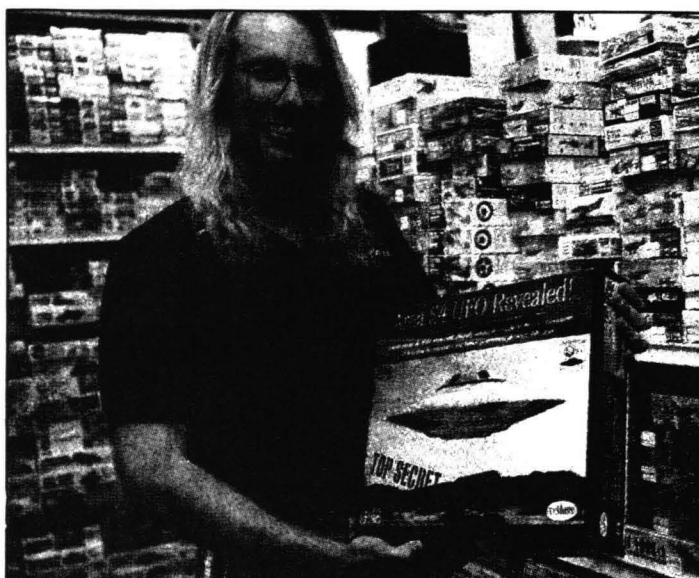
Otherwise known as "Dreamland," "The Pig Farm" and "The Box," the military's secret Groom Lake air base in Lincoln County has been featured in countless tabloids, science and aviation magazines, daily newspapers, network nightly news shows, TV documentaries and even a live, two-hour Larry King television special that aired Saturday night.

Most of the stories present allegations of a cover-up, speculating on why, since 1954, all levels and branches of government systematically have refused to acknowledge the existence of a base whose hangars, barracks, antennae and runway have been observed from nearby ridges by thousands of curious gawkers.

Some reports stick with historic, bureaucratic or political angles.

Among those are accounts of the early days of spy plane and other high-tech aviation testing, including the U-2 and SR-71 Blackbird and the F-117A stealth fighter.

More recently, former Area 51 workers have filed two lawsuits claiming they got sick after inhaling fumes from hazardous waste burned in open pits. Also making headlines has been the Air Force's controversial move to create a buffer zone around the base by grabbing 4,000 acres of prime van-



Wayne C. Kodey/Review-Journal

The newest UFO model kit, designed by a man claiming to have seen an actual spaceship at Area 51, has been a hot seller, says HobbyTown USA manager Joey Kerekes.

tage points on public land.

Other stories raise issues of accountability. Some critics argue the government may be sinking "black budget" billions into testing aircraft that need not remain secret in this post-Cold War era.

More often than not, however, the recent slew of reports has tended to ignore the less glamorous dry stuff and instead focus on the more sensational paranormal or supernatural questions surrounding Area 51.

On the assumption that pulp reels in higher ratings than straight-laced reports about classified military projects, most pieces have highlighted theories that the base is a secret testing facility for UFO exploration and hub of the government's involvement in extraterrestrial contact.

After all, stories on alien abductions, flying saucers and missing milk-carton children held hostage in underground cells make for much

more colorful quotes than diatribes by skeptical aviation experts and stodgy government watchdogs.

Area 51-crazed media have discovered a star of sorts in physicist Bob Lazar, who claims to have worked at the base and seen nine alien craft impounded there. Lazar's credibility was shaken after questions arose about his educational background and after he pleaded guilty in 1990 to a prostitution-related charge.

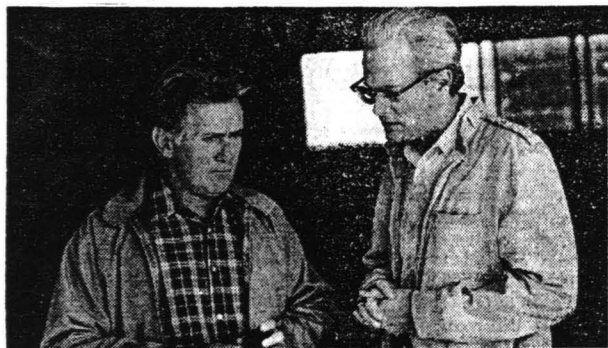
In September, the now semireclusive Lazar again made headlines when the Testor Corp. released a plastic model UFO he designed as a likeness of one of the spaceships. The \$25 kit instantly sold out at most Las Vegas hobby shops.

"We're getting tons of calls from people of all ages who've heard about it on TV and are dying to get their hands on it," said Pete Weckhorst, manager of HobbyTown USA, which has back-ordered several dozen of Lazar's kits.

"For the government to admit that they're hiding the aircraft Lazar designed, that would be our ultimate payoff," said Rob Morhaim, producer of "Patterns of Denial," an eight-minute segment on Area 51's alleged UFO link that aired Friday on "Sightings," a TV magazine on the paranormal.

Talkmeister King — the most recent to jump on the Area 51 bandwagon by hosting a live Turner Network Television program Saturday about UFO sightings near the base — further explained the allure of the subject.

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Martin Sheen, left, and Kyle MacLachlan ponder the military coverup of a UFO crash depicted in Showtime's movie "Roswell," tomorrow night at 8.

Earthling's Tale

'Roswell': Where Army Met UFO

By Tom Shales
Washington Post Staff Writer

"Roswell" offers a nice chilly case of the creeps. Showtime's movie, premiering tomorrow night at 8 on the pay-cable channel, looks back on a widely reported UFO sighting near Roswell, N.M., in 1947 and how it affected the life of one particular earthling who lived to tell about it.

He told but, says the film, few would believe, because the military

systematically discredited him as part of its overall coverup. You don't have to be Oliver Stone to find such a conspiracy entirely plausible.

Kyle MacLachlan plays the man, Jesse Marcel, an Air Force intelligence officer who investigates the discovery of strange scattered debris on a sheep ranch owned by Mac Brazel (Dwight Yoakam, the country singer, in a darned good performance). Marcel takes samples home

The story is told in flashbacks prompted by a 1977 reunion of Marcel's military unit. Writer Arthur Kopit lets the story unfold methodically, new details coming from each witness's account. Near the end, Martin Sheen, who has been lurking about through the whole movie, steps forward to play about the same knowledgeable source role Donald Sutherland played in Stone's "JFK."

And we actually get to see members of the crew of the UFO that crashed in 1947, if indeed it did.

"The fact is, a lot of people believe this flying saucer stuff. We want to get to the bottom of it," he said. "After all, it's kind of pompous to assume we're the only civilization around."

King, it should be noted, calls himself a "UFO skeptic" but says in 1972 he experienced a close encounter while on a plane to Miami.

His two-hour show included taped interviews with astronomer Carl Sagan, former U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater and "Star Trek" actor William Shatner — who offered firsthand insights from his fictional space voyages on the USS Enterprise — plus a live panel discussion that included several UFO theorists and Groom Lake gadfly and tour guide, Glenn Campbell.

King's caravan of pundits, producers, technicians and makeup artists rolled into Rachel on Wednesday, bombarding the otherwise sleepy hamlet — some 25 miles north of Groom Lake — with six trailers, two satellite dishes and miles of cable.

"It's quite a scene. I don't think we've seen such commotion in, gee, I don't know how long," said Joe Travis, who plays a supporting role in the Area 51 saga as owner of Rachel's only roadhouse, Little A "Le" Inn, which has become over the years Nevada's most unlikely tourist destination.

Some weekenders who had hiked to a ridge overlooking Groom Lake had expected to find King and his crew there.

"They've been hyping this up for weeks, and aren't even where

the action is. It's like doing coverage of Haiti from Florida," said Damon Lee of Las Vegas, likening the show to a "Dean Martin celebrity roast rather than a real look at what going on out there."

King's producers chose Rachel rather than points closer to Groom Lake to avoid problems that have hindered sightseers and news teams working near the base.

As recently as last week, two UFO hunters from Utah were charged with trespassing after wandering near the base's boundaries and avoiding signs reading "use of deadly force authorized." In three incidents since March, news crews from The New York Times, ABC News and Los Angeles' KNBC-TV working on public land adjacent to Area 51 had their film and videotape confiscated after base security suspected them of violating a federal law that restricts photographing the facility.

"The sense of paranoia in the military is nothing short of incredible. Any idiot would know that there's nothing on (the tapes) that violated any secrets," said Chuck Henry, the KNBC-TV reporter whose videotapes were seized in July. He was taping a segment that aimed to emphasize the irony of being able to see the base yet not photograph it.

Some say the media's difficulties covering Area 51 are part of the base's attraction.

"To me, the military compounds their own problems," King said. "It's the theater of the absurd. When they take tapes,

they create their own Watergate and provoke the media to press the issue, asking, 'What are you afraid to show us? What kind of spaceships are you hiding?'"

But other journalists believe some of their colleagues are missing the real story.

"They dilute the story (by) dwelling on UFOs. It's frustrating that a very serious issue has become a hokey, tabloid kind of story," Henry said.

Grace Bukowski, the national military land and airspace program director for the Rural Alliance for Military Accountability — a national military watchdog organization — also has little patience for coverage of flying saucers at Area 51.

"The real story at Groom Range is whether the people of the United States have lost control over the Pentagon and its funding of 'black' military projects," she said. "I think the answer is yes. They're taking billions of taxpayers' dollars and there's no accountability as far as I can see."

No one from the Pentagon to Nellis Air Force Base will officially discuss what's really going on at Area 51. As for UFO sightings near the base, Nellis personnel still adhere to the standard Air Force policy and suggest callers report their encounters to their local police.

"Obviously there are things up there and it turns out there are all kinds of reasons to explain them," said Nellis spokesman Maj. George Scilia. "But I'm not at liberty to discuss it, and to be honest, I don't know who is."

to show his wife and young son: an amazing metal that heals when cut, returns to its original shape after being crumpled, and, later, shatters a drill bit attempting to penetrate it.

Marcel's initial elation soon turns to anguish when the Army decides the story is too hot for the public to handle and sets about squashing it, even to the point of kidnapping Brazel off a Roswell street for three days of heavy-handed interrogation. Even if you don't believe in UFOs, you can certainly believe the military establishment could behave this way.

MacLachlan, who's always seemed at least a tad extraterrestrial anyway, was a good choice to play the obsessed man, but then all the casting is good. Like MacLachlan, Kim Greist, as Marcel's wife, has been very credibly aged with makeup for the reunion sequences. Charles Martin Smith plays the local sheriff, and Kopit has a bit part as a doctor.

Director Jeremy Kagan measures things out shrewdly, and the period details are deftly evocative. As speculative fiction goes, "Roswell" is definitely more persuasive than last year's overwrought theatrical film "Fire in the Sky," and lingers hauntingly in the mind long after the closing credits have crawled away.



JIM GENSHEIMER — MERCURY NEWS

Brother John, left, and Robert Perala know angels and ETs are out there. Perala says beings like the one at right, an artist's rendition, visited him in the '70s.

TRUE

BY MICHAEL ORICCHIO
Mercury News Staff Writer

NOT ONLY are they out there, they're down here, too. Extraterrestrials. Angels. Believe in them or not, they've invaded the public consciousness and pervaded the

Sunday evening with a panel discussion led by local self-styled specialists Brother John and Robert Perala.

The panel's moderator, Brother John — who goes by his nom de plume when discussing matters otherworldly — is a 47-year-old author from Los Gatos and research specialist with the Mutual UFO Network. His self-published book, "Ascending

Beings from other worlds exist, say the men who've met them BELIEVERS

popular culture. They're the stars of television series, talk shows, documentaries and movies. They're the subjects of books, magazines and workshops. From Fox's "The X-Files" to the best-selling "Touched by Angels" to Hollywood's "Angels in the Outfield," they're just everywhere.

And this weekend they'll be in San Jose — in one form or another — when the convention center hosts the 13th Annual New Age Renaissance Fair, which closes

From the Center" (Heart Blossom Books, \$12.95), has just come off the presses today.

Perala, a 39-year-old sunglasses salesman turned lecturer, educator and counselor in metaphysics, hosts a twice-monthly public-access cable show called "Space Cities" and holds a popular, bookshop lecture series called "Teachings of the Extraterrestrials."

The Mercury News brought the pair together at Perala's Campbell townhouse on a

recent rainy afternoon to give us a little preview of Sunday night.

While the two had met before, they never had gotten together to discuss their views, which stress the spiritual aspects of such phenomena rather than the nuts-and-bolts. They believe that the recent popularity of angels and extraterrestrials and the increase in eyewitness accounts are a sign that Earth is on the cusp of a new age, an evolutionary, spiritual dawning that may even involve the Second Coming.

Here's a sample of the conversation.

This is kind of a basic question, but would you say that both you guys believe in extraterrestrials and angels?

Robert Perala: I would say it goes beyond believing in them. I coexist with them. They visit me. I have more of what we call an integrated relationship with the celestial brothers and sisters.

It's like you're pals?

RP: Yeah... I have a relationship with these beings. We all do. Only some of us know it and some of us don't. Ha, ha, ha, ha.

Now, you fellows have both had personal experiences with different beings. Brother John, tell me a little bit about yours.

Brother John: It's February of 1975. I was a graduate student in psychology. I had completed studies in physics and engineering. I was now studying human memory. It was a Sunday after-

noon and I began thinking for hours on the topic very intensely. By the end of the day, suddenly I became aware that my body had become very, very ill. I had fevers, chills, headaches, dizziness, nausea. I lied down and tried to fall asleep.

I just got to a point where I couldn't bear it any longer. I just totally let go of the body. I just didn't want to be there. At that instant that I let go, I was sucked into the center of my body and shot out of a tunnel, like being shot out of a cannon or a catapult. I hovered over my body. I was aware I was above my bed.

I was surrounded by a circle of angelic beings. They were sending rays of light to the center of my chest. I experienced it as pure courage. Then I let go even more at that point. I sort of expanded into infinity. It's hard to explain. I realized myself as one with the universe.

Robert, what about your experiences?

RP: As a kid I had the ability to see, in the sense that my teachers would send home notes to my parents saying, "Robert sees lights around people. It might be a good idea if he doesn't talk about that sort of thing." Essentially, I saw angels as a kid. And I had visitors as a child.

Later on, the big change happened in 1977, when I attempted an experiment... I don't advise this for everybody.

Kids, don't try this at home

RP: Yeah, exactly.

What happened was, with all

'I have a relationship with these beings. We all do.'

Only some of us know it and some of us don't.'

— Robert Perala

the sincerity I could muster and all the desire to be heard, I went upstairs. We were at Heavenly Valley in Lake Tahoe. I opened up the window and looked into the night sky and I asked, "If you're there, I'm here and I would like to exchange with you and I would like to know more about you and I'm offering to let you know more about me."

Essentially, three beings appeared to me that were 7½-foot tall, glowed like the sun. They had helmets, as opposed to heads. Instead of hands, they of course had mittens. Strangely enough the suit appeared to be living.

The beings did speak to me, only briefly. Through deep hypnotherapy we found that... the one who spoke to me, he identified himself as a scientist from (the planet) Arcturus with the name Almatar. I'm hovering above the bed in a blue light about a foot off the bed. And he was speaking to me, telling me to be still, it'll be easier for me.

With that, suddenly it was just like shooting through a vast tunnel of light at what would be the

equivalent of what seemed thousands of miles an hour. I awoke in a room that was illuminated all around me. And the beings there did not show themselves. I remember in the room there was a great, big giant diamond in the center.

Then suddenly without warning I went through the white tunnel. When I started to come out of the experience the three of them were standing there next to me and I was in a complete and total state of shock. I was soaked in a honey-like fluid and I also had a tremendous sunburn.

Now, when we talk about extraterrestrials and angels, are we talking about the same things? What's the deal?

RP: Angelics have been given dominion over mankind. And so they are there as guides. Very few people call on them, but they are there as guides and helpers to enlighten humanity.

The extraterrestrials are really other factions of celestial beings who are visiting here, who come here for many, many different reasons also. They're science experts, they're curious about how humanity is evolving.

Two big factions that are visiting our planet right now are the Pleiadians and the Sirians, not be confused with the Syrians that we have here.

There's a big heavy influx of Sirians. This comes from the constellations, the Sirius A and Sirius B systems. The Pleiadians are

coming from a cluster of stars which is nicknamed by cosmologists and astronomers; it's also in the Bible, as the Seven Sisters. These beings, they look just like us.

Now the typical ET character we always hear about, the large head, the almond-shaped eyes, these are what we call the Gray Men. These are kind of like worker bees, they come from a worker-bee-like society. This is where the abductions are coming from, these Gray Men, which reside in the Orion system. They are also called the Dracol or Draconi. They are basically, in my opinion, undesirable. If a Gray ever gets a hold of you, you have a problem.

For the record, are you guys nuts or making this stuff up?

RP: Not at all.

BJ: No. No.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED

The 13th Annual New Age Renaissance Fair runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the San Jose Convention Center, Park Avenue at Market Street. \$4 advance tickets; \$5 at the door. The UFO panel moderated by Brother John and featuring Robert Perala will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday. For fair information, call (408) 448-6726. You can write Brother John care of Heart Blossom Books, P.O. Box 31011, Los Gatos, Calif. 95031-1605. You can contact Robert Perala by writing P.O. Box 112467, Campbell, Calif. 95011.

UFOs: fact or fiction?

Believing in UFOs today is still socially unacceptable

by Norma King

Aliens in the Northland?

It's possible says Dr. Gerald Eichhoefer, a William Jewell College professor who classifies himself as receiver of information on UFOs from others.

Has Eichhoefer ever seen a UFO? "Let's say I've seen some very interesting things," says the associate professor of computer science and of philosophy. He has also heard some very interesting things from people who have nothing to gain by sharing their stories with him.

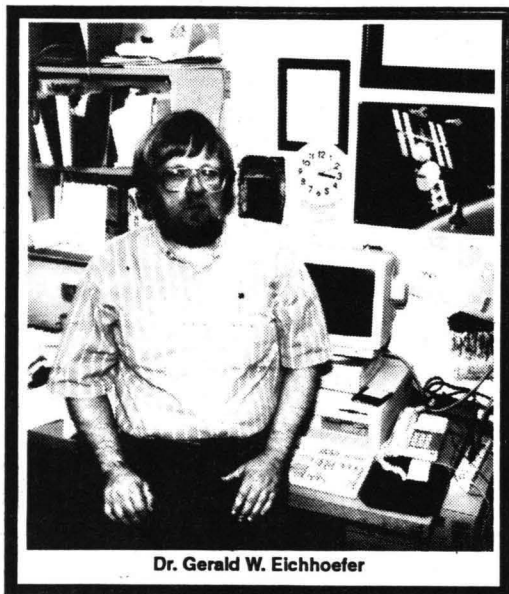
For instance — there's the alien visitations which occurred in Liberty a few years ago following the biggest ice storm the area had seen for a long time.

"Several people experienced what they called bedroom visitations where they thought these little grey guys came in and paralyzed them. That's what they claimed," recalls Eichhoefer. Three people confided alien visits to him. One fellow got up immediately after the experience and went around his house screaming, another "sort of" observed the experience and a third eventually had a nervous breakdown.

Eichhoefer doesn't discount these stories or many others he hears from people across the country. Rather, he thinks the phenomena is worth examining.

"In the case of the UFO phenomena it seems quite clear that something is really happening but it's socially hidden," he acknowledges.

Eichhoefer has heard personal stories about UFOs and aliens from people in every walk of life and at every economic level. Some of them just want someone to talk to who will listen to them, others are quite frightened.



Dr. Gerald W. Eichhoefer

"I had one woman that called, for example, and said her son told her that he used to play with little doctors in his bedroom. She said she didn't think anything of it until one

of the little doctors came into her bedroom," he recalls. She described the little doctor as one of the "greys" with a big head and almond eyes. When Eichhoefer phoned her two weeks later she clammed up and refused to discuss the visit.

He estimates that only one in ten people who have such experiences will talk about them.

"It's my rational assessment that something real and objective is happening. It's certainly very important and we need to look at it much more carefully. We need to avoid being either a true believer or a skeptic debunker. There needs to be some kind of a middle ground and we need to be brave enough to be willing to talk about it and say 'I see what I see.' And let's not pretend that we're not seeing things just because people don't want to see it."

Scientists and astronomers are not immune from UFO experiences, says Eichhoefer. In fact, from his personal experiences working with NASA and according to surveys done by others, he estimates that over half of the scientific community believes in UFOs. The fact that they don't make statements about UFOs is a reflection of the fact that "scientists are being driven by a social consensus. If they didn't play the game they would lose their job."

In fact, Eichhoefer says many astronomers actually erase magnetic tapes which record unexplained phenomena.

However, more and more scientists and PhDs are becoming interested and think something important is happening. "At a typical university if you can talk confidentially, most think there is something to it," he says.

The government, however, isn't talking. "There is no question whether or not they have files. They have told us the names of the files, but we can't look for national security reasons," he says.

He points to the Roswell case, a possible UFO crash near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. In recent years military personnel and civilians who were involved in the "cover-up" or were innocent bystanders have come forward to "spill the beans" about unusual wreckage and four alien bodies. The incident was portrayed by the government at the time as a weather balloon accident.

The military, he reasons, wouldn't want to admit that they can't control their own airspace; the government might be concerned about social or political implications.

So just what is the origin of UFOs. Eichhoefer says he doubts if UFO observations and detailed UFO stories have anything to do with science fiction.

"We could be dealing with extra terrestrials. We could be dealing with something that is more like classical religious phenomena, angels, devils.. we could be dealing with something from other dimensions...we could be dealing with massive intervention of some sort. In other words, we may wake up someday and find out we were invaded 100 years ago."

Eichhoefer isn't optimistic that alien visitors would be "space brothers coming to help out mankind" or care bears who have been living in care bear heaven.

"The idea of meeting a non-human intelligence and expecting to come out on top is pretty naive."

"We send our radio signals out and we send our space probes saying here we are, come and visit us. Well, everytime a more advanced culture has encountered — at least in human terms — a less developed culture it has led to the destruction of the less developed culture."

"I think there's very little good sense in advertising ourselves in a universe that may be full of people who are more advanced than us. We just have no reason to be optimistic about that kind of a meeting. I think that's part of the motivation to the people who are such strong disbelievers or skeptics..."

"I personally would be the most delighted person on the block if it ends up that there is really nothing to it."

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WHAT ABOUT THOSE UFO's?

By CAROL FISHER

Six months ago. Six months ago, on a bitter cold, sunny, Sunday morning, February 6th, two separate groups of individuals, in separate cars, spotted an odd, silent, gliding, then hovering object on Route 219 and Irish Hill Road at about 8am. Since then, life hasn't been the same around Ellicottville.

Given permission, in a sense, to reveal their own experiences, people began calling the newspaper and my home, telling us tales about strange lights, flying objects, and odd happenings. Photographs even came forth. These photos were professionally digitized and proclaimed valid, untampered, and mind-stretching, to say the least. Eventually, Steve Boyd from Channel 7 News arrived, Barry Lillis from Channel 2 also came to see, and we received an invitation to go on line on Flag Wavin' Country Radio WFWC, in Springville. My telephone number was picked up from the computer news bulletin board and I received calls from all over the United States — from investigators, and from those who write about, or have experienced their own encounters with alien beings or UFO's.

Explorers, we. Things have not been dull. Over the months, we have explored endless possibilities, including chartering an airplane flight over an R & D facility in the northern end of Cattaraugus County. We've looked at the possibility of hidden hangars which could house large, very large experimental air flight machines. We've hunted. So far, no luck. We've called the R & D and asked for a private tour. The answer was "no." We've asked endless questions and have dead ended every time.

I personally chased some very strange lights and watched some very impossible-appearing happenings when they finally stopped and I was able to get out of my car and observe. What did I see? I can describe what I say but I have no clue what caused what I saw.

Real Planes - Strange Doin's. Last Wednesday night at 9:30 I heard a very loud plane going overhead — you know, the kind of noise that almost rattles the windows. I looked out in time to see a huge, bright red flashing light to the left, slightly ahead of a very large carrier type plane (as I could judge from the lights) flying

at an extremely low altitude over the house and then veering off up Bryant Hill toward Franklinville, or ???

Last Friday night at 7:22pm I was approximately one mile from Ashford Junction on Route 240 coming out of West Valley (the same area that a huge, Vee-shaped, silent, low flying something came up the valley - spotted by responsible individuals from this community late at night). As I wound through that tree-lined part of the road, I spotted, for a brief moment, something so large above my head that it caught my attention. Darned if it wasn't a very large plane, looking much like a dark gray whale (which I'm told is a DC carrier). Since it was traveling rather slowly, I could see that it had no markings, no lights, and made no sound! I saw it. I didn't hear it! Further, I was sure it was coming in for a crash landing since I felt it would possibly not clear the trees on the next hill which was mere yards away. I caught glimpses of it through the trees and watched it bank to the right, barely clearing the top of the trees. It had to go straight up 242 toward Machias. I never heard a sound, even though my window was open, and the air conditioning and radio off. I raced to the corner, turned left and searched the skies, but it was gone.

And Again. This Tuesday night at 9:10pm, I heard the same loud sound of the previous week. Looking out the same window, I saw, and heard, a repeat of the Wednesday before. A bright red flashing light followed by a loud, large, low-flying plane. Now, on the previous Wednesday, I called our Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department to ask if they might possibly be out taking infra-red photos of suspected marijuana plantations. I was told in no uncertain terms that such a practice is very dangerous and the sheriff's department has no access to planes, choppers, etc.

Popular Mechanics review. A review of Popular Mechanics magazines over the past year reveals a large number of experimental craft in the making and testing stages. I'm told that Western New York, or more specifically, the Southern Tier of WNY is hardly the spot for the government to test such valuable equipment. Yet the stories we get have similar threads, similar descriptions. Could the large plane I saw accompanying a large flashing red light have been communicating with a

UFO? Could the large silent plane have been a government experiment? Or was it a UFO using a hologram to make itself appear like an airplane? It did disappear rather quickly, didn't it?

My abduction. Last Sunday, I was abducted by a friend who took me, without warning, to a Skywatch. It was believed that that was to have been an evening that beings from another space, or time, or planet were going to try to have tangible contact with a select number of believers. If you recall, the weather was atrocious, with high winds, dense clouds, a nasty storm front, and rain. We arrived at the designated spot and waited, some in cars, most outside in a covered picnic area. Flags were set as prescribed, marking the landing area, and we waited. Nothing happened. No one did strange, bizarre things and all of the people there were no different from you or your family members. Except they had a secret yearning that something would happen, despite stories one reads about not-so-nice experiences with aliens.

Are they fools? Are they disillusioned? I don't know the answer to that. I've researched enough to know that many people out there have experienced contact with what they perceive to be alien beings. They don't act crazed, or half-a-bubble off. In fact, if anything, they act much more aware of everything and everyone around them. It's as if their experiences (perceived of otherwise - who are we to say?) with inhabitants of UFO's, at any level, have served to heighten their USO's (Under the Surface Observations). So many of them seem to be much more tuned in to each other, and to people they meet. They seem to take the time to really see what is presented to them in the form of a new acquaintance or experience.

So? Who knows, maybe that's what this whole phenomenon has been about. Maybe, somehow, some way, we in busy, tourist-y, trendy, fashionable Ellicottville, are being sent messages which simply say, "take the time to really look into each other's eyes, hearts and souls. Don't let the surface fool you. Don't be so preoccupied with what you have that you forget to look to see who you have in your corner, if anyone." For lack of any other explanation at this juncture, it's a thought that's worth considering.

CLACKAMAS CO. NEWS, Estacada,
OR - Oct. 12, 1994

UFO Alert in Estacada?

A loyal CCN fan called Thursday afternoon from work to report an odd experience while leaving Estacada at about 6:30 a.m. She claims to have seen a large, green/blue globe floating about 100 feet over a Kinzy Rd. field as she was driving to work. Seconds later, she reported, the object took off laterally and disappeared into the darkness. "I pulled over, got the chills, and went, 'Wow!'" The woman said the object was "too big and too fast to be a practical joke, and too low to be an airplane. I can't say how big it was because it was just...wow!" The woman added that she'd slept a good eight hours the night before.

Local support group helps those troubled by UFOs

By JERRY RESLER
Sentinel staff writer

They come to Caroline Loose with problems that are out of this world.

They are men and women from various backgrounds and walks of life who believe they have been abducted — even hounded — by extraterrestrials.

Loose, a Milwaukee psycho-

therapist and former principal in the Milwaukee Public Schools, decided last April to form the support group for so-called abductees and others troubled by UFO sightings.

"Where I come in is to help them through the trauma, at least to deal with their fears," she said. "The fact that they have somebody to listen to has helped a lot."

Loose, a state licensed



Loose

counselor at Transformations Inc., 4200 W. Good Hope Road, has been a psychotherapist for eight years and has dealt before with people who have paranormal or other psychic experiences, she said.

She said she became interested in the abduction phenomenon about five years ago when she was approached by a woman who said she believed she has experienced repeated abductions, beginning when she was a child. The woman, Loose said, told her she had learned to deal with her abductions but drew the line when she discovered the aliens also were abducting her daughter.

Jeff Goodpaster, who teaches psychology and critical thinking at Gateway Technical College in Kenosha and is affiliated with the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago, is skeptical of abductions. He is concerned that many people who believe they have been abducted aren't getting the professional help they need.

He said his research has suggested that many of the "abductees" have actually experienced

something called sleep paralysis, a short period of total body paralysis that can occur just before falling asleep or immediately upon awakening. It is often associated with hallucinations.

"In some cases, it is clearly sleep paralysis and they need to be told that. They need to be told that this is probably not a UFO event. Some people are not getting the help and advice they need. Other people are getting fed a story that may in itself be causing a problem."

Loose said there are about 30 members in her "abductee" group, most from Wisconsin but some from Illinois.

Loose and an associate have hypnotically regressed members.

In his book, "Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens," Harvard psychiatrist John E. Mack says so-called abductees whom he has interviewed generally tell him they believe the aliens are abducting human beings to help them save Earth from nuclear and environmental destruction.

"A common denominator in my group is this appreciation of the

UFOs

environment they now have and also raising their consciousness," Loose said. "They (group members) want to have a better relationship with their fellow man and also help him."

Some critics of the abduction phenomenon contend that some "abductees" are mistakenly confusing past trauma, such as childhood physical or sexual abuse, with abductions by aliens.

"Some of these people have had childhood abuse... yet they can separate that," Loose said. "This is not the same thing."

Asked whether she believed the people in her group had actually been abducted by aliens, Loose replied:

"I feel there's a lot of credibility to it... What we're encountering here is something we're not prepared to understand. I'll tell you, these meetings are the most fascinating thing I've ever attended."

SUN-TIMES, Chicago, IL

Dec. 4, 1994 CR: R. Boomer



TBS joins the UFO hunt at 8:30 tonight with "Searching for Extraterrestrials."

'Explorer' Enters Alien Territory

TELEVISION/By Lon Grahne

Alien life forms and UFO sightings are multiplying on Sunday nights.

This week, Fox's "Encounters: The Hidden Truth" (6 p.m., Channel 32) reports on alleged space encounters between extraterrestrials and NASA astronauts. The "reality" series also visits a grave site, seeking evidence of an interplanetary visitor.

In television's science-fiction universe, Sundays offer the weekly series "Earth 2" (6 p.m., Channel 5), "seaQuest DSV" (7 p.m., Channel 5), "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" (8 and 11:30 p.m., Channel 9), "Star Trek: The Next Generation" (10:30 p.m., Channel 50) and the original "Star Trek" (11:30 p.m., Channel 50).

Now National Geographic's "Explorer," a respected documentary series, is delving into the realm of cosmic speculation with "Searching for Extraterrestrials," premiering at 8:30 tonight on the TBS cable channel. Actor John de Lancie, who plays Q in "Star Trek: The Next Generation," narrates the ★★ segment of the two-hour program.

"Explorer" interviews astronomers who say life beyond planet Earth is probable, but direct contact with extraterrestrials is unlikely, given the great distances between planetary systems. Frank Drake, founder of NASA's Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence program, predicts that Earthlings eventually will communicate with other intelligent life forms via radio waves.

Congress canceled the extraterrestrial search program last year; private donations support monitoring of radio waves and other research.

"It doesn't take much to convince you that there is life out there," Drake says. "What we have here should exist in many other places."

"Explorer" veers away from hard journalism with excessive special effects and a cheesy re-enactment of a woman's alleged abduction by space aliens. Producer Eitan Weinreich also tapes a session with an alien-abductee support group.

"Two hundred trillion miles away," says narrator de Lancie, "there may be a planet where Elvis lives, amid radio-listening beings."

Far out! Beam me up to Planet Presley, Scotty.

TIMES UNION, Albany, NY - Sept. 30, 1994

King to take TNT viewers to base where UFOs reputedly are kept

On a crystal-clear October night in 1972, Larry King was in an airplane coming back from a Miami Dolphins football game when he saw a bright light following his aircraft.

He wasn't the only one who saw the object 300 feet from the wing. The rest of the plane's passengers saw it. So did the pilot, who couldn't identify it.

"It wasn't a star," King, 60, said in a recent telephone interview. "It didn't show up on the radar. It just went away."

King hasn't gone away, however.

He never found out what the unidentified flying object that escorted his aircraft was, but he won't rule out that it was some little guys from Uranus.

"It would be insane not to be curious," King said. "Are we the only life form? It would be presumptuous of us to think so. It's also pompous of us to think that they only land in Wichita, and don't go see Cuomo in Albany."

King will continue the hunt for other life forms Saturday in a live Turner Network Television special at 8 p.m. It is called, "The UFO Cover-Up: Live From Area 51 — A TNT Larry King Special."

This actually isn't a lifelong fascination for King.

The reason he took this assignment is that it's part of his contract with Ted Turner, which runs through 1999. He has to do two specials a year for TNT. His last one was on the anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, and the next will be on his home borough of Brooklyn.

"I said I would do this as long as I don't have to do anything kooky," King said, "and I get to have serious people on and I get the chance to be me."

Interview subjects will include Rachel, Nev., activist Glenn Campbell, who heads the Secrecy Oversight Council; technology expert Mark Farmer (a k a Agent

X); Carl Sagan; and UFO analyst Stanton Friedman.

What Larry's looking for in his little exploration are possible government cover-ups regarding sightings, abductions and captured spaceships.

What I think he'll come up with is about as much as Geraldo Rivera found in Al Capone's vault. Nothing.

This Area 51 is a gigantic military installation tucked deep in the Nevada desert, a three-hour drive from Las Vegas.

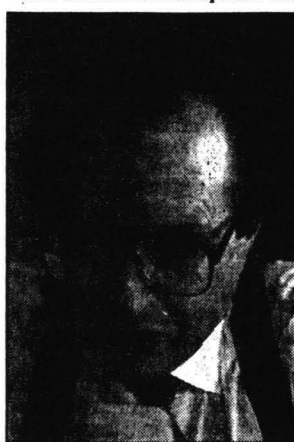
Some people believe that this secret base serves as a place where the government captures E.T., and does its research. Then, according to believers, the U.S. has used spaceships to upgrade its own aircrafts.

They contend they have seen strange trails of light in this area from crafts like none they've ever seen before.

Yeah, right. Remember these alleged new planes are brought to you by the people who brought you the B-1 bomber.

After this gig, King goes on to an even more surrealistic one — celebrity "Jeopardy" with General Norman Schwarzkopf and Lilly Tomlin.

The extraterrestrial special will



Larry King

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consist of live and taped interviews and live viewer calls.

"I try not to expect anything," said King. "I like to be surprised."

But King better watch his step if he wants to live until his interview with President Bill Clinton next week on "Larry King Live." Clearly posted outside the base are signs which state that anyone who comes within 12 miles of the base will be shot on sight. They don't even wait to see the whites of your eyes.

"Maybe I'll wear a flak jacket like Dan Rather," King said.

Joke now Larry, but wait until Saturday when you're face-to-face with Fred Flintstone's pal, The Great Gazoo.

"I hope I get taken by them," he said, "this is a Pulitzer, as long as there's no O.J. story that night." He's totally ruling out the possibility of Simpson piloting the spaceship.

Actually King's intention here is to find out what is going on at the top-secret venue. The fact that the government is hiding anything has given way to public skepticism. The issue, he says, is national security.

"I'm a cynic," King said. "They don't let people in. What could they be hiding? What can be in that place?"

But it's extremely difficult to believe that if the government is hiding something, they won't be extra careful when they see a convoy of CNN trucks pull up with production equipment, cases of bottled water and a day's supply of Ginsana Ginseng Extract.

Something tells me they'll keep the flying saucers in the garage.

Believers say UFOs no joke

► Mobile woman tells of ongoing abductions during conference

By EDDIE CURRAN
Staff Reporter

PENSACOLA — Lisa doesn't joke about it. Her tone is earnest, her eyes sad. When she says aliens abduct her and take her to "the tan planet," you believe her.

Well, maybe you don't believe she's been to the tan planet. But unless Lisa is a world-class actress, she's either been to the tan planet or is convinced she's been to the tan planet.

The 36-year-old Mobile woman said she doesn't enjoy being abducted by aliens. Sometimes they beat her. Other times, it's worse.

"I've been raped. And they take my eggs to make hybrids," she said.

Almost as bad, she said, are the mind scans.

"That's where they go inside your brain and want to know your emotions," she said.



Jim Wiener, in the purple shirt, and his twin brother Jack tell of being among the "Allagash Four," who say they were abducted and stripped naked by aliens during a 1967 fishing trip in the woods of Maine. They were among the speakers at this weekend's UFO conference in Pensacola.

EDDIE CURRAN/Mobile Register

"I find it very disturbing. I feel like a freak at times," said the pretty brunette and mother of two.

This weekend, Lisa doesn't feel like a freak. At the second-annual Gulf Breeze UFO Conference, she's surrounded by people who've either been abducted by aliens, seen UFOs, or at the very least believe the people who say they've been abducted by aliens or seen UFOs.

Lisa, though she seemed a slightly nervous, melodramatic woman, said she feels comfortable here. In the lobby of the Pensacola Grand Hotel, surrounded by hundreds of believers, Lisa need not worry that people will giggle or call her a whacko when she says something like, "The old ones are 6-foot tall, with wrinkled faces and big eyes. I call them 'The Old Ones.'"

"I get a lot of support here," she said. "It makes me feel less isolated, like I'm not just alone."

Lisa wanted to give her last name. She was willing to allow her picture to be taken. "I'm not ashamed," she said.

But her husband, though he no longer doubts his wife, is scared people won't understand. He has too many friends in Mobile, and a job. There's too much to lose.

He did, however, let Lisa tell her story. Several friends surrounded her as she talked. Some, like retired Mobile couple Walt and Liz Baldwin, attend Lisa's UFO support group. Attorneys and engineers are among those in the group, the Baldwins said.

"They say Mobile has more UFO activity than Gulf Breeze, but people don't know it," Liz Baldwin said.

TUNDRA DRUMS, Bethel, AK - Oct. 20, 1994

UFO spotted over Bristol Bay towns

By Michael Berger

BayTimes Staff

On a clear Alaska night it seems like every star in the sky is visible. Last weekend's cloudless nights gave Bristol Bay stargazers a chance to view the heavens, look for northern lights or behold the Big Dipper. But on Friday, Saturday and Sunday between 8 p.m. and midnight, several residents of Manokotak, Dillingham and Aleknagik saw something that really caught their eye.

Molly Pauk, a secretary at Manokotak School, was watching television in her living room Sunday night when bright lights shining through her picture window grabbed her attention. At first Pauk paid no attention. She thought it was an airplane circling the area.

"I saw red and green lights like a regular airplane," Pauk said, "but when I went over to look out the window I noticed that the object didn't make a sound. It circled around three or four times pretty close to my house and flashed the lights right on me."

Pretty soon word spread. Anecia Lomack heard the same story from about seven people in Manokotak, including her two sons. Lomack said she might not have believed the story but the people who told her were all upstanding citizens. VHF channel 68 was all abuzz with the news after Lomack joined local chatter.

Lomack's main concern with the weekend's sightings was the safety of Manokotak children. She broadcast the story to warn people to watch their kids so they don't get kidnapped, taken away or just disappear.

As for herself Lomack said, "I'm too busy to be kidnapped. I'm still working on Earth."

Aaron Lomack, 17, also saw the unidentified flying object.

He claims while he was out driving around when a triangular-shaped object with white, blue and red lights circled silently overhead.

Aaron said he could see the Manokotak airport lights go on and drove toward the runways too see if a plane was landing. Then the airports lights shut off. But the object was still there, moving slowly, without a sound.

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Molly Pauk

"I don't know what it was," Aaron said. "Probably a UFO."

Anecia Lomack said her other son, Eric, 12, also saw the silent object last weekend driving back from a lake in Manokotak with a friend. Lomack explained that each time the object was seen, the lights went on and off at the airport.

"Eric was coming back from the lake at around midnight when he saw the colored lights overhead," Lomack said. "Next thing he saw was the lights at the airport go on, then quickly go off. He said he saw this happen twice. A lot of people who saw the UFO also saw the airport lights."

Shirley Yeager, a clerk at Dillingham's Alaska Commercial Co. store, was at the Snake Lake lookout near Aleknagik on Sunday night with a friend when she saw what appeared to be brightly colored stars in "a sort of a triangular pattern."

"We were sitting there while looking out and saw what looked like colored stars. The lights looked, pink, blue and green and they were blinking on and off. It looked like a group of stars moving," Yeager said.

"Yes, I thought it was a UFO," she said. "I never saw stars move like that before. They were just moving, there was no sound."

According to Yeager, UFOs come to Alaska because there are too many people in the Lower 48. She explained that UFOs can get their job done easier in Alaska because of the smaller population and more open spaces.

The Federal Aviation Administration in Dillingham and United States Air Force in Anchorage had no comment.

One concerned friend asked if the article would be "tongue-in-cheek." In other words, would Lisa be made fun of.

Lisa, and the concerned friend, were told that her story, as they certainly must realize, is strange. They nodded. So strange, in fact, that no promises could be made. They seemed to accept that, and Lisa talked.

"It's a lifetime experience. It's not just a single abduction. It's ongoing," she said, in starting to tell her story.

Ongoing? Lifetime experience? What do you mean, Lisa?

"It happens several times a week. I was two years old when it started. When people ask why it happens so often, I tell them it's because the aliens tell me I'm family."

As much as five times a week, they come. And always at night. They take her away, right through the doors. Sometimes she returns with bruises.

But, Lisa is asked, what about your husband? Has he ever seen them? Has he ever awakened and discovered you missing?

Lisa, ever solemn, not once cracking a smile, said, "He's always knocked out. They put him in a sleeping state."

The aliens come in different sizes, she said. They have very big eyes. Some are rough and mean. The "Old Ones" are nice, though. They never open their mouths, but communicate telepathically. Nor, in 34 years of being abducted several times a week, has she ever seen them eat.

"They have given me certain things to drink, but it makes me nauseous," she said.

Lisa said she senses the aliens are very smart, but "some seem ruthless with their intelligence."

The tan planet, she believes, is Mars. "It's desert-like, but there's activity going on."

Lisa's husband said he loves his wife, but admitted that up until two years ago, he entertained the possibility that Lisa was bonkers.

"I thought she was either having bad dreams or was nuts. We've got kids, and kids can drive anybody crazy," he said.

"Until I started going to this stuff I thought she was crazy, but when you come to a group like this, you

realize that if she's crazy, then so are a whole lot of others.

"Two years ago, I would have looked at all these people and thought they were looney-tunes, like something out of the National Enquirer. But this is more real than anybody thinks," he said.

Lisa's husband admits it's frustrating for his wife to be kidnapped several times a week and mistreated by aliens.

"That's the worst part," he said. "There's nothing I can do about it. If somebody broke into my house, I could do something about it, but they just knock me out and there's nothing I can do."

Lisa said her 20-year-old daughter and her 13-year-old son also have been abducted. She can remember their screams during her abductions. She said they don't like to talk about it. When she brings it up, they just look down.

After Lisa's story, with the crowd dispersing and this reporter leaving, Lisa approached with a friend. The friend, who was from Fairhope, wanted more assurances that Lisa's last name, which was on her name tag, wouldn't be used.

"It's not me, it's my husband, and he's the bread-winner," Lisa said.

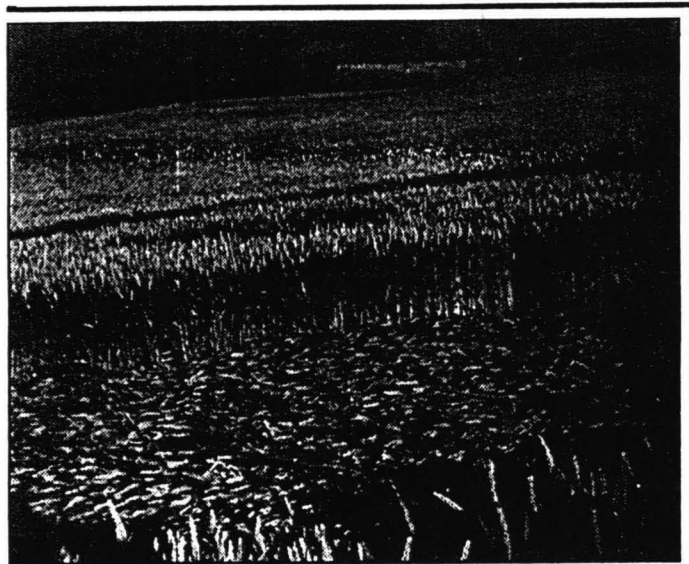
Lisa was friendly, but the girl from Fairhope, who seemed protective of Lisa, was not.

"C'mon, Lisa," she said. "He doesn't understand."

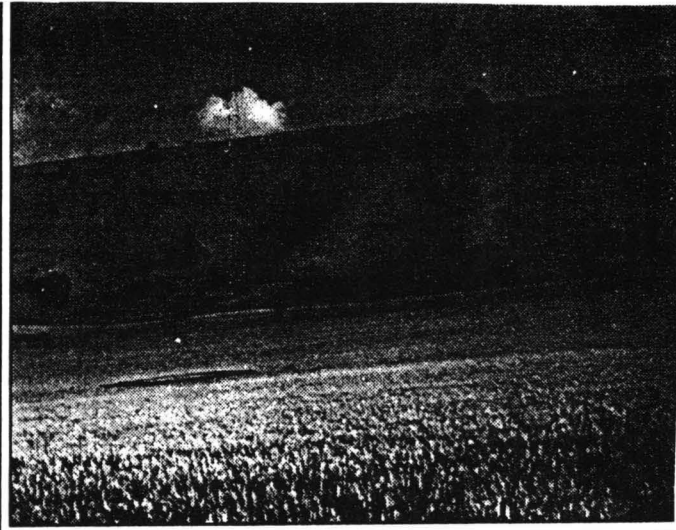


Group set up to examine crop circles and UFOs

... are they really just natural phenomena?



Corn pressed flat in a crop circle. (Photo supplied)



A circle in the middle of a field. Was it caused by atmospheric currents? (Photo supplied)

HAVE YOU ever wondered what causes crop circles, or where UFOs come from? A new group is starting up in Cheshire and North Staffordshire which hopes to investigate such occurrences in the area.

Organiser Eric Morris has been collecting evidence about "anomalous phenomena" since 1978, and has developed his own theory about what creates the crop circles.

Although several have been exposed as fakes, there are many that cannot be explained, such as one Eric went to look at near Chester recently.

It takes a lot of patient study, but there are tell-tale signs which show whether crop circles are man-made or not, such as a flattened down starting point in the middle, or the corn being crushed flat too near the base.

He explained: "My own theory, which I have done quite a lot of work on, is that they are created by unusual atmospheric currents.

"The hot air currents at the top of hills gather water, then gather momentum and start to spin, and then drop to the fields. That is why they are always so symmetrical."

He believes that people are wrong to associate them with

UFOs, although he and his colleagues are interested in both phenomena. Although Eric has no theory about what UFOs could be, he does not really subscribe to the "little green men" theory.

His interest began when he was 10, when he saw lights in the sky, which at the time he thought was a UFO, but now thinks was probably an aircraft.

Eric and his colleagues are under no illusions about the majority of sightings, which he says are easily explained as being aeroplanes or other natural phenomena. It is the six per cent that can't be explained that interests him, and he is keeping his mind open.

The group would like to hear from anyone who is interested in joining, or who has perhaps seen a UFO or crop circle. He stresses that all calls will be in the strictest confidence.

Although the group will be concentrating mainly on crop circles and UFOs, they have contacts across the country and also in America where they are helping to film a television series.

Information about other paranormal activities such as ghosts or poltergeists can be relayed through the group to other sources.

● The hotline number for new members or sightings is 0606 553116.

HERALD, Shorham, England - Sept. 16, 1994 CR: T. Good

Man sees alien land on the South Downs

'They look very much like jellyfish'

Report by Michael Bristow

A SHOREHAM resident claims to have seen life forms from outer space.

Peter van Doorn, of Williams Road, said he had had several close encounters with the alien beings, which ranged in size from a few inches to hundreds of miles long.

Mr van Doorn said, "They are much more than just UFOs. I believe they are responsible for all manner of mysterious things on Earth."

He calls the creatures Medusae — which stands for Manifestations and Electromagnetic Discharges of Unidentified Superterrestrial Abiogenetic Entities.

Phenomena

Mr van Doorn claimed their means of communication were far in advance of human communications methods.

"I believe these things are

intelligent and can communicate using radio waves. These things are so beyond us it's not possible to make contact with them in the normal sense of the word."

Mr van Doorn said his closest meeting with the beings had come on the

Downs, when he had seen one land.

The amateur supernatural investigator said the American space agency NASA was examining the phenomena, but did not think the aliens were a threat.

He said they had been appearing for thousands of years and would have taken over by now if they had wanted to.

But where did they come from? "I believe they originate from the planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. They also come from within the Earth itself."



PETER VAN DOORN — hoping to get a book published on his experience of aliens. Picture: Gerald Thompson.

'UFO' photos probe

EXPERT UFO investigators are studying photographs which are believed to show a flying saucer over the sky of Bridgwater.

The pictures were taken at night from a house in Tulip Tree Road and one clearly shows a pulsing bright yellow trail being emitted by the object.

They were taken by Shaun Depledge from his bedroom window. His mother Susan said: "They are genuine. It was the night we had a bad storm. He took them with a Polaroid camera and we said he should contact a UFO group."

The Ministry of Defence has a special department which deals with UFO reports and it maintains close links with the British UFO Research Association.

An MOD spokesman said: "These photographs should be sent directly to the association. At the MOD we are concerned there is no breach of air defences and no threat to the British public."

Initially the photographs were sent to Tim Ash, Somerset branch chairman of the national group London UFO Studies.

At his home in Shervage Court, Bridgwater, Mr Ash said: "They are not hoaxes as they were taken with a Polaroid camera."

LIFE has never been the same for Alan Godfrey since one wet November night in 1980.

The former policeman was on a routine call when he encountered what has been dubbed one of the most significant UFO sightings ever.

Interest is still strong 14 years after the bizarre event in Burnley Road, Todmorden, between Centre Vale Park and the Ukrainian Club.

Mr Godfrey's experience will be featured in the New Year on the YTV series "Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe," and a U.S. company has signed up to make a film of the sighting which one book described as the most significant in Britain.

In recent years Mr Godfrey, aged 47, of Walsden, Todmorden, has appeared on major TV chat shows here and abroad.

He remembers vividly the moments leading up to the 5 am encounter.

"I left Todmorden Police Station with the intention of going to the nearby Ashenhurst estate after a report about a herd of cows up there," he said.

"As I was going to turn up Ferney Lee Road I noticed something was blocking the Burnley Road ahead and decided to investigate."

He stopped 25 yards from what he described as a hovering diamond shaped craft, 20ft wide, 14ft high. Its bottom half was rotating and it had a row of dark panelling.

"I was gobsmacked. I sat in the patrol car and tried its radio and the police radio but none worked," he said.

"I put my blue flashing lights and hazard warning lights on and decided to draw what I could see."

"The surrounding trees were shaking heavily. It was very frightening."

"I was seeing something I did not believe existed."

Mr Godfrey recalls suddenly being further up the road by Ewood Lane.

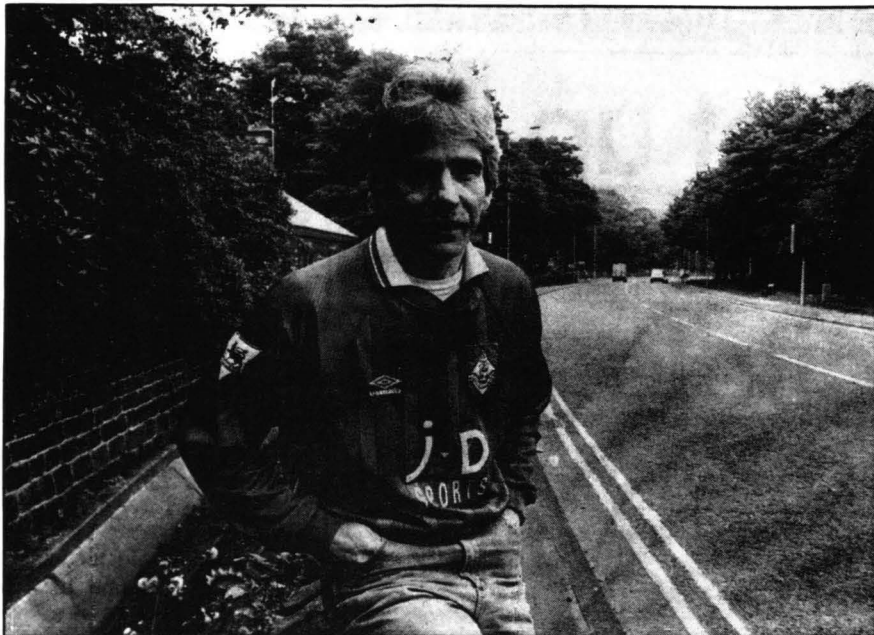
"I looked into my mirror and it had gone so I went back and parked the car," he said.

"It had been raining hard but the area below the craft was dry."

Further UFO sightings early that morning were reported by police officers in Halifax and Cliviger, and also by several motorists seeing the craft travelling towards Burnley.

Oddly, the herd of cows were found on a rugby field in Centre Vale Park. How they got there was a mystery as the park gates were locked, said Mr Godfrey.

In a bid to fill in the "missing minutes" Mr Godfrey had regressive hypnosis 12 months later.



Alan Godfrey at the site where he claims the craft landed

A STRANGE ENCOUNTER!

By BRIAN COATES

"It would appear I got out of the car and there was a flash of light and I found myself in a room being confronted by a 'tall human-like figure' and some small creatures that had heads shaped like light bulbs," he said.

"Under hypnosis I appeared very frightened of these small creatures."

The professor in charge of the hypnosis had to take the unusual step of switching off monitoring machines as the readings went off the scale — as if Mr Godfrey was sprinting rather than lying on a couch.

But Mr Godfrey is sceptical about his hypnotic experience.

"I am of the opinion what I said under hypnosis was something I read about after my experience and it all got mixed up," he said.

"I have to believe that because to believe the other would blow my mind."

Mr Godfrey is convinced there is a cover-up on UFOs.

"Knowing the secrecy that surrounds the UFO syndrome it would not surprise me if it was some sort of man-made craft being tested," he said.

Mr Godfrey claimed around 90 per cent of Todmorden police officers he served with witnessed a UFO sighting at some time.

As was usual practice in 1980 the police informed the Ministry of Defence of his experience by telex but, according to Mr Godfrey, no proper investigation was carried out.

"There was more paperwork if a dog was run over," he said.

He was asked to sign documents by a high-ranking police officer that he would not talk to the media about his experience and the death of a Polish man, Zygmunt Adamski, of Leeds.

Mr Godfrey was involved in the case surrounding his death a few months earlier.

He had left his home the day before a family wedding and was found five days later on top of a coal heap near Todmorden Railway Station.

Mr Godfrey said there was so much pressure on him in the police force because of the incidents he finally decided to speak out. His police career later ended by him being medically discharged because of an old injury sustained while on duty. He is now an inspector for the Security Agency (UK) Ltd, of Rawtenstall.

At times Mr Godfrey wishes he had never experienced what he did but at other times he is glad.

He was not religious before the event and isn't now. He appreciates people can believe what they wish, but claimed there was more evidence to suggest UFOs existed than Jesus Christ.

"If the Bible was written today it would end up on science fiction shelves at the library," he said.

"Yet people are ready to believe what the Bible says and quick to ridicule UFO sightings."

"I am just waiting for the day when UFOs are officially recognised and people say 'Godfrey was right'."

We saw UFO, say students

THREE students reported a UFO sighting in Taunton in the early hours of yesterday morning (Thursday).

Lee Staples, Dante Marotta and Matthew Lefeuve claim they saw a bright, bowl shaped, object hovering over Belvedere Road at 3.15 am.

Lee, 18, said: "I've never believed in UFOs before but this has changed everything. It was incredible."

They had finished watching a video at Lee's house in Belvedere Road when they heard a humming, droning sound.

"I looked out of the window. There was this object like I've never seen before, like a bowl with something underneath it," said Lee, an A-level student at Richard Huish College.

He said the object was hovering quite low, with circling lights and two large lights underneath.

"We were jumping around, scared and exhilarated. We started running around trying to get dressed to go outside but then it was gone," he explained.

They twice called the police from a nearby telephone box and were told someone would investigate.

Later they went to Taunton police station and were told it was a low flying balloon or a Chinook.

"They just laughed at us, but there is no way it was a balloon or a helicopter. It couldn't have been," said Lee.

Matthew, 20, studying at SCAT, said: "It was bright and luminous white with lights all around. It was unbelievable. It was really low, just higher than a church tower."

They are now contacting Somerset UFO investigator Sue Hembury Kellow to report their sighting.

Moor's aliens come under TV spotlight

A TELEVISION production crew arrived in Ilkley yesterday to prepare filming a live show about aliens and unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Former BBC children's presenter Phillip Schofield will lead an investigation into the increasing number of unexplained sightings on Ilkley Moor.

The episode of ITV's Schofield's Quest, which will be networked nationally, is expected to analyse the most documented case on the moor — a picture of a four-foot tall green figure with long arms and red eyes.

Flashing lights

The photographer, an ex-policeman who has protected his identity, later claimed during hypnotic regression that he was lifted into the air by an invisible force and examined on board a space craft by more of the creatures.

Cases this year include three separate accounts of multi-coloured bright lights flashing over the edge of the moor on the same evening.

Wharfedale ufologist Nigel Mortimer, of Stocks Hill, Menston, may also appear in a programme due to be broadcast in November this year.

A spokeswoman for series makers LWT said Mr Schofield will chair the programme from a studio while a reporter will be based on Ilkley Moor.

It's a visitor, Jim, but not as we know it

WILLIAM SHATNER'S STAR JOURNEY

MYSTERIES OF THE GODS
Is the human race an alien off-spring?

MECHANICAL engineer John Cornish saw a fleet 50 UFOs streaking through the sky in formation.

John of Meadow Rise, Broadstone, is just one of 180 people who phoned researcher David Kingston with sightings after my Advertiser story of a family who claimed to have been abducted by a UFO.

Many readers just didn't believe a word of it; some even felt heated enough to make abusive anonymous calls to our office.

Those who didn't dismiss it were often those who had themselves witnessed something they couldn't explain.

Their stories — including three claimed abductions involving 'missing time' — are being fully investigated.

Some of those UFO spotters will be attending a special Poole public meeting researcher David is holding on UFOs and crop circles on Tuesday, August 30, at 7 pm at the perhaps appropriately named

Oddfellows Hall, Chapel Road, Parkstone, admission £3.

Meanwhile we're launching a contest to seek out your weird and wonderful experiences — be they of UFOs, ghosts, angels or any unexplained phenomena.

As prizes for the most intriguing tales we're giving away five brand new 60 minute Mysteries of the Gods videos.

They feature Star Trek star William Shatner investigating myth and hard evidence that our planet has been visited or even may be the off-spring of an alien civilisation.

The video asks: "Are we unknowing, worldwide participants in an alien experiment?"

Send in your weird tales but don't even think of faking them — all stories will be checked from all angles.

Send your contest entries to Weird or Wonderful, Advertiser Series, 71 High Street, Poole, Dorset BH15 1BB and include your full address and, if possible, a phone number where we can reach you.

CR: T. Good

● The Mysteries of the Gods video we are offering free to readers.

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Another
story that's
out of this
world?



MYSTERY 'HARVEST': Villager Geoff Hirst stands in the middle of one of the strange crop circles. Now the phenomenon has been referred to experts in the hope they can crack the puzzle.

Experts to probe 'alien' field circles

MYSTERY corn circles which have cropped up in a field at Leconfield are being analysed by experts.

Samples and aerial photographs have been taken of the three circles in farmer Mr Peter Lount's field behind homes in St. Catherine's Drive.

It could take months for the experts to come up with their conclusion about the origin of the circles.

Various explanations have been suggested by villagers - ranging from a visit by a spaceship to a hoax by pranksters.

But Mr Lount is keeping an open mind about the origin of the circles. "They just appeared overnight. Two appeared in early July and one more recently.

"The experts are going to send me a report, but it could be in eight months' time.

"The people who have surveyed the circles analyse them all over the country. The samples go to Cambridge and I think they send them on to America for certain studies.

"I gather they flew a small model airplane over the circles with a camera to get aerial prints," he said.

The experts moved in after spotting the circles from the air.

Parish council chairman Mr

By Trudi Davidson
NEWS REPORTER

Geoff Hirst, who lives in St Catherine's Drive, said villagers were intrigued by the mystery.

"It is strange. It was not there one day, but it was there the next. There was no obvious reason for it. There didn't seem to be any pathway leading to it.

"It has been suggested it is a hoax, but I have never seen anyone in the field.

"People have looked at it and said 'the aliens have landed'."

Several explanations have been put forward as possible causes of corn circles which have appeared all over Britain.

● Some people claim they are the imprint of space ships.

● New-Age mystics - among them former TV sports presenter David Icke - have claimed they are a message from the spirit of the Earth in a last desperate plea for its survival.

● A Japanese professor has claimed the phenomena is caused by plasma.

● Some farmers have suggested that the circles are caused

by the roots of dead trees which form a circular pattern of fertile land where corn grows faster than the rest and is broken off by the wind.

● Other experts have blamed dust which becomes electrically charged when sucked in by whirlwinds.

● Sceptics are convinced the whole thing is a hoax and that the corn is trampled down by pranksters.

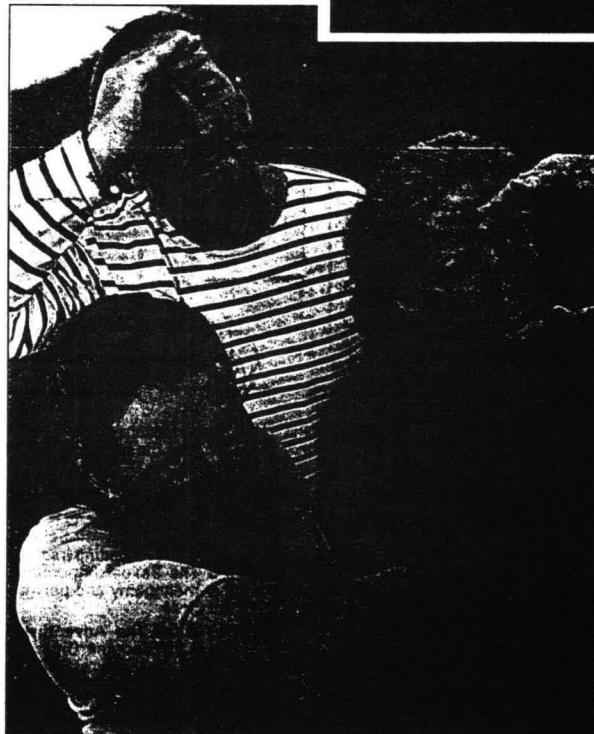
CIRCLE OF CONFUSION: Below, a close up view of one of the huge depressions in the farmer's field.

Pictures: FRAZER HARRISON



Close encounter claim

● Incredible — UFO spotters Julie Beasley, Danny Vassar and his mother, Joan, look to the sky, below, while right, is Danny's drawing of the mysterious craft.



We saw UFO say couple

by JAMES EADIE

A PROPERTY developer and his girlfriend were still stunned today after watching what they believed to be a huge UFO out of their bedroom window.

Danny Vassar and Julie Beasley stood terrified in the early hours of this morning as they witnessed something they had only ever seen in films.

They have described the UFO as

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oblong, 100 metres in diameter and with half circles on the top

and bottom and red, yellow and orange flashing lights. There was a red glow, possibly an emission, from the bottom of it.

The couple reported the sighting to police who already had a call from Chelmsford.

They have even drawn a picture of the object they saw during the 20-minute sighting.

Mr Vassar, 36, of Friars Close, Ipswich Road, Colchester, said: "It was absolutely enormous. It was almost close enough to touch.

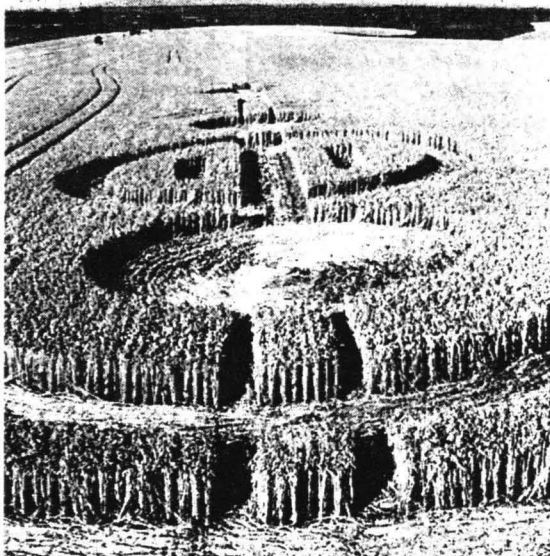
"If only I had seen it it would be different, but my wife saw it as well. It terrified us at the time."

"We have just witnessed something that is so incredible that people have been making movies about it for years and we stood and watched it for 20 minutes."

Also last night residents in Chestnut Walk, Chelmsford, reported hearing a high-pitched whine which sounded like a UFO in the area.

And UFO investigator Sheridan Lane has recently reported seeing a strange object flying over her Borted home.

Interest in circles



CROP FORMATIONS: Considerable data.

I WOULD like to thank all of your readers who have reported in to me the crop circle formations, associated phenomena (the spheres of light and other UFO activity) during the past few months.

It has been of tremendous help, not only to me, but to the scientists worldwide who are working on the phenomena. As a result of the reporting by your readers, farmers, police and pilots, we have amassed considerable data this year and hope that the same information will continue to be forwarded to me during the future, as both the crop formations and the UFO phenomena are a 365-day occurrence, not just limited to the summer.

I would also like to thank those readers who sent me photographs of the lights that appeared in June, these are now undergoing NASA enhancement and other scientific tests.

There are still two readers who have promised to forward me photographs that they also took

and I await these eagerly to see if they support the others I have received.

Finally, I would like to apologise to the people who turned up at The Friends' Meeting House in Dorchester last night when I was booked to give a talk on the subject of crop circles and UFO connection, and who had to be turned away because it was so heavily over-subscribed.

It was never thought the subject would draw such a large crowd, but I am giving a repeat of the talk at the Function Room, the Victoria Inn, Knights in the Bottom, Chickerell, at 7 p.m. on September 8.

All those interested should telephone (0305) 775891 for full details.

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UFOs seen over Beijing

HONG KONG — A number of residents in different parts of China's capital have reported sightings of UFOs in recent days. A Beijing worker said that on Thursday a glowing object the size of a basketball appeared before him and his three co-workers, the official Hong Kong China News Service reported yesterday. It said the object floated slowly in the air before dropping with a flash of light.

'Spaceship' was a plane - expert

A SIGHTING of an alien spaceship over Middlesbrough has been dismissed by a top UFO expert.

A North Ormesby man, who did not wish to be named, claimed he saw a metallic, cigar-shaped object hovering above his home.

He said his wife was hanging out washing yesterday morning when they both spotted the object in the clear blue sky.

But Britain's top alien investigator, Philip Mantle reckons it was just an aeroplane.

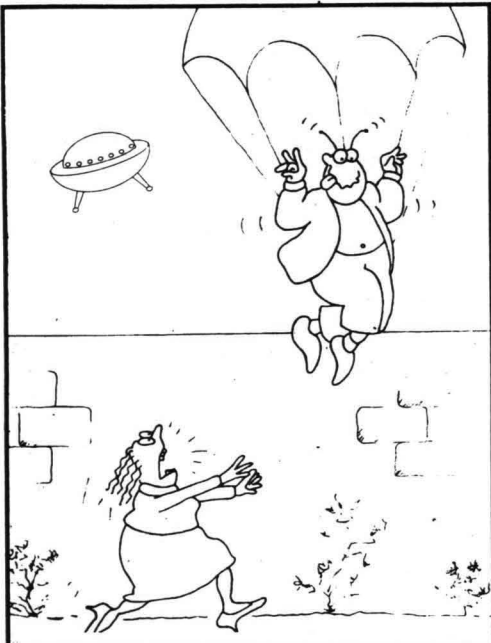
Reflected

The director of investigations at BUFORA — the British UFO Research Association — said: "More often than not, if it is a bright day then a plane can be mistaken."

"I have seen it myself where the sunlight has reflected off the fuselage so you cannot see the wings and it just looks like a silver, cigar-shaped object."

"It is an unusual sight but this is probably what he saw."

Meanwhile, the person who contacted Gloria Dixon of the BUFORA on Thursday September 22 is needed to get in touch with her again at 14 Longhirst Drive, Woodlands Park, Wideopen, Newcastle NE13 6JW.



■ JUST like the popular TV programme, Teesside has its very own X Files — mysterious cases of possible alien sightings.

■ January 1994: Darlington — several observations of a large orange light with dancing, smaller lights around it.

■ October 1993: Hartlepool — a 23-year-old man reports flashing lights during the night on the landing at his home. He also claims some kind of being beckoned to him from within a larger bright light. He now has problems sleeping.

■ August 1992: Hutton Rudby — two teenagers spot orange, white and blue rotating lights over the Cleveland Hills.

■ February 1988: Coulby Newham — five pals see and photograph a strange white object, they say it was the shape of a tadpole.

■ December 1983: Scarborough — two reports from drivers witnessing four blue flashing lights in the sky.

■ June 1981: Teesside — a man sees a strange craft in the sky, within three days every piece of electrical equipment at his home malfunctions. He now claims to have pre-cognitive dreams.

Alarm over UFO sighting

A BELLINGHAM man is claiming to have seen a UFO hovering over the golf course.

All the alarms mysteriously went off at Mr Peter Nelson's house in Cairns Road, at midnight on August 21st — and when he went down to investigate he saw the strange, shiny object glowing in the sky.

He rushed into the house to grab his camera and took a few photos of the alien aircraft. He has shown the pictures to some of his neighbours and they are just as baffled by the object.

"I do not know what to make of it and everyone else who has seen the pictures thinks it is very unusual," said Mr Nelson.

"I felt the air waves, which was like a thud, thud, thud, but there was no tangible noise," he added.

Mr Nelson first realised that something strange was afoot when his house alarms went off. "The alarm systems at the back and front cannot go off together because I made a mistake when I was fitting them up. But that night both the lights went on and the alarms went off," explained Mr Nelson.

Since then he has racked his brains to try to work out what it was that he saw, but he can't come up with any solutions.

Spokesmen for the Army, the RAF and the police said that it was highly unlikely to be any of their helicopters.

HEXHAM COURANT, Northumberland, England - Sept. 2, 1994

Video of UFO to go public

A VIDEO recording of mystery bright lights above the Wharfe Valley is to be shown publicly by unidentified flying object (UFO) investigators.

The footage, shot in June of this year near Chelker Reservoir outside Addingham, is earmarked for screening at the Society of Friends meeting house in Queens Road, Ilkley.

The recording, which has been seen by a Gazette reporter, shows an intense white oval light moving frenetically across the night sky.

Inquiries later revealed that police helicopters and aircraft from Royal Air Force (RAF) bases in Yorkshire were not in the area at the time.

Peter Cliffe, director of investigations for the UFO Society Nationwide UK, who captured the lights on camera, then told the Gazette: "There's no doubt about it - there's an alien intelligence, a non-human intelligence, and they've been with us for thousands of years and they're supreme masters."

A date for the Ilkley screening has yet to be confirmed although interested people can watch the footage on September 28 at 7.30pm at the Springfield Hotel, 105 Springfield Avenue, Morley, Leeds.

The event will also include a slide show and allow spectators to voice their personal experiences and opinions.

ESSEX CO. STANDARD, Colchester, England - Sept. 16, 1994 CR: T. Good

'We watched UFO over our home'

A PROPERTY developer and his common law wife were stunned this week after watching what they believed to be a huge UFO.

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He said: "It will take us a long time to get over this. What anyone else

says to us it is not significant. We have seen everything now."

"We have just witnessed something that is so incredible that people have been making movies about it for years and we stood and watched it for 20 minutes."

UFO investigator Sheridan Lane recently reported seeing a strange object flying over her Bedford home.

OBSERVER, Sutton Coldfield, England Aug. 19, 1994 CR: T. Good



Jan Hart and her daughter Rochelle, pictured looking into the sky at a mock-up image of a superimposed unidentified flying object.

Cloak of mystery clouds UFO sighting in Sutton

Mystery shrouded the skies of Sutton this week, after a local family claimed to have seen a UFO beaming down into Boldmere.

The close encounter came on Monday afternoon, when local woman Jan Hart was walking home along Boldmere Road with her two young daughters, Coralie and Rochelle.

At about 4.15 pm, the girls spotted a mysterious object in the sky above.

Jan, 38, said she was mesmerised by the object, and is convinced she witnessed

something extraordinary.

"It was amazing, we couldn't take our eyes off it."

"We watched it for about two minutes before it disappeared."

by Phil Harrison

Jan described what she saw as a shiny, metallic, angular object, that glowed brightly until it disappeared out of view.

"It was as if it was falling out of the sky but it was definitely too low to be an aeroplane as there was no noise."

object had appeared to "roll" through the air, before changing direction sharply and shooting off.

"I just wish I had my camera with me at the time," Jan said.

An exhaustive Observer investigation into the sighting failed to find an explanation for Jan's close encounter.

A spokesman for Birmingham International Airport said nothing out of the ordinary had appeared on their radar scanners.

"Nothing was spotted by any of the pilots and nothing was picked up on our equipment."

Balloon

A spokesman for the Met Office in Birmingham said the object could not have been one of its weather balloons.

Staff manning the area's police helicopter said the chopper had not been airborne all day.

And so it looks like the strange episode is destined to remain a mystery.

Although Jan will probably never know exactly what she saw, she's convinced it was something quite out of this world.

"Did any other readers see anything strange in the skies of Sutton at around 4.30 pm on Monday afternoon? If so, ring the newsdesk on 355 6061."

DAILY NEWS, Anchorage, AK - Nov. 13, 1994

CR: J. & L. Nicholson

SHANGHAI SIGHTING

Numerous citizens in the Shanghai metropolitan area reported spotting UFOs on the afternoon of Nov. 3, according to the government-funded Wen Wei Po newspaper.

One of the spotters was a Bank of China staff member who, while on his way home, stopped his bicycle on a bridge and joined a crowd of people watching a white, revolving object. One woman reported seeing a saucer-shaped object that emitted silvery light rays.

Wen Wei Po went on to say that this object split in two, with one part moving away to the east and the other to the west.



CR: T. Good

UFO research in China stepped up

BEIJING — Chinese scientists are urgently calling for co-operation worldwide to research into unidentified flying objects (UFO).

More than 50 scientists researched an agreement at an international conference stating that UFO's pose a big challenge to modern science and have a significant bearing on human life.

"It is imperative to carry out a global campaign because UFOs are a worldwide concern. To carry out comprehensive research in this area, help is needed from different fields. State-of-the-art technology is also a must," said Wang Changting, chairman of the Beijing-based UFO research organisation.

Wang was speaking at a conference hosted by the organisation to exhibit findings and exchange information about UFOs sighted

in the Asia-Pacific region.

Wang said that his organisation recorded some 'surprising' UFO cases in China when the shoemaker-levy comet collided with Jupiter.

Those cases, he said, are still under investigation and may be the first reports of 'close encounters of the third kind' taking place in China.

More than 2,000 photos, video and audio tapes, books, magazines and documents concerning UFO sightings and research were on display at the four-day meeting, the first of its kind held in China.

China has reported more than 5,000 sightings, ranking among the first in the world in terms of UFO sightings and the number of people involved in its study, said Wang.

"We have successfully explained most of the unidentified aerial phenomena — they were fragments of man-made satellites, aerolites, balloons and lightning bolts," said Wang. He claims to have spotted UFO's twice himself. He added that convincing explanations are still lacking as to the other reported cases.

The United Nations in 1978 passed a resolution urging its members to carry out research on UFO's.

Wang said that China's UFO research aims to eliminate superstition and consolidate social stability by spreading scientific knowledge among the public, as well as providing clues towards solving these global mysteries.



JOURNAL, Atlanta, GA - June 25, 1994 CR: S. Parker/COUD-I

A 600-POUND QUESTION

Secret etched in stone

Mystery monolith's finders, keepers in tug of war

By Bill Torpy
STAFF WRITER

In the Columbus Museum's basement lies a 600-pound granite slab with a carving of a humanoid figure holding up its hands in what some think is a warning.

Since its discovery in Douglas County in 1909, the mysterious carving has befuddled generations of experts. Explanations range from an Indian princess' gravestone to prehistoric art to a settler's etchings to even a message from outer space.

No one really knows. American Indian Movement member Mike Curry has seen pictures of the rock. "It looks like the cover of the book 'Charlots of the Gods,'" said Curry, referring to the bestseller about alien visits. "Was it carved by aliens? Or is it a picture of a medicine man?"

Whatever the case, Douglas officials and descendants of the man who found the 4-foot-tall slab have tried for two years to get it returned to the county. However, there are questions about who owns it and disputes about where it should go.

Some officials and historians want it displayed at the county Welcome Center. Some family members want it at Lithia Springs City Hall. Others want to build a display house at Sweetwater Creek State Park.

But the state archives, which has custody, says the rock may be related to Indian burials and must be brought before the state Council on American Indian Concerns for a recommendation on what should be done with it.

"We have to follow the law on this," said Bob White, assistant director of the state archives, in response to complaints about how long it's taken for a decision.

White, who said the issue soon will go to the Indian council, has heard local legends that it's Princess Anneewakee's gravestone.

The moss-covered monolith was discovered by W.H. Roberts and his son, T.B., on a rocky knoll near Sweetwater Creek. The knoll was called "Jack's Hill" af-

ter an Indian chief who lived there.

A newspaper story of the era called the stone's depiction "a prehistoric god that is creating a great deal of interest."

The rock was dragged by oxen to the Roberts' home and propped up against a tree out in front. They called it "Jack."

"It's a hideous, monstrous looking thing," said Nina Roberts Nellet, 71, T.B.'s daughter. "I grew up cracking hickory nuts and walnuts in its holes."

According to archive records, which are sketchy, the stone was turned over to the state in 1931. Nellet (who claims the stone was loaned to the state) and her cousin, Bud Wallace, 84, say the rock was displayed at the state capital before being displayed at the old archives building.

Columbus Museum historian Frank Schnell, who thinks it may have been etched by settlers, said the museum got the rock in 1967 and displayed it for 20 years

until the museum was renovated.

It remained in the basement and was virtually forgotten until Douglas historian Ray Henderson tracked it down after hearing old stories about the petroglyph.

"Some believe it comes from the DeSoto era when he was looking for gold near Villa Rica," he said. "To me, it looks like a warning to stay out of the area. There is an old Indian burial ground nearby. They used to think it was done by cavemen."

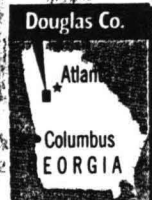
Max White, an archaeologist from Piedmont College in Demorest, Ga., who wrote "Georgia Indian Heritage," doubts that it has to do with a burial ground. "There's no history of Indians carving rocks," said White, a member of the Indian council. "In general, archaeologists believe these type of things date back to 2000 B.C."

But having been removed from where it rested, Schnell said, "it's sort of free-floating in history."



No one knows what the carving means.

The hard facts



History: Discovered in 1909 near Sweetwater Creek in Douglas County.
Height: 4 feet
Weight: 600 pounds

Material: Granite

Lore: The carved stone has been labeled everything from an Indian princess's gravestone to a message from outer space.

Status: Currently stored in the basement of the Columbus Museum, state officials want it evaluated by the state Council on American Indian Concerns.

PAGE BRADDOCK / Staff



Mystery solved: Drug caused fumes in dying patient

The "mystery fumes" that felled California emergency room attendants as they treated a dying cancer patient in February were likely the result of a bizarre chain of chemical reactions in the patient's blood that produced an agent that has been used in chemical warfare, officials announced Thursday.

The potentially lethal toxin, which caused six people to be hospitalized, was created by an unusual confluence of chemical reactions that began inside the body of Gloria Ramirez, according to chemists at the renowned Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Scientists believe that what triggered the chemical reaction was Ramirez's presumed use of dimethyl sulfoxide, or DMSO. Although not approved for use in the United States, DMSO is sold on the black market and can be obtained in Mexico, authorities said.

A painkiller and anti-inflammatory, it also has been used as an anti-bacterial agent in cancer patients and for therapy of cervical cancer, which Ramirez had. "There are some emergency room personnel who could be very lucky to be alive," said Riverside County Coroner Scotty Hill, who released the report.

County officials said they no longer believe the attendants in the Riverside General Hospital emergency room succumbed to mass hysteria on the night of Feb. 19, as the state Department of Health Services previously concluded.

DAILY NEWS, Anchorage, AK - Oct. 30, 1994 CR: J. & L. Nicholson

Pin extracted from brain

BEIJING — Doctors in China have extracted a rusty pin that was embedded in a woman's brain for 40 years, affecting movement of her arms and legs, an official report said Saturday. The operation on Zhang Meihua, 41, was performed in Jinan, in coastal Shandong province, at the No. 148 Military Hospital, the Xinhua News Agency said. Zhang, who has no memory of being stuck in the head with a pin, began experiencing periodic problems with her arms and legs about 20 years ago. All treatment failed. But early this month a cranial CAT scan found a pin-like object.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Sept. 29, 1994

Archaeologists tackling Sphinx mystery

BY EDWARD HIRSCH
Deutsche Presse Agentur

Archaeologists may be closing in on one of history's most puzzling archaeological mysteries — the riddle of the Sphinx.

Gypsy Graves, a leading U.S. archaeologist, will be returning to Egypt this autumn with a documentary film crew to take part in the latest effort to find chambers long believed hidden below the enigmatic figure in the Egyptian desert near Giza.

The riddle has been waiting a solution since Giovanni Battista Caviglia launched the first search for a hidden chamber in 1816, spurred by local Arab lore that ancient treasures and records were concealed under or within the Sphinx.

Caviglia and his team began with the Sphinx covered by sand up to its nose. They uncovered much of the body and extended paws and discovered a staircase of 30 steps leading to a landing.

"Several Egyptologists believe that the chamber contains hidden records — the storehouse of ancient knowledge. They are planning to dig under the Sphinx area," said Graves, doyenne of the prestigious Graves Museum in Dania, Fla.

According to some accounts, a vast underground city exists beneath the Giza plateau, with an entrance somewhere near the Sphinx. Legends say the city contains mysterious Halls of Record which contain a reposi-

tory of knowledge embedded in quartz crystals. Supposedly, Egyptian priests sealed off the chambers to preserve their secrets.

But the chamber has never been opened — or the city discovered.

"Explorers have been planning to do this for (more than a century), and somehow it has yet to be accomplished," Graves said. "Some people believe it will only take place when the time is ripe."

The times have not been propitious, Graves said. Her mission has been delayed by red tape, as Egyptian officials are leery of archaeological missions and it can take months to obtain a digging permit and to

register the remote sensing devices Graves hope will allow the team to see beneath the surface before digging.

"In the old days, the archaeologists plundered the Egyptian culture, and they are now very leery about permitting excavation," she said.

Islamic fundamentalists pose another obstacle with their attacks on foreigners in the region.

"The area along the Nile between Giza and El Manshah (which contains some of the most important archaeological sites) is especially dangerous," Graves said. "We must try to maintain a low profile, by dressing conservatively and minding our manners."

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Warning: Cats attacked

News Services

KAMLOOPS — RCMP are warning cat owners to keep an eye on their pets after two dead mutilated cats were found and several more disappeared in Brocklehurst, a community near Kamloops.

One cat was found decapitated and the other had its paws cut off. RCMP issued the alert at the request of the SPCA.

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Scientists suggest a voyage to the Red Planet

By MICHAEL MILSTEIN
Gazette Wyoming Bureau

CODY, Wyo. — During a pioneering get-together in a city that was once an outpost on the American frontier, independent scientists suggested a search for still-unknown outposts on the final frontier.

Wrapping up a conference in Cody this weekend, the scientists proposed a private space shot to look for proof of towers, glass domes and other alien architecture they say may be present on Mars and the moon.

"We're talking about a privately funded mission to the moon," said Richard Hoagland, prominent for his conviction that a face-like mound on Mars was built by extraterrestrial civilizations. "We're now to the point that a private mission may be not only practical, but preferable."

Since NASA has covered up evidence of the exotic structures ever since the Apollo missions of the 1960s and mainstream scientists dismiss suggestions of such structures as hokum, he said, it now falls to private enterprise to take up the question.

"We're talking about a privately funded mission to the moon."

—Richard Hoagland
believes in Mars civilizations

After presenting their notions to Cody and Powell, Wyo., high school students last week, some two-dozen scientists took their presentations public on Saturday. They offered up enlarged and enhanced photographs as evidence that extraterrestrial creatures had, at some point in the past, turned other planets into construction

zones.

Though laymen might see only what look like ink blots or scratches on a poorly loaded roll of film, those speaking at the conference said features in the pictures are instead alien structures which they have dubbed "the city" and "the castle."

Extraterrestrial ruins on Mars.

Planet

including the likeness of a giant face etched on the landscape of the red planet, led devotees to a spot on the face of the moon where they have since detected fantastic glass and metal structures, Hoagland said.

"What is this, sticking up one mile high?" said Hoagland, pointing to a blotch that looked like a vertical cloud above the moon's surface. Clouds do not occur on



Gazette photo by Dewey Vanderhoff

Dr. Richard Hoaglund gives a presentation at the conference about life on Mars in Cody, Wyo.

the moon, which has no atmosphere.

The figure, Hoagland said, is actually a seven-mile-high tower supported by a geometric matrix. There is no sign of current alien occupation on either the moon or Mars, he said, and many of the structures have been battered by meteors over the years.

Books and videotapes discussing the planetary paradoxes, plus T-shirts, were on sale in the lobby of the Cody auditorium.

Those present knocked NASA and the scientific establishment for rejecting the idea of extraterrestrial cities out of hand. Bureaucrats, they said, are afraid of how the public will react upon realizing humans are not the most advanced creatures in the universe.

Federal catalogs of photographs of the moon and Mars left out those photos showing evidence of extraterrestrial structures in a desert region called Cydonia, they said. NASA may have even sabotaged its own Mars Observer probe last year for fear of what it would find.

"We end up with conferences like this, of people shunned by their colleagues just because

they're open minded," said Tom Van Flandern, an independent astronomer.

But Jack Farmer, a NASA research scientist who has examined the Martian landscape, said he remains unconvinced there are any overt signs of extraterrestrial life there.

The so-called face on Mars, Farmer said, is simply an unusual landform in a region similar to Monument Valley in Arizona. Years of weathering have rounded its edges, giving it the smooth features of a face.

"You can look all over the surface in that area and see lots of shapes that may look like something familiar," he said.

But those at the Cody conference noted that they are in good company; colleagues of Galileo rebuffed his conviction that planets circle the sun and would not look through the telescope he invented and used to make dramatic discoveries about the solar system.

"Empirical evidence has no power in the face of something that is unbelievable to the masses," said Michael Zimmerman, a Tulane University professor of philosophy who spoke at the

conference. "The idea that other beings are out there is a threat to the idea that we control everything in this solar system."

Those gathered in Cody included computer scientists, architects and philosophers who have never before met to discuss their shared interest in the potential of extraterrestrial life.

In an elaborate presentation that included comparisons to the ruins of ancient Greece, architect Robert Fierstek exhibited illustrations that looked like something out of a set design for Star Trek. He said the alignment of landforms on Mars match his drawings.

"They showed enough to make you wonder," said Alex Buderus, a University of Wyoming student interning at Cody High School.

If the government resists demands to send spacecraft for a close look at the odd forms on Mars and the moon, it will happen anyway, Hoagland said. With modern advancements, a moon shot might even be financed as a pay-per-view event, in which "everyone puts up a couple dollars and gets to see what's out there."

Bizzare cow mutilation in Luna Canyon

—Man said cows drug into bush by strange beam; officers mystified by dead cow—

By ANDREA L. BUCHANAN
Optic Reporter

A cow was found bizarrely mutilated and two others were reported missing in Luna Canyon Tuesday evening, said Mora County Sheriff's Deputy, Greg M. Laumbach.

Larry Gardea said he witnessed a strange occurrence Tuesday evening. He was taking care of cattle belonging to Estevan Sanchez of Chacon Canyon.

Gardea said he was out about 5:30 p.m. checking on the cows when he heard a loud hum. "At first, I just thought it was someone working nearby or something," he said.

Gardea said all the cows began running away from the noise. Three who appeared to be pulled, struggling, by a strange beam through the trees toward the sound.

"They were struggling and bawling and were pulled through the trees," Gardea said. "I shot at the beam with a 30.06 rifle and the hum stopped and the cows stopped bawling."

The ordeal left one cow dead and mutilated, one cow injured and the other one missing, he said.

He became frightened, so he returned to the house and called the sheriff's department, Gardea said.

Laumbach responded to the call and told Gardea to take him to where the attack occurred.

Laumbach said they examined the dead cow, and discovered the jaw to be skinned on the right side and the animal's tongue removed. Also removed were the anus and reproductive organs.

The rest of the animal was intact.

"The wounds looked like they were done with a really sharp instrument, or something," said Laumbach. "There was no blood or anything — they weren't jagged."

Laumbach said he saw no sign of a gunshot wound. He had no comment about Gardea's strange account.

"I haven't heard of anything like this since the late '70s or early '80s. I've heard of the same kind of things being reported but not recently," said undersheriff John Sanchez.

Sanchez said there have been reports of mysterious cow deaths, but no mutilations. "Lightning and things like that have been common recently," said Sanchez.

There were no tracks around the cow or any sign the cow had been drug anywhere, said Gardea.

"I just wanted to warn ranchers around the Chacon Canyon area to be aware of that sound," said Gardea. "It sounds like a transformer, or the sound an arc welder makes, a dull hum."

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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 Altshuler 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."

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SINO YETI

Sightings in China of the "abominable snowman" may be a source of skepticism and joking to most people, but a governmental scientific body has begun to take them very seriously.

The new group is composed of eminent scientists from the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, one of the country's largest officially backed research centers.

At their inaugural ceremony, the group announced that the existence of a yeti-like "half-man, half-creature" was a strong possibility and could provide crucial information relating to the history of human evolution.

Researchers look for scientific answer to Taos hum

NEW MEXICO: People from across the country have reported hearing the low-frequency sound.

By **MATT CRENSON**
Dallas Morning News

People who hear the Taos hum aren't just hearing things, a new survey indicates.

Described by those who hear it as a rumble or buzz, the Taos hum is a mysterious low-frequency noise first reported by northern New Mexicans five years ago. Since then, people across the country have reported the phenomenon. Although it has evaded explanation, researchers believe that there is a scientific explanation for the hum.

"Whatever it is, we've got to track down why some people hear it and some people don't," said Joe Mullins, a mechanical engineer at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Mullins said the survey was designed in part to find distinguishing characteristics of "hearers," as those who experience the hum call themselves. Released last month, the survey found 161 hearers among 1,440 respondents in Taos, N.M., and five nearby towns. Hearers describe the hum as three distinctive low-pitched sounds.

Headaches, nosebleeds, dizziness and other symptoms are often associated with the hum.

"It makes them (hearers) very uncomfortable," Mullins said. "It is really a very annoying thing."

Performed by University of New Mexico researchers, the Taos hum survey found that 73 percent of hearers are ages 30 to 59. About half are male and half female.

Taken together, those two results suggest that the hum is not a result of hearing damage, said James Kelly of the University of New Mexico Medical Center. If it

were, the hum would occur more frequently in males, who are more likely to work in noisy environments than females, and in older people, he said.

Two-thirds of the hearers reported hearing the hum for more than a year, and 75 percent reported hearing it at least once a week. Five percent of hearers said they hear the hum constantly.

Most said they first experienced the noise in northern New Mexico, but 23 percent said they could hear the hum outside the Taos area.

"It is not likely that this is restricted to Taos," Kelly said.

As the Taos hum began making national news last year, hearers of such a noise started popping up all over the country. Researchers at the University of New Mexico have heard from sufferers in at least nine states.

"It's a cross section of people, which is good news," he said.

The wide geographic distribution supports the Taos hum's validity. But at the same time, the findings of the survey don't indicate any shared characteristic that could indicate the source of the hum.

The survey did bring some good news. Seventeen percent of the people who had heard the hum said they don't hear it any longer. That suggests that there may be some way to stop the hum.

"You'd like to know that there is some way out of this loop," Kelly said.

Although 11 percent of the people who responded reported hearing the hum, the survey couldn't indicate the hum's prevalence, because people who hear the hum probably were more likely to respond to the survey than those who don't hear it. But anecdotal evidence suggests that the Taos hum is more than an isolated phenomenon.

"I am purely convinced with what research we have been able to do that this is more than a few hundred people around the coun-

try who can hear this," said Schatzie Hubbell, a Fort Worth, Texas, hearer. Hubbell moved from Santa Fe to Fort Worth several years ago to get away from the hum.

Her attempt to escape the hum failed, as have the efforts of many others who have tried to move away from the problem. Kelly, who is a hearing expert, takes the omnipresence of the hum as an indication that it originates in the ear itself, rather than in the environment.

"It may be, for example, that hearers for some reason have spectacular low-frequency sensitivity that somehow runs amok," Kelly said.

He and Mullins have developed microphones and a soundproof chamber to test the low-frequency hearing of those who suffer from the hum. The tests are scheduled to begin later this month and are some of the first objective measurements ever made of low-frequency hearing, Kelly said.

Some of the hearers who have agreed to participate in Kelly's tests have little hope that they will find anything useful.

"I just don't have too much faith in this man's testing," said Winona Whitted, a hearer from Santa Fe, N.M.

Like many other hearers, Whitted believes she is picking up signals from a communications system that the U.S. Navy uses to communicate with submarines in the deep ocean. The system uses low-frequency radio waves, which can penetrate deeper into the ocean than higher frequency waves.

The hearers believe their bodies are somehow converting the radio waves, which are electromagnetic, into sound waves. But besides a few unsubstantiated reports of people picking up radio broadcasts with their fillings, nothing like that has ever been reported, scientists say.

Russian Nessie just a whale, say scientists

MURMANSK, Russia (AP) — It was a whale of a story for a while, but scientists have solved the mystery surrounding the identity of a huge creature dubbed the Russian Nessie.

Scientists travelled to remote Cape Nemetsky in the Russian Arctic, 1,500 kilometres north of Moscow, to check the reports of a Nessie-like monster.

It was a sperm whale — but a strange looking one, scientists said Thursday.

Its muscles had been "so damaged by the storm they indeed resembled feathers, and the whole animal looked like a big plucked hen," ITAR-Tass news agency said.

"Its tail was curved into a very strange form and looked like the head of a dinosaur, while its metre-long penis could be easily mistaken for a limb."

Meanwhile, in China the government has set up a scientific committee to search for the "snow-men" like Big Foot monsters.

The snow men are said to be about six feet tall and covered with long hair, with feet that leave 16-inch prints.

Horses discovered with slashed tongues

REDMOND, Wash. — A pair of horses suffered mutilated tongues in separate incidents that seem to point to deliberate acts of cruelty, officials said.

The animals' nearly severed tongues were reattached, but the injuries remained a mystery.

"We're stumped," said King County Police spokesman Jerrell Wills.

"We don't know if somebody did this," said owner Lori Cronin, "but this certainly doesn't look like an accident. At least not anymore."

A bewildering factor was the lack of blood on the horses, in the stable or anywhere in their running area.

The first injury was discovered Oct. 13, when Cronin observed that Jasmine, an 18-month-old quarter horse, was salivating heavily and its mouth was discolored. The same thing was repeated two days later when Cronin saw Frosty drooling as Jasmine had been.

The cuts on both horses appeared to be decisively executed so that just an eighth of an inch of tissue on the right side held the tongues together.

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S. Colorado rancher finds 3 cows mutilated

By **Dick Foster**

Rocky Mountain News Southern Bureau

A southern Colorado rancher said Monday he found three of his cows mutilated southwest of Walsenburg.

Ermenio Andreatta, who has ranches 45 years in the Middle Creek area 7 miles west of La Veta, discovered the cattle last week of October.

"There was no struggle at all, that you could see. It just looked like they just dropped," said Andreatta's wife, Theresa.

Andreatta found one cow Oct. 24, a second cow on the 26th and a third on the 27th.

The animals had no scratches or wounds that would indicate they struggled with predators. There were no tracks on the ground around them.

On two cows, the rectum and female organs had been cut out in clean incisions with little blood. Two teats were missing from each.

"It looked like they used a real sharp instrument. They weren't torn like an animal would do it," Theresa Andreatta said.

The third cow's tongue and udder were cut off.

Theresa Andreatta said the three cows were found in a quarter-mile radius in a pasture a half-mile from the couple's home. Her husband had moved them from the summer pasture Oct. 18.

Cattle moving from dry to lush fields often develop asthma, she said, and her husband was checking them morning and evening, but they showed no signs of ill health.

Many livestock experts are skeptical of mutilation reports. They say scavengers eat the soft tissue of dead cattle most easily accessible — tongues, eyes, rectums and udders — giving the effect of mutilation.

"I don't know what happened to them or how they died, but to me, no predator killed these animals," said Huerfano County Deputy Sheriff David McCane.

McCane and wildlife officer Lonnie Brown found no wounds on the animals.

There were unexplained dark patches on the cows' chest and belly areas, McCane said.

McCane said two of the animals were untouched by scavengers as they lay in the field a week after their deaths.

LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT, Conway, AR - Oct. 13, 1994

Sheriff suspects cults in deaths of six cattle

The Faulkner County Sheriff's Office is investigating the mysterious deaths of at least five cows and a bull in Faulkner County fields.

Sheriff Bob Blankenship said this morning his office is still investigating the matter and that, while there are no suspects at this time, he suspects that the incidents may be cult-related. He said the mutilations performed on the animals indicate the cattle were killed for purposes of some sort of ritual, possibly Satanic-based.

On Friday, Deputy John E. Edwards took a report from Larry Nicholson of Pruitt Road east of Conway, in which Nicholson stated that five of his cows have been found dead since June, and two calves were missing. Most, if not all, had been shot in the head, the report said.

Nicholson "thought the first cow (killed in June) had died of old age so (he) did not check it thoroughly," Edwards wrote in his report. "All the others were shot in the head and those found were missing their udders and female parts."

According to the report, Nicholson found a cow dead and a calf missing in June. In August, another calf was found dead and in September two more cows were found shot and a 2-week-old calf missing. In Oct. 4, another cow was shot and killed, the report stated.

Nicholson estimated his loss at \$6,000.

On Sept. 29, Jim Bollier of Guy reported finding a \$300 registered Jersey bull dead in a pasture near his home on Mill Bridge Road.

"The only part of the carcass left was the head, backbone, rib cage and rear legs," Deputy Sam Turner wrote in an incident report. "The ears and eyes had been removed from the head. There was no meat left on the ribs or rear legs."

Also, Turner reported, "There was no blood or intestines on the ground. There was no evidence as to how the suspect entered or left the pasture."

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Is spontaneous human combustion myth or reality?

By KENTON ROBINSON
The Hartford Courant

If you're like most people, you've lain awake nights, your throat gone dry and tight, wondering whether you will be the next victim of spontaneous human combustion.

You know what we're talking about. You've stood in the checkout lines. You've seen

the tabloids. Heck, if there's even a spark of truth to those stories, people are bursting into flame as often as kitchen matches. And what with the millennium closing in, this sort of thing can only be expected to get worse.

To quell your fears, we hereby offer this definitive story, which contains documented answers to the

most frequently asked questions about what the experts call SHC.

Q: What is spontaneous human combustion, anyway?

A: First of all, it is not something invented by the Weekly World News. Reports of spontaneous human combustion

go back to the early 17th century and can be found sprinkled in newspapers and medical and scientific journals over the next three centuries.

In their book "Spontaneous Human Combustion: The Definitive Study Documented with Photos," British authors Jenny Randles and Peter Hough compile a list of 111 cases reported from 1613 to the present. And American SHC investigator Larry E. Arnold says the cases in his database exceed 300.

The "classic" SHC incident goes something like this: The victim, for no good reason, ignites and burns with a stubborn blue flame, which reduces the body and even the bones to greasy ashes but does not burn nearby flammable objects. If this happens indoors, as do most cases, the fire often leaves behind a sickeningly sweet blue haze. It also often leaves behind the odd hand or foot.

In a more benighted age, spontaneous combustion was considered the reward of vice, especially the vice of drinking. But in 1851, the Baron J. von Liebig put that theory to rest by showing that when you inject alcohol into the bodies of rats and set them on fire, they don't burn any better than non-alcoholic rats.

Q: How likely am I to combust spontaneously?

A: You are most likely to combust spontaneously if you are a plump woman, 70 or older, who lives alone and perhaps has a spot of sherry now and then.

At least that's the picture you can draw from the cases compiled by Randles and Hough. But remember: These numbers are too small to draw any statistically significant conclusions. Skinny young teetotalers have been known to blow up, too.

Q: When am I most likely to explode?

A: You are most likely to explode between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m.

Q: What might cause me to

combust spontaneously?

A: There are dozens of theories. Here's just three:

- Your intestines, which routinely produce the combustible gas methane, could also produce phosphine, a gas that ignites spontaneously upon contact with air.

- A buildup of static electricity in your body could cause electrolysis. Humans are 70 percent to 80 percent water. If all the water molecules in your body suddenly should break down into their component atoms — hydrogen and oxygen — you would be extremely flammable. Remember the Hindenburg?

- You might be struck by a subatomic particle that would set off a subatomic chain reaction inside you. Remember Hiroshima?

This last theory is the brainchild of Arnold, of Harrisburg, Pa., a free-lance writer, entrepreneur and director of ParaScience International, which he describes as a network of people interested in anomalous events.

Arnold says he arrived at his theory when "we applied quantum physics to the amount of energy that would be required to completely dehydrate a normal human body, and in so doing the mathematics predicts the existence of an incredibly small, ultra high-energy subatomic particle."

We are being bombarded by these particles all the time, Arnold postulates, but because they're so small, they normally

pass through us without hitting anything. But on occasion one of them does hit "an atom or an electron inside the human body" and — BLOOEY! — "it creates a human fireball effect."

Q: Has anyone ever proved that spontaneous human combustion really happens?

A: No, and no one has ever proved that it doesn't happen either, but more about that in a moment.

Let's look at the most famous case of SHC ever, the case of Mary Reeser of St. Petersburg, Fla., who roasted in her own juices on the night of July 1, 1951.

Richard Reeser said that when he last saw his rotund, 67-year-old mother on that Sunday night, she was wearing a nightie, sitting in her favorite overstuffed easy chair and smoking a cigarette. She told him she had taken two sleeping pills and planned to go to bed soon.

When she was discovered the next morning, all that remained of Mary Reeser's easy chair was hot springs and ashes. And all that remained of Mary Reeser was some bone fragments, a few teeth and one foot in a black satin slipper.

So what happened to Mary Reeser?

She, says Arnold, combusted spontaneously.

Nonsense, says Joe Nickell of Lexington, Ky. She set herself on fire with a cigarette.

Nickell is a former magician and private detective who has

combined his knowledge of magic and detective work to investigate strange phenomena.

In the case of Mary Reeser, her complete consumption can be explained by what Nickell calls "the wick effect." In effect, the 170-pound Mary Reeser and her chair became a huge human candle.

"What would happen to all this poundage of fat? Well, it has to go somewhere. It doesn't go to fat heaven or someplace," Nickell says. "Her body fat starts melting out a little bit and it goes into the stuffing of the chair. Now that chair is flammable, and it's what we call the wick effect."

This explanation "is absolutely wrong," Arnold says.

First of all, he says, scientists who have tried to replicate the wick effect in the laboratory have not been able to do it very well. Second, if it were that easy to cremate a human body, why do morticians spend tens of thousands of dollars on crematory equipment when a lit cigarette would do the trick?

Q: So is this all just a giant hose or what?

A: "Until a debunker can come along and put a cadaver before us and place a lit match on it and walk away and come back six minutes later and present to us a corpse that has completely been reduced to ash, we have to accept the reality of spontaneous human combustion," says Arnold.

Why six minutes?

"Because we have cases in

which, from the time the victim was last spoken to until the fire department arrived to put out what was left of the ashen body, no more than 360 seconds had elapsed."

Nickell and forensic analyst John F. Fischer investigated 30 cases of alleged spontaneous human combustion for the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

Its conclusion, published in that organization's magazine, the Skeptical Inquirer, was that there was always a rational explanation.

In other words, SHC is a myth.

"But oftentimes it's presented as if we have to prove that it wasn't spontaneous combustion," Nickell says, "as if we have the burden of proof. It's very difficult to prove that the moon is not made of green cheese. One should never try to prove that it's not. One should simply say, 'Why do you think it is?'"

Q: But how likely am I to combust spontaneously?

A: Well, to be perfectly honest, you are more likely to be struck by lightning. (On the other hand, you're also more likely to combust spontaneously than you are to win a big lotto jackpot.)

"You're very safe from spontaneous human combustion," says Arnold. "But the adjunct is ..." he pauses. "You never know when it might happen to you or to a friend."

Bigfoot Spotted ...in Forest Park?

Among American Indians, they're called Sasquatch. Among the Himalayan people, they're called Yeti. In China, they're called Yuran and in Australia they're known as the Yahoos. By whatever name, the legend of a huge, ape-like/man-like creature living in the remote mountain forest stretches all the way around the globe.

In America, we call the beast Bigfoot, and sightings of the creature go all the way back to the 1840s. Nationwide, there have been more than 5,000 sightings in nearly every American state and Canada. While there have been Big Foot sightings in Oregon, people generally assume that they take place in inaccessible regions somewhere deep in the heart of the Blue Mountains, perhaps, where few people live and where such things are supposed to happen.

But Forest Park? Our Forest Park?

According to Ray Crowe, Director of the Western Bigfoot Society, there have been quite a few sightings of the behemoth in the regions in and around Forest Park.

"It is surmised that the Bigfoot creatures live in the Coast Range Mountains of Oregon," wrote Crowe in a 1993 article, "and during the salmon runs follow the line of hills along the Columbia River to Portland. A gift to the city of Portland, the 3,700-acre Forest Park ... is entirely within the city limits. As the area is quite wild, Bigfoot creatures can travel a distance into the city with some degree of safety."

For those wearing their "skeptical" — which Crowe advises each of his readers wear when reading his reports — about the existence of the primate, Crowe has collected some compelling evidence in his cluttered bookshop/museum on N. Lombard. There is "The Hair," a reddish strand nearly 12-inches long, which Crowe preserves in a display cabinet. There are plaster-casts of footprints — popular things; Crowe donated one to the Raphael House for its annual auction. While it only brought a few bids, and was ultimately sold for \$6, Julie Amiton of the Raphael House says "It was a fun item — a lot of people were looking at it."

But what about Forest Park?

Try this tale on for size — in 1991, when a teenage girl named Judith F. was camping off Germantown Road with several other girls, she claims Big Foot paid a visit. Says Crowe, "... as the first morning light began to pinken the sky, she was awakened from sleep by the sound of rustling branches. She saw a blond-colored, six-foot-tall beast with a big nose watching her. The hair covering its body was about four inches long, she said."

Crowe says that there's also been reports by a security guard of "eyes" seen in the trees around the Skyline Gardens cemetery. When Gary Carr and Joe H., security guards employed by Portland Security, came to the Skyline Gardens one night, they reported seen two orangeish eyes, eight to 10 inches apart, and about seven feet off the ground. Did the eyes belong to Big Foot? Some believe so.

Then there was the case this spring of the hikers on the ridge above Newberry Road. They were walking down a hill, and they saw something walking in front of them. When they sped up to try to catch it, the thing would move away. But when they slowed down, thinking they'd lost it, the thing would slow down with them. It was like "it was playing a game with them," said Crowe.

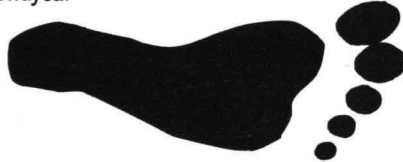
In April of 1991, a Melody

C. saw a strange upright "log" just north of the Sauvies Island Bridge. Whatever she saw was standing in the water, motionless, until suddenly, it moved, and she realized that it wasn't a log at all. It was a creature standing knee-deep in the water with its arm spread out and "hunched over like a cave man." According to her report, it had long brown body hair, and

longer hair on its head. It was muscular, over six feet tall, and she had the impression that it was fishing. She dashed to get her husband, but the thing was gone when they returned.

While many may dismiss such sightings as fakes or mistakes, it is to be noted that Crowe himself started out as a skeptic. He founded the Western Bigfoot Society in 1991, after

a customer took him along on a Big Foot hunt. They dropped him along a forest road, and within 10 minutes, he had found tracks, scratching on trees, and branches broken 8 to 10 feet up. After the experience, he found his skepticism sorely swayed.



The society meets in Crowe's museum once a month to listen to speakers and discuss Big Foot sightings and other Big Foot ephemera.

While there hasn't been a Big Foot sighting in or around Forest Park since 1991, there's always the chance that he — or she — may turn up again sometime. Students at the Metropolitan Learning Center hold an annual Bigfoot watch, but to date, nothing has been spotted. Perhaps a call to Crowe and a visit to some "hot spots" in Forest Park might remedy that situation.

Meanwhile, keep your ears open when you're jogging up Holman Lane. Listen carefully when you're birdwatching up by Balch Creek. Trust your nose — the creatures are supposed to be riotously odiferous. And if you see, hear, or smell anything, call Ray Crowe.