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Leonard Stringfield documented UFOs

DuBois Chemical exec published newsletter

BY SHARON MORGAN
The Cincinnati Enquirer

Leonard H. Stringfield's interest in unidentified flying objects brought him national recognition.

In 1952, the Mariemont resident created a worldwide UFO newsletter called *CRIFO*. Because of demand for his 25-cent newsletter, Mr. Stringfield extended his research into books and other publications, such as *Situation Red: The UFO Siege*, which was translated into several languages.

Mr. Stringfield, 74, died of cancer Sunday at home.

"His lifetime love of words



Stringfield

Mr. Stringfield worked in the advertising department at DuBois Chemical Co. He retired as director of public relations after 30 years of service.

In 1939, Mr. Stringfield graduated from Withrow High School. He attended Cincinnati Art Academy and the University of Cincinnati. He was a World War II veteran.

brought him pleasure, excitement, a career and world acclaim," said a son-in-law, Dennis Reynolds of Mariemont. "He was one of the best, a great guy."

Survivors include three daughters, Colette Rhodes and Camille Reynolds, both of Mariemont, and Denise Sparks of Crawfordsville, Ind.; a brother, Jack Stringfield of Anderson Township; and seven grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. today at Elden A. Good Funeral Home, 2620 Erie Ave. in Hyde Park. Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mariemont Community Church, 3908 Plainville Road.

Burial will be at Rest Haven Cemetery, 10209 Plainfield Road in Evendale. Memorials can be sent to Mariemont Community Church, 3908 Plainville Road, Cincinnati 45227 or United Home Care Hospice, 2400 Reading Road, Cincinnati 45202.

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - Dec. 7, 1994

Beloved UFOs Come Back To Faithful Watchers At Shoreline Park

By Carole Baker

UFO activity seems to be on the rise again in the Gulf Breeze area. Still exhilarated from the events of the evening of November 7, skywatchers at Shoreline Park were treated to another night of spectacular sightings on Wednesday, November 30. Between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., skywatchers observed an incredible total of 30 lights in varying combinations appear in the skies visible from their vantage point in Shoreline Park. Unlike previous sightings recently which have involved groups of red/amber lights generally appearing in one portion of the sky, it was a different story last Wednesday. Activity ranged from the east, near the water tower on Pensacola Beach to the far west of the visible sky over Deer Point. At about 7:48 p.m., a triangle of red lights with a glowing amber center was observed in the sky between the Dunes Hotel and Sans Souci. This triangle of lights was

seen to rotate in a counter-clockwise direction before it "blinked out".

Later in the evening in the sky above the tool booth on Fort Pickens Road, three amber lights appeared in a row formation. A small red light was observed shooting out and up from the left end of this configuration. This small red light was then replaced by another row formation of red lights from which another small red light shot away. This last red light was seen to travel east across the sky, turn to a dull white color, then back to red. It hung in the sky at one point for about ten seconds before finally being lost from sight.

Local UFOlogists are very encouraged by the increase in activity in the area after several quiet months. Those who skywatch on a regular basis are excited about recent developments and hope for a continued escalation of sightings here in Gulf Breeze. Keep on watching the skies!

HERALD, Brewster, WA - Nov. 24, 1994



Cloud or flying saucer?

One late afternoon in August, while driving from Bridgeport to Chelan we noticed a cloud that looked like a flying saucer, so we took two pictures of it. Well finally after about two months we got it revealed. I showed it to some friends and they told me to send it to a newspaper, to see if someone else had seen it too.

The cloud was moving east to west, not very fast, the weird thing about it, it was the only cloud in the area at that time.

The pictures were taken inside my Blazer on Highway 97, about two miles north of Beebe Bridge, the cloud looked to be above the Beebe Bridge.

Well is it a cloud or a flying saucer?

Guadalupe C Martinez, Orondo

NEWS-GAZETTE, Leitchfield, KY - Dec. 5, 1994

It's a plane, it's a bird it's a ...

By JEANNA CARNES

The Leitchfield City Police received its first call about 9:00 Thursday night regarding a UFO.

The call was reported by an individual who also videotaped the sighting.

According to the report the UFO was seen at Clarkson in the Hwy. 1214 and 1356 area.

Calls were made to the Indianapolis Flight Center, the Bowling Green Airport, and to Fort Knox in

an attempt to confirm the identity of the object.

Friday afternoon WHAS and WAVE television stations visited Leitchfield and the area of the sighting trying to make a conclusion.

As of Friday evening no definite conclusions had been made. So you can be sure that Friday night in Grayson County will be a quiet one as the residents gaze out their windows in hopes to see a "FIRE IN THE SKY".

CR: J. Stone

PRESS, Grand Rapids, MI - Dec. 25, 1994 CR: T. Cook

North abuzz over a new UFO sighting

► At least three people including a state trooper witnessed the bright lights.

By Mark Jager
The Grand Rapids Press

Northern Michigan residents and police are abuzz with talk of UFO sightings last week in the tiny community of Kingsley that have once again focused national attention on the state.

The sighting of an unidentified flying object hovering in the eastern skies above the Kingsley countryside attracted a surge of telephone calls from UFO buffs and radio talk shows and even warranted mention on a national radio program, Grand Traverse County authorities said.

"It was a zoo up here for two days," said Sgt. Don Laskey of the Michigan State Police.

The object was first sighted by Kingsley resident Tracey Cejda at about 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

"I saw a streak of light fall down to a height of just over the tree tops near my storage barn," Cejda said. "The object remained at tree top level and appeared to be about two or three times the size of my barn."

Cejda said her dog cowered at the sight of the object, which "appeared to be round and yet not round."

"The whole inside of the object appeared

honeycombed. It had what seemed to be mini-lightning bolts in the middle of it that would go off sporadically," she said. "The object was a bluish gray color. We noticed later that it had a red oscillating light on the top of it. It's hard to describe the feelings that were running through me."

Cejda's neighbor, Michael Stelter captured the object on videotape and Officer Glen Guldner of the Michigan State Police arrived in time to witness it himself.

Guldner filed a police report saying he used binoculars to view "a cylindrical mass, possibly gray in color... on the underside of the object a large amount of individual lights were seen that appeared to be connected by a softer light running between them."

He reported that the object rotated back and forth several times and tipped vertically before returning to its original position. He said a shapeless bright light appeared to the east of the object.

Both Cejda and Guldner said the object disappeared when military jets flew past, then reappeared when the aircraft were out of sight.

Local astronomers and meteorologists theorized that the object could have been a planet, possibly Venus or Jupiter, enhanced by atmospheric conditions.

But Dick Cookman, an astronomy instructor at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, said it would be unusual for an image as large as the one videotaped to not show planetary detail.

Numerous UFO sightings in Ottawa County in March attracted the attention of extraterrestrial buffs and prompted a segment on CBS's "48 Hours."

The day after the most recent sightings, the state police post was inundated with queries, Laskey said.

"I was getting calls from all over the country," he said. "I was even interviewed on live radio shows."

Radio personality Paul Harvey made note of the sightings on his show that day, Laskey said.

SNAPSHOT



DAVID PETERSON/THE REGISTER

Beverly Trout investigates UFO sightings, and she does so with seriousness. Trout won't say whether she believes in extraterrestrials.

Trout in the know on UFOs

Altoona woman investigates unexplained sightings

Leading UFO skeptic and former Iowan Phillip Klass calls them "little nobodies," people who investigate the possibility of the existence of extraterrestrial beings buzzing around in spacecraft. Klass is amused by it all, but his renowned skepticism can't prevent amateur free-lance investigators from checking into sightings around the country. One such investigator is Beverly Trout of rural Altoona, who checks out sightings and reports them to MUFON — the Mutual UFO Network. She invites readers to call her at (515) 967-6323 if they see anything that might be a UFO.

Q. What's the difference between MUFON and other UFO groups?

A. This is an organization that is not interested in the tabloid approach. It is not interested in sensationalizing, in trivializing. It is interested in looking into it as seriously as possible. It is an international organization with about 5,000 members.

Q. How did you get interested in the first place?

A. The night before Easter 1967, my husband and I lived on a dairy farm and we heard a noise. . . . Suddenly, we see this very bright little light, not longer than 3 or 4 feet, moving very slowly. It got directly across the road from us, changed directions and took off very fast. Our milk hauler (later) came, and my husband told him what he'd seen. He began to tell us about a relative of his who'd seen the same thing.

Q. Does MUFON take up a lot of your time?

A. It's a volunteer thing, and if you've got investigative work going, it can be

very time-consuming. On this latest case, three of us spent four or five hours with this witness of a sighting near Perry. One big point I want to make is the element of confidentiality. If the witness wants his identity unknown, that is the way it remains.

Q. I'll give you a topic: Allowing yourself to consider the possibility that extraterrestrial beings are flying around in ships colors your judgment and investigative techniques. Discuss.

A. We are trying to explain it away. If we can find an ordinary explanation, we'll explain it away and be done with it. I don't want anybody to say I "believe" in UFOs. Not at all. That's not a word I would apply to my interest in the subject. I'm willing to look at what's reported in the sightings and investigate to the best of my ability.

Q. Why is it that people want to believe?

A. Some have some kind of void in their lives and want something more. And perhaps this makes it easy for them to want to reach out for something that might be a saving factor — part of the search for meaning and validity in life.

Q. All this seems, at first, extremely wacky. Do you get a lot of strange looks?

A. I mention it, but I don't push the subject with anybody. I'm involved as seriously as anybody can be. I'm not an evangelist, so to speak. You see where the data leads. It's an enigma, certainly. Not everything we find out is understandable, but at least we have it recorded.

Q. You must read a lot.

A. I read on a variety of subjects. I've been interested in metaphysics and the paranormal, but not on the level of the gullible. I'm interested in it, but in a conservative, healthy, skeptical way.

Q. How many sightings are there in Iowa each year?

A. We don't know, frankly. We do know a slight percentage of those find their way to us for investigation. My guess is that we don't even hear about 1 percent of the sightings that take place. On the Perry investigation, three people told us about other incidents.

Q. OK, how many do you investigate?

A. In the last year, five. And we know there are a lot more out there. There could be hundreds. But people are so inhibited.

Q. Of the five, how many have been explained?

A. I would say only one.

Q. What if all this were explained away?

A. I'd examine the explanation very closely, and I'd be on board.

Q. Are there actually extraterrestrial beings?

A. I wouldn't pigeonhole myself. Physicists are looking at the possibilities of other dimensions, parallel universes.

Q. There's usually a UFO sighting that the TV weather people talk

about on Christmas Eve, originating from the North Pole.

A. A trivialization. The subject does not deserve trivialization. A light comment can throw people for a loop.

Q. A ship lands in your yard tonight, and you're invited on board. Do you go?

A. If something lands, it won't be an invitation. You don't have any options. That's pretty well established from individuals who've had these encounters. MUFON is aware of abductees in the state of Iowa. Some of them have had conscious encounters and some have recaptured some memories under hypnosis.

Q. Family?

A. I have a daughter who lives in the San Francisco Bay area with her family, and my son lives in the Des Moines area with his family.

Q. What's your professional background?

A. I worked for a heavy highway contractor coordinating contracts for years, and I burned out. I made the change. I've been semi-retired since 1989.

Q. What do you do for fun?

A. I dance. I even do a little teaching of dancing in adult education: country-western line dancing.

Q. Here's a litmus test: Did Oswald act alone?

A. (Laughs) There have always been questions, and not all the questions have been answered. Oswald is dead; Jack Ruby is dead. Beyond that, what do we know?

— Patrick Beach

28 years ago, lights danced in sky, taking Fort Smith into UFO history

BY JULIEANNE MILLER
Democrat-Gazette Fort Smith Bureau

FORT SMITH — Almost three decades have passed since thousands of Arkansans from Fort Smith to Pine Bluff were dazzled by a mysterious display of atmospheric lights.

What those lights were, nobody knows for sure.

Pharmacist Leon Sparks or factory worker Steve Tedder, both of Fort Smith, agree only that they saw something resembling white, green and red lights

moving erratically, and sometimes in formation, about 9 p.m. Aug. 15, 1966.

Their accounts, and those of others who have seen unusual phenomena in the skies, fill the data files of Bill Pitts of Fort Smith.

Pitts, 69, an industrialist who co-owns McKee-Pitts Inc., a Fort Smith tool company, has dedicated the better part of his life to collecting and investigating stories about unidentified flying objects, a topic often based

more on conjecture than hard fact.

Pitts became interested in UFOs when an Iowa man reported seeing nine silver-colored disk-shaped objects in 1947. Two years later, Pitts was among friends and strangers in downtown Fort Worth, watching a mysterious metallic craft circling the fuselage of an Air Force plane about 4,000 feet off the ground.

In 1988, Pitts opened a new chapter in Project Blue Book, the

Air Force research project that dealt with UFO sightings until it was closed in 1969, when the Air Force announced that UFO sightings could be rationally explained and did not threaten the nation's security.

Pitts' civilian agency of 148 present and former Air Force, Pentagon and intelligence agency personnel picked up where Blue Book left off, researching older sightings still classified as "unknowns."

He has the credentials for the

job. Pitts is the past regional director and investigator for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena in Washington, D.C.; a past field investigator for Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson, Ariz.; a past board member for the International UFO Registry; and a past associate member for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

He is reluctant to discuss any recent findings by group members, saying it would be prema-

ture to discuss findings which have not been thoroughly investigated.

But what about the 1966 sightings in Arkansas?

They initially were written off as an Air Force refueling operation. A Federal Aviation Administration tower controller detected a fuselage among the show of lights, lending some credence to that theory.

At the time, other explanations had included high-intensi-

ty lights on high-flying jets, military maneuvers, light reflecting off weather balloons or aircraft, and astronomical phenomena.

Count Tedder among those who have endured the snickers of people who don't take talk of UFO sightings seriously.

"There may be some logical explanation for why one night a couple thousand people showed up at the airport and we all saw something, but I've never heard it," said Tedder, who was 15 at the time. "We saw something out of the ordinary, something unexplainable."

Pitts said the initial finding may be correct, but there were no reported refueling operations logged with airports in the region.

Tedder said he hasn't fallen for the refueling jets theory. "They don't take off at an ungodly rate of speed after hovering, and they don't just keep coming back around," he said.

On the night of Aug. 15, 1966, Tedder and his older brother Mike, now a Jonesboro physician, headed to the Fort Smith Regional Airport on the city's southeast site where they joined an estimated 1,500 people watching the shapeless lights shoot from east to west across the sky above the runway before reappearing 20 to 30 seconds later.

About a mile west of the airport on Stateline Road, Sparks, then 21, was caught up in the excitement of watching the dancing objects in the sky.

"It was almost like satellites monitoring the situation, then boom! they were gone and where they went I don't know," he said. "I just couldn't believe what I was seeing."

Sparks had gathered with friends and an estimated 200 others watching "globelike things with lighted portholes going overhead real slow, not making

any sound, then shooting out of sight straight up in the sky."

The lights reportedly formed a diamond-shaped pattern in the sky and occasionally changed places.

Sightings such as that, Pitts said, are among the 20 to 25 percent of unexplainable sightings in the skies. The unexplainable sightings are usually eyewitness accounts, he said, backed up by more than one person.

The majority of UFO sightings — 75 to 80 percent — have logical explanations. For example, take the fiery object seen in western U.S. skies on Jan. 20, 1989.

Residents in Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Iowa reported seeing a UFO that turned out to be the deteriorating body of a Soviet rocket, deployed in 1982, burning in the earth's atmosphere.

The unexplainable sightings once caused some Pentagon officials to speculate that Earth is under surveillance by an extraterrestrial intelligence.

"I don't think we're the only people in the universe or the only people capable of going from one planet to another. Yet nobody ever believes you, I don't know why," said Sparks, who wrote off the 1966 sightings as something

the Air Force wouldn't and couldn't explain.

Getting Pitts to personally theorize or give an opinion about UFOs is difficult.

"Some may think we're the ultimate in creation," he said. "I don't think we are, because every generation comes up with things the previous generation didn't know about. What would Einstein or (Alexander Graham) Bell think about today's technologies?"

There well may be life within the galaxies astronomers have discovered, he said.

"It's a possibility ... there may be life, maybe not as we know it, further advanced than we are," he said. "We may be like insects in our intellect as compared to them, but that's merely a suggestion."

If that's the case, Pitts said, it is logical to determine that another life form has figured out how to overcome the barrier of getting from there to here.

"We don't even know for sure that they're here," Pitts said. "I don't know there are reasons for them coming here. Maybe we were set up here as a colony many moons ago, and they're watching us."

JOURNAL AMERICAN, Bellevue, WA - Dec. 26, 1994

Nevada base cloaked in national security issues

Air Force gets initial OK to control peaks

By Tom Philp
McClatchy News Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The military appears to be within days of shrouding one of its worst-kept secrets, a much-publicized Air Force facility in Nevada that officially doesn't exist.

Two mountain peaks that provide a distant vista of the base may soon be off-limits to the public. Yet the attempt by the Air Force to ban access to the vistas hasn't stopped aviation buffs, UFO believers and even the Russians from viewing and photographing the phantom base.

"The publicity is what created my business," said Glenn Campbell, a 35-year-old resident of rural Nevada who has subsisted in part by selling \$15 guides to the mountain vistas.

The vistas in question — White Sides Mountain and Freedom Ridge — are next to the giant Nellis Air Force Range north of Las Vegas and are now controlled by the Bureau of Land Management.

The Air Force in 1993 requested that it be given control of nearly 4,000 acres of the mountains. After a formal consideration process, the BLM in November gave a tentative yes.

Barring any change of mind, the BLM could make the decision final within days or a few weeks, said Curtis Tucker, an area land manager for the agency.

It's unclear precisely what the Air Force is doing on its complex of airstrips and buildings on the part of the Nellis base known as Groom Range.

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Glenn Campbell
'military gadfly'

"Some specific activities and operations conducted on that range, both past and present, remain classified and cannot be discussed," said Lt. Col Mike Gannon, a spokesman for the Air Force.

The most conventional explanation is that the base is one of the places where the Air Force has tested various top-secret aircraft and has trained the pilots.

The least conventional explanation is literally out of this world.

In 1989, a Las Vegas man said he once worked at the base and helped to conduct tests on alien spaceships the Air Force had obtained through a cooperative arrangement with the non-earthly beings.

There is no doubt that something is down there.

Popular Science Magazine, for example, splashed on its cover an aerial photograph of the base reportedly taken by a Russian satellite in 1988.

Campbell, meanwhile, has escorted in the past two years an estimated 100 media organizations to the tops of the BLM mountains. Sure enough, he and others have said they can see some airstrips and lots of buildings about 10 miles away.

Whatever is down there has put Campbell's home of Rachel, Nev., on the map.

One tabloid has proclaimed that the town bar — renamed the A'Le Inn — attracts visitors from

outer space. The bar definitely attracted talk show host Larry King, who beamed a UFO-theme cable television from a spot near Rachel.

And Campbell, a one-time software engineer from Boston, has become a full-time, self-described "military gadfly."

On the Internet, where he distributes electronic updates, he is known as "Psychorat." Through the mail, he said he has sold between 2,000 and 3,000 copies of his \$15 guide to viewing the base.

The 35-year-old Campbell, who is single, lives in a mobile home trailer and conducts his "Psychorat" computer activities from another next door.

"I've repackaged this as an issue of government accountability," said Campbell, who now downplays the UFO theories because, after two years of surveillance, he has yet to see one.

If the Air Force needs these mountain peaks for national security reasons, "the burden of proof is on the agency," he said. "It has presented no case whatsoever."

Lt. Col. Gannon, reading from a statement, said the Air Force needs the mountain peaks "to protect the technological edge of the U.S. military capabilities and to enhance effective military operations and training."

The BLM apparently agrees.

Public viewing of military activities (which has often included illegal photography of range activities) has "increased during the past few years, necessitating the diversion, postponement, or cancellation of missions to prevent a compromise of national security," said an agency statement.

If nothing else, the debate over the mountains has demonstrated the power of the Internet and of one UFO story.

Before the UFO stories first surfaced in 1989, the mountain peaks posed no threat to national security because virtually nobody bothered to climb them, said Tucker of the BLM.

"Now there's a jeep trail up there," said Tucker. "Tweaking the military giant is something that (Campbell) has enjoyed doing."

UFO theories

NEWS, Taos, NM
Nov. 17, 1994

Coast resident knows about them; wants to get everything out in the open

By DON BROADUS
Mississippi Press Staff

When the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA) announced recently that most of the medical profession is using the wrong symbol, it made a point that William D. Clendenon has been trying to make for 50 years.

The caduceus, consisting of two snakes coiled around a staff beneath a pair of wings which is widely used to symbolize medicine, is actually the symbol of Mercury, the messenger of the gods, say the MMA and Clendenon.

Clendenon also believes the caduceus is a blueprint for building a flying machine which could duplicate the moves and speed credited to many UFOs.

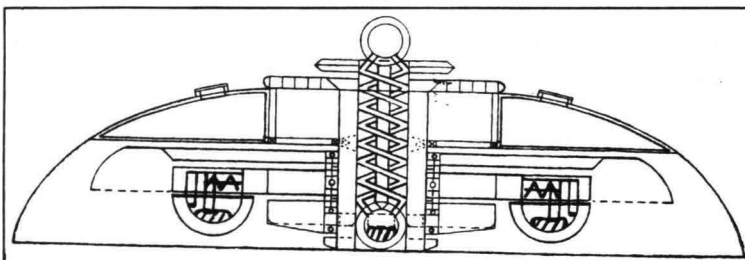
The MMA reported the symbol for the medical profession should be the staff of Asclepius, the Greek god of medicine. The symbol consists of a single snake wrapped around a crude staff without any wings. The Asclepius symbol is used in the medical field only in Minnesota and in Los Angeles.

When Clendenon, who lives in Biloxi, saw an Associated Press story on the MMA report in *The Mississippi Press*, he immediately came to us with piles of documents, pictures and other information he has compiled through research and collected over the years.

"It is very important that the public understand this," he said of the MMA report. "I've been preaching it for years."

Clendenon believes that UFOs are manned by intelligent beings, but doesn't speculate on their purpose. He disdains UFO organizations, saying many of their members are just exploiting UFOs for monetary gain. He doubts that anyone has been abducted by aliens.

Asked what he thought about Charles Hickson, the Gautier man who claims to have been taken



UFO BLUEPRINT — This drawing is part of a blueprint that Williams "Bill" Clendenon is working on to build a UFO. Liquid mercury in a tank at the bottom of the shaft

aboard a spacecraft on the Pascagoula River in 1974, Clendenon offered the classical, "no comment."

Clendenon, who recently appeared on Larry King's UFO show filmed in New Mexico, has detailed his plans to build what he calls a "scout ship" in his book, *Mercury: UFO Messenger of the Gods*.

He says evidence may exist that Mercury, known to the Greeks as Hermes, zoomed about in a mercury-powered aircraft which resembled those UFOs recently sighted or even photographed.

It was a photo taken by George Adamski in California in 1951 that helped whet Clendenon's interest in UFOs. The photo is of a bell-shaped object with windows and three pods on the undercarriage.

When the photo first appeared, government officials were vitally interested in it, Clendenon said. Later the government attempted to discredit the photo, calling it a hoax.

"Government representatives identified the object as six different things," Clendenon said. "They called it a chicken feeder, a chicken brooder and other things. If they had said they didn't know what it was, I could have respected that."

Clendenon says there is a conspiracy on the part of the government to hide the truth about UFOs. He has urged congressmen from several states, including Trent Lott and Gene Taylor, to hold hearings on the subject.

"I would like to see people tell their UFO stories under oath to determine who's lying and who's telling the truth," he said. "That's the only way we will ever know the truth."

Clendenon's hobby of building model airplanes probably led to his being assigned as an air-

craft identification instructor when he served in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

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craft identification instructor when he served in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

Stories circulated in the war rumor mill of "foo fighters" and "ghost rockets" which were thought to be enemy secret weapons. Clendenon believes they stemmed from UFO sightings.

It wasn't until just after the war when Clendenon was living near Birmingham, Ala., that he saw his first UFO, a greenish ball of light in the night sky traveling at a high rate of speed.

"Since then, I've seen hundreds of UFOs," he said. "I've followed them. I've been close enough to them to hit them with a rock. They don't intend us any harm. If they wanted to harm us, they could have wiped us out 40 years ago."

As a construction worker, Clendenon followed jobs across the country and said he has seen UFOs in almost every area he worked, including the West Coast and an offshore oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

During all this time, Clendenon has worked alone and with others designing and attempt-

ing to build models of the crafts. While he is limited by funds, he says such a craft could be built.

"It won't travel from planet A to planet B, but it will outperform anything we know of today," he said.

Clendenon said the bell-shaped craft is, in fact, a scout craft released from a

"mother ship" which is rarely seen and may be capable of space flight.

Power for a scout ship, Clendenon said, could be produced by a closed circuit mercury system which would act much like a gas turbine engine. He said liquid mercury contained in a tank at the bottom of a shaft would move up the shaft, much like the snake coiled around the staff in the caduceus, to a tank at the top of the shaft.

In the process, the mercury would be converted to a vapor and returned to the bottom tank where it would again become liquid.

Repeating the process would produce vast heat and power for the craft, he said.

Similar but smaller units in the three pods would act as a guidance system, he said, and a vacuum created around such a craft would mute the sound since sound does not travel in a vacuum.

How could such a craft make a 90-degree turn at supersonic speed and how could the human body withstand such a turn?

"I don't have the answers," Clendenon said. "Steering such a craft would require a computer, and we are talking about technology far beyond our knowledge. I just work on one step at a time."

Where do the entities come from who man the ships?

"I don't know that either," Clendenon said. "I offer three theories in my book, but they are only theories. They are just a starting point."

In his book, Clendenon said there are some remote areas of Earth which could conceal UFO activity or they may come from another planet. The third theory involves a hollow core in the Earth with a possible exit in the polar regions.

Residents report odd lights

If you happened to be outside at night last September and saw a strange glowing object moving across the sky, you were not alone.

People from New Mexico to Alaska have reported seeing a large number of unidentified flying objects, enough to be called a major "flao" by officials of the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington.

Incidents were reported above Amor Lane near Taos High School and at other areas in Taos in September, according to a story in the Monday (Nov. 14) issue of *The Santa Fe New Mexican*.

During one six-week period this fall, the UFO center's director Peter Davenport said, his office logged more than 500 telephone calls of reported sightings.

Maida Martinez, her husband Toby, and Eric Tafuya of Taos all reported seeing an object described as a "bright white light, accompanied by about a dozen smaller lights" flying low over populated areas of Taos.

Air Force bases in New Mexico and the Federal Aviation Administration in Albuquerque declined to comment on the sightings.

Northern New Mexico and southern Colorado have been the center of dozens of UFO sightings since the late 1960s, some apparently linked to reports of cattle mutilations.

Plaque honors museum's founding members

Chris Schneidmiller
Record Staff Writer

It may not have flown, but the plaque unveiled Sunday honoring the founding members of Roswell's International UFO Museum and Research Center definitely lit up.

The unveiling was held Sunday afternoon in a short ceremony at the museum, 400-401 N. Main St. The plaque contains the name of each founding member — the first 100 people, couples or companies to contribute \$100 or more to the museum.

At the top of the plaque is a saucer-shaped plate that

bears the museum's name. Directly below that plate is a clear rectangle that says "founding members" and lights up when the plaque is plugged into an electrical socket.

The final effect of the plate and light is that of a UFO in flight, plaque designer Miller Johnson said.

"I just wanted to do something out of the ordinary," he said.

Museum President Walter Haut said the founding members were vital to the museum's survival. The non-profit museum first opened on the seventh floor of the Sun-

west Center in January, 1992. But it received few contributions and had no gift shop to raise funds.

Museum volunteers began asking friends and acquaintances for contributions. Those first contributions paid bills and funded necessary purchases while operators looked for a more accessible location for the museum, Haut said.

"In essence, for our early days, it was what kept us afloat," he said. "I feel we would be floundering even to this day if it hadn't been for (the founding members)."

On Oct. 24, 1992, the museum moved to a street-

level office on the northwest corner of Main and Fourth streets. Since then, more than 38,000 UFO-curious from around the world have visited the museum.

"The interest in UFOs has increased so much that people want a place that will give them information that is not slanted in any way," Haut said.

The museum now has 300 members and has expanded to fill two office spaces. It includes dozens of articles and photos about UFOs, a wall-length mural of the alleged 1947 UFO crash near Roswell, and one of the model aliens made for the Showtime movie

"Roswell."

All the founding members were given cards that announce their status.

Founding member C.J. Beauchemin said the museum is important both for information about UFO's and for its benefits to the community.

People who come to the museum spend money in the city and help spread the word about Roswell, Beauchemin said.

"It helped put Roswell on the map," he said. "When you have over 38,000 people come in, that's a pretty good piece of the economy."



John Rizzolo can see it clearly now: as many as 150 abductions by aliens — memories of which he has suppressed for years, he believes. He wants to get in touch with other North Carolinians who have been taken aboard by visitors from other worlds.

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BY CHRIS O'BRIEN
STAFF WRITER

CHAPEL HILL

Jon Rizzolo can describe in detail the 150 or so times he recalls being abducted by aliens. Like this one, for instance:

Rizzolo remembers pedaling his bike up a hill. It was a clear, cool night in 1979 and the high school senior was coping with another bout of insomnia.

He reached the top of Brookview Drive and paused for a minute to catch his breath. As he leaned on the handlebars, something moving in the sky caught his eye. It was a spaceship.

While Rizzolo gaped, a bright beam of light surrounded him. It pulled him from his bike and carried him into the ship.

The craft flew south a few hundred yards and hovered above some trees behind a house. With two aliens by his side, Rizzolo found himself gliding down through the trees, drifting up a hill and into the house. Once inside, he helped the aliens take a pair of twin brothers



Alien NOTION

**CHAPEL HILL RESIDENT
REPORTS 150
CLOSE ENCOUNTERS
WITH EXTRATERRESTRIALS.**

back up to the ship where they were examined.

"I have real specific memories of helping these beings abduct other people," he said last month. "And that's where it gets really strange."

And frightening. And disturbing.

For most of his 32 years, Rizzolo says, aliens have crept into his bedroom at night and carted him off to perform bizarre medical experiments on his body.

Rizzolo thinks we are not alone. For that matter, neither is he.

In recent years, thousands of people in the United States have come forward with stories of alien visitations. Whether or not you believe their stories, they do. And that leads to genuine anxiety, paranoia and terror.

For Rizzolo, his abduction stories have caused strains within his family and left him fearing ridicule from non-believers.

To deal with UFO-related traumas and help explore their memories, these "abductees" or "experiencers" can turn to a vast network of authors, researchers, therapists and UFO investigators.

They form a booming industry that runs support groups, holds conventions, advocates therapy to deal with abduction-related traumas, writes books, appears on talk shows and TV news-magazines. Led in part by a Pulitzer Prize-winning Harvard professor, their movement is growing.

Skeptics wonder if the UFO network is doing "abductees" more harm than good. Their main criticism of the movement lies in the fact that many of the abductees' stories are based on what are called recovered memories.

Some psychologists believe people can repress memories of traumatic events like sexual abuse and incest — or alien abductions. Sometimes an incident can bring them flooding back; sometimes they can be dug up in therapy or hypnosis.

That's the case with Rizzolo.

Though the aliens apparently have been visiting Rizzolo his whole life, he had no idea this was happening until 18 months ago. That's when an avalanche of memories came crashing down on him after he read a book about alien abductions.

Yet memory is fragile. Many researchers warn that in the quest for buried memories — especially through hypnosis — it is possible to suggest and create memories that never occurred.

UFO skeptics believe the publicity surrounding the network and the use of hypnosis to recover memories of UFOs may be the real reason so many people are suddenly remembering abductions.

For Rizzolo, this raises a tricky question: Did he repress the trauma of these alien abductions? Or did exposure to the idea create false memories?

"To me, that's part of the mystery,"

Rizzolo said. "Why did I forget it? I had this incredible experience and then it faded."

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Rizzolo has wavy, wiry black hair. His large, oval eyes are set above a pointed chin on his round face.

He's not married and rents a room from his parents in their Chapel Hill home. Though he briefly attended UNC about 10 years ago, he dropped out, he said, because he was experiencing stress and anxiety, though he was unsure why.

For most of his life, he's had an interest in UFO-related material. He was obsessed with the movie "E.T." when he was 18. By the time he was 20, he had seen the movie 27 times and recorded a song about it. In November 1982, Dennis Rogers of The News & Observer wrote a column about Rizzolo and his love for "E.T."

In recent years, Rizzolo has led a quiet life working odd jobs like delivering pizza and landscaping

while trying to break into film making. That began to change in February 1993. He was reading "Intruders," a book by Budd Hopkins that detailed various people's abduction experiences. Rizzolo inexplicably found himself crying during parts of the book.

Then he read a second abduction book called "Secret Life: Firsthand Accounts of UFO Abductions" by David Jacobs, a Temple University historian. That's when the memories came.

He could remember seeing a being's head, larger than a human head, beckoning him. He could recall the being calming him, and his feeling of euphoria during the episode.

"It was a complete memory, like a real event," Rizzolo said. More images popped into his head in subsequent days and weeks. As they grew more elaborate, more vivid, he started jotting them down in journals.

Initially, he confided only in his

brother. Eventually he broke the news to his parents, who were less than supportive, he said.

By late fall of 1993, Rizzolo had decided to undergo hypnosis, as some of the abductees in the books had done, to clarify the images and understand their significance.

"I wasn't convinced they were real abductions," Rizzolo said. "I thought, maybe I was abused. I was wondering if these aliens would turn out to be people who abused me."

Rizzolo visited UNC psychologist Barton Mann who hypnotized him at least four times. Though the sessions helped Rizzolo recall more images, he became frustrated that Mann would not consider the possibility his experiences were real.

"He had this aversion to considering the possibility," Rizzolo said of Mann, who declined to be interviewed for this story. "How could I open up to someone like that?"

Rizzolo was alone.

"I was looking for help, but I didn't know who to turn to," Rizzolo said.

One day, Rizzolo heard a UFO researcher on TV talking about a book that a Harvard University professor was about to publish about people abducted by UFOs. The professor was Dr. John Mack.

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Mack is a psychiatrist. He wrote a biography of T.E. Lawrence. He has won a Pulitzer Prize. In short, people take him seriously.

Five years ago, Mack had a close encounter with author Hopkins, who also works with abductees. After meeting some of Hopkins' abductees, Mack joined the world of abduction research.

Though some of his colleagues thought he had gone bonkers, Mack believed he had stumbled upon a genuine phenomenon worthy of study. In the process, Mack gave the abduction movement a dose of the thing it craves most: credibility.

"A Harvard professor certainly ups the ante," said Linda Moulton Howe, a television producer, author and longtime UFO researcher.

In his book, "Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens" published this year, Mack gives five reasons he finds the abduction argument compelling: The consistency of the accounts told by reliable observers, the absence of psychiatric illness in observers, physical changes taking place in observers' bodies, independent witnesses to abduction experiences and abductions reported by small children.

"No familiar theory or explanation has come even close to accounting for the basic features of the abduction phenomenon," Mack wrote.

In 1993, Mack founded PEER — the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research at Harvard.

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The nonprofit group researches the abduction phenomenon, maintains a network of therapists and support groups for "experiencers" and attempts to educate the public, according to Pam Kasey, director of PEER's support and referral network.

In January, Rizzolo contacted PEER and got a list of five therapists in North Carolina willing to explore his abduction memories.

In the past year, PEER has received more than 1,000 calls from people who believe they may have had abduction experiences. The center averages 35 letters a week from abductees or experiencers, Kasey said.

Rizzolo found many abductees' stories to be identical to his. The pattern: Aliens enter their bedrooms and take them aboard space ships where they are subjected to medical experiments.

Why? Some people believe the aliens are conducting some sort of breeding program between aliens and humans, perhaps to save the human race from extinction or to create new species.

"Bottom line, I think there is a harvest of genetic tissue from this planet," said Howe. "The big question is, to what end?"

Yet "UFOlogists" don't ask for blind acceptance. They just want the possibility considered.

"What we want people to do, is not to accept the reality, but to look into this," Hopkins said. "All of this constitutes an extraordinary phenomenon. And it demands an extraordinary investigation."

"If it's true, it's the biggest event in human history."

Searching for answers, Rizzolo began calling therapists. He called two and left messages before reaching the third, a therapist who lives in western North Carolina named Granville Angell.

Granville Angell runs Transitions Personal and Family Counseling. In conversation, he speaks in a slow, soothing voice that betrays little emotion.

Angell said he graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Florida with a degree in psychology. He stayed to earn a master's and specialist's in counseling.

Several years ago he moved to North Carolina to work for a state-run hospital. Four years ago he went into full-time private practice. Most of the people he treats have no UFO-related experiences. But over the past four years, he has treated both directly and indirectly at least 15 people who claim to have had abduction experiences, he said.

Angell said his goal in treating experiencers is the same as his other patients.

"A lot of what the counseling involves is helping them work toward a personal understanding of what's going on in their lives and to integrate that into their lives," he said. "because this has major impact on every aspect of our existence, obviously."

The treatments begin with extensive interviews to determine whether the patients are abductees or perhaps suffering some other psychological problems. If Angell believes their stories may be legitimate, he may hypnotize them in an attempt to explore their memories.

On March 30, he hypnotized Rizzolo for an exhausting 2 1/2 hours and taped the session:

Rizzolo: Yeah ... and I'm noticing that ... it's ... he looks different ... and ... I don't know what he looks like, because I've never seen anyone that looks like this before.

Angell: What other details?

Rizzolo: The top of his head looks like it's round ... like it's ... like it's round ... it just looks round ... and, I can't see anything though, it looks like he might be wearing ... I'm seeing him wearing ... a coat ... it's looks like he's wearing, like, a white coat

Angell: What about his face?

What do you see about his face?

Rizzolo: His face is ... is wide ... it looks like his ... his eyes shouldn't be that big ... his face shouldn't be that wide ... his cheekbones look big ... and, it ... he looks massive.

They only had one hypnosis session that explored one memory.

But since then, Rizzolo has continued to recover other memories consciously. He believes his abduction experiences now number at least 150.

"I've gone from wondering if this happened to really believing," Rizzolo said.

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Hogwash.

That summarizes Phillip Klass' views of alien abductions. Klass thinks people like Mack, Hopkins and Howe are only pushing their UFO theories to sell books and gain the spotlight.

What's more, the longtime skeptic and Washington-based publisher of Skeptics UFO Newsletter believes the very people claiming to help abductees like Rizzolo are causing them undue suffering.

"If even 1 percent of these stories are true, it's the gravest threat to the people of this country," Klass said. "If these stories are not true, these people are needlessly worrying and being drawn into cults that will harm them and their children."

Klass and other UFO debunkers worry that the network meant to support abductees is really reinforcing incorrect notions. In fact, they wonder if people like Mack and the publicity surrounding them aren't really creating the phenomenon and a host of false memories.

"It's not surprising that people are having similar memories," said Campbell Perry, a professor of psychology at Montreal's Concordia University. "If you found someone who lives without newspapers, TV, radio, it might be a bit more credible."

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Rizzolo would love to have some substantial physical evidence. Everyone in the abduction movement longs for that smoking gun. But Rizzolo is also sure his recollections are sound.

"I can tell the difference between memory and imagination," he said. "I don't feel at all that these are false."

Angell acknowledges that false memories are possible, but he doesn't think they could account for every abductees' experience.

For Rizzolo, resolving the question of whether he was abducted is not the end, but a beginning. He is now part of the subculture of UFO society. Member for life.

In September, he attended his first support group for abductees led by Angell in Greensboro. Last month, he attended the Gulf Breeze UFO Conference in Pensacola, Fla., where he heard Hopkins lecture on "The Family and The UFO Experience: Coping Techniques From Abductees."

Rizzolo met Hopkins and Howe, who is considering using him as a subject for her next book on UFOs. His case is gaining notoriety among celebrity researchers like Hopkins, Howe and Mack.

He hopes that by going public with his story, other people who have had the same experience in the Triangle will contact him so they can share their stories.

"Getting in touch with the reality of my experiences has been a real awakening for me," Rizzolo said. "There's vastly more going on in our lives and in the universe than we are aware of or can even imagine."

And whatever it is, he says, "I'm right smack in the middle of it."

Who created mysterious artwork on property west of Chehalis?

By Erik Robinson

The Chronicle

Lewis County: Landing pad from the stars, or just a popular target for Earthly vandals?

The second so-called crop circle to be discovered west of Chehalis since July prompted several calls to The Chronicle on Monday. The designs were discussed in a KOMO-TV "Town Meeting" program that aired Sunday night.

True believers are adamant about the designs' extraterrestrial origins.

"I believe it's true," said Greg Wallace, a Chehalis hair stylist. "I think a person has to be pretty naive to think that we're the only ones around."

Others aren't so sure about the circles — including the owner of the property on which the latest appeared sometime in early October.

"I'm beginning to get feedback from some kids that oh, 'So and so did it,'" said Alice Ulrich, who along with her husband, Carl, owns an alfalfa field near Adna High-Middle School.

The latest design shows two concentric circles, the largest about 150 feet in diameter, speckled with four equally spaced dots. The design appears about a half-mile west of another design in a field along the Ocean Beach Highway.

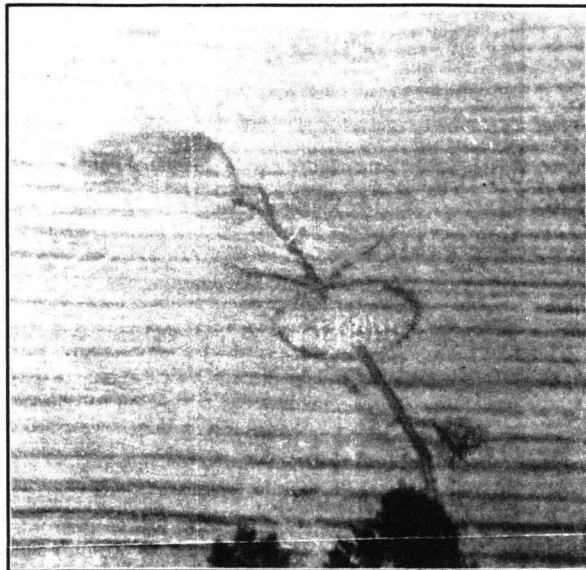
"I think I could manufacture one of those in an hour if I had to," Alice Ulrich said.

Maybe so. But believers say the crop circles, if stirred by man's hand, are inspired by a force beyond this world.

A Port Angeles woman who appeared on the KOMO program on Sunday said the two sets of designs are not the first in the region. They are among six reported in the Northwest over the past two years.

Ilyes, who would only give her first name, identified herself as national coordinator for the Center of Crop Circle Studies/U.S. Network.

"People are not making these formations," she said. "The hoax stories were hoaxes themselves



Courtesy photo / Mary Ellen Frister

■ This design, seen in this Oct. 27 aerial photo, originally appeared four months ago in a wheat field west of Chehalis. Even after farmer Hal Hamilton harvested the field, the outline still can be seen by pilots approaching the Chehalis-Centralia Airport.

— backed by a lot of money by a lot of people around the world who don't want the truth going out."

So what are the designs, exactly?

"I believe that they're transdimensional and multi-dimensional events that open interdimensional windows," she said.

Crop circles first began appearing in England about 15 years ago, and many people have theorized the designs represented evidence of aliens' presence. In July, a pair of designs appeared in a wheat field owned by Hal and Marilyn Hamilton.

Hal Hamilton said people have continued to come out to his property to pull positive energy from the designs, which now appear green from the air since Hamilton harvested the crop.

"There's been a lot of people through there," he said. "All different kinds of people."

Ilyes said a "huge energy ma-

trix" remains around the designs.

"There is a very positive energy that is involved," she said. "There is not the fear. There is wonder, and awe and joy. And very open and sharing."

Hamilton complimented the artistic ability of whoever tropped down the wheat into the two circle-and-line designs. He said the design should continue to be visible from the air until he's ready to plant next spring.

"Maybe you want to graze a little out there," he said. "You might be surprised what it'll do for you."

Gordon Spanski, chief criminal deputy for the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, said the designs amount to malicious mischief under state and, presumably, planetary law. Catching such interplanetary interlopers wouldn't be easy, though.

"We haven't figured out how yet," he said. "Unless they're illegal aliens."

UFO Hangs High For Ten Minute Spectacular Visit

By Carole Baker

Last Thursday night, December 8, a small group of skywatchers at Shoreline Park observed a UFO to the west of the water tower for ten minutes. This was one of the longest sightings recently recorded. The UFO was very low to the horizon, almost level with the water tower and appeared close to it, being west of it by less than ten degrees. Skywatchers hope to hear from someone at Pensacola Beach who may have seen the UFO so that the sighting can be triangulated and the distance of the UFO can be calculated.

The UFO first appeared to the naked eye as an amber/red light. Once spotted, it was observed through binoculars. It appeared to be an amberish white light with a small red light on top and a layer, or row of red lights at the bottom. During the sighting the light was seen to contract into a ball, and expand vertically several times. Because of the duration of the sight-

ing, the skywatchers were able to make detailed observations. Several times during the sighting they were able to see a "tail" of red light which appeared to be projecting from the bottom of the UFO. Observers have likened this UFO to the famous "Gulf Breeze UFO" that was so often observed in the area a few years ago.

"It finally just turned deep, deep red and blinked out" was how one of the skywatchers described seeing the UFO leave. This deep red color is a common observation of these UFOs. All of the skywatchers present were excited by the 10 minute duration of the sighting and hope for more sightings of this kind which enable video and still photography of the UFO.

It seems as though activity is continuing in the skies over Pensacola Beach. The skywatchers will continue their watch to see what else develops. Keep watching the skies.

Museum marks anniversary

SANTA FE—The International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell celebrated its second anniversary with an open house last weekend.

In two years the fledgling organization has welcomed 38,000 visitors from all 50 states and 48 foreign countries. That's a lot of traffic considering the museum is open only in the afternoon — but seven days a

Beverly Mysza opened the doors, the spacious museum, comprising two office suites in downtown Roswell, was bustling.

Nearly 22,000 visitors came during the past year, indicating the museum's popularity is growing rapidly.

Also in Roswell is the UFO Enigma Museum, founded six months earlier than the International UFO Museum. The Enigma Museum is located south of town near the gate of the old Walker Air Force Base (originally the Roswell Army Air Field), where the alleged flying saucer and alien bodies were studied before being transported to other military bases.

I was met at the door of the Enigma Museum by owner John Price, who gave me a tour of his 4,400 square feet of UFO history. This museum also was bustling with visitors from around the nation and around the world. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Both museums have extensive visual material covering the history of the UFO phenomenon. They have video viewing rooms showing some of the many UFO tapes now available. They also have those tapes for sale along with books, magazines and other periodicals, copies of the July 8, 1947, Roswell Daily Record front page that announces the recovery of a saucer and the July 9 front page carrying the government's retraction.

And of course there are souvenir cups, T-shirts and other novelty items.

Soon visitors will be able to tour the UFO crash site located near U.S. 285 about 35 miles north of Roswell. At the International UFO Museum downtown, visitors are being asked to complete a questionnaire indicating their preferences for the tours. Presumably they will occur more often than the twice yearly tours of Trinity Site, where the world's first nuclear device was detonated. Bus service from

downtown Roswell may be provided and an RV park could eventually be added at the site.

Several visitors at both museums mentioned having stopped at the International Space Museum in Alamogordo and the site of the reported saucer landing near Socorro.

All this activity has prompted Roswell Mayor Tom Jennings to appoint a planning committee to prepare a proposal for a festival to commemorate the "Roswell incident." Jennings likes the name "UFO Daze," but committee members also have suggested "The Roswell Re-Incident" and "The Roswell Encounter."

Jennings sees the interest in Roswell's two UFO museums as strong evidence that an annual event could draw some very big crowds, especially if it includes not only fun events but also serious seminars for scientists and researchers.

Regionalizing New Mexico's many space and nuclear attrac-

tions is another of Jennings' dreams. The several space attractions in Alamogordo, the saucer landing near Socorro, Trinity site between San Antonio and Carrizozo, and the Roswell UFO attractions could be combined with Lincoln County's history and scenic beauty to keep tourists in the area for a few days.

Tentative plans for the Roswell UFO festival call for the first event to take place the weekend of July 1-2, 1995. Although there is some recent disagreement about whether the UFO crash near Corona took place on July 2 or July 4, the first weekend of July looks like a good time for the celebration.

Jennings' committee is keenly aware that it has the '95 and '96 festivals to prepare for the 50th anniversary celebration of the crash in 1997. Jennings will still be mayor then and he's determined it will be an occasion to make all his constituents proud.



Jay Miller

Inside the Capitol

week. Admission is free.

I paid my first visit to the museum a few days before its second anniversary. I got there a little before the 1 p.m. opening but still had to stand in line. Within minutes of the time volunteers Elaine Eckman and

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Hundreds report seeing UFOs

By ZACK VAN EYCK
The New Mexican

The United States has been experiencing a major "flap" — a term used to describe a rash of UFO sightings — according to a Seattle-based research organization.

Peter B. Davenport, director of the nonprofit National UFO Reporting Center, said his office received nearly 500 telephone calls from people who have reported seeing unidentified flying objects during one six-week period this fall. The reported sightings have occurred in Alaska and Maine, and just about every place in between including New Mexico, Davenport said recently.

"All sorts of things are going on — things that'll cause your hair to stand on end," he said. "In my opinion, lots of undeniable people are seeing things that are very, very unusual."

Davenport said that when he became director of the 20-year-old organization this summer, he was told to expect about two or three phone calls a week. Instead, he has been inundated with reports, including a number from the Federal Aviation Administration.

"I'm getting between one and two dozen reports a day," he said. "But the volume of the reports doesn't tell the whole story, it's the quality. The nature of the reports are more astonishing."

"On the third or fourth of October in Leesburg, Va., the FAA reported two commercial airplanes reported a UFO within seconds of each other," he said. "It went streaking by them."

Davenport said a UFO similar to the one seen by three Taos residents in September has been reported in about 20 other states.

Maida Martinez, her husband Toby and one of his co-workers, Eric Tafuya, said they saw a

bright white light, accompanied by about a dozen smaller lights, drift slowly over Taos.

Toby Martinez, who was in his backyard with his wife at the time, described the object as triangular. His wife said the lights, which appeared between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. on a weeknight, made a distinct humming sound as they drifted over her neighbor's trailer and into her backyard off Amor Lane, near Taos High School. The lights traveled north to south about 20 feet above the treetops, she said.

"It was the most spectacular thing I have ever seen," she said. "It was about as big as my living room. . . . There was a round light and a series of red lights, about 12 or 15. We did not hear the blades of a helicopter. We did not hear the engine of a jet. As the object got closer to our home, we heard a hum — that is the only thing we heard."

"It was so close to earth that it was a little too close for comfort. It was like watching a science fiction movie in real life. I guess because it was moving, we weren't afraid."

Tafuya, who lives in the Upper Ranchitos subdivision about two miles from the Martinez's residence, said he saw a similar UFO in September when he went outside to lock his cars for the night. He described what he saw as a

blimp-like object with a "belly" and a tail, "like fish are when they're pregnant." The object, which had 13 to 14 white lights underneath, passed directly over him, traveling slowly east to west. When it entered a cloud, the cloud lighted up, he said.

"It was like nothing I've ever seen. It was right on top of me, maybe 400 or 500 feet up there, but it was huge, whatever it was," said Tafuya, 32. "It made a noise, but it didn't make a noise of any other aircraft I've heard. It was like a rush of wind more than anything else."

Toby Martinez, 54, said the day after he and his wife saw the UFO, a tourist who visited his place of work mentioned being "scared" by the sight of a UFO the night before.

Maida Martinez, 51, said she saw no outline of a structure, just a large "spotlight" and smaller red lights. Her husband said he saw an outline of an aircraft similar to a stealth bomber and believes the UFO was probably a military reconnaissance flight.

"During the day I have noticed a lot of military planes flying over — not that slow, but I do see a lot of military," he said.

Officials at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo and Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis would not speculate on

whether the object could have been a military craft. The FAA in Albuquerque also declined comment, referring all questions to Davenport.

Davenport said he knows of one other recent New Mexico sighting. On the night of Sept. 1, a man in Clovis observed a small UFO for about 40 minutes. It "appeared to respond to him," he said.

Davenport said he has received reports in September of a gray, triangular UFO similar to the one the Martinezes described in about 20 states, particularly in Arizona.

"What people have reported about that triangle is that there are (lighted) notches on the trailing edge of the ship," he said. "We had people witness this over northwestern Washington on the night of Sept. 24. One caller reported seeing a delta-shaped ship, slate gray or charcoal gray, drifting at a leisurely pace."

"It was not very high overhead and she could see detail — engraving or plumbing fixtures and lights all over it, and those lights are rather strange — they can be marker lights that are fixed, there can be sparkler lights, there can be a glow."

Davenport said it is not unusual for a particular UFO to be sighted in one part of the county one minute, then sighted hundreds of miles away a few minutes later.

"Our experience suggests that these objects can travel at tens or hundreds of miles an hour," he said.

The Martinezes and Tafuya said they could not recall exactly what night they saw the UFO in Taos. Maida Martinez said she saw the object on a Wednesday night, and guessed it might have been Sept. 7 or Sept. 14. Tafuya said he saw the object in September around 11 p.m. on a week night, but could not recall the exact date.

IN SEARCH OF UFO ANSWERS

Local group seeks to explain sightings

By MAGGIE HEEGER
For the Times

Strange darting lights in the sky. Cattle mutilations. Alien encounters.

Science fiction? Think again. There is a sizable group of people — here in Huntsville and around the world — who are searching for real answers to these mysterious reports. The recurring theme in these and many other unexplained occurrences is one of UFOs: Unidentified Flying Objects.

Now, before you dismiss the idea entirely, think about what the term "UFO" actually means. "An unidentified flying object is a very general term," says Sue Pitts of Huntsville, a representative for The Mutual UFO Network, known

■ MUFON meets the fourth Saturday of each month at Quincy's in Madison at 4 p.m. If you'd like to be included on MUFON of North Alabama's confidential mailing list, send \$5 to cover postage and copying costs, along with your name and address to MUFON of North Alabama, P.O. Box 10056, Huntsville, AL 35801-0056.

as MUFON for short. "Unidentified simply means that no determination has been made as to what the object is. Nobody's saying it's a little green man in a flying saucer. We're just saying that it's unidentified, and we can't scientifically determine its origin."

Pitts is the state section director for MUFON, coordinating its ef-



Sue Pitts draws the scene of a UFO sighting in south Huntsville last year.

Bryan Bacon/Huntsville Times

forts in northern Alabama. For several years now, Pitts has attempted to scientifically document the unexplainable. She and others

do this by investigating the reported sightings of unusual events, as reported by local citizens. Far more than merely writing it down and making a guess as to which planet it came from, Pitts and her associates are trained to scientifically eliminate possibilities.

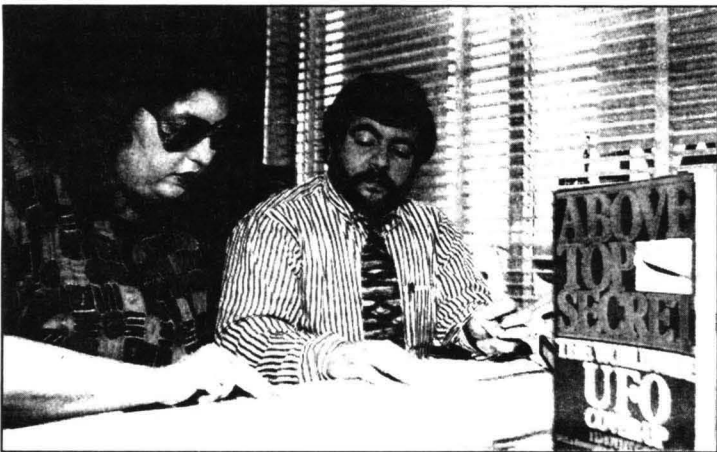
"Often, rather than determining that this event indeed was an alien encounter," notes Pitts, "We conclude that the reported sighting was very earthly in nature. Easily over 70 percent of the time, the results of our investigations prove that people have seen low-flying aircraft, a planetary body or any number of other situations that cause concern."

"It's still good to report these occurrences," Pitts stresses. "If anyone would ignore a significant event, that would be tragic."

With a twinkle in her eye, Pitts relates an account of how important accurate investigating techniques are to MUFON. "Imagine that you receive a call to investigate the appearance of a large, orange metal craft. It has many

"If something passes overhead, most likely it's an airplane. If it stays still, it's often a planetary body. But if you're not sure, by all means call. If your safety is in jeopardy, call the police. If you have an experience to relate, call MUFON."

— Jeff Ballard
State director for MUFON



Bryan Bacon/Huntsville Times

Sue Pitts, left, and Jeff Ballard check of map of UFO sighting in the Huntsville area.

lights and windows. Inside there are two dozen living beings, each about 3- to 4-feet tall. Before jumping to conclusions, MUFON investigators need to review all of the information and not rely strictly on the physical description."

What was that orange craft filled with creatures? "Oh, that was a school bus," laughs Pitts. "Never make assumptions — boy have I learned that lesson!"

What is MUFON, and what do they hope to accomplish? According to introductory literature published by MUFON headquarters in Seguin, Tex., MUFON is an international scientific organization made up of people seriously interested in studying and researching UFOs by combining their mutual talents, areas of expertise and investigative efforts.

Jeff Ballard, the state director for MUFON, goes further by saying that "MUFON is not made up of kooks or psychics that approach this from a paranormal, New Age perspective looking for space brothers. This is a research organization involving a grassroots effort to involve people in the investigation of the unknown. We want to

also provide public information and education on the topic of UFOs."

Pitts adds that MUFON tries to obtain scientific data and materials to prove the existence of beings from other planets, but that actual, physical proof is needed.

"The government has been interested and searching for this same information," she remarks. "Having our government officials acknowledge this effort would add tremendous credibility to our efforts, and make them much more accepted by the public."

Procedures are used

The procedures that MUFON investigators use to explore the sightings vary according to the situation. Pitts says there is no one specific way to investigate an occurrence but, in general, the first steps include documenting the type of weather and atmospheric conditions at the time.

"You'd be amazed at the number of weather-related phenomenon misinterpreted as UFO activity," Pitts says.

Ballard concurs. "With our initial contact, usually by telephone,

we listen to the entire account, then ask questions to clarify and gain a further understanding. We respect confidentiality completely. No information will be shared without specific permission being granted. We may then go to look at the physical evidence, if obtainable. We use resources available to us at MUFON to rule out many possibilities.

"I have a computer program that charts the star and planetary positions, and I also have data that describes the lighting patterns and shapes of various aircraft," Ballard says. "We take the weather activity into consideration and the person's actual account. We ask objective, non-leading questions of the reporting person. We don't want to put words into their mouths, or lead them into making inaccurate statements."

"MUFON's job is not to create a headline in the newspaper, or to announce that aliens have landed in Huntsville. We're striving to eliminate possibilities, to encourage intelligent, critical thought and to explore all of the options."

Once ruling out most common causes of a sighting, Pitts and Ballard describe what happens next.

"If we determine from our initial investigation that this event appears to be unexplainable, we then prepare a report package that we submit to MUFON headquarters in Seguin, Tex.," says Ballard.

Provide feedback

"MUFON's experts will provide feedback, asking for further information, offering explanations of man-made participation, and sometimes sending out their staff of experts and researchers to gather more information."

Ballard continues by saying that if the sighting is determined to be truly unidentified, the reporting person is often curious. "They want to know what that thing really was," he says, noting that he often is unable to give a concrete answer.

"I can't tell the person that she witnessed a landing from a space creature, because I don't have any proof of that. All I can say is that this person has definitely witnessed an unidentified flying object. We hope to examine it further, but often, there's no way to scientifically prove what it definitely was," he says.

Like any organization exploring new ideas, MUFON has had its share of misconceptions. Some believe that MUFON is an organization on a par with a science fiction fan club. "Science Fiction clubs deal with a fantasy world, and MUFON is trying to explore reality," Pitts explains.

"And we're not promoting the type of attitude where people view their UFO sighting as a spiritual awakening for them to try to save the world or anything like that," she says.

"Most people believe in UFOs, but they think nobody else does," observes Ballard. "Peer pressure keeps them from saying much about their beliefs, but once the conversation gets started, I find very few people who dismiss the idea completely."

Generally people are receptive and positive, but occasionally he finds folks who are slightly skeptical.

Pitts agrees. "I've been amazed at the number of people who are fascinated with the idea," she says.

The increasing number of television programs pertaining to UFOs (continued on page 9)

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and aliens has served to increase the public's awareness of this topic. "Understanding comes from learning, and these programs open people to the possibilities that maybe we're not alone in the universe," Pitts says, noting that there is much to be gained from the broadcast of these programs.

Ballard supports this concept, but advises viewers to remember that many programs have a specific agenda.

"If a talk show host has decided that he wants to ridicule the UFO observer, it stands to reason that this program will not be at all objective in its presentation," he says. Programs that are researched can be done very well, he says. "They provide a forum for exploring new ideas, and that's what MUFON

wants to see."

Ballard also reminds viewers that most prime-time programs on the UFO phenomenon are dramatizations and speculations. "They often have their base in truth, but there's also a great deal of Hollywood promotion added in there. Enjoy the entertainment, open your eyes to some new ideas, but explore further in order to reach your own conclusions."

Statewide, there are about 45 MUFON members, and Huntsville has about 15 to 20 members. At MUFON's monthly meetings — held the fourth Saturday of each month at Quincy's restaurant in Madison at 4 p.m. — 30 to 35 people are likely to show up on a regular basis. The meetings are open to the public.

If you think you see UFO, here's what you should do

Anyone, in either a private or an official capacity, can report a UFO sighting to The Mutual UFO Network Inc. without fear or ridicule or unwanted publicity and with the assurance that qualified personnel will conduct a serious investigation into the report. Performing as many of the following steps as possible will make a report more scientifically valuable.

- First, try and get another witness or as many other witnesses as possible.

- If a camera is handy, take as many pictures as possible. Don't worry about getting the perfect picture. Get as much background or foreground detail into the picture as possible since this will help establish size and distance.

- Do not approach the UFO. There are a number of cases on record where witnesses have suffered injuries.

- Immediately after a sighting, note the time and make detailed,

complete notes of everything seen. Draw a picture of what was observed. Describe the appearance, color, motion and size of the UFO, as well as thoughts and feelings at the time of the experience. Write down the names and addresses and phone numbers of other witnesses.

- Do not share stories with the other witnesses until after speaking to an investigator! There will be time for sharing stories later, but an unmixed account is important.

- If the UFO touched the ground, protect the area as much as possible. Take photographs of the area to document it.

- Most importantly, report the sightings!

MUFON protects the identity of witnesses so a sighting can be reported confidentially.

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Roswell UFO researcher attacks Air Force report

Richard Olmsted
Record Staff Writer

A Roswell researcher of unidentified flying objects has added his views to the criticism of the Air Force's Sept. 8 final report on the Roswell Incident.

Clifford Stone wrote a 10-page paper titled "The U.S. Air Force's Self-Inflicted Wound" because he said the government and the military have not provided a satisfactory answer for the objects found on Mac Brazel's farm on July 7, 1947.

"What happened here in 1947 has not been explained," Stone said in an interview last

week. "When it comes to UFOs, almost everyone makes the mistake of assuming it contains extra-terrestrial life. That's what the Air Force has done as I see it (in the latest report)."

Like most people, Stone doesn't know who or what crashed north of Roswell. He believes it could have been from outer space, a military project other than Project Mogul balloons — the Air Force's most recent claim — or possibly an object from a foreign country.

Stone discounts the Air Force claim that it was a Project Mogul balloon, because the balloon material, which

was lost on June 4, was in relatively good shape after supposedly spending a month in the elements when Maj. Jesse Marcel posed with it in his famous photograph. He pointed out that Marcel's shoes were soiled in the picture, but the items he was holding were not.

"The material would be weather-beaten, and the fragments of the balloon that were presented were not weathered," Stone said. "There was no debris, dirt or soil on them. And a thunderstorm came through the area July 2 and there would be missing pieces."

Also, Stone asked, if a balloon was recovered, why weren't teletext messages from Wright Patterson Airfield sent to Roswell Army Airfield to tell them what the object was?

The Federal Bureau of Investigations was looking into the matter and were never officially informed that the object found was a balloon. Stone said these messages are "all suspiciously missing," and raise questions about the recovered objects.

Stone is one of several researchers who, along with Rep. Steve Shiff, R-N.M., are waiting for the General Accounting Office's search of government files to see if documents exist relating to the Roswell Incident. The GAO has no deadline to complete its search, but officials have said they expect to complete their search sometime in late 1995 or early 1996.

Meanwhile, Stone, a retired Army intelligence administrative specialist, works as a security guard at the Roswell Mall and moonlights as Director of Research at the UFO Enigma Museum.

But, as he states near the end of his paper, a solution may not be forthcoming.

"I believe history will record this about the so-called Roswell Incident ... whatever was found that day in July 1947 will never completely be resolved."

People, Omni magazines feature Roswell Incident

The Roswell Incident is again in the public eye. This time, it was featured in the weekly magazine People in the Oct. 31 edition.

The three-page story, complete with photos — including one from Greg Peretti, managing editor of the Roswell Daily Record — reviews the mystery surrounding the 1947 crash.

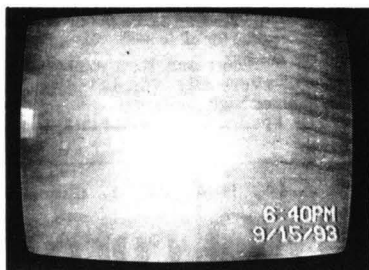
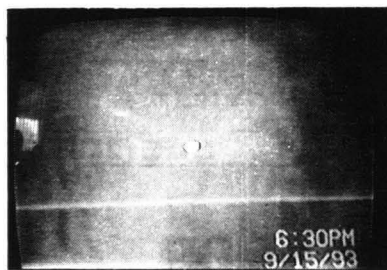
The article doesn't provide any new revelations about the government's alleged cover-up on the crash of the unidentified flying object, but it does quote several survivors and mentions the Air Force's claim that the object found was a Project Mogul balloon.

The article, which came off newsstands Monday, was distributed to 33.2 million readers in the United States and Canada.

An item in a second magazine, Omni, reported a rumor that director Steven Spielberg is making a factual movie to expose the cover-up behind the Roswell Incident.

In the magazine's November edition, the story said Spielberg has obtained previously unseen footage of the Roswell crash taken by a military officer. The article said the movie is reportedly due to appear in 1997 — the 50th anniversary of the crash.

But it appears there may be a cover-up going on about the proposed movie; Spielberg's office denied the rumors.



Courier / R.W. Kimball

What are they? These fuzzy images of unidentified flying objects were videotaped by Jerry Moss of Prescott Valley in September of 1993. He first spotted them near Glassford Hill and tracked them as they moved through the sky.

UFOs? spotted over Prescott Valley

Resident captures on videotape strange shapes in flight over Bradshaws

By RICHARD W. KIMBALL
The Daily Courier

There's a man in Prescott Valley who's been seeing some strange things in the sky lately. In fact, he's even videotaped a few of them.

Jerry Moss, 71, has several videotapes of unidentified flying objects that have been floating over his house and over the Bradshaw Mountains.

The first time he took pictures of a UFO was the time his son was visiting his house in September 1993.

"My son was sitting out on the back porch and saw something in the sky. I was working on my car so when I looked up I saw a silver thing in the sky about 2,000 feet up. It looked about 10 feet in diameter, but it's hard to judge perspective in the sky," he said.

Moss ran inside the house to grab his video-camera. He began to film the object.

"I've been a pilot. I see a lot of planes, but I knew this wasn't an airplane. It was a silver sphere. It made absolutely no sound. It was going off toward Mingus Mountain," he said.

"The strange part about it is that it moved around a lot. It was hard to keep my camera focused on it," he said.

At first, Moss thought the object was a piece of Styrofoam or a plastic bag, "but it was too big."

He's seen similar objects in the sky before — over Glassford Hill, an extinct volcano just west of Prescott Valley.

"The first sighting of a UFO in Arizona was seen over there in 1966. It seems as though they just prefer this area," he said.

Is Moss making this stuff up?

"I have absolutely no reason to take a camera outside and make something up. I don't think there's any way these pictures can be faked," he said.

Moss has approximately 15 minutes of some kind of silvery object recorded on videotape. He uses a videocamera with a 10-power telephoto lens and focuses in on the flying objects with a homemade sighting apparatus made out of a clothes hanger that is mounted on the camera.

At one point on the tape, the UFO fades away for about three or four seconds and then reappears in a different part of the sky.

At another time, the UFO changes form. It transforms itself from a familiar disk shape into a triangle shape and then back to a disk again.

"It does some strange things," Moss said.

Just before the tape ends, an airplane can be heard passing by and the disk begins to blink red and green lights alternatively.

A second video tape taken about 10 days la-

COURIER, Prescott, AZ
Nov. 18, 1994 CR: A. Magee

ter shows a strange brown object floating over the Bradshaw Mountains. It can be best described as a flying 55-gallon oil drum set on end. At the top of the object is what looks like smoke coming out of the top of it.

"It's smoke. I swear it was. It was coming out and I could see it wavering with the naked eye," Moss said.

"I'm not easily fooled by things, but I'm completely baffled by these. I just can't explain what they are," Moss said.

Lyle Vann, a self-proclaimed UFOlogist from the Paulden area, said he's never seen such great video footage of UFOs before.

He was amazed when he saw the UFO change into a triangle shape.

"That's the first time I ever saw that captured on video," he said.

Vann has also videotaped similar silvery disks in the Paulden area, including one that changes into a hexagonal shape.

UFO workshop tries for a close encounter

► Organizers claim abduction by aliens. They want people to "open their minds."

By Janet Gramza
Staff Writer

Suzanne Ezra of Syracuse and Maria Scott of Watertown say they were visited by aliens in the Black River area as children. They're among thousands of Americans who claim personal contact with the large-eyed, blue and gray beings described by Whitley Strieber in his popular book, "Communion."

This weekend in Watertown, Ezra and Scott will sponsor a workshop featuring a lecture by UFO researcher and psychotherapist Howard Schacter and an attempt to lure UFOs to the North Country.

"We want to get information about people's experiences (with UFO sightings) and raise public awareness of the research and data that's being gathered," Ezra said. "We decided to have the workshop in Watertown because it's right in the middle of an area that has had a lot of UFO sightings."

Ezra, 36, is a former nurse and a member of Central New York CSETI, a chapter of the national Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

Scott, 50, who used her former married name for this article, is a Watertown-based hypnotist who has traveled as far as Mexico seeking UFO encounters. She said she preferred not to use her current name to protect her daughter, who is in the military.

Ezra helped lead a CSETI field exercise in Tully in January. The trek cost participants \$80 apiece; it had no success tracking any unusual activity in the skies of Central New York.

Ezra said she's holding the Watertown workshop without CSETI sponsorship to charge a lower fee of \$25. That amount will cover only the workshop's expenses, not CSETI dues. UFO-watchers from as far away as Pennsylvania and Canada are expected to attend.



DAVID LASSMAN/Staff photographer

SUZANNE EZRA of Syracuse holds a high-powered spotlight she uses to search for UFOs. She is state coordinator for the Center for the Study of Extra Terrestrial Intelligence.

Workshop in Watertown

The workshop will begin today with a lecture by Howard Schacter, a UFO researcher, at 7 p.m. at All Souls Unitarian Church, 1330 Gotham St., Watertown. The fee for the lecture is \$8. The cost to attend the entire workshop is \$25. The full fee includes the cost of the lecture.

An "experiential workshop" for sharing UFO experiences will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington St., Watertown. An outdoor field exercise will follow at 7 p.m. Those who plan to participate should bring blankets, pillows and appropriate attire for the weather.

A closing gathering and brunch is planned for Sunday. For more information, call 422-5209 or 788-3910.

Ezra and Scott say that getting UFO believers together to share ideas and information is valuable and fun. They also want people to "open their minds" to the possibility of attracting UFOs by signaling to the skies with lights and auditory tones, and to receiving telepathic messages from extraterrestrials.

Groups of CSETI members across the United States claim that when they have signaled the sky with lights, they have attracted UFOs that signaled in return, Ezra said.

CSETI also credits its field exercises — in which researchers play special recordings of high-frequency sounds associated with other UFO sightings — with drawing UFOs to sites in Mexico, England, Florida and Belgium in 1992 and 1993.

Scott said she has attended exercises where no one spotted an unidentified flying object, but where participants who collectively meditated described similar encounters with an alien presence.

After one such exercise, she

said, several people reported they had received the same information: "We are the only planet where people live on the surface," Scott said. "People on other worlds live inside their planets."

While Strieber's book and the accounts of other alleged abductees describe experiences terrifying enough to make some great horror movies, Ezra and Scott say many people who believe they've encountered aliens are convinced the visitors mean humans no harm.

Ezra said she has many jumbled memories of interactions with alien beings that she wrote off as dreams until others claiming abduction began coming forward in recent years.

Both she and Scott have experienced strange time losses of up to eight hours and dreamlike "memories" of being taught or examined by aliens.

Ezra shows two scars, a tiny one on her ankle and a larger one near her knee, that she believes were made by aliens conducting tests on her as a child. But she said she doesn't associate any pain with her "memories" and compares the "tests" to doctor's checkups.

"People who began having these experiences when they were older are prone to find them traumatic and to experience mental, emotional and physical anguish," Ezra said. "But when you talk to people who were abducted as children, there is very little fear, almost as if they developed an understanding" unmarred by reason.

Ezra and Scott say researchers estimate that as many as one in 45 people have experienced what they believe are visitations by alien beings, but most are afraid to admit it because "people will think they're crazy."

The women say the fact that thousands of people claim similar experiences lends credibility to the idea that beings from other worlds are trying to get in touch with humans.

If that's the case, why don't the aliens make a public appearance for all to see?

Scott and Ezra expect they eventually will, but not until enough believers can get the rest of us used to the idea.

The Observer Forum

A few questions for UFO doubter

In response to "Half-century pursuit of UFOs" (Nov. 7):

John Vaughan's interview with me on my UFO investigations was the most probing and excellent I've ever experienced. After being widely circulated by Knight-Ridder Newspapers, it brought me letters and phone calls from all over the country.

I do want to address a skeptical comment in the article from Terence Sanbek, a clinical psychologist. I would have asked him:

■ Had he ever seen a UFO? (Many times professional people have to protect their own careers.)

■ Had he ever investigated a UFO? (I doubt it!)

■ Why is it that many people start drinking after seeing a UFO, not before? (The fishermen in Mississippi were not drunk.)

■ Since when has ridicule become part of the scientific method?

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CLACKAMAS CO. NEWS, Estacada,
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This and That

News Scraps, Rumors
and (horror) Opinion!

UFO Alert?

Not to freak anybody out, but the reader who said she saw a UFO two weeks ago up on SE Kinzy called to say she saw it again, same time, same place. This time, two other vehicles were in the vicinity, so it's possible that whatever was there was seen by others. If you saw it (seriously now, no jokers please) call the Center for UFO Studies at any time of the day or night at (312) 271-3611. And call us, too.

Group searches for UFO corroboration

MUFON expeditions seek to legitimize unidentified sightings

By Jim Steinberg
McClatchy News Service

FRESNO — Up they trekked, past the rapid Kings River, through rolling Sierra foothills, 3,000 feet higher, close to 4,000 feet, until finally they reached the spot.

It is tempting to call them Mufonians inasmuch as they belong to the Mutual UFO Network and call their organization MUFON — but that would seem mocking and unfair to their serious pursuit.

The MUFON members traveled Wednesday to this spot along Highway 180 to illustrate their point: There are happenings in skies over the San Joaquin Valley that cannot be explained. MUFON seeks other witnesses' accounts of such unidentified sightings.

The short expedition Wednesday brought Debra Flanders, 43, to the place along Kings Canyon Road where she and her late father, retired Lt. Col. Edward Flanders, an Air Force pilot, saw something. It was Easter 1989, between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in a sky dark with storm clouds.

As she told her story Wednesday, MUFON members Jon Gravatt,

34, Bob Haven, 72, and Roy Yates, 64, talked in the mountain wind about things that go "ffflppp" across the sky. Gravatt is a registered nurse and private pilot. Haven is a retired Air Force major with master's degrees in meteorology and industrial psychology from the California Institute of Technology and Purdue University respectively. Yates is a retired teacher.

Flanders said she and her father were sight-seeing that Easter, looking at flowers. They drove up the road, to the entrance to Kings Canyon National Park. It was getting cold, so they headed back down the road. As they drove, Flanders, whose work gives technical support with computers, saw something from the corner of her left eye.

"I immediately asked my dad, 'What's that?'" she said. "It was a brilliant, white, circular light, the size of a nickel at arm's length. It moved about the speed of a jet for several seconds.

"All of a sudden, it darted away across. We're talking 'rrrrrrrrrrr.' faster than anything I ever saw.

"We parked here," Flanders said at a dirt road running from the highway overlooking the valley.

"My silly father ran down this road."

Her pilot father could not explain this thing. It was not a weather balloon. It was not a hang glider. This moved far too fast, she said.

As fast as it moved over San Joaquin Valley foothills, Flanders said, the circular light came to a dead stop in the sky, descended and made lateral movements. Then a second light came from behind a hill and hovered with the first.

Flanders and her father watched this for 8 or 9 minutes. She asked him if, given the chance, he would "go with them."

No way, he said. "I would in a minute," Flanders said.

She told this story for a newspaper article, notwithstanding her fear of being ridiculed in print and portrayed as a nut.

She came in contact with MUFON in March, and learned of other valley sightings: one north of Livingston along Freeway 99, one over Visalia.

Yates counted two sightings of his own: a vivid, rapid light over Sebastopol about 3:30 a.m. in 1989; and another, possibly "space

junk" over Pacheco Pass.

"We're working three cases now over Pacheco Pass," Yates said.

They mentioned sightings over Buttonwillow near Bakersfield. They described one steel-like structure with a triangular shape hovering over it and another diamond-shaped something lacking sharp edges, its underside bearing lights, less than 100 feet above observers.

They didn't maintain that these were space ships. They were unidentified, and that was the point.

"I am not wacko," Flanders said.

MUFON is an international, nonprofit organization that approaches scientifically and takes seriously the reporting of UFO sightings "to get to the 10 percent to 15 percent that are legitimately unidentified," Flanders said in a prepared statement.

"If you have seen one," the statement said, "you are not alone, and you are NOT crazy."

Flanders again recalled her sighting along the mountain road.

"I probably would have written it off," she said. "But because my father was there, I finally became a believer."



China's UFO policy still in state of denial

University group gathers data despite opposition

HONG KONG — At last the world has a clear and definitive answer to the question I know many *Courier* readers have been earnestly asking themselves for years: "Do they have flying saucers in China?"

The short answer is: "You bet they do" — even though the subject of interplanetary visitors has been hard to pursue in the people's republic for a long, long time. In fact, since the current government was established in 1949, such research has been pretty much impossible.

Taboo subject

It may be that during the past 45 years some official attention has been paid to strange lights in the sky, etc., in China, but if so, this would have been done by the military, and in secret — so the chance of any reports reaching the public would have been less than microscopic.

And for more than four decades, media reports of saucer sightings or other suspected alien activity in China have been officially taboo in the popular press — which in China doesn't include any of those North American supermarket tabloids which seem to feature aliens on every second page.

Like many other governments, the one in Beijing long ago took the official stance that all unidentified flying object reports come from either seriously mistaken people or outright lunatics, and that the best tactic was probably to ignore the phenomenon entirely in the hope it would eventually go away.

Besides, alien spacecraft didn't fit comfortably anywhere into accepted Marxist-Leninist doctrine, so the official, state-run press probably couldn't figure out quite how to write about them anyway.

University breaks silence

During the insane Cultural Revolution of the late 1960s, flying saucers (and presumably their occupants) were officially banned by the xenophobic Red Guards — who didn't much like any kind of foreigners, from outer space or anywhere else.

Now, though, the lid is definitely off the flying saucer story in the PRC — thanks to Chen

Yanchun and the UFO Society of China.

This outfit started off as a bunch of college kids at Wuhan University in central China in 1979, and while the organization was permitted by the government to exist, life has definitely not been easy for Mr. Chen and his group in the intervening years.

But they carried on relentlessly.

China's UFO history

In the face of both official and popular scorn, China's UFO club became a society, and slowly started to sign up members who had some kind of recognizable profile — a qualified academic here, a well-read journalist there, a scientist, a technician, even the odd government official. The society's membership has now reached 4,000.

Mr. Chen had at least some data to attract these members and deflect general skepticism; there are many stories in Chinese history that feature UFO-like phenomena.

During the Jin Dynasty in 315 AD for example, a scribe wrote that "a sun" had fallen to earth, and that three others were seen flying in an easterly direction. "Shining dragons" in quick flight across the sky have often been reported. In many rural areas of China, peasants are said to believe that UFOs are flying ghosts, and to treat them as ordinary natural phenomena.

No UFO reports were made during the reign of Chairman Mao (who apparently thought the whole idea was absurd) or for some years thereafter. But in the past 10 years, says Mr. Chen, some 5,000 sightings have been reported — and now it would appear that something of a flying saucer fever has broken out in the world's most populous country.

On one clear night alone in early October, there were 26 separate sightings reported to the society, most of them from northern China.

Several saucer spotters said they saw five UFOs flying in a V-formation over the Great Wall. Others spoke of oval objects with flashing lights. One man claimed to have been forced to have sex with a creature from Jupiter (who had to leave home when Comet

Shoemaker-Levy ploughed into that planet last July).

So, yes, they have flying saucers in China, and in fact these days, they seem to have more of them than anybody else has — even though the government still flatly refuses to publicly discuss the issue.

HONG KONG 香港
by Jack Moore

The Chinese government, after all, has more important things to handle: I hear reports that Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and a

whole bunch of provincial premiers are due to arrive here next week on their way to Beijing. Now there's an alien visitation.

JOURNAL, Oxford, England - Oct. 20, 1994 CR: T. Good

Mystery lights in sky over city

THE plot thickens, the mystery deepens. Following the Journal report of UFO sightings over Oxford, we have since learned that other strange things occurred in and around the city that day.

By RACHEL JONES

In last week's Journal we reported train passenger Sue Parsons' strange sightings of intense white lights in the Oxford sky as she passed through on her way to the South Coast.

A phonecall from Peggy

Taylor, of Kidlington, after we printed the story indicates that there could indeed have been something alien going on in Oxfordshire that day.

She said: "I saw a light in the sky. A blue light with a point at the front and a large flame at the back."

"It didn't look like a firework or a plane. It must have been about 11.30pm. I had just turned off the TV and made a drink when I saw it."

Jeff Amber, of the Oxford based UFO group Contact International, spotted a newly formed crop circle as he drove down the A34 near to Oxford on the same day as Mrs Parsons' sighting on August 14.

Crop circle

He said: "I saw the crop circle at about 3pm, but we have had no other reports of anything which can be connected with the sighting."

He said people often mistook aircraft lights for something more sinister but admitted the sightings were usually at night.

He said something similar had been sighted over East Anglia in May but in that case many people had seen the lights.

●Have you seen a UFO, or did anything odd happen to you on August 14. Ring the Oxford Journal on 882424 with your stories.

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Strange lights in sky are spotted by Chris



Chris Harrison who saw a UFO at Cocking. - Printed by Whitby's, Chichester. Photo sales no. 8021-1.

A strange flying object has been seen over Cocking — for the second time in two years.

Christopher Harrison was on his way home to Havant after an evening with friends when he saw bright lights low in the sky.

Mr Harrison, a 41-year-old UFO investigator, said he pulled up in a layby and climbed out of his car to watch the object.

"I thought it must be some sort of aircraft at first. As it got nearer, the lights went out and I saw a huge solid triangular shape go over at about 100-200 ft.

"The strangest thing about it was that it

wasn't making any noise at all. It was enormous — at least the size of a double-decker bus — but there wasn't a sound coming from it."

Mr Harrison, who lives at Purbrook Way, Havant, is a member of Southern Para-Normal Investigators, a group based in the town which documents reports and sightings of UFOs.

He said: "I believe there is some life out there. About ten years ago, I was with a friend on a motorcycle somewhere in the Midhurst area and we saw two objects, a small one accompanying a large one which was also triangular in shape."

Two years ago, the Rev Norman Wyatt,

now rector of Stedham, reported a supernatural sighting as he walked from Cocking church.

He and his sister-in-law spied a translucent green figure, in human shape and with three long rods, speeding through the sky.

He subsequently featured in a TV programme highlighting UFO sightings in the Chichester area.

Told of Mr Harrison's strange experience, which happened at 1am on Sunday October 24, Mr Wyatt said: "What I saw was most extraordinary. I do give credence to these reports. Every one is not going round making them up. What would be the motive?"

SURREY MIRROR, Redhill, England

Nov. 3, 1994

UFO riddle

A mysterious UFO was sighted over South Park last Wednesday.

Mrs Pauline Young and her 14 year old son Jason of Stockton Road, South Park, reported seeing an orange, glowing, oval-shaped object moving very slowly in a north westerly direction at about 5.45 pm.

Emergency services received official sightings.

CR: T. Good

Bonnybridge mystery featured in new book

A BOOK was launched this week to tie in with the television show "Strange But True" which features the Bonnybridge UFO mystery tomorrow (Friday).

The book covers all the subjects featured in the series, from ghostly apparitions to faith healing. A whole chapter is devoted to the sightings which have made Bonnybridge a name known to UFO spotters all over the world.

The book features interviews with local people who have witnessed UFOs.

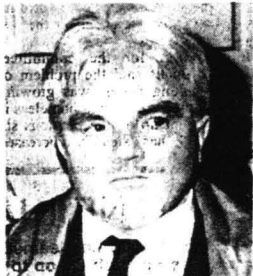
It talks to experts who believe craft from outer space have been visiting the area and to other who offer more-down-to-earth explanations.

There are claims that Bonnybridge is the site of a "window" to another dimension or parallel universe. An alternative view is that astronomical "mirages" are the cause.

The argument is also advanced that once an area becomes known for UFOs the sightings snowball as more cautious observers become encouraged to report events they might otherwise have kept to themselves.

Bonnybridge started to gain its UFO reputation in 1992 after a local man reported a sighting to Councillor Billy Buchanan.

The councillor appealed for other



BILLY BUCHANAN
...highlighted the UFO sightings

witnesses to come forward. He claims he got 150 calls in three days and sightings have continued to the present.

The latest have been located more towards Falkirk than Bonnybridge. A TV crew from Japan has visited Bonnybridge to report on the mystery and an American TV station is planning to feature the village.

The book, *Strange But True*, is priced £10.99. The Bonnybridge episode of the TV show is broadcast by Scottish Television tomorrow (Friday) at 8.30 pm.

FALKIRK HERALD, Stirling, Scotland - Nov. 3, 1994 CR: T. Good

My Dad is an alien

SPACE BABY: An abductees' drawing of an alien child

THEY call them the "Greys". In victims' accounts the aliens are invariably 4ft high, grey-skinned with liquid, black, slanty eyes, heads too big for their spindly bodies and small mouths.

There are nine common elements of abduction, of which most victims experience at least six, including: physical description, telepathic communication and being led along curved corridors on metal spaceships.

Most victims are women, many claiming their ova have been extracted and that they have been shown hybrid babies grown from their eggs and their abductors' sperm.

Mary Oscarson, 28, of Rhode Island in America, has experienced alien visits for more than five years.

"I've had pretty regular visits," she says. "They used to be sporadic, maybe once or twice a year."

"Around 1989/1990 they got to be more regular, to the point over the past few years where they've been so frequent that I felt I had to do something and find other people it was happening to."

There are several different types of beings. The small grey ones with the big black eyes are usually sent to pick you up.

"A smaller ship usually takes you to a large one, particularly when they're going to undertake medical-type procedures."

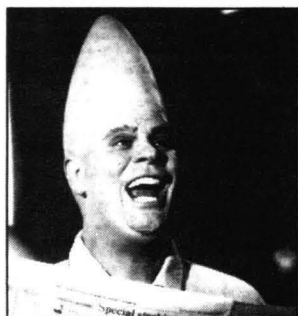
"Sometimes they put an implant in me. I have four that I know. Or they remove eggs from my ovaries. I've had several ovarian cysts as a result."

"My doctor has been a little confused as to why I've had some problems and why some of them have been resolved quickly."

"At one point I was scheduled for surgery because I had an adhesion where my bladder stuck to my ovary."

"One night, before my surgery, one of the small beings showed up, brought me into a small ship and took me into an underground cavern."

"They performed a procedure on me where they took an instrument



COMIC VIEW: A conehead

ALIEN abduction — once the preserve of sci-fi films — is becoming an increasing occurrence, not just in America but now in Britain. It is getting hard to dismiss such stories as fantasy — a remarkable consistency in the evidence has emerged in both countries.

While BBC2's Horizon: Close Encounters programme on Monday at 8 pm speaks to victims who relate their terrifying experiences, here we examine what is typically a female phenomenon, often based on fears of pregnancy, birth and rape...

By LISA SEWARDS

and basically moved it across my abdomen and said: 'We're all set now, you're all done.'

"The adhesion I had, the pain I'd been in for about four months, day in and out, was gone."

MARIA WARD, a 34-year-old researcher, from Kent, had her first abduction experience in November 1990. "I woke up about 3.30am to lots of lights. My baby son was sleeping in the bed with me but I couldn't wake him up which was terrifying. Something urged me to go downstairs and I picked up a milky-coloured object."

"After that I felt myself passing through our solid, wooden front door — it wasn't a dream, I can still feel the physical experience of passing through wood, it felt like treacle."

"I ended up in this circular room with a ledge about a foot wide around the edge and a solid plastic, but silver-coloured platform. Four beings, grey with large heads and a pungent smell came and poked down my arms and legs with a fibre optic light."

"I still had the bruises, although fading, the next day. Then they cut off my little finger nail and gave me pinpricks of seven dots in a perfect circle which remained for a month."

"They pushed a fibre optic light at

the back of my right ear which caused me great pain and left a red mark."

"I had something stuck up my nose and there was a popping sound and I could smell, but not see, blood. Then I felt something moving inside me around my naval area and for a few seconds I just retched. The next day I found leaking yellow fluid coming from a hole in my naval and my cervix was extremely painful."

"Afterwards, I went to my doctor who found my cervix was damaged. He looked at the other wounds and said: 'I can't tell what it is. There is no way these wounds are self-inflicted.'"

"I was terrified and have had two visits since, although there have been no more medical examinations. Before the first visit ended I looked into the eyes of one of the females and saw a TV screen of the earth and lots of different scenes, many of which have happened since."

Currently, there are two theories which attempt to explain Mary's and Maria's experiences.

Dr Susan Blackmore, a Bristol-based psychologist who specialises in the paranormal, has analysed 12 people in America and Britain who have experienced alien abduction.

She also travelled to America to analyse Mary's accounts and concludes: "These people are not crazy

and are not making these stories up. One theory is that they have undergone sleep paralysis — the experience during deep sleep when the skeletal muscles are paralysed."

"Normally we are unaware of this but sometimes we become mentally alert while the paralysis persists."

"Sometimes you can't breathe and you feel something has got hold of you. You can almost feel that there is someone there."

The other theory is based on the temporal lobes of the brain, situated behind the ears.

NEUROSCIENTIST Dr Michael Persinger, of Laurentian University, Ontario, Canada, claims that many out-of-body and paranormal experiences are linked to bursts of electrical activity of the temporal lobe. Many people who have psychic experiences have more active temporal lobes.

In one experiment Dr Persinger induced a magnetic field to activate the temporal lobes of Dr Blackmore's brain who found she had an experience similar to abduction accounts: "It was bizarre. I got the feeling I was being pulled out of the chair and my leg was being stretched up the wall."

"One moment I was terrified and another I was angry about nothing."

ONE VISION: Dr Susan Blackmore with a model of how aliens are commonly described by their 'victims'



Dr Blackmore believes references from our culture are being used to explain the abduction experiences. There is, after all, plenty of alien culture around, in films such as *Communication* and *Coneheads*.

She says: "All the people I have spoken to have remarked on similar physical features. Many have experiences involving their ovaries or seeing alien babies. Many dream of giving birth to strange things, for example an alien, but probably translate it as an abduction experience. Many also fear being raped or tampered with internally."

But Mary is adamant. "I would say, then, explain the four other people who have been at my house on nights these experiences have happened and who have woken up, heard extremely loud tones coming from my room."

"They have been in the room across the hall. They have been paralysed. They have missed about three hours of time."

"I think you'd be hard pressed to convince anyone that this is some sort of sleep disorder or brain stimulation — how can it be happening to two people at the same time?"

"There are plenty of cases where there are witnesses and you just can't continue to discount this. It's happening to too many people."

EXPRESS, Docklands, England - Nov. 5, 1994 CR: T. Good

'UFO ALIENS STUCK TUBE UP MY NOSE'

Report by RACHEL BOOTH

WHEN Maria Ward looked into the huge black eyes of another being and saw the earth blowing up, she knew her life would never be the same.

Maria's horrifying experience and other unexplained events will be the topics of an evening at Barking small hall on November 24.

The London UFO society will be speaking about first-hand experiences with 'Close Encounters of the Fourth kind'.

It has taken Maria almost four years to remember details of what happened to her when she was abducted by aliens in 1990.

She was woken by lots of blue lights dancing around her room and a 'cartwheel' of light coming towards her.

A voice told Maria not to be afraid and then she was floating, looking down on her house.

Maria said: "I remember being laid out on a platform in a circular room while three non-humans examined me."

"They look like children with big heads, long arms and they have huge black eyes that just stare."

"I knew it wasn't a dream because I could

feel everything they done to me and heard the sounds they made."

A small tube was inserted into Maria's nose and navel while hair was removed from the back of her head.

Maria said: "It was awful, I thought I was going to die. The pain was unbelievable and I could feel them prodding about inside my stomach."

"Then a taller being came forward, a female, and just stared into my eyes. That's when I saw the image of the earth blowing up."

The TV researcher, of

Greenhithe in Kent, says her experience in 1990 has completely changed her life and the lives of her family.

Maria said: "A certain smell or sound even after all of this time will take me back to that night."

"My husband was burning cardboard on a bonfire last year and all of a sudden I could remember the smell of these non-humans."

"When something like this happens you feel as if you're going crazy."

The London UFO Society evening at Barking small hall starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £4, adults, half price kids.

EVENING NEWS, Edinburgh, Scotland - Oct. 6, 1994

UFO WATCH

Major plea for probe into the twilight zone

PRIME Minister John Major has been asked to launch a top level probe into weird sightings above a tiny Scots village.

For the people of Bonnybridge claim they have become a laughing stock for reporting a series of UFO sightings.

Over the past two years, villagers' reports of strange sights have sparked off a flood of interest from paranormal investigators.

Channel 4 spent days in the area filming a documentary with eyewitness accounts. And a Paramount Pictures crew is due in from Hollywood to make a programme for the world-wide networked series Sightings fronted by TV's Elliot Ness — actor Robert Stack.

But in a letter to Mr Major, local Councillor Billy Buchanan says: "More than 600 people have come forward and the area has been visited by media and ufologists from all over the world."



BILLY BUCHANAN: Letter to Major asking for an inquiry.

"The local people and the village have suffered cruelly from ridicule — yet the sightings are continuing"

"In light of the high interest of sightings, I ask you, as Prime Minister, to order a top level inquiry."

Mr Buchanan added: "The people of Bonnybridge are sick and tired of being branded a bunch of cranks."

CR: T. Good

Hungarians are spaced out by extra-terrestrial sightings

FLYING Saucers and other unexplained heavenly phenomena should be taken more seriously and the time has come to assume that ET and his or her friends do in fact exist.

Last week an international congress of UFO experts urged the world community to seek 'peaceful, formal and direct' contacts with the extra-terrestrial powers, who, they believe, are the launchers of a recent spate of unidentified flying objects.

The declaration, adopted in the eastern Hungarian city of Debrecen by the Third International Space Travel and Communications Congress last month, was drafted by retired US Army Colonel Coloman Kevicky who argued that earthly air forces would not stand a chance if they challenged the advanced technologies of the extra-terrestrial powers behind the baffling UFO phenomena.

"Let us make direct contact and live in peace with the UFOs," insisted Colonel

Kevicky who is director of ICUFON, the international UFO watchers' network.

The congress delegates examined several UFO sightings but the most sensational piece of evidence was a manganese bar of extraordinary purity which human technology could not have produced. Covering part of the 36 by 1.7cm bar are three unidentified materials, one of which produces a green fluorescent glow in the dark.

The patronage of Colonel George Keleti, Hungary's defence minister, gave the proceedings weight and an extra measure of respectability. The minister, a professional soldier and member of the ruling socialist party, is a noted believer in unidentified flying objects. He is also a high-profile contributor to UFO magazines.

One of his recent articles appeared under the telling headline "We don't stand a chance if faced with a UFO invasion". The detailed UFO sightings described in one of his articles

The Space Travel and Communications Congress hears stories stranger than fiction, reports Gabriel Ronay

Colonel Keleti referred to some of the 1989 sightings, allegedly involving a flying object which changed its shape while hovering, and encounters with giant extra-terrestrial creatures at the Tarnaszentmaron army barracks. The UFO sightings continued for four weeks and the details were logged by the army.

According to the sworn testimony of an entire army unit at the barracks, UFO over-flights began in the third week of October with an eerie noise which increased in volume every 20 seconds.

Eventually, one of the soldiers on guard duty noticed three shiny round objects preceded by a beam of light ten times brighter than the brightest man-

made light. After hovering over the barracks, the flying objects shot away at incredible speed towards the nearby forest and vanished.

Later in November, soldiers on guard duty noticed a cloud of red mist in the sky with extraordinary flashes of light inside it, followed by a UFO-shaped like the planet Saturn.

The UFO hovered for some time over the barracks before disappearing, as before, in the direction of the forest. Two of the guards swore in their affidavit that during the unidentified space objects' overhead hovering, they were illuminated briefly by a very bright search light. The beam was so powerful that it made both soldiers ill.

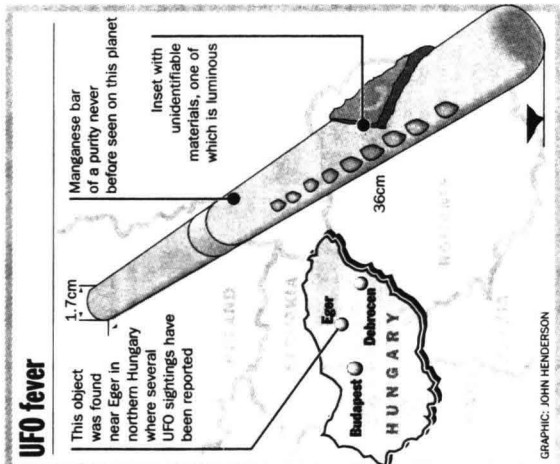
Later that night, conscript Lajos Döszegi spotted 10ft-tall extra-terrestrials in the forest clearing facing the barracks. "They were moving as if they were chess pieces," he said in his testimony. "All the animals at the barracks - dogs, pigs and sheep - became frantic, and one

of the fear-crazed guard dogs broke its extremely strong steel chain and ran away from the aliens."

Colonel Keleti is not alone in his belief in UFOs and the extra-terrestrial civilisations behind them. There has been a sudden explosion in corn circles across Hungary and the suggestion that unknown energy fields cause the corn to fall in geometrical patterns has helped to spread the belief in visiting UFOs.

UFOlogy has become a popular pastime in Hungary. The number and variety of UFO sightings has forced the Urania Astronomical Observatory to set up a special unit to log the reports.

More fanatical believers have recently formed a properly constituted UFO Party. Gabor Lovas, its spokesman, said that it is intended to function as a non-partisan, politically neutral party devoted to the defence of unjustly persecuted and often ridiculed researchers of extra-terrestrial phenomena.



GRAPHIC: JOHN HENDERSON

EVENING POST, Reading, England - Dec. 5, 1994 CR: T. Good

More light sightings

"I am definitely not going off my trolley and I am convinced it was not a figment of my imagination."

And she said she saw another cluster of similar lights in the sky towards Southcote around the same time of 7pm.

Mrs Flockton phoned the Reading Evening Post after reading other reports from readers of unidentified red and green lights seen above the town.

She added: "I could not believe my eyes, I slowed the car right down to get a better look. There was just this cluster of about 16 lights in the sky and absolutely no noise."

Meanwhile reader Sian Summers, of Winnersh, says she saw green and red lights flashing from a round object with a flat bottom, descending slowly in the Wokingham area.

She made the strange sighting last weekend between 5pm and 6.30pm.

She said: "It could not have been an aeroplane or a balloon because of the way it was moving. It carried on going down in a straight until I could not see it anymore."

The Post has been covering the story of the mystery lights since last Friday. Callers reporting sightings have flooded the newsdesk.

The first lights were put down to the large new spotlight on the roof of Reading University's students union building. Other strange sightings were blamed on airships floating around the skies of Reading. But many readers remain unconvinced.

SUNDAY PEOPLE, London, England
Dec. 11, 1994 CR: T. Good

'ALIENS WANT MY BABY' PROBE BY MoD

CLAIMS that alien creatures are breeding with humans in a bizarre experiment to save the planet are to be investigated by the Ministry of Defence.

UFO watchers have carried out lengthy interviews with "victims" of alien kidnaps. Their findings are to be examined by Government officials.

Eric Morris, director of the British UFO Studies Centre, said last night: "The MoD has agreed to look at our evidence next month. It's very rare to be granted a meeting like this, and shows how impressive our case really is."

One of the people in Eric's dossier has told The People about her amazing experience.

Rebecca, a 39-year-old professional woman from Cheshire, claims to have had contact with aliens since she was a child.

"My abductions started with me spinning down a

long tunnel and falling into an empty chamber," she said. "I saw lots of other people walking out of this chamber and a series of other tunnels that lead off it."

"At the end of each tunnel were rooms where the alien entities conducted experiments on people. In one there was a vast black object in the centre."

By MIKE SMITH

Recordings have ancient mystery taped

CR: T. Good
BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES, Bedford, England - Nov. 25, 1994

WITH the memory of my one and only UFO encounter still very clear in my mind, I was more than a little curious to call the Bedford Earth and Aerial Mystery Society when I heard about them.

Admittedly my 'sighting' was over ten years ago when I was just a young lad, but, as many people who have seen strange flying objects will tell you, I know what I saw.

I was playing football with my brother and a few mates back home in Milton Keynes and saw a circular grey object fly across the sky at a tremendous speed before disappearing into the clouds.

I've always been a bit dubious to tell people because the ones I have told (and that includes my parents who I thought I could trust) have laughed in my face.

Kenneth Parsons of BEAMS didn't.

"It's the age old thing: people are not open minded enough to accept that there could be entities from another planet," said Kenneth, who has been studying UFO activity for over ten years.

"At last," I thought to myself. It was refreshing to meet somebody who didn't tell me that I should see a shrink.

"There is a strong possibility that there is a plausible explanation, but it would be ignorant to think Earth is the only planet with life forms."

And Kenneth, along with fellow BEAMS member Charles Allen, both have their theories as to why there has been UFO activity in the local skies recently - leylines.

Leylines, which were constructed thousands



● Kenneth Parsons and Charles Allen follow the leylines.

of years ago, are said to run virtually all over the world, with churches built up to a certain time in history built on these lines - St Paul's Church in Bedford included.

These leylines are meant to channel enormous amounts of power and energy underground and can range from a couple of feet to a quarter of a mile in width.

Kenneth and Charles have both adopted the same school of thought as French UFOlogist

Aime Michel. Michel believes that UFOs track the leylines because they are attracted by their energy.

"Many of these local sightings have been above or very close to the ley-lines we know about," explains Charles.

"We feel that this is more than just a coincidence."

Using a couple of probes attached to a tape recorder, we inserted the probes into the ground next to St Paul's and recorded.

The results shocked me. The recordings were of a whining sound, with slight variations as the tape played on. When we recorded again with the probes not inserted into the ground, there was complete silence.

"Our recording techniques are perhaps crude but we believe they prove that there is energy down there," said Kenneth.

"This is a very simple test but never ceases to amaze people. All we ask is that people open their minds a little and shelve some of their ignorance," added Kenneth.

BEAMS next meeting is on December 6 at 7pm at Edward Arnold Court, Emmerton Road, Kempston.

'UFO' riddle

MYSTERIOUS discs of light over Reading on Friday night left residents baffled.

The lights were reported by about six residents along Mill Lane at 11.30pm but people from Mapledurham also saw them.

The lights were seen to hover then dart around in a pattern across the sky.

Mill Lane resident Steve Wigginton said: "The discs had a fuzzy haze around them. They were over our garden but there were no shafts of light actually connecting them from the ground."

Reading police did not know what the mysterious discs of lights were.

Anyone who knows what the lights were can call the Reading Evening Post on (01734) 575833 ext 219.



**Helen
Davies, 17,
who
attends
Yorkshire
Martyrs
School,
looks at the
mystery of
UFOs**

Bright flashing lights, strange moving objects and aliens from outer space. Do these things really exist or are they a figment of people's imagination?

Over the past years many reports of UFO and alien life form sightings have been made throughout the whole of West Yorkshire and many have been left unexplained.

Special organisations have even been set up to try to investigate and understand just what it is people see. One of the organisations the British UFO Research Association, has even gone to great lengths to try and prove that UFOs don't really exist and have tried to give viable explanations to describe just what people have seen.

Emma Smith, 16, of Greengates, Bradford, described how she saw what looked like a UFO. She said: "I was very excited when I saw it. It was around 7.50am and I was walking up to the Interchange with my sister when I saw this silver ball near the town hall. It seemed to be moving quite fast at first but when it began circling the clock it seemed to slow down."

"I told my friends when I got to school but they found it hard to believe and they thought I was crazy."

Emma did believe in the supernatural before this incident and is now convinced of its existence.

While driving home early one morning, three students reported that they had seen an unusual shaped object floating just ahead of them.

One of the boys said: "It had flashing lights and when it landed it had a square-looking bottom. We were all very scared because we thought we were seeing things."

The boys didn't stay to see if anything appeared from the object.

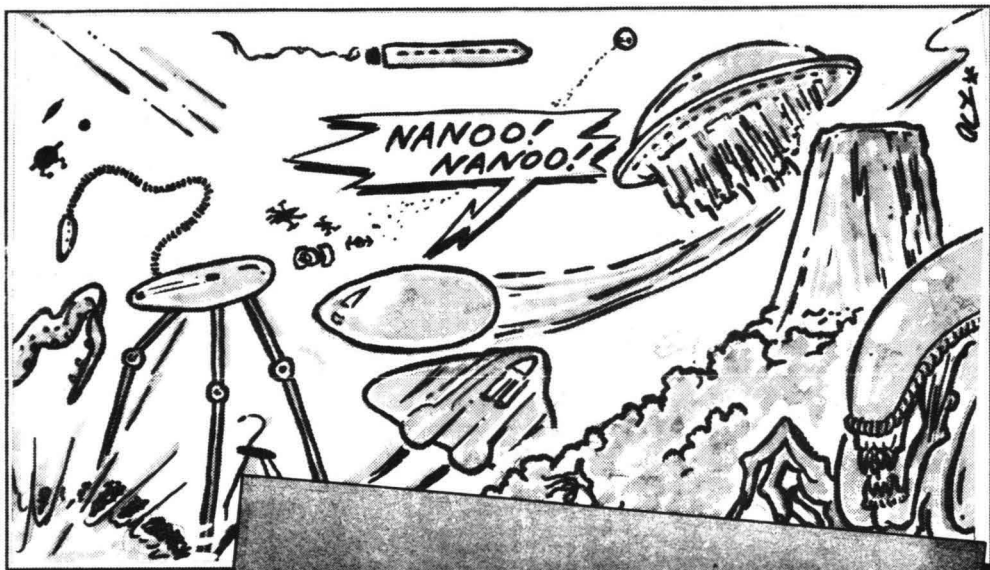
This is not the first report of strange sightings. Baildon Moor and Ilkley Moor are very well known for their strange sightings and many believe there is some sort of power which attracts the supernatural and that it has a special atmosphere.

In medieval times people reported seeing battles in the sky. At the beginning of this century people were said to have seen cigar-shaped flying objects and in the 1920s people said they saw aliens with pointed ears and pointed chins.

It could be said that those who see flying objects are affected by some sort of radiation or energy which causes them to hallucinate and spark off their imagination.

This would explain why those who claim to have been kidnapped by aliens when hypnotised can still describe what they claim to have seen because in their memory it would still seem totally real.

Flying in the face of logic



IT'S A MYSTERY:

Flying saucers have even been caught on camera — but the mystery behind them still remains

FACT file

It is said that Yorkshire has had more UFO sightings than any other county in the British Isles.

The Independent UFO was formed in 1987 to investigate unidentified aerial phenomena.

Ilkley Moor has been associated for thousands of years with strange occurrences and sightings of unexplained phenomena.

In 1990, bookmakers Ladbrokes launched their odds for the decade: Aliens were 100/1 to land on earth while it was 200/1 for a male Briton to win a Wimbledon singles championship.

MANSFIELD & SUTTON OBSERVER, England - Sept. 22, 1994 CR: T. Good

The strange, the unidentified, and the Langwith pit tip



●WATCHERS of the skies... Mansfield UFO Group members Daryl Spence, Darren Jukes and Tony Mellors.

SOMETHING strange is going on in the skies above you.

Three Shirebrook sky-gazers have one of only 50 worldwide video-recording of what they believe to be a UFO.

It was taken from the top of Langwith pit tip in August and could feature in two television documentaries.

But both airports and the Ministry of Defence have denied any knowledge of UFOs or craft in their airspace at the time the film was taken.

It's intrigued fanatics Daryl Spence, Darren Jukes and Tony Mellors, who are members of the Mansfield UFO Group.

By MARK HALL

Daryl (25), of Church Drive, said: "There's not many UFOs captured on video and all the people we've shown have been amazed."

The midnight video shows a bright light travelling at four times the speed of a jet pass silently over their heads from the direction of Clowne.

The light - consisting of three large white lights and a small red and blue light stopped between Mansfield Woodhouse and Pleasley Vale.

Two helicopters converged on the object and it shot away over the horizon before a

brief glimpse over Mansfield.

Now club secretary Tracy Hollingsworth is having a scientific unlicensed second opinion to confirm the video is genuine.

President of Mansfield UFO Group Walter Blythe, who has sighted 12 craft over his home, is fascinated with the video.

He believes there are hundreds of different types of UFOs in the galaxy - from a golf ball to the size of a football pitch.

Now he's looking for more members to join his group, which has been running for seven years.

If you're interested in finding out more, contact Tracy on Mansfield 796129.

UFO hotline is bombarded with sightings calls

A UFO hotline has been bombarded with calls from people who saw unexplained lights in the sky across north-east Essex.

Les Stacey, of the Essex UFO Research Group, fielded a stream of phone calls on Tuesday evening - all of them reporting sightings at about 5 pm on Monday.

He said: "Most are reporting white lights in a triangle shape; others have described a diamond-shaped ring with stars around it, while another saw a lot of twinkling lights in the sky."

Sightings have been reported from Clacton, Colchester, Coggeshall and Witham.

A 27-year-old health care professional from Colchester said: "I was going from Tiptree to Birch when I saw three diamond-shaped lights in a triangle over the fields."

"There was a red light between two of the white lights. It was really still and really low, just higher than a house."

A Civil Aviation Authority spokesman said planes have a red light on one wing-tip and a green light on the other. The tail is normally marked by a flashing white light; with headlights at the front and white lights on the underside.

One man, who said he worked for the Ministry of Defence, but refused to give his name to Mr Stacey, said the sightings were probably of a United States Air Force Stealth bomber, but this is a high-level craft. A more likely explanation for the low-flying craft is that it was probably a helicopter.

BY ANDREA SMITH

An Army spokesman based at Colchester garrison said he did not think they had any helicopters flying at the time, leaving the possibility that it could have been an RAF helicopter.

A spokesman at RAF Wattisham said a Sea King helicopter did fly over north-east Essex en-route from Cornwall to the air base. However: "It landed at 5 pm exactly and all the reports we have heard about concerned sightings after that time."

Another possibility is that the UFO could have been a Harrier jump jet.

'Lost hour' riddle of UFO sighting

A MANCHESTER woman told this week of a bizarre experience after sighting a UFO above her home.

Alison Sands has been reluctant to speak about her ordeal but agreed to relive it under hypnosis. UFO experts now believe she was abducted from her home by an alien spacecraft.

This week Alison told how it all started when she spotted an unusual white object floating high above her home.

She captured six minutes of it on tape with her camcorder, phoned her husband to tell him, and then suffered what she describes as an hour-long memory loss.

She remembers seeing the UFO at 3.30 pm and filming it but has no recollection of phoning her husband or anything else until 4.30 pm.

Harry Harris, a Sale solicitor and UFO enthusiast, believes that during that time she was somehow taken from her home and had her memory wiped before she was returned.

He says her experience, and her behaviour during a two-hour video-taped hypnosis, are consistent with 15 other suspected abduction victims he has interviewed since 1982.

"At my suggestion she was hypnotised by a doctor who specialises in hypnotherapy and she appeared to describe being taken from her house. It's not clear where she was taken to or by what means."

"But there's a point at which she becomes too frightened that we can't get anything more out of her."

"She describes sensations which are consistent with many other cases. Seeing a UFO followed by an amnesia is a classic scenario."

Alison, aged 30, a mobile

Alison may have been abducted, say experts

by John Jeffay

hairdresser, says she had no interest at all in UFOs until she looked out of a window at her home on Tottenham Drive, Baguley, and saw an object she describes as being shaped like a "vertical ice cream cone."

Her sighting was corroborated by an unrelated witness, plane spotter, Edmund Gregory, aged 37, of Royal Oak, Wythenshawe, "I saw it through my binoculars and it was

like nothing I'd ever seen before."

Both he and Alison reported what they'd seen to David Clayton, a UFO spotter from Davenport. He checked with the airport, Jodrell Bank and the Aviation Met Office, none of whom could account for it.

Alison's video tape has now been sent to a university in Belgium for computer enhancement.

She said this week she knew nothing of the abduction theory until she went through a traumatic hypnosis session, during

which she cried and adopted the foetal position.

"I don't know anything except what I saw on the tape of me being hypnotised," she said "I describe a high pitched noise in my ears and a falling sensation. It's pitch black and cold."

"I describe being in a vast, cavernous place even though I can't see anything. I'm feeling the ground, and it's wet and cold and rocky."

"I can hear clattering, I'm falling, and the next thing I know I'm in the kitchen again."



● "Abduction" ordeal: Alison Sands who filmed a UFO above her home.



● Edmund Gregory



● Harry Harris

COURIER, Dumfries, Scotland - Nov. 4, 1994 CR: T. Good

'Quake theory as UFO reports rise

A BIZARRE theory has emerged of possible links between a spate of UFO sightings in the Solway area 15 years ago and a subsequent earthquake.

The suggestion has been prompted by a new series of reports of unexplained phenomena in the sky over Cumbria and the Borders.

In an echo of the autumn and early winter of 1979, there have been a number of strange lights and objects spotted in the area around the Solway Firth.

The 1979 sightings were followed on the Boxing Day morning by one of the most severe earthquakes ever recorded in the area, centred near Longtown.

One local UFO expert, Carlisle-based David Robinson, said the increased activity has been especially noticeable over the last three weeks.

"It would be wrong to suggest that we are on the verge of another earthquake, but some scientists now believe there is unusual activity in the sky prior to some tremors", said David, who runs a UFO telephone hotline.

"I'm following up all the recent reports by sending out questionnaires. I do not want to give too much detail of sightings at this stage to ensure future witnesses are not influenced by other people's experiences."

David, founder of SHARP Research, which

REPORT:
Bryan Armstrong

stands for Scientific History of Anomalous Re-occurring Phenomena, said one sighting was made in the Gretna area last week and others were from south-bound drivers on the A74.

Most strange encounters were south of the border and included an apparently static airborne object near the Solway and another following a flight-path along the Wighton road from Carlisle.

The night of Monday 24th October was particularly hectic for UFO spotters and checks with air traffic control and weather experts have all but ruled-out a straightforward explanation.

David is using a computer to build up a clearer picture of events and would like anyone who has seen anything unusual to phone him on 0228 595177.

With sceptics dismissing anything which has an aura of aliens and flying saucers, he promises to keep the identity

of witnesses confidential.

Numerous sighting claims, some describing spaceship-like objects, sparked widespread media coverage in 1979 although no suggestion of a link with the subsequent earthquake has ever been made.

David Redmayne, a seismic expert with the British Geological Survey in Edinburgh, confirmed that various theories of light energy ap-

pearing in the sky before earthquakes were being investigated in some scientific circles.

He said: "There is a phenomenon known as earthquake lights, which has been noticed within a few hours either side of a seismic event."

"It is still not a fully understood phenomenon but is thought to be caused by quartz crystals in rock emitting energy — like a radio transmitter — which to some extent is translated into light".

Mr Redmayne explained other theories were that deformed rocks caused a release of gas prior to a tremor or that there was electro magnetic emissions.

But he said: "At present there are no proven connections between UFO sightings in 1979 and the earthquake on Boxing Day. The reported activity in the sky was some time before the earthquake."

"Obviously if another earthquake does occur

in the next six months, it might be worth having a further look at these theories."

"One coincidence does not provide evidence of cause and effect".

Meanwhile, the interest in UFOs in this country has been illustrated by an increase in membership of the British UFO Research Association, which has received well over 200 reports of sightings from within the UK so far this year.

THE UFO MYSTERY UFO REPORTS ARE ON THE INCREASE

AS THE number of UFO reports come into our offices increases there are many signs...

UFO may have landed in County



Mystery over flying object

A CIGAR-SHAPED object was spotted over the sea at Teignmouth early on Tuesday.

It was watched by a couple at The Yarnons for 45 minutes, before it disappeared behind a cloud and was not seen again.

The elderly couple said they did not want to be named, because they feared people would think they had gone crazy.

But they were convinced it was no aircraft.

They said it was lit up like a liner, but moved backwards and forwards.

They suspected it could have been an airship.

The husband used to serve in the RAF, and had never seen anything like it before.

His wife said there was a ship sailing underneath it at the time, and so the crew must also have seen it, or may have been connected with it in some way.

The strange object was spotted in the sky at about 6.30am, and was watched until it disappeared behind a cloud at about 7.15am.

The couple believed somebody else must have seen it, or have an explanation.

Teignmouth police could not shed any light on the matter, and said they had not received any calls.



□ Luke Baker with the picture of the 'UFO' he saw in the sky

Picture: FRANK LOUGHLIN

Luke draws picture of 'spaceship' sighting

LUKE "Skywatcher" Baker has drawn a painting of his close encounter with a UFO.

Luke, 7, joined parents Billy and Joan in the garden of their Old Swan home to look at strange lights and an oval shape in the sky on Sunday evening.

Mrs Baker said: "Luke decided to draw the sighting to show his friends. He definitely believes it was a spaceship."

But while the reports have baffled police and officials at Liverpool Airport, an amateur astronomer claims to have solved the mystery.

Mike Topham, from Birkenhead, said he saw a shooting star at 8pm - the time of the sightings.

"It was a fairly middle-of-the-road meteorite," said Mr Topham yesterday. "It might have seemed a little strange to people who weren't familiar with the skies, but I don't think it is anything to be too concerned about."

Not alone in sighting a possible alien craft

Sir, - I am writing to you regarding "Aliens hover over our homes." My sister, father and myself, were driving in Lower Raydon on November 9 when two flashing lights going at a phenomenal speed flew overhead.

We were so astonished to see something going that fast, so we wound down the window to see if we could hear anything and we were amazed to hear nothing.

We sat and watched these two lights, and suddenly from going at great speed, they stopped and hovered in the air for a second or so, then went off at a terrific speed and disappeared. I can honestly say, I have never seen anything so weird in my life, and I know it was not a plane or helicopter. We're glad that we're not the only ones seeing mystery lights in the air!

NICKI STONE (MISS), Waterworks Cottage, Lower Raydon, Ipswich.

■ Sir, - UFO sightings often mention that the craft display coloured lights. What use, I wonder, would such appearances be to advanced aliens? Why ever should they travel bedecked like Blackpool with its illuminations?

No, it's surely more likely that UFOs would travel quite unseen by us - all the more chance that they're here already, then!

MR RICHARD WEEKS, Glemsford Close, Cavendish Park, Felixstowe.

UFOs or Santa?

Maybe Santa has his dates confused.

Radio station C-FOX received reports Monday night of strange lights scooting across the North Delta sky. Apparently that night a firework display was being held in Vancouver and the Northern Lights were in full shimmer, but what the lights definitely were is anyone's guess.

North Delta UFO researcher Graham Conway broke out his binoculars that night, but saw only planets and stars.

"I had no success seeing anything unusual," he said Tuesday morning.

Beside the North Delta sightings, a man in Richmond claimed he saw the sky light up by a "blue light" object, and another in Whistler claimed to have seen a "bright light" hovering over Blackcomb Mountain. Other reports were coming in from Burnaby.

SURREY NOW, Surrey, B.C., Canada
Dec. 14, 1994 CR: G. Conway

UFO was shaped 'like a glove'

A LUNCHTIME stroll with his two dogs almost ended in a close encounter of the third kind for Peter Benjamin.

While walking along the path between Elm Lane and Portman Park on November 4, he glanced up and was amazed to see a glove-shaped object slowly crossing the sky.

It seemed to have a stubby back end from which a wire was attached to one of the "fingers".

He watched it for at least half an hour, when it eventually disappeared from view to the north after becoming a small wavering sliver.

Peter, who is a renowned Tunbridge ware maker and restorer, is convinced it was a UFO and he was not the only person to spot it.

"There were two builders on the roof of a garage who watched it and an elderly couple stopped nearby. The woman seemed quite interested but the man appeared very frightened and I thought he was about to run off."

"I feel very privileged to have seen it," said Peter, who lives in London Road. "It was flying at about 7,000

By Trisha Fermor

feet and dwarfed the planes going in and out of Gatwick which were flying lower. It did not represent anything hostile at all."

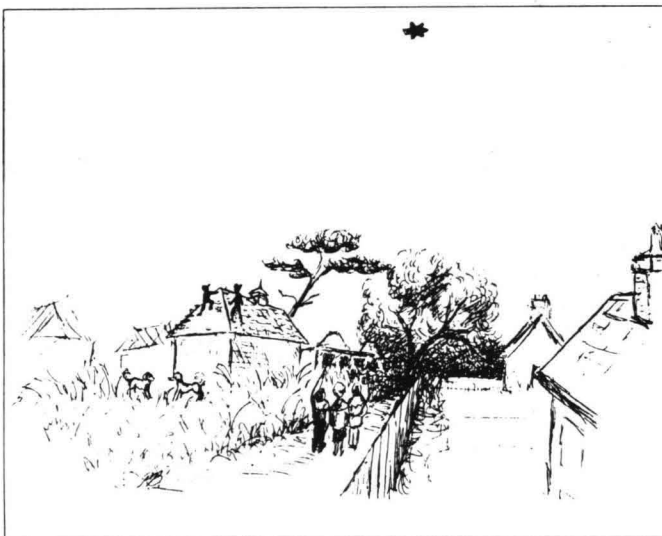
He said the UFO was totally silent and when he first caught sight of it he thought it was a sycamore leaf in a thermal. It was black but metallic as it glinted in occasional sunlight.

He said he had not bothered to report the sighting, adding: "The last time I rang Tonbridge police station to tell them I'd found a parrot in a tree they didn't want to know so I didn't bother telling them about the UFO."

He said he kept listening to the radio and reading the newspapers, thinking someone else might have reported it.

He is convinced others, including the airline pilots, must have seen it.

"It was definitely a UFO. I can't think we could build



Peter Benjamin's impression of what the UFO looked like

anything like that in that shape and get it off the ground."

A spokeswoman for the Ministry of Defence, which only investigates sightings if they are a threat to the air

defences of the UK, said most sightings could be explained.

Sometimes aircraft seen from unusual angles can appear to be something they are not but defy explanation, the spokeswoman explained.

"It is more than likely that this person did see something but at the end of the day it is what interpretation people put on it."

Ufologists plan night-time research

A NEW twist has been added to a well-documented account of alien abduction on Ilkley Moor.

Ufologist Nigel Mortimer, of Stocks Hill, Menston, has met two men from Horsforth who had an unexplained experience just 100 yards from where the incident allegedly took place.

He thinks this strengthens claims that the site is popular with aliens, which in turn adds weight to the abduction claim.

Mr Mortimer, who was interviewed on ITV about Ilkley Moor's history of paranormal phenomena during last Sunday's episode of Schofield's Quest, spoke to the two men during one of his talks on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) at Yeadon Town Hall.

"They went for a walk just above White

Wells at about 5pm on October 29, 1991. When they got to West Rock they found a great big ball of light 15ft across hovering above the rocks," he said.

The men, who wish to remain anonymous, claim the ball of light then advanced and chased them for a quarter of a mile as they ran back to Ilkley. This allegedly took them only ten minutes.

Abduction site

As they approached the cattle grid in Wells Road they say the top of a road sign shot off. When they glanced back they saw the light had instantaneously returned to West Rock.

"We found that 100 yards from where they were going they would have walked straight to the abduction site.

We've got so many accounts from that area there's definitely something going on," explained Mr Mortimer.

His attempts to get from West Rock to Ilkley have taken a minimum of half an hour. As a result he believes a "time warp" may have affected the two men, similar to the one described by the abducted man.

His adventure is said to have taken place in December 1987. The former policeman, who has remained anonymous, was walking on the moor when he took a picture of what he described as a four foot-tall creature with green skin, long arms, and red eyes.

He then watched it scurry into a saucer shaped craft about 25-30ft wide which disappeared into the sky.

The man then looked at his watch and

found the encounter had lasted two hours longer than he expected. Under hypnosis he later described being lifted into the air and examined on board the craft by a group of the green creatures.

The photograph is blurred and has been disputed, but it is nevertheless one of the most potent pieces of evidence in the armoury of those who believe in the existence of extra-terrestrials.

In fact it is so tantalisingly believable that a number of national newspapers featured it last October when the picture was shown at the fourth annual Crop Circle Conference in Glastonbury, Somerset.

Mr Mortimer and other ufologists are now planning to try and capture some of these Ilkley Moor phenomena on film during night-time research.

UFO over town

A STRANGE flying object which could have been up to half a mile long was seen above Bedford for an hour and a half.

The massive UFO was seen by four people, according to Kenneth Parsons of the Bedford Earth and Aerial Mysteries Society.

Reports to him describe a circular white object, surrounded by bright lights over the area of the Cardington Road Tesco and the Embankment in Bedford late on Friday night.

CR: T. Good



Local hunter in search of Bigfoot

Squires convinced several Sasquatch living in Idaho wilds

By J. Mark Dudick
Of The Journal

Ralph Squires, a real estate agent for Premier Properties, pitches his passion for Sasquatch in the same manner he tries to sell a house to eager newly-weds.

Perched on the back heel of his chair, hands entwined behind his head, the Pocatello expounds on the wealth of Sasquatch or Bigfoot stories he's amassed since delving into the legend last year.

The name Sasquatch comes from the Salish Indian word designating a huge, hairy, humanlike creature with long arms, reputed to live in the mountains in northwest North America. Squires figures there are 20 to 30 Bigfoots hiding out in the mountains of Idaho.

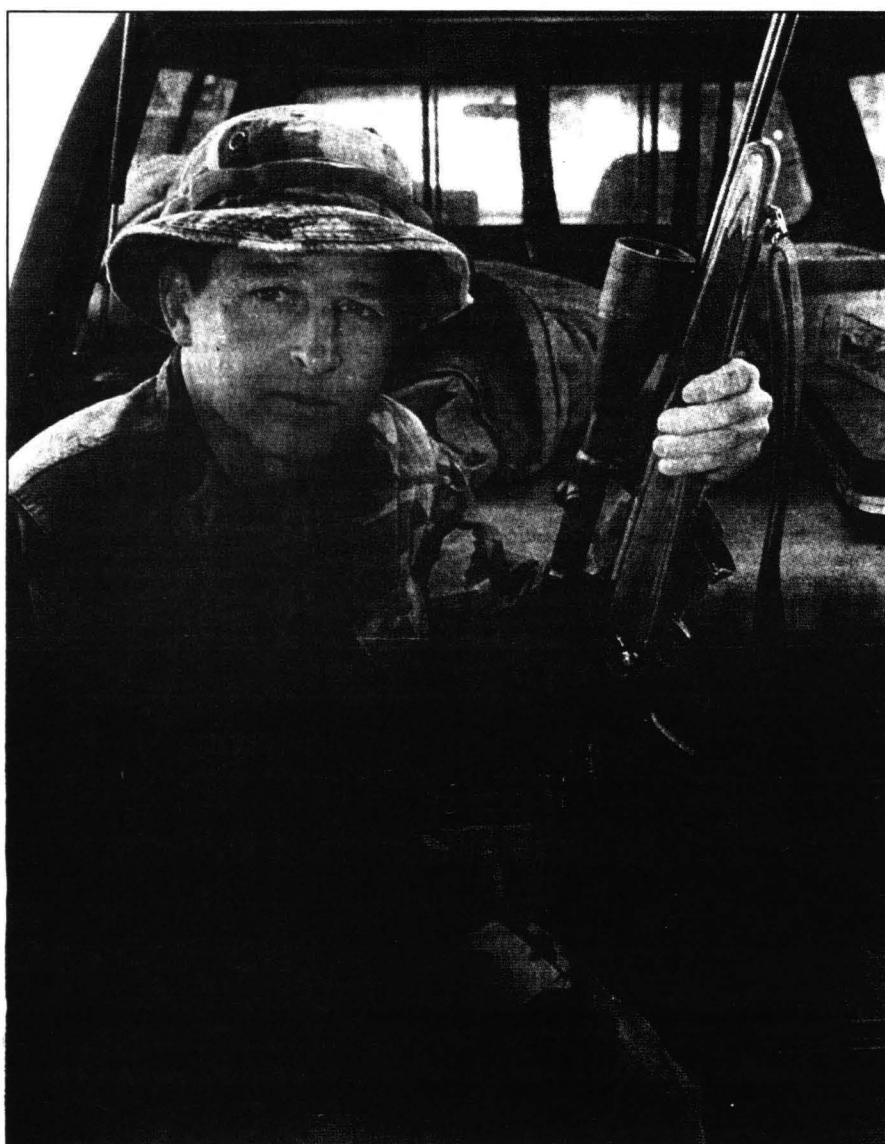
An avid hunter, Squires became interested in Sasquatch when a Pocatello friend and hunter, Jim Betty, told him about a Bigfoot encounter. The scruffy creatures are said to weigh upwards of 1,000 pounds, with foot pads 18 inches long and 10 inches wide.

"It wasn't a bear. Wasn't human," Betty said. "It stood on two legs and scared the hell out of me."

The tale smoldered in the back of Squires' mind until he heard of another encounter near McCoy Creek, then it flamed into full passion.

"We're not dealing with a stupid animal," he says, his blue eyes flashing. "No one has ever caught one."

To gather more information he decided to use the news media and get in touch with others who have encountered



Equipped with a .300 Winchester magnum rifle, night-vision goggles and Army-issue camouflage, Pocatello's Ralph Squires sits on the back of his pickup prior to driving to central Idaho in search of Sasquatch.

Journal photo by Kelton Hatch

the furry beasts. Squires appears on talk shows in Idaho Falls and regularly runs an ad in the Thrifty Nickel, an advertising weekly. He gets one or two responses a week from the ad, and he hopes to gather enough material to write a book.

But more importantly, he wants to get inside the creature's mind. When he enters Sasquatch's mind he says his senses heighten, that he feels a harmony within, and he's in tune with everything around him.

While some folks may find this behavior hard to believe, Squires says he pursues his hankering because it gives him a reason to climb out of bed each morning. He feels that Bigfoot's at the top of the food chain, and hunting the creature allows him to go into places where most humans are scared to venture.

"It's psychic intuition," he says of the otherworldly experience. By the tone of his voice he expects his listeners to believe that the 6-to-9-foot tall omnivore exists.

Most people don't believe in Sasquatch, and those who have encountered it don't want to talk about it because it's like seeing a UFO. Aside from that, there's no empirical evidence

— no one's ever bagged a Bigfoot.

He mentions Grover Krantz, a Washington State University anthropology professor, who has pursued Bigfoot for 30 years. Krantz has never seen one, though he has casts of the alleged footprints.

Squires, a 38-year-old divorcee, moved to Pocatello from Michigan five years ago after visiting on a hunting trip.

"I decided this was the place I was meant to be," He tells a tale of one Bigfoot that "cleared a four-strand barbed-wire fence like a hurdler."

Another snippet involves a creature that "walked through thick down-fallen timber like you or I would walk up stairs." One unlucky hunter reportedly encountered a heap of steaming dung that would have filled a five-gallon bucket.

Squires says he has a reputation as a hunter from Idaho to Alaska, and he's well-equipped for his first clash with Sasquatch.

"I hunt hard. I hunt the wind. Read signs, constantly smelling and listening." He says that some hunters like to sit on a hillside all afternoon and scope out animals. Not Squires. He likes to stalk.

To assist him in his hunt, Squires has the

best technology money can buy. He often uses a .300 Winchester magnum rifle or a .375 Holland & Holland mag, a rifle normally used on elephant hunts in Africa.

For night hunting, he's installed motion sensors atop his truck that set off a silent alarm if anybody wanders by. He's also purchased \$5,000 night-vision goggles.

He wants an encounter. He's driven.

"I've never felt fear. I want to see how I handle Bigfoot face-to-face." He says hunting the creature on its own terms makes life worth living.

Although Sasquatch isn't known to be dangerous, Squires plans to kill the first one he apprehends, saying that the mystery needs to be solved. He says Bigfoot, having never been captured, has a big psychological advantage.

"We need a body dead or alive," he rationalizes, adding that Bigfoot can tear a deer in half and run as fast as a horse.

To kill Sasquatch, Squires says "the preferred shot is at the brain just below the eyes. Or a dead center chest shot to break its back."

He knows it will happen.

"All of a sudden Bigfoot'll be there, and I'll be ready for the challenge of my life."

NEWS & OBSERVER, Raleigh,
NC - Dec. 28, 1994

Shaking puzzles Carteret

What people said felt like earthquake tremors were reported from Cape Carteret to Newport to Atlantic Beach and Morehead City.

By SUSAN STURGIS
STAFF WRITER

BEAUFORT — A mysterious tremor shook up Carteret County residents Tuesday morning and sent local authorities scrambling for answers.

Al Hadley, Emergency Management Coordinator for the county, said he was working in his Beaufort office when the apparent tremor struck about 11:30 a.m.

"I wouldn't really say the building shook," Hadley said. "You could feel something, though — more like an overpressure or a partial vacuum."

A swinging door in his office opened about 2 inches.

"There was definitely a change in pressure," he said. "What caused that I don't know."

Hadley had felt earthquakes before in California and Japan but said this did not feel like those. He said the shaking felt similar to a sonic boom but lasted longer.

But after his office started receiving phone calls about the phenomenon, he asked the National Weather Service to contact the National Earthquake Center in Colorado, which said no seismic activity had taken place.

The Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point reported it had no aircraft in the air at the time that would have caused a sonic boom, he said.

What people said felt like earthquake tremors were experienced from Cape Carteret to Newport to Atlantic Beach and Morehead City.

Michael Simpson, a Beaufort firefighter, said he and other firefighters were sitting around the station when the shaking started.

"It was kind of weird," Simpson said. "In this station, there's not a whole lot that can shake the place. It's kind of tight. But the windows shook real hard and the walls rattled."

The shaking lasted two or three seconds, he said.

"Then the phone started ringing off the hook with people wondering what was going on," Simpson said.

Similar reports of the ground shaking were made in Winston-Salem late Monday and early Tuesday, said Sgt. Jim Snyder of the Winston-Salem Police Department.

Reports of such activity began there earlier this month when a small earthquake measuring 1.7 on the Richter scale occurred Dec. 6.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

NEW MEXICAN, Santa Fe, NM - Sept. 20, 1994 CR: D. Perkins

Domenici asks board for cow mutilation information

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., has asked the state Livestock Board to reveal what it has learned in its investigation of Northern New Mexico cattle mutilations.

"I have officially asked the Livestock Board to share with us,

in as much detail as they can, the progress and the status of the investigation as soon as possible," Domenici said Monday in a news release. "I am prepared to ask the federal government to make available whatever resources are necessary."

Domenici said he made the request in a letter to Livestock Board director John Wortman. He said he wants to know when the study will be finished.

While Domenici was in New Mexico earlier this month, the

statement said, he was told by livestock inspector Jerry Valerio that the board had determined the mutilations are not caused by predators.

Touchet Valley Ramblings

By Vance Orchard, Times Columnist

While sightings of the beast and its tracks have been mighty scarce around here this year, interest in Bigfoot/Sasquatch continues to run high in the printed and electronic media.

In one publication I get monthly there is mention of the 1967 Roger Patterson-Bob Gimlin Bigfoot film, taken on Bluff Creek, north of the town of Willow Creek, Calif. What follows is hopefully information to "set the record straight" and provide believers of the film with ammo to combat those who disbelieve the film which shows a female Bigfoot striding away from the cameraman.

Essentially, that Bluff Creek filming is authentic and that statement is backed up by scientific research. My letter to Ray Crowe, director of Western Bigfoot Society in Portland and editor of "The Track Record," the WBS newsletter, cited the authority for this statement. Often, in gatherings when the Bigfoot matter is discussed, someone will make the statement that the film has never been proven it isn't faked, or words to that effect.

Here's my letter to Crowe:

Dear Ray: Your latest issue of "Track Record" and "Alien Reports" in hand and both are full of good stuff. Keep it up! Here's a couple of items that especially caught my eye and so will pass along to you for whatever use you wish (if any, of course!).

First, the chart of ape-like encounters in Indiana.... If you haven't read the latest issue of "Skeptical Inquirer," do so. There are three Bigfoot related articles of much interest. Mike Dennett (a major Bigfoot skeptic!) has a lengthy one on purported new evidence of fakery on the 1982 Mill Creek tracks, but mostly it's pot-shooting Grover Krantz at great lengths. The second article does the same thing, a review of his book, "Big Foot Prints." The third feature in the magazine wonders if fiction didn't give birth to the whole Bigfoot thing? Thrust of the Dennett piece apparently is also to point out that the Indiana cast sent to Krantz (and on which Krantz put so much faith) was a fake!

The Skeptical Inquirer of which I speak is Vol. 18, No. 5, Fall 1994.

The Lyle Vann photograph (in "Alien Reports") of the Arizona hillside was especially intriguing.

My most pertinent observation of the Track Record for September was Peter Byrne's remarks about the authenticity of the Roger Patterson film shot in 1967. I'm sure you will receive more letters on this item and likely will receive the same citations I am forwarding, but here goes anyway ... in the best interests of the subject at hand, of course!

When I read Peter's comments that no scientific analysis had been made of the film I was reminded of a reading of the "Bigfoot Co-op" for October, 1993. In this issue of the Co-op a regular contributor, Dimitri Bayanov, chairman of the Relict Hominoid Seminar, Moscow, Russia, commented, in a brief review of a new book, "Field Guide to the Sasquatch" (David George Gordon). What Bayanov said of Gordon's book could apply as well to Byrne's comment on the Patterson film. In his book Gordon had said:

"Ironically, the biggest uncertainty (of the Patterson film) centers around the speed at which the film was shot...without an idea of the proper speed for viewing the footage, it is impossible to determine whether the Sasquatch's gait is consistent with that of a human or of an ape."

Bayanov responded:

"Has the author not read our paper: 'Analysis of the Patterson-Gimlin Film, Why We Find It Authentic,' presented at the Vancouver (B.C.) Sasquatch Conference in 1978 and

published in 1984? Even so, he must have read John Green's words in the book, 'Sasquatch.' Igor Bourtsev, in Moscow, did find an ingenious way of determining the film speed. (p. 126). Bourtsev, in Moscow, established quite definitely that the footage was shot at 16 fps, while Dr. Grieve, in London, established that 'The possibility of fakery is ruled out if the speed of the film was 16 or 18 fps. In these conditions a normal human being could not duplicate the observed pattern, which would suggest that the Sasquatch must possess a very different locomotor system to that of man.' "

If you wish to read the full Bayanov paper he gave at Vancouver and then was published, you can do so in the book, "The Sasquatch and Other Unknown Hominoids," edited by Vladimir Markotic and Grover Krantz, published by Western Publishers, PO Box 30193, Stn. B, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Incidentally, any readers who want to read the Bayanov paper in detail, are urged to look for the book at your favorite book store or have the store order it for you. Besides the paper by Bayanov, there are many other papers in this book which were read at the Vancouver sessions in '78 but which failed to make the printed reports of the conference. Krantz and Markotic took care of that "oversight" however, by having the book printed, including the papers not used by the conference "editors."

Thus, the next time your coffee club members tell you the Patterson film might have been hoaxed, quote away from the book above...or, the lines above.

People who make claims about subjects which don't match up too well with the "normal" life (Bigfoot, UFOs, Loch Ness monsters, etc. etc. etc.) don't go unchallenged. There's an organization of people who make it their livelihood almost to eye such claims with utmost skepticism. Not only is there the organization, there's a quarterly publication for same, called "Skeptical Inquirer." This publication's recent issue and a lead article about Bigfoot was quoted ever so briefly by the UB recently, so I secured the magazine and the article.

The reading of the article revealed more of the apparent determination on the part of the author, Michael Dennett, to submarine and put into utter doubt all Bigfoot tracks found in the Mill Creek vicinity.

What Dennett speaks to primarily are the tracks left at the scene of the Bigfoot sighting by Paul Freeman in 1982 when Freeman was employed by the Forest Service as a patrol rider for the Mill Creek Watershed. Dennett has been on the scene in the past to present his own "facts" about these tracks and Bigfoot in general when the media showed. A British Columbia Bigfoot seeker for many years, Rene Dahinden, has also been here. Dahinden is best known for his very vocal opinions about Bigfoot in general and since 1982, about the Mill Creek Bigfoots in particular.

Dennett and Dahinden have probably been leaders in the onslaught of some who would disprove the appearance here of the creature. In their efforts, they usually ignore many sightings reports, choosing to pick one or two which might be hoaxes and to dwell upon them, thus tainting all others.

Why?

With so many sightings of tracks and other evidence, including the object itself by so many people in so many places, why pick on a set of tracks in the Blue Mountains to disparage and why pick on two men to castigate in the process?

Dennett and Dahinden have each elected to cut down both Krantz, the

anthropologist and Freeman, the woods smart guy who for a couple of years had so much time on his hands to practically make the Blues his home...and thus to find so much evidence of Bigfoot.

Dennett uses his article in the Skeptical Inquirer to further erode confidence in both men as far as the Bigfoot issue is concerned, generally, but specifically the so-called "Mill Creek" Bigfoot. For Krantz, he tries to make a case that the WSU professor has used faulty logic and examples to make his case. For Freeman, Dennett utilizes Dahinden's brand of verbiage to augment a case of hoaxing by Freeman. It's a case built on flimsy but it's typical of how some skeptics have been accused of taking a single incident and then making it appear as if all else is like it.

I do not know if this was Dennett's purpose in what he wrote in the Skeptical Inquirer, but to many who have read his article, that is the inference.

For Bigfoot believers as well as skeptics, I'd recommend a reading of the Dennett article, if only to see what the professional skeptic of this subject is thinking...keeping in mind the opening lines above and the Bayanov paper which says there is scientific belief that the Bigfoot/Sasquatch does, in fact, exist!

Veterinarian says dead cow was not mutilated

TAOS (AP) — A veterinarian who examined a cow found dead on a ranch near here disputed the owner's claims that the animal had been mutilated.

Veterinarian Ben Konishi of Alamosa, Colo., said the cow died of pneumonia.

"I don't want people calling me and bugging me about UFOs," Konishi said Friday.

The cow's owner, who leases 1,500 acres near Costilla, said the dead cow was seen grazing and appeared in good condition the day before it was found dead last week.

The owner said Konishi told him predators had mutilated the cow.

"I'm not so sure," the man told the Albuquerque Journal, which did not identify him because of his recent incidents of dead cattle and his concern that he is being targeted.

"The hole in the back was

cleanly cut, not as predators would tear into it," the owner said.

The owner said seven badly deteriorated calf carcasses also were found on the ranch recently.

State livestock inspector Phil Cantu, who investigated the Costilla incident, said some people are not taking the mutilation reports seriously.

"Everybody wants this thing to go away ... they're not concerned," Cantu said. "It should be a national priority. It's an act of terrorism."

He said he had ideas on what was behind the reported mutilations, but would not elaborate.

Jerry Valerio, a Taos-based livestock inspector who did not go to the Costilla ranch, said he was concerned that media reports of the case could be leading to copycat incidents.

Accidental filming of 'sprites' sparks flood of scientific interest

BY JIM DAWSON
Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

The flash above the massive thunderstorm was almost too quick for the scientists to see, a fast burst of light beginning some 40 miles up and stretching nearly 13 miles toward the top of the atmosphere.

"What's that?" a startled University of Minnesota physicist John Winckler thought when the image lit up the video monitor he was staring at.

The flash, lasting just a few milliseconds, was gone before he could utter the question, but the graduate student standing next to him had seen it as well.

The two men rewound the videotape to look again at the image, and there it was — two carrot-shaped blobs of light erupting high above the storm that was roiling the sky over Duluth, Minn.

Winckler and graduate student Robert Franz had recorded the first image of a "sprite," a bizarre form of lightning that had been talked about by atmospheric scientists for years but never captured on film.

And they'd done it entirely by accident. They were out that night to test a low-light camera for future use in rocket experiments. They had to point it at something, so they aimed it at the big thunderstorm over Duluth, some 200 miles away. Such is the nature of scientific discovery.

That was in July 1989. Their theories about the flash, along with the image captured by the camera, were published in 1990 in the journal *Science*. The report started a cascade of research that's now beginning to fill scientific journals with explanations, theories and guesses about these strange celestial lights.

Sprites and another even less understood phenomenon, blue jets, have grabbed the attention of scientists for several reasons. They occur in the upper reaches of the atmosphere, flashing in both the stratosphere and the ionosphere. Those regions, particularly the ionosphere, are notoriously difficult to study, and scientists believe the sprites and the blue jets may be crucial in understanding upper-atmosphere physics.

Beyond that, the flashes carry a lot of power that may pose a threat to high-flying aircraft and astronauts on their way up to orbit. The electric charge in the sprites and jets may be a real threat to electronic equipment on planes and the space shuttle, Winckler said.

Evidence of the growing scientific interest in sprites and jets was apparent at the recent meeting of the American Geophysical Union, a gathering of thousands of scientists who study the planets. This year there were 40 research papers on sprites and lectures given to packed rooms. Last year, Winckler said, there were about eight papers.

From a scientific point of view, Winckler said, the sprites and jets are "a completely new phenomenon."

In the past few years, sprites and blue jets have been captured on film by scientists flying in jets, sitting on the desolate plains of central Colorado, even by cameras looking down from the space shuttle.

Yet despite all of these recent images and science papers, exactly what sprites are and how they happen remains unclear. Scientists aren't sure if sprites are lightning that flashes up from the underlying storm, or if they more or less form when a downward-moving electromagnetic field drives electrons up from the tops of storm clouds. Perhaps it's a little of both.

The researchers haven't even settled on a firm name for the phenomenon. The name "sprites" is used by many researchers because it's a neutral term that doesn't carry any scientific implications. Others, such as Winckler, call them "Clis," for cloud-ionosphere events. Still others call them "CSs," for cloud-stratosphere events.

Whatever name is used, the phenomenon consists of huge plumes of reddish, glowing air that form, then fade faster than the human brain can register their shape. Indeed, they're all but impossible to see with the human eye. Even for trained scientists who sit in the dark in a place where they can see over the top of a distant thunderstorm, the sprites only leave a fleeting

"What was that?" impression.

The blue jets, possibly beams of glowing electrons that seem to streak upward from a storm's cloudtops at 100,000 mph and then vanish, are even more difficult to see. They were discovered only last year by NASA researchers flying over a storm in search of sprites.

NASA believes the sprites or the jets may be the source of mysterious gamma ray bursts that scientists have detected in the atmosphere for years.

"The gamma ray observations from the Earth's atmosphere and their association with thunderstorms is a complete surprise to scientific investigators," NASA said in a recent report.

While sprites are difficult to see, slow-motion films and single images reveal them to be huge electrical bursts, some 30 miles wide and twice as tall, reaching up to the edge of space.

Sprites appear only over the anvil-shaped tips of massive thunderstorms known as mesoconvective complexes (MCCs). These storms, often more than 100 miles across, are actually collections of several thunderstorms that tend to drift across the plains of the Midwest on hot, muggy nights. The tops of these thunderstorms are often 10 miles high, but sprites typically start about 20 miles high and reach up another 40 miles or higher.

There's clearly something in these mammoth storms that trigger the sprites, Winckler said. Researchers believe that what occurs first is a massive ground stroke of lightning from the top portion of the storm that has been pushed by the jet stream to one side of the main storm. This area is the tip of the anvil in a classic thunderstorm.

The huge lightning strike changes the charge on the top of the cloud from positive to negative, and there is some sort of electromagnetic reaction from the ionosphere. That reaction apparently drives electrons up from the storm, where they collide with other electrons and rip them from molecules of nitrogen or oxygen. The energy levels become so high that the molecules emit light as they fall back to their normal energy levels.

ALIENS INVADE INFO-HIGHWAY

Paranormal happenings everyday fare for cybersurfers on Internet's Paranet

By Dan Pacheco

Special to the Denver Post

Inside the brains of a computer in the cluttered basement of a Westminster man's house, people from all over the world meet to talk about space aliens, government coverups and the latest lights in the sky.

Known as Paranet, the electronic twilight zone has grown from a small computer bulletin board system (BBS) available on six computers across the country in 1986 to an international clearinghouse for the paranormal that can be reached by 6 million users of the Internet across the world at any time.

A BBS is a computer that people with modems can connect with and exchange information. Paranet is divided into six groups dealing with abductions, psychic phenomena, UFOs, metaphysics, skepticism, and clairvoyance.

Paranet's system operator (sysop), Michael Corbin, a real estate broker and computer systems consultant who used to scoff at tellers of UFO stories, says the network is a place for people with extraordinary claims to air their views with people who have similar interests or experiences.

"Paranet has made its mark as an even-handed source because we allow both ends of the spectrum, both the skeptic and the believer," said Corbin, 39. The system does not censor claims of sightings or abductions, but it doesn't endorse them, either.

Paranet is not meant for unsubstantiated claims, Corbin says.

"There are numerous, numerous abduction stories, but there is not one shred of evidence that aliens are abducting people," he said. "We insist on extraordinary proof for extraordinary claims."

To date, he says, he has never seen that proof. "But I do believe there is anecdotal proof by testimony," he said. "Something is going on."

His conviction comes from experience. At one time he considered the tellers of UFO stories to be delusional drunks or drug addicts. But it only took a few min-

utes under the stars to change his mind.

While watching the heavens from a reclining position on his backyard picnic table on a clear summer night in 1987, he noticed something large and "delta-shaped" obscuring the crystal-clear sky.

"My mind, at first, could not comprehend it," he said. Making absolutely no noise and creating no turbulence, the object defied every aerodynamic principle he knew. His brain was offering far more logical explanations: It was Batman. Pterodactyls.

"Ridiculous things like that. I thought it was gonna squash me," he said. In 45 seconds, the object was gone.

Corbin tried talking to a Catholic priest, but the only response he got was that the church made no judgments about UFOs. "What frustrated me was that there was a lack of acknowledgment that there is a problem here (with UFOs)," he said. And mental health experts told him there was no foundation aside from psychological disorders for dealing with people who claimed to see lights and almond-eyed beings.

The people who would listen to him, however, were on computer networks.

At that time he used CompuServe, a national version of a BBS. During the growth of the New Age movement in the mid-'80s, people had begun to talk freely about their UFO experiences in designated on-line UFO groups, giving him a chance to discuss his

experience with others.

One of the people he met, Jim Speiser, asked Corbin in 1989 if he wanted to take over his then 2-year-old Paranet system. He agreed, and within a few months he had quintupled the number of Paranet sites across the world armed with only a Tandy 3000 and a modem.

The big change, however, happened the same year when he made the system available on the Internet.

Traditionally, the Internet has been the domain of scientists and the military, since its creation by the Department of

MORE ON PARANET

The Paranet BBS can be called directly by modem at 429-2713.

The six main Paranet conferences also can be found in Usenet News under the headings alt.paranet.abduct, alt.paranet.paranormal, alt.paranet.science, alt.paranet.skeptic, alt.paranet.psi and alt.paranet.metaphysics.

Usenet news is being made available on most national computer systems and also can be accessed through some bulletin boards.

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NEWS, Burnaby, B.C., Canada - Sept. 11, 1994

Witchcraft suspected in cat mutilation

By Gareth Kirkby
Staff Reporter

A cat found sliced open on a south Burnaby lawn was killed by people, not dogs or wild animals says a Burnaby veterinarian.

"It's a result of human activity for sure," says Dr. Bridgitte Sonnendruker of the South Burnaby Veterinary Hospital.

Sonnendruker sought the opinion of other veterinarians before making her conclusion, and has turned the matter over to the Burnaby RCMP. A pathologist is making a detailed study of the animal, which was badly mutilated.

The cat was found last

Thursday morning on an Elwell Street lawn.

"It was decapitated, sliced open and all the entrails were removed," says a neighbor, who asked that her name not be used. The head was missing and fur balls left on the lawn.

"It looks like witchcraft. It's a horrible thing. Other cat owners should be aware this is going on."

Sonnendruker is not speculating whether the cat was killed as part of a ritual sacrifice or satanic ceremony.

But a human being definitely killed it, she says. "The remnants were very unusual and cuts were very clean and I can't attribute it to an animal."

The cuts were very symmetrical and even, says Dr. Sonnendruker. "It's very hard for me to imagine another animal doing it so cleanly without other punctures."

When informed of the incident by *The News* last week, a horrified Sgt. Frank Mogridge said he is not aware of ritual sacrifices occurring in Burnaby.

Defense. But in the spirit of the plowshares-from-swords post-cold war era, it is emerging as an alternative mode of communication for people who wouldn't dare risk exposing their ideas face to face or who live far apart.

"Internet is a whole different world. You have a wider variety of people than you have on bulletin boards," Corbin said.

Sifting through the Paranet files, the diversity of people and opinions comes through.

In the abduction group, people freely share their ideas. One small clique is involved in a heated discussion about post-traumatic stress syndrome, which some psychologists say indicates that alien abduction is a real event.

"PTSD in an abductee does not automatically mean that it derived from a physically real traumatic abduction," says one member of the group, citing an article from a British psychology magazine. An abductee in the circle isn't impressed with the study, and writes that it doesn't explain her trauma. "Something came into my house that night and I did not dream it up."

Meanwhile, from his office computer at Southwest Texas State University, a professor asks people to send him information about the implants that aliens allegedly leave in their victims' bodies. "Any information such as locations, descriptions or pain would be appreciated," he says. "Only serious replies will be looked at."

Occasionally, the network becomes a wire service, as it did when the 1990 Belgian UFO Reports were released, representing the first time a government entity openly cooperated with a UFO group.

Opening the floodgates to the Internet not only brought in scientists and professional "ufologists" (those who study UFOs), but it also invited unmoderated "trash," Corbin said.

One contributor, for example, recently notified netters about his company, which sells a UFO detector that is said to pick up flying saucers by finding alternating magnetic fields.

As for the UFO occupants, or "grays," who are thought to abduct people in their sleep, another writer gives foolproof advice for protection. "You might want to try sneezing on a gray,"

says the writer, who leads a group called the Terran Defense Initiative. "When you sneeze, germs and mucus leave your body at hundreds of miles per hour. This material could be absorbed by the grays, and cause them to become sick."

Corbin isn't terribly happy about these kinds of computer invasions.

"We discourage it, but we can't stop it," Corbin said. "You're going to find a lot of chatter, but there are pearls in the midst of all that. That's the drawback of having an unmoderated news group."

CRYSTAL CITIES ON THE MOON?

Scientist Says NASA's Own Photos Show Them

by Sabra Stein

Twenty-five years ago, American astronauts set foot on the moon, a landmark achievement which fulfilled the hopes of eons of dreamers. But the Apollo missions did not inaugurate an age of manned space exploration. Instead, after just a handful of space flights and investigation of a combined area smaller than the state of New Jersey, NASA planners packed up their bags, metaphorically speaking, and went home.

It is as if, one wag observed, Columbus crossed the ocean, discovered America, and returned to Spain never to sail again, with no one following. Why did NASA abandon the moon after such stunning victories? Common wisdom says lunar exploration was just a Cold War ploy, and the U.S. stopped missions to the moon because there was nothing to be found there. Richard Hoagland says the reason was just the opposite.

In Hoagland's view - a picture supported by dozens of photographs, four of which are shown at right - a handful of insiders within NASA ended manned-moon exploration because the Apollo missions found evidence of ancient structures, built by intelligent beings long before mankind's arrival. And, Hoagland says, the civilian agency which was founded with a goal of seeking evidence of extra-terrestrial life, switched from a

policy of open-mindedness and information sharing to a policy of secrecy.

Hoagland believes that this course of secrecy and disinformation was launched out of genuine fear that society could not survive the impact of learning that "we are not alone." But, he says, times have changed and society is not only ready to face that information, we are desperately in need of the technologies which might be found by exploration of these ancient artifacts, a mere three days of space travel away.

By speaking out at public forums, to news media, to scientists and to government officials, Hoagland hopes to revive popular interest in lunar exploration, and return to the ancient cities he believes we will find there. His short term goals are to:

- Get people to examine the photos he has studied (these are available through public archives) and to accept and understand his interpretation.
- Convince the Clinton administration to "open up" NASA, returning it to the model of integrity and public access upon which it was founded.
- Gain public release of the millions of photographs of the moon's surface taken just a few months ago by "Clementine," an unmanned explorer built for \$75 million from "off the shelf" parts, and sent to the moon by the U.S. military.
- And return to the moon as soon as possible,

either through NASA or with a private mission funded by a consortium of interested parties.

Here's what else Hoagland has to say:

Aquarius: How does this information impact on what we thought we learned about moon from Apollo?

Hoagland: Part of the reason for the Apollo was to test the basic three ideas for the origin of moon: fission from the earth, capture by the earth's gravity, or that it was a co-equal partner in the dust cloud, the nebula that formed the earth. Interesting enough, each of the three theories was demolished, by looking at the Apollo data from the moon rocks.

The problem is that if you are looking at artificial structures, and if meteor bombardment has distributed wreckage and bits and pieces of that structure over a wide area, and that is included in some of the samples that the astronauts brought home, it would contain that chemical imprint of manufactured things, then all of that reasoning would go out the window.

It would be like landing in a million years in New York City or where Atlanta used to be, and bringing home a sample and finding an intriguingly high percentage of very high temperature compounds, when in fact what you were looking at was refined steel and cement. And unless you knew you were looking at steel and cement, you would think you were looking at a natural process. So your model for what you're understanding is very important for what your conclusions are.

And isn't it interesting that the consen-

sus, based on looking at the rocks from Apollo 11 onward, is that sometime in the moon's history there was a huge, high temperature lava ocean, completely covering the surface, and that type of anomalous ocean is absolutely atypical of any other planetary process that had been imagined before.

Aquarius: All these different background photos looks perfectly normal. Apparently to you these are all refractive patterns...

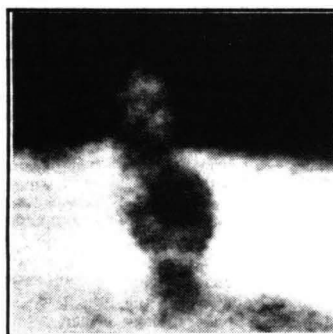
Hoagland: Understand that on the moon there is no air, there are no clouds, there is nothing that can be suspended several miles above the surface... When you are on an airless world, the difference between day and night is absolute. If you're in a shadow, you're in an absolute 100 percent shadow. So when we're seeing a pattern of things, geometric things, suspended miles above the moon, then we can eliminate that it is dust, and something as trivial as that.

Just the fact that it is sticking up is impossible. Remember, this is a place where everything is beaten down. The processes of the moon are so radically different from the wind and rain, etcetera on the earth. And we're talking things that are suspended miles above that surface.

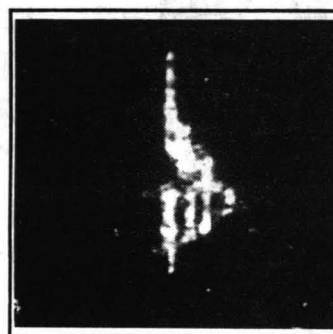
If you're not an expert in these processes or in the lunar environment, you'd just look at that photograph and you wouldn't notice anything really unusual. But someone who like myself knows what the moon should be like looks at this and says "good grief, that



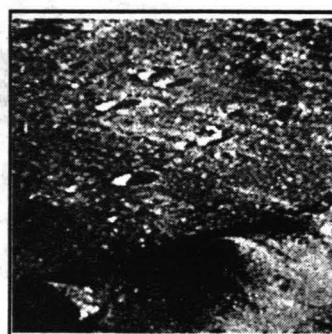
THIS EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE WITHIN A CIRCLE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED THROUGH A TELESCOPE FROM EARTH. HOAGLAND SAYS IT IS A SYMBOL FROM SACRED GEOMETRY WHICH WAS CREATED BY INTELLIGENT BEINGS AS A MESSAGE TO HUMANKIND.



THE "SHARD" IN THIS PHOTO HAS BEEN CAPTURED FROM FOUR DIFFERENT ANGLES BY MULTIPLE CAMERAS ON DIFFERENT UNMANNED MISSIONS. THE STRUCTURE, WHICH STANDS APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES HIGH, CAN NOT BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE MOON'S GEOLOGY, HOAGLAND SAYS.



THIS CASTLE-LIKE STRUCTURE IS MADE UP OF SHIMMERING MATERIALS FLOATING 30 MILES ABOVE THE MOON. HOAGLAND SAYS, EVEN IF IT WERE ON THE GROUND, THE MOON DOES NOT HAVE THE WIND AND WATER EROSION WHICH COULD ACCOUNT FOR THIS SHAPE ON EARTH.



HOAGLAND COMPARES THE SUBTLE RIGHT-ANGLE GRID TEXTURE IN THIS PHOTO TO THE BASEMENTS OF A BOMBED OUT CITY, NOTING THAT THE MOON IS SUBJECTED TO CONSTANT METEOR BOMBARDMENT.

can't be real" unless you're dealing with a manufactured grid work which is holding these things in suspension.

Aquarius: You're talking about huge cities on what is essentially another planet. Do you find people having trouble making the switch between fantasy or potentiality of extraterrestrials and accepting them in reality?

Hoagland: That's what the adventure is all about. The idea that conscious life is not limited to us, particularly for someone who's grown up on "Star Trek" should be a piece of cake. And the idea that astronomy has been looking out at the galaxy for 30 years and saying "there must be millions of civilizations out there, but there'll never get here, should be a piece of cake."

But that one idea that nobody can travel, is wrong. The evidence is now telling is that somebody not only traveled, but set up housekeeping in the solar system before we were even a twinkle in God's eye.

That's what [NASA] was supposed to be - an early warning system to find out if all our science fiction projections were true. And guess what, they are. Now we have to go forward and find out what they have to tell us.

If we're looking at real structures of the scale that we apparently are, then we're looking at an awesome scientific display. Stunning. These things were not built by Mohawk Indians. They were not built with fossil fuels. They were not built with nuclear power. They were built with an engineering, and a technology,

and an energy resource that could very well save the earth.

My suspicion is that we're looking at a demonstration of what we term hyper dimensional physics, that that's the level of technology required to do what we're seeing. If that's true, then obviously we can learn a great deal about how to do that here on earth by going to the moon and having our eyes opened, and knowing what questions to ask.

And it's only a quarter of a million miles away. We used to go there every few months during the Apollo missions, and we could go there now with robots in a couple of years.

New York City or Atlanta has roots that are about as deep as the skyscrapers are tall. So if we're looking at structures

that are about seven or eight miles above the moon, they're roots might reasonably go seven or eight miles into the moon. Well at that level, the meteor damage should be nil.

Just imagine the art work - we're talking about a civilization. Imagine the technology, imagine the machines, the libraries. Scientifically and culturally, the mind boggles at what there is there to learn from... right next door.

To learn more about Hoagland's findings on the moon, contact "The Mars Project" at (201) 863-2005, or call BC Video, at (800) 424-0031 to order a copy of the Hoagland's video taped presentation at Ohio State University and/or copies of the photos he has examined.

Strange sounds puzzle experts

CARMEL, Calif. (Reuter) - Mysterious thumping sounds, like the beating of a heart in the Pacific Ocean, have attracted the attention of the U.S. navy and marine scientists and touched off a news media frenzy in Carmel, a small central California resort.

For the last week, divers have reported hearing a deep, heartbeat-like thumping in the Pacific Ocean off Point Lobos, a rocky outcrop just south of Carmel. The thumping has no obvious origin.

"It's very eerie," said Justin Dubowitz, a Monterey diver who first taped the sound about 20 metres under water last weekend and turned his tapes over to the navy.

The mystery is so intriguing, experts and the media have poured in.

"We're still scratching our heads. We don't think it's a biological sound but I'm not hazarding a guess. I think it's mechanical, man-made."

Acoustics expert Jim Miller

The navy has sent in underwater sound experts, marine scientists have donned scuba gear and professional divers have been leading network television crews into obscure coves.

Divers from the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary have

joined recreational divers in the search for the source of the mysterious heartbeat.

They have discovered it has a mechanically steady pulse but is intermittent, not continuous. But no one has yet been able to pinpoint the source of the noises.

Early theories have been discounted. The experts have decid-

ed the strong heartbeat probably is not coming from whales or dolphins or a mystery animal that may be living in the coves along Point Lobos, a state nature preserve.

They ruled out a link to submarine-contacting sonar equipment the navy used to operate nearby or to one of the dozen marine research institutions in the area.

"We're still scratching our heads," said Jim Miller, an underwater acoustics expert and a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School in nearby Monterey.

"We don't think it's a biological sound but I'm not hazarding a guess. I think it's mechanical, man-made."

Miller said the sound could be coming from a ship "far away, beyond the horizon."