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Nevada's Groom Lake a favorite spot for UFO enthusiasts

By The Associated Press

A dry lake bed in Nevada has become a place of pilgrimage for UFO watchers in search of a flying-saucer sighting.

For four decades, senior correspondent Abe Dane wrote in an article in the current issue of *Popular Mechanics*, Groom Lake has been where the government has come when it wants to be alone — through the top-secret U-2 spy-plane program of the '50s, the SR-71 spyplane of the '60s, the F-117A stealth fighter of the '80s.

Now, five years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the lights of Groom Lake still burn through the night with wartime urgency.

Amid mounting publicity last summer, the Air Force admitted, "we do have facilities within the complex near the dry lake bed of Groom Lake."

It added that the Nellis Range Complex, of which Groom Lake is part, is "used for testing and training technologies, operations and systems critical to the effectiveness of the United States military forces. Specific activities conducted at Nellis cannot be discussed any further than that."

For UFO watchers, it stands to reason that if our military has flying saucers, this is where they would be.

It was in June 1947 that Kenneth Arnold, a deputy federal marshal and successful businessman, flew his private plane near Washington's Mount Rainier and reported spotting "a chain of nine peculiar-looking aircraft" that "flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water." He estimated their ground speed at about 1,700 mph.

His sighting was investigated by the Army Air Force, which feared it might have been a new Soviet secret weapon. But there was another possibility — could it be one of ours?

The XF5U-1 "Flying Flapjack" was the closest thing anyone knew of at the time to a flying saucer, although it was not capable of anything like 1,700 mph. The XF5U-1 prototypes were ready by 1947 but never flew.

The Arnold sighting and other reports remained unsolved. The XF5U-1 wasn't behind them, nor did they seem anything within reach of Soviet technology. The U.S. Air Force secretly launched Project Sign, the first of a series of UFO investigations that stretched on for more than 20 years.

A series of saucer-shaped experimental craft have turned up over the years, including a 1953 Lockheed patent for what looked like a flying lentil but apparently never got off the drawing board.

Even today the saucer lives on. Sikorsky Aircraft has been testing a 6-foot diameter disk-shaped unmanned aerial vehicle called the Cypher.

Moller International's one-man, eight-engined M200X, flew stably and demonstrated technologies for a proposed flying car.

But what about high-performance saucers?

William Blake, an engineer at the Air Force's Wright Laboratory, reported a huge nuclear-powered craft designed by Convair in

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Rick Andrews places his video camera on top of a bookcase in his living room. He keeps it constantly charged and close to the door where he can quickly grab it to catch a UFO sighting on tape. (Star photo by Dean Orewiler)

His proof of UFOs is in the video

By REBECCA NILES

HAMILTON — It darted across the sky, fully illuminated, sending dust and leaves swirling, dogs frantically barking — too fast to follow, too large to ignore.

Rick Andrews and his family aren't really sure what it was, but they have had a close encounter with a strange object on more than one occasion. And they have the videotape to prove it.

Andrews, a rural Hamilton resident, keeps his video camera charged and ready to capture the bright images that flash across the sky above his home. He said he has seen a strange object four times within the past seven years and taped them twice. The most recent sighting available on his home movie was Oct. 12, 1994.

Andrews said he first thought the bright green object hovering over the trees behind his house was a blimp. "I tried to follow it, but it moved too fast, much faster than a blimp," he said. Andrews followed the object to the Ohio border, where he gave up his pursuit.

Andrews described the object as fluorescent green and oval-shaped, with a humped top. He said it was at least the size of a football field and hovered several hundred feet off the ground. It also had a light on the bottom, which flashed at uneven intervals.

On Oct. 20, 1994, around 1 a.m., Steuben County Communications received calls about a similar airborne object. Callers told police the object was like a bright green fireball, flashing across the sky. Officers in Defiance County continued seeing a bright flare or light in the

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— Kathy Andrews

sky sometime after 2 a.m. (Ohio time). The National Weather Service said it was possible that a meteor fell to the earth, but could not positively identify the object that lit up the sky. Andrews said he saw the Oct. 20 bright light and is sure the object was not a meteor.

"It was so huge — too fast and too steady for a meteor," Andrews said. "It went straight across the sky, not down toward the ground."

Kathy Andrews, Rick's wife, had the most dramatic encounter with such a strange object on Aug. 31, 1994. She said she was driving home from church when her teen-age daughters asked her about a bright light in the sky.

"I glanced over at it and told the girls it was the moon," Kathy said. "But it started following us and I knew it was no moon."

Kathy said she stopped at a stop sign and watched the object move through the trees behind her. She said the object was moving quite slowly, hovering over the car. Kathy refused to drive under the object and waited until it crossed over the hill.

"I don't believe in UFOs," Kathy said, "but I was not about to drive under that. I was afraid of it."

Kathy said she pulled into the driveway and ran to the house, screaming for Rick to get his camera. "I waited all my life for this," Rick said. As he taped the object, Rick said, it brought up a lot of dust and the dogs went "nuts."

Andrews said the glowing sphere was the same object he read about in a science magazine. The story, according to Andrews, told of an unidentified object sighted over Hillsdale, Mich., in the 1960s. Andrews said the article told that government officials and scientists could not explain what the object was back then, and he is certain it is the same object he has encountered.

Andrews has seen the rounded object on several occasions, but reported seeing a different object once near the woods behind his country home.

"I once saw one over the house that was a diamond shape, with lights on three of the points and a long tail with a light on it," Andrews said. "It made no sound, but it spun and the lights turned, then the whole thing turned and went over the trees."

Andrews has his camera ready to go, within arm's reach of his front door. He knows many people, including his family, do not believe in UFOs — unidentified flying objects. But he said more publicity about the strange objects in the sky may force the government and other agencies to explain what they know about the sightings.

"I tell my story to say, 'Look, all these people can't be wrong,'" Andrews said.

"I keep a close watch out. They'll be back."

the early '60s under a Navy contract for a transoceanic transport.

More recent but more dubious is the story of Robert Lazar, who said he worked at a Nellis Range base that consists of nine underground hangars containing extraterrestrial saucers the government is trying to reproduce. A respected physicist said Lazar's explanations of the spacecrafts' workings contained obvious errors and Lazar's claimed educational back-

ground does not check out.

A more mundane scenario might warrant consideration. Recent years have seen the maturation of electronic flight controls needed to stabilize a saucer. Stealth has brought a whole new set of parameters to aircraft design. A key principle for foiling radar is to minimize the surfaces that might intersect a radar beam at a right angle. What would do this better than a flying disk?

Searching For The ALIEN

Close Encounters Of The Absurd Kind

They are not coincidences!

—Ida Kannenberg, *UFOs and the Psychic Factor*

Dr. James Deardorff has speculated that the E.T.s may be making deliberate use of absurdity as a form of strategic camouflage ...

—George Andrews, *Extra-terrestrial Friends and Foes*

Their fingers were long and didn't feel like human fingers. ... It was clear I was going with them. I had no better idea, anyway.

—Dr. Richard J. Boylan, *Close Extraterrestrial Encounters*

“Who knows?”

It wasn't exactly the response I was expecting from Dr. Richard J. Boylan.

The white-haired psychologist had, after all, already told me about “intense burning-bright orange-gold” vehicles he has seen rise off the Southwestern desert floor, of the “debriefing” sessions he's conducted with 131 suspected alien abductees, and of his own abduction by three-fingered aliens encountered while driving through a dense cloud of white smoke in New Mexico.

It was a good story. Hard to believe, but a good story. Boylan had told it with such a matter-of-factness, I figured if I asked him if any of this was real, he'd chuck me right out of his midtown Sacramento office. But that's not what happened.

All he did was shrug and say, “Who knows?”
Spooky stuff.

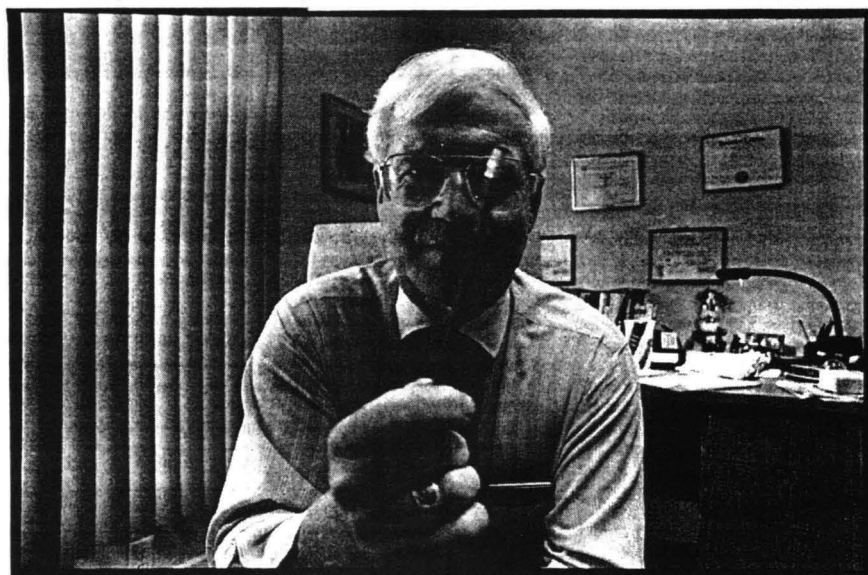


PHOTO BY SARA SINES

Ever since pilot Kenneth Arnold reported seeing nine disk-shaped objects over the Cascade Mountains in Washington in 1947; thereby coining the phrase “flying saucer,” there have been those who've insisted we are not alone. By now, literally millions around the world have sighted unidentified flying objects or UFOs: airborne craft that by their appearance and movement are obviously not of man-made origin. Muhammad Ali claims to have seen a UFO; so does former president Jimmy Carter.

I have seen one.

It was in 1967, when I was 7 years old. I was riding in the back of the family station wagon with my mom, dad and two brothers, looking through the rear window toward the sun, when I spotted an “intense-burning orange-gold” object hovering above the Virginia turnpike. I told my mother to turn around and look at the “funny cloud.” She turned around, agreed it was odd, then turned forward again. The object then flew off, leaving behind an orange trail. Since then, my mother and I have argued about what we saw—I claim it was a UFO; she doesn't know what it was—but both of us agree we saw something.

Seeing something, however, has

become a fairly mundane experience since 1961, the year Betty and Barney Hill claimed they were abducted, taken aboard a craft and made the subjects of medical examinations by bug-eyed aliens that have come to be known as the “Grays.” The incident was popularized in the 1975 film, *The UFO Incident*; alien abduction has maintained a fairly high mainstream media profile since then, the zenith perhaps being author Whitley Streiber's 1987 book *Communion: A True Story*.

However, if 1987 was the pop culture apogee of alien abduction, then 1994 was the year the phenomenon came out of the professional closet. Pulitzer Prize-winning author/psychiatrist John E. Mack put his highly regarded reputation on the line with *Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens*, a 400-plus page investigation documenting the stories of some of the more than 100 abductees Mack has hypnotically regressed to help them remember their experiences.

This year also saw the publication of Dr. Richard J. Boylan's *Close Extraterrestrial Encounters: Positive Experiences With Mysterious Visitors*, a book quite similar to Mack's with one significant exception: as noted above, Boylan, a 55-year-old Sacramento clinical and

Is that a pencil or are you just happy to see me? Dr. Richard J. Boylan demonstrates his hypnotic routine.

research psychologist, claims to be an abductee himself. If Mack put his reputation on the line, then it's fair to say Boylan has quite possibly committed professional suicide.

Except it turns out that “professional” is a relative term. Boylan's name is well-known, even respected, in the ever-expanding universe of professional extraterrestrial investigators; he is constantly on the move from one UFO symposium to the next. He'll be one of the guest speakers at the Evolving Time UFO symposium in Sacramento October 29. If you live in Northern California and think you've been abducted by aliens, he's your man.

Which is precisely why I went to see him.

Hitler Drove A UFO

There comes a time when coincidence reaches its saturation point; a benchmark where, after the same circumstances are repeated time and time again, a more than chance connection between events begins to be suspected. In the case of alien abductions, this has led to rampant

By R.V. Schelde

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conspiracy theories that claim we are already under alien control.

A prime example—and there are many—is George Andrews' 1993 book, *Extra-terrestrial Friends and Foes*, which was quoted above.

As if the standard abduction story didn't already have enough built-in loopholes (people are abducted, experimented on by omnipotent beings, and then conveniently brainwashed so they "forget" everything that happened), Andrews makes a giant leap in logic: the more absurd a story is, the greater the likelihood it is true, since the aliens are using absurdity as a "form of strategic camouflage."

Thus, Andrews demonstrates no qualms whatsoever in telling us that the Grays come from Rigel and have been performing most of the abductions and animal mutilations we've been hearing about in order to combat a glandular problem their species is suffering from.

They've been here for thousands of years, made contact with Hitler during WWII, provided the technology for the Stealth Bomber and Star Wars, and, with the help of ex-Nazi and CIA scientists, created the AIDS virus "to decimate the human population to such an extent that the survivors would accept open control by the Rigelians."

Andrews even finds "evidence" linking the aliens to, yes, that's right, JFK's assassination.

UFOlogists like Andrews and magazines like *Unsolved UFO Sightings* (on the cover this month: "Located: Secret Nazi Saucer Base in South America") must make life difficult for the Hills, Streibers, Macks, Boylans and other researchers and abductees who wish to be taken seriously. Given the air of lunacy surrounding the phenomenon, it's a wonder anyone has ever stepped forward at all.

Yet their numbers are already estimated in the millions; in fact, according to a 1992 Roper Poll Survey extrapolated by Boylan in *Close Extraterrestrial Encounters*, aliens are abducting 3,000 human beings on a daily basis! Here in Sacramento, Boylan seems to have no prob-

lem rounding up enough patients for an abductee support group; four of his Northern California patients' stories are included in his book.

Naturally, there are some who have remained on the sidelines. I contacted one such Northern California abductee, "Carla" (not a patient of Boylan's) after she heard I was working on a story about alien abduction and agreed to be interviewed.

Now 50 and the owner of her own business, Carla claims she was whisked off the road by aliens while driving through South Dakota 25 years ago.

"The last thing I remember was

refused after they said she couldn't bring her family. They dropped her off 150 miles down the road, and Carla noticed her gas gauge and odometer had not changed. The experience rattled her so much, she decided to pack up and head west.

"That's when I moved to California, to be with my family," Carla said. "I thought the end could happen at any time." The end, of course, didn't come, but Carla's alien visitations continued until 1987. She doesn't tell too many people about it.

The parallels—or coincidences, if you will—between Carla's story and those of other abductees are startling, especially considering her claim that she has no interest in the subject of alien abduction.

Like other abductees, she was taken against her will and forced to undergo a medical examination. As in other cases, the aliens communicated with telepathy. The aliens' concern for the environment is also a common feature of many reports, as is their alleged underground location. Finally, there was the documentation of missing time: the gas gauge and odometer of her automobile.

What's different about Carla's story is that she is able to recall it without the aid of hypnosis. Even Betty and Barney Hill, who were aware of "lost time," had to be hypnotized before they recalled what had happened to them. Indeed, the technique of hypnotic regression is the cornerstone of alien abduction syndrome research.

It is also the main reason the field can hardly be considered a science, at least in the empirical sense.

ET, Go Home!

Hypnosis is not what most people think it is. It's not like those high school assemblies where the hypnotist puts people under and then convinces them to take a bite out of an onion after he tells them it's an apple. It is much more like a tool used by both the doctor and the patient to explore the patient's subconscious. The patient is not a zombie; he or she remains conscious during the trance. At least, that was my experience after being hypnotized by Dr. Boylan on three occasions.

As I prepared to go under the first time, I was secretly hoping I had been abducted, despite the story of another abductee I interviewed, an old friend of the family who lives back east. He'd had a sighting three years ago, and then, while driving to 7-Eleven recently, found himself 17 miles away



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that I was in between towns," recalled Carla, who had been on her way to her sister's house. "I experienced that they picked me up, the car and everything. I was in a room, in a chair, they were examining me. I couldn't see them, and they used telepathy. They seemed to be totally amazed with my teeth."

Carla has a bridge, and the aliens' interest in it might possibly be seen to jibe with the contentions of Andrews and others who say that the Grays' glandular problem has led to digestive disorders. Then again, maybe they'd just never seen good dental work before.

"They wanted to keep my teeth, but I said no," Carla said. When she asked them where they were from, she says they responded—telepathically, "that they're right here, in the center of the earth."

The aliens told Carla they would not let us destroy the surface of the earth, and warned her that if the environment continued to deteriorate, they would wipe out the human race to save the planet. They asked her to come with them, but she

in my mind's eye. These images were far more detailed than my conscious memories of the sighting.

"The first thing that strikes me is that it seems much closer than I remember it," I said in a voice much slower and distinct than the usual way I speak.

"How far away does it seem?" he asked.

"It's less than a mile," I reply. (In my conscious memory, I've usually placed the UFO at a distance of five miles away and an altitude of 2,500 feet). "It's not as high above the trees as the trees are tall. I can tell that it's a three-dimensional object. It's still the same color, but it's not glowing as brightly as I remember it."

"How do you feel about it?"

"It seems like I've been looking at it for an awful long time."

Occasionally, I'd pause for long periods. At no time during the session did Dr. Boylan try to encourage or plant a memory that wasn't there.

"I remember that the car was blue," I told him.

"The family station wagon?"

"Yes." Later, my parents confirmed that the car was indeed blue, a fact I couldn't consciously recall.

"Something kind of odd," I continued. "It's distance between us doesn't seem to be changing, like

it's keeping pace with us. It's been trailing us for a long ways."

Although I was highly relaxed, I began to become agitated. The images I was recalling seemed "real" enough, but they did not feel like actual memories. I could not link the image of the UFO tracking us with my conscious memory of asking my mom to look at the "funny cloud." Boylan told me not to worry about it, and the Virginia scene slipped away into darkness.

I next jumped back in time to a memory of being lost in the woods in Connecticut when I was 4. I consider this one of my first memories,

pearls and come down to the ground, and then there's just this notion of some activity ... but it doesn't seem real."

"We'll worry about what's real later," Boylan said, asking me to describe the activity.

"It's like a factory or something," I say. I described the clearing, my position in it, and the spheres, which were now buried in the loose dirt so that only their top halves were visible. But I didn't say anything about the tiny figures I saw milling about. This is crazy, I thought. I couldn't tell if they were human or ...

Suddenly, I wasn't so hot on the idea of being an abductee.

Boylan brought me out of the trance, and I blinked my eyes to adjust to the light. Realizing that what was at stake was my entire concept of reality, I was worried about what I'd just "seen." How reliable are these images conjured up during hypnosis—images which have been used to help document the growing worldwide phenomenon of alien abduction? I asked him if any of this was real.

"Who knows?" he shrugged.

Allens From Uranus

I spent the weekend after my first session with Dr. Boylan in South

Lake Tahoe with my girlfriend. Saturday was an unusually warm fall day, even for Northern California, and we spent it at the beach, lazily digging holes in the sandy shore. I'd dig out a handful of sand, clump it in my fist, then set it beside the hole.

After about the seventh handful, I looked down at what I was doing. I was shocked to see I had created a model that was uncannily similar to the UFO with the 10 spheres I'd seen while in trance.

It was a little bit too much like Richard Dreyfuss in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, and it would happen two more times: once with a fruit basket and a dozen oranges, and again with a plateful of Canadian bacon. It seemed to add veracity to a memory I wasn't even sure was real, but I was to learn this was not the case.

"People tend to believe something more strongly under hypnosis," explained Dr. Dick Hatten, one of the leading experts on the subject of hypnosis in the Sacramento area. "But unless there is corroboration [another witness to the event], there isn't any way to tell if it's true."

"Memory is not like videotape," he continued. "Memory is constructed, and it is altered over time. What you remembered [under hypnosis] may be what you saw; or, it may be a construct of what you saw ... or it could be a memory of a dream." Translation: Hypnotic regression is not simply a matter of fast-forwarding and rewinding through subconscious memory

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from his destination with a missing hour on his hands.

"The next morning, I woke up with the worst nosebleed you can imagine," he said. "I never get nosebleeds. It hurt!"

Nosebleeds and missing time are the major symptoms manifested in people who believe they've been abducted, but our friend back east has no intention of undergoing regression therapy. He doesn't want to know. However, even though I've never experienced any of these symptoms other than seeing a UFO, I found the idea I'd potentially been kidnapped by aliens a thrilling notion, and entered my first session of hypnosis with a fairly open mind.

Dr. Boylan first waved a pencil in front of my eyes to relax my eyelids. He then spoke in a low monotone, asking me to loosen all the muscles in my body, starting with the scalp and eventually working my way down to my toes. When I was completely relaxed, he then had me get on an imaginary "10-step escalator," going down until I reached the "deepest, most relaxed state of all."

As the tape recorder whirled away, he regressed me back to the age of 7, the time of my UFO sighting. I had supplied him with as many details of the incident as I could consciously recall; he used these to place me in time (1967) and space (the freeway in Virginia). At first, everything was black, then, gradually, vivid images began to spring up

banks. The tapes have become distorted during storage; the tapes are not really even tapes.

This doesn't necessarily mean memories recovered during hypnotic regression are invalid, Dr. Hatten pointed out. For instance, in the current debate raging over "false memory syndrome," i.e. the recovery of memories of child abuse using hypnotic regression, he feels opponents of the technique have gone too far.

"They overstate their case," Hatten said. "A lot of it [child abuse] is so clearly suggested without a second party [witnessing it]." However, he will not use hypnosis on patients who come through the door already thinking they've been abused as children. And he doesn't hold much stock in the alien abduction phenomenon—not that he disapproves of Dr. Boylan's work.

"This is the thing," he said. "I think there are people out there who have troubles with UFOs and aliens, and people never believe them, and Richard Boylan does, and that's a good thing."

By the time I'd spoken to Dr. Hatten, I'd already had my three sessions with Dr. Boylan. During the second session, we'd concentrated on enhancing my actual conscious memory, a task I found easier once the process of hypnosis had been demystified. I was able to recall in great detail the memory I described at the beginning of this piece: of seeing a brightly glowing orange object (very similar to the one Boylan claims to have seen in Nevada) from

the rear of the family station wagon, telling my mom to look, and watching the object fly off.

Of course, Dr. Boylan was much more interested in the UFO with the 10 spheres we'd encountered in the first session, especially since I'd finally told him about sensing the figures milling about in the clearing. During the third session, we attempted to explore this area again by first returning to my memory of being lost in the woods when I was 4.

It was easy enough to begin, the recollection being one of my first conscious memories. Soon, my mind's eye was focused on the image of sunlight filtering through a green canopy of leaves in the New England woods. I was in a clearing, I knew I was lost, but I was not afraid.

Then my mind split open.

I was in the trailer, the same trailer we lived in when I was 4. I was naked and my legs were splayed apart, like they were in stirrups. Someone... something... a vague, formless shape... was holding my legs in the air while attempting to do something to my anus.

It was not a new memory. I have had this thought before... a long time ago.

I flashed on the coiled roto-rooter

that had probed Whitley Streiber's rectum in *Communion*. I thought of Carl Jung, who had at first theorized that UFOs were archetypes of the collective unconsciousness, only to later reverse himself and say they were true physical phenomena. I

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thought of Freud, who, as far as I knew had said nothing about UFOs but plenty about the anus...

I got the hell out of there. It took some effort, but I hauled myself up on the imaginary 10-step escalator and back into the real world, where Dr. Richard J. Boylan was looking at me with a somewhat surprised expression on his face.

Total Recall

One of the things that makes hypnosis such a useful tool, Dr. Hatten explained, is its ability to enhance recall, even when the subject is not in trance. During the weeks after my third session, I found this to be all too true.

What I've been recalling are not examinations performed by aliens or repressed memories of child abuse, but actual medical procedures performed on me when I was a child. For instance, I discovered that the memory I'd recalled during my third session was of an actual event. The "vague, formless shape" attempting to do something to my

anus was my mother applying a special tape used to remove the eggs of pin worms. "There's a funny story about that..." she told me recently, but believe me, you don't want to hear it.

I haven't thought about these things for years. The time I broke my elbow and spent four days and nights in the hospital, where they used a rectal thermometer to take my temperature. The time the doctor bent the needle while giving me a shot in the butt. It's like when a spigot breaks in the full-on position. There's definitely a fixation going on here... but unfortunately, it doesn't seem to be with UFOs.

Speculation: Could the alien abduction phenomenon merely be a case of grown adults who, when regressed back to an early age, recall nightmarish medical scenarios through the warped lense of childhood?

I plan on taking the question up with Dr. Boylan when we meet for our next session. I think he'll find it an interesting hypothesis. He is, after all, a scientist of sorts, and an honest man. In fact, he's the one who told me about the lawsuit. If he had anything to hide, would he have done that?

According to court records, it seems three former female patients of Dr. Boylan's—a mixture of abductees and childhood sexual abuse cases—have filed allegations of massages, nude hot tubbing, trips to secret UFO bases and inappropriate behavior. Dr. Boylan claims there was no inappropriate behavior, that the massages and hot tubbing were part of the therapy, and that the prosecution—at the risk of, as he puts it, sounding "paranoid"—may be part of the larger societal UFO cover-up. The court record, with its sprinklings of nudity and extraterrestrial activity, makes for a good story. Hard to believe, but a good story.

Until my next hypno-session, I'm left to ponder the following questions: Which forgotten medical treatment will surface from the depths of my subconscious next? Will Dr. Boylan be cleared of the nude hot tubbing allegations so he can continue his work? And, perhaps most importantly, are humans being abducted by aliens even as I write? The answer to all three queries is contained, for now, in the same question.

Who knows?

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'UFO Incident' still up in the air

Richard Olmsted
Record Staff Writer

The 47th anniversary of the Roswell Incident came and went without any clear answers as to what crashed on a ranch north of Roswell in 1947.

And a second unidentified flying object mystery has started south of Roswell with the daytime filming by one Midway resident.

The Roswell Incident was given new life in September when the Air Force said the object was a top secret Project Mogul balloon, the same claim they made in 1976. They called it the final report, but critics, including some in Roswell, haven't taken it seriously.

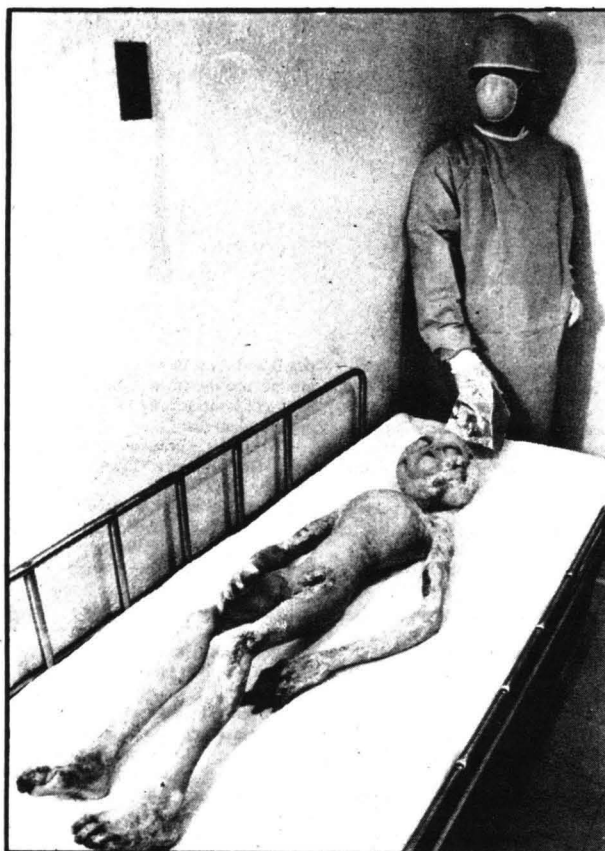
The Air Force released the report after the General Accounting Office started looking into the matter on a request from Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M.

Schiff, who doesn't represent southeastern New Mexico, was asked to look into the Roswell Incident and started asking questions. He wasn't getting satisfactory answers so he asked the GAO to look into the matter.

In Washington, D.C., two GAO investigators are scouring government records of the Air Force, Army, Navy and Atomic Energy Commission to see if any information on the Roswell Incident exists. They have no deadline, and the job is expected to be thorough.

Something was found on Mac Brazel's farm in July 1947 that stirred up the public and got the military and the government's attention. The confusion starts from a press release which said an unidentified flying object was found, but that was quickly amended to say it was only a weather balloon.

The government's claim is plausible, but the secrecy and the loss of documents about the Roswell Incident draw a shroud of doubt over it. By not



Mike Pettit photo

This alien was the star of the made-for-television movie, "Roswell." It has been donated to the International UFO Museum on North Main Street.

revealing the facts in 1947, whether because of a Communist scare at the beginning of the Cold War or other national security concerns, the mystery has grown.

Even if the government is telling the truth now, it's hard to believe it.

Witnesses who saw the crash debris reported that it had strange properties. Maj. Jesse Marcel Sr. saw the crash site and told about it. His son, Jesse Marcel Jr. said his father, who is now deceased,

brought home metal that could be crumpled up, yet it would spring back to its original shape. Major Marcel's superior officers ordered all debris to be gathered up. Major Marcel returned the metal fragments he had given his son.

Another player in the Roswell Incident is Glenn Dennis, a Roswell mortician in 1947. He was called by the Air Force at Roswell Army Air Field and asked how to preserve tissue, presumably of alien bodies. Also, a nurse Dennis was see-

ing, who worked at the RAAF, told him three alien bodies were recovered.

Because of the mystery surrounding the crash, movie producers have become interested. One cable network, Showtime, put together a dry, fictionalized movie on the Roswell Incident. The movie was called "Roswell," and it "played loose" with the facts in an effort to provide entertainment. It was recently nominated for a Golden Globe award as best mini-series or movie made for television.

The television shows "Unsolved Mysteries" and "Sightings" came to Roswell in 1994 and followed up the story.

Jose Escamilla, a local resident who moved back to Roswell from Southern California in 1994 after the earthquakes there, videotaped a strange object in the daytime sky March 7. The UFO on the 17-minute tape is a fuzzy circular object that at one point moves rapidly out of view.

As the 50th anniversary of the Roswell Incident approaches, the community is slowly turning to marketing it. Mainstreet Roswell and the Roswell Chamber of Commerce are joining forces to plan a celebration the weekend of July 1 and 2.

Stan Crosby is in charge of the project and is seeking about \$25,000 to fund the event. He plans to approach the City Council's Finance Committee this month to see if a portion of lodger tax money can be used. Also, Crosby wants to find corporate sponsors for the commemoration of the Roswell Incident.

The celebration at this point will attempt to have a laser-lights show, fireworks, a fun run, a UFO race similar to a soap box derby and events at the Robert H. Goddard Planetarium and International UFO Museum.

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Teenager claims she saw a UFO

BERLIN HEIGHTS, Ohio (AP) — A teen-ager has reported seeing an unidentified flying object with blinking lights hovering around her home for almost three hours before it disappeared.

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

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

"It scared me," said Ms. Utter. She said she first saw the UFO at about 10:30 p.m. Monday but continued to see it off and on until early Tuesday.

Ms. Utter said she was looking out her window when she saw what she thought to be a star moving. She said she saw red, green and white lights going around like a beacon. At one time, the red and green lights stopped and bright white lights formed a cross, she said.

Her parents also saw the object and reported it to the Erie County Sheriff's Department.

A sheriff's deputy responding to the call also saw the brightly lighted object, according to his report. Deputy Jeff Hippley said it appeared to be stationary over the eastern end of Oxford Township and was about two miles in the air. He continued to check on the object, which appeared to move due west at a slow rate, before he lost sight of it at 1:07 a.m. Tuesday.

CR: S. Gordon

Spot a flying saucer? Who ya gonna call?!

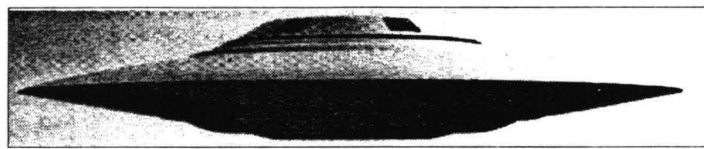
BY JULIE AREND
Of The Beach News

BEACH CITIES - The next time you witness an unexplainable light doing acrobatic maneuvers in the sky, see an unidentifiable craft flying through the air, or just have a question about UFO activity in north county, there is now a number you can call for help.

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) has set up a North County branch and 24 hour voice mail hotline for anyone to call with information on unidentified flying

object sightings.

Laura Miller and Marie Jones, MUFON field investigators in North County, decided the area needed a group of its own due to its size and recent UFO activity here.



"There are areas throughout the nation that are experiencing waves of sightings," explained Miller. "New Mexico is a hot spot, Hudson Valley, New York is another. And so is Vista."

Miller started her work with MUFON

after experiencing what she describes as a close encounter of the third kind. She connected with Jones on the Internet before Jones moved from Los Angeles to North County, and the two started the MUFON branch.

MUFON is comprised of scientists, astronomers, doctors, and others seriously interested in researching UFOs. The organization has a board of consultants representing technology, medicine, engineering, photo analysis, and other

specialties. MUFON is active in at least 52 major countries throughout the world, and local chapters can be found in every major California county.

Many people started coming forward with their experiences of UFO encounters after the 1947 UFO case at Roswell, New Mexico. On July 2, something crashed on a rancher's farm in the area. The next day the ranch owner found debris scattered all over his land and called the military. After arriving at the site, the Army issued a press release stating that a flying saucer had crashed there.

One day later, a military

colonel rescinded the statement, and issued a new press release that explained away the phenomenon as a downed weather balloon. All evidence was then confiscated by the military, allegedly including bodies of some sort. Witnesses were threatened to keep quiet.

Since that time, citizens around the world have surfaced with tales of activity in the night that have no apparent explanation.

"Roswell is considered the granddaddy of all UFO cover-up cases, and almost fifty years later, it is still being investigated," said Miller, adding that the number of sightings is higher now than ever.

"Since we started the hotline over a month ago, we have received about 100 calls. People are excited to know it exists. Many call up and say 'Oh, I'm so glad you're here. I saw something a year ago, and didn't know who to tell.'"

"Just finding someone to talk to about the experience is important," added Jones, who claims she has never personally had a sighting, but grew up with a scientist father who regularly met with friends for UFO talks over coffee, because there was no other safe place to discuss the matter.

"Meeting with MUFON groups makes people feel comfortable talking about a subject matter that maybe they wouldn't otherwise," she added.

Input from scientists, astronomers and other field experts provides explanations for almost 90 percent of sightings, said Miller.

Small planes, weather balloons, candles being floated with plastic bags, kites reflecting sunlight, satellite re-entries,

meteorites, and swamp gas account for most sightings. On clear days, Venus has been reported as a UFO because it is very bright and appears to undulate and follow people if they look at it too long.

"It is the other unexplained 10 percent that we are seriously interested in," said Jones.

The two investigators pointed to five different theories currently used as hypotheses on UFO phenomena. Many of the sightings involve bright lights doing what they call "acrobatic" movements.

The objects often move in a manner or speed that human technology is so far incapable of, such as pendulum swinging motions, excessive speed or jumps. Sometimes multiple objects will be seen coming out of one central, bright unit. Other times a craft is seen, or even a creature of some type, which would classify the experience as a close encounter.

According to Miller and Jones, the five most popular theories to explain the UFO enigma today are:

- Government prototypes, or experimental model testing being done by the military possibly based on crashed alien craft technology or working in conjunction with alien technology.

- Extra terrestrial technology coming from other planets and universes, visiting and watching our planet.

- Technology from inter-dimensional, or parallel universes that are accessible through black holes in the universe.

- Submerged craft sightings, or unidentifiable submarine objects (USOs), which are crafts seen coming out of large bodies of water. Many of these sightings are currently being reported in Puerto Rico.

- Modern folklore, or mythology coming from the human mind in an effort to deal with the stressors of daily living, or religious explanations.

A legitimate call to the hotline during a sighting will prompt Miller and her associates to pack up their video equipment, cameras, binoculars, tape recorders and short wave radios and travel to the site to document the experience.



LAURA MILLER AND MARIE JONES investigate UFO sightings in North San Diego County for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).
PHOTO / JULIE AREND

The investigations are always done by two people for legitimacy, and the teams are ready to go out in the middle of the night if necessary.

"Active sighting calls at one or two in the morning are more likely than sightings during the day," said Miller.

"Since the advent of home video cameras, people have gotten more on film than ever before," said Miller. "But since daytime sightings are less than 10 percent of all other sightings, many are too dark to see, and close encounter sightings don't lend well to video taping because people are in shock from the experience."

Close encounters are separated into four degrees of experiences - the first through the fourth kind.

- First kind: a visual sighting, person generally sees something they cannot identify.

- Second kind: physical evidence of UFO activity, like track marks on the ground or parts of craft.

- Third kind: conversation or contact with alien entity.

- Fourth kind: abduction by alien entities.

Though Miller and Jones said they do not encounter a lot of people who claim to have experienced abductions, there are thousands of people who relate similar stories of kidnapping and abuse by aliens.

"We do not specialize in this area, but if someone calls us reporting an abduction, we can network with them, and try to hook them up with specialists that do," said Miller.

She said more than one species of alien beings have been described by those who have had such close encounters. These include the robotic, indifferent types that treat humans like laboratory test animals.

Other aliens are classified as talkative and friendlier. Some are described as beast-like, or insect-like with either high or low intelligence, much like the varying I.Q. levels of the human race.

"But," clarified Miller, "seeing a UFO doesn't necessarily mean it's an alien. There could be many different explanations."

For more information on MUFON monthly meeting times, questions regarding UFO phenomenon, or sighting experiences, call (619) 271-3022. An answering machine will pick up the call, but Miller responds to calls quickly, so be sure to leave a message. If on CompuServe, type GO ENCOUNTERS or GO MUFON to access the forum.

Open the books

I have been investigating for many years the circumstances surrounding the Dec. 9, 1965 UFO crash incident, which occurred near Kecksburg, in Westmoreland County. We are approaching the 30th anniversary of this important local event, yet even today our government refuses to release to the public all it knows about what really occurred in that wooded ravine.

Currently, the U.S. General Accounting Office is conducting a records search on a similar event that occurred in New Mexico in 1947. The Kecksburg incident is part of our local history; it demands a similar inquiry, as well. The public has the right to know the truth about the origin of the object that observers say fell from the sky, and which was reportedly recovered by the military on that day.

Members of the public, believers and skeptics alike, should write to their local representatives and ask them to support such an inquiry. Let the information (both pro and con) that has been accumulated be examined by investigators of the GAO or a similar agency, and let the truth come forth.

I continue to search for information on this case. Those in the public who were involved in this 1965 event, both civilian or military, are asked to contact me at 838-7768 so that their information can be added to the accumulation of documentation. After 30 years, it's time that our government opens its files on this local unsolved mystery.

Stan Gordon
Greensburg

Beyond tomorrow

In my research (30 years, 84 UFO abductee cases — many helped, 30 articles written — one now in local bookstore) I have learned many interesting things:

A. Bob Dole will be our next president. The tall, human-like Nordic type aliens who can appear in shimmering light, foretold this before 1989. His will be a strife torn time and he will be our last president.

B. Sacred Hopi Indian myth has been amazingly accurate in predicting all events until the time of the Great Purification when the Great Spirit returns. It is similar to the Christian apocalyptic "Tribulation" and return of Christ. Hopi ancestors (Anasazi) met the Nordics. A small percentage of current abductees have also received messages from the Nordics.

C. Penny Smith's Nordics were correct about the 1994 quakes in California and Japan. The

vast Pacific Plate is on the move. They say look out in California in 1995.

D. Biblical and Hopi prophecy describe a now visible sign of the end of time. The UPC Bar Code 666 marking retail products or the same parallel claw marks made by bears on trees. A system of total human economic control is coming. Continent-wide trade pacts and the growing cyberspace networks are steps in this direction. Rev. 13:16-18 identifies the taking of the mark of the beast as the spiritual kiss of death.

E. After years of trying, Hopi and other tribal elders were permitted into the House of Mica (United Nations Building) on the shore of Turtle Island (USA) fulfilling a final prophecy. They came to warn that mother Earth is going to rebel. Their former pristine land had become a place where 93 percent of the water is considered contaminated, one in three people

live within four miles of a toxic dump, the forests are dying from the top down (acid rain — Algonquin final prophecy).

Although the Nordic type seems "good" the short gray type aliens occasionally seem cruel. In a recent case I worked on for MUFON Indiana, the abductee was left with grand-mal epilepsy, his mother abducted, and his dog's skin turned red. Their hair fell out and they died.

Whatever the future, he who loves you has said he will break through the blue and return one glorious morning.

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A South River Road UFO, and alien body parts

By Daryl Fisher

Last Thursday night, a little after nine o'clock, I wheeled my pickup truck up into my driveway, jumped out of the driver's seat, slammed the door shut and raced into my house. Out of breath, I blurted out, "You guys aren't going to believe what I just saw!"

My wife, sons and daughter—who were sprawled out in their favorite chairs throughout the living room—didn't even bother to look up from the television show they were watching. "Hey," I repeated, "no kidding, I just saw something unbelievable!"

"And what might that be?" my wife finally asked, her eyes still glued to the Seinfeld show.

"Well," I said, suddenly realizing that I was probably going to sound like a complete idiot, "I think I just saw a space ship of some kind—you know—one of those UFO's."

"What?" asked my oldest son, smiling at one of his brothers and slowly shaking his head.

"I'm serious," I said.

"Get out of here," said my obviously disbelieving daughter. "You didn't see any unidentified flying object."

"But I really think I might have."

"Where?"

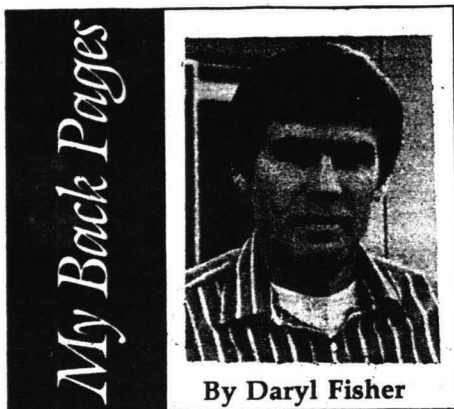
"Up on the River Road."

"When?"

"Just about ten minutes ago."

"But what would a UFO be doing in West Sacramento?" asked the most discerning of my sons, Paul.

"How would I know? But it sure wasn't a plane



or a helicopter or anything like that. And it just appeared out of nowhere, hovered high over the river for a few seconds, and then darted off—real fast. One second it was there, and the next thing I knew, it was gone."

"What'd it look like?" asked my daughter.

"Well, I didn't get that good of a look at it because it was really high up, but it was kind of round—and surrounded by this bright blue light. I don't think it had any windows or anything—but it seemed like it was spinning real fast as it hovered."

Anyway, to make a long story short, no matter how hard I tried, I wasn't able to convince any of my beloved family members that I had ac-

tually seen a UFO. After about a fifteen minute discussion, the general consensus seemed to be that I just had aliens on the brain because of a recent column I had written about Star Trek.

Later that night, still unable to totally dismiss what I thought I had seen, I suddenly recalled a little chat I had over twenty-five years ago with one of my more colorful fraternity brothers. He was a little weird to begin with, and I can never remember having a conversation with him when he was completely sober and drug-free, but he was absolutely convinced that a gang of four-foot-high aliens had once kidnapped him from earth and taken him up to their space ship where they apparently gave him a complicated battery of physical and psychological tests.

"What kind of tests?" I asked him.

"That part I don't remember too well," he explained, "except that they kept flashing all these different colored lights in front of my eyes and poking me all over with their cold little fingers."

"What did they look like?" I asked him.

"Well, they all had really huge bald heads, bulging green eyes, really skinny legs and the ugliest feet I have ever seen—and none of them were wearing any clothes."

"Not even the girls?" I asked from my earthly perspective.

"To tell you the truth," he said, "I couldn't tell which ones were the boys and which ones were the girls."

"How come?"

"Because none of them had any body parts to speak of."

"You're kidding? No body parts?"

"Nope—not that I could tell, anyway. I asked one of them about that and he didn't really say anything, but all of a sudden the answer was right there in my head. Now is that a neat way to communicate or what?"

"Really?"

"Yeah. Apparently they don't need to reproduce—because they live forever—so they've evolved beyond the need for body parts."

"Evolved to what?"

"Now that's a good question. I'm afraid they didn't put that answer into my head. But I distinctly remember getting the feeling that they just weren't very impressed with the human body—especially mine."

"Is that right?"

"Yeah. They kept rotating those big green eyes of theirs to the side when they were taking off my clothes and I kind of took it personal at first, but you know, now that I've had a lot of time to think about it, I wouldn't be a bit surprised if we're the only creatures left in the whole universe who are still stuck with all these darn body parts."

As I sat there trying with great difficulty to contemplate life without body parts—especially female body parts—my fraternity brother seemed to sense my deep and uniquely human concern and said, "Yeah, I'd bet just about anything that body parts are really rare and not very important once you get off this planet."

"Could be," I said, still not quite capable of grasping the concept.

He nodded his head and added, "But it does kind of make you wonder why those little guys would even bother to get up in the mornings, doesn't it?"

No law enforcement agencies, military bases or fire departments contacted Wednesday received reports of the occurrence. But seven people called the Computer UFO Network.

All the callers were people who heard the report on the radio and then called to say they'd seen the same thing, said Dale Goudie, information director for the Seattle-based organization, which tracks UFO sightings. Goudie said his interest cooled when he heard the object had a tail.

"If it's trailing a tail," he said, "that's usually a pretty good indication it's a meteor."

"I'm not really interested in the ones with tails. The ones I'm interested in are the ones that don't have tails and come to a sudden stop or make a quick left turn."

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Group shares beliefs in UFOs, conspiracies

■ The main speaker for a convention in Arizona was a woman who recalled floating with aliens outside her high rise

By BOB GOLFEN
Arizona Republic

Louis Turi says his life changed one evening when he saw the blue light coming from the sky near Provence, France.

"It first happened on the way to my brother's discotheque," Turi said as he picked through a stack of Tarot cards. "It changed me from a recording artist to an astrologer."

Tempe resident Tom Taylor claims several close-up experiences with strange flying craft around Arizona.

And Linda Cortile says she may not remember much of it, but 18 witnesses in 1989 saw her floating outside her 12th-floor Manhattan apartment.

She was accompanied by three weird, humanoid beings, all held within a blue light.

This is the stuff that motivates UFO believers attending the weekend's 6th annual National New Age, Alien Agenda and Conspiracies Conference at the Mesa Holiday Inn.

That, and the pervading notion that a massive government cover-up has prevented us from knowing the truth about aliens from outer space.

The UFO adherents believe they even know what an extraterrestrial looks like, taken from descriptions by those who have met one. Its pale face, vaguely human, with huge, black eyes and a pointed chin, peered from books, jewelry and T-shirts.

"These guys are running rampant," said Derrel Sims, chief abduction researcher for the Houston UFO Network. "The question is, 'Are they friendly, or are they not?'"

He held out his hand about three feet off the floor to show how tall the alien "workers" stand. He raised his hand slightly to show the height of their leaders.

Sims takes a scientific approach to collecting information from those who say they can prove they were abducted by alien beings. One prize piece of Sims' evidence is a tiny, seedlike pod taken from the eye of a woman who says she was abducted by alien spacecraft several years ago.

The pod has baffled modern science, he says.

The several hundred people milling around the convention represented a broad spectrum of believers, including various New Agers, pseudo scientists and the merely curious. Crystals and pyramids were plentiful.

Then there were those whose conspiracy theories connect UFOs with Nazis, the devil or the New World Order.

One flier, titled \$370 UFO Secrets of the Third Reich, describes how alien beings were in league with Nazi forces during World War II. "With their help, the Germans mastered antigravity space flight, space stations, free energy, time travel and warp speeds," the flier says.

Many at the convention claim that, at various times, they have had close encounters of the alien kind.

Turi has had five "solid UFO experiences," he said, which he claims left him with uncanny psychic abilities. The episodes, he said, have enriched his life.

"I don't believe all aliens are bad," Sims said. "But some of them are pretty rough characters."

Linda Cortile, the Manhattan alien abductee, was the main speaker at the event. But she admits that she's tired of the attention and would rather not be there. She wishes that the aliens had perhaps picked someone from down the hall.

"They're calling it the case of the century," she said. "I'm hoping it's not."

Look, up in the sky No, it wasn't a UFO, UW professor insists

By Rob Carson
The News Tribune

It was fluorescent green, had a tail and, dozens of witnesses said Wednesday, blazed a fiery trail across the sky from Renton to Lynnwood.

What was it?

"Spaceship," said most of the callers who phoned in reports to local radio stations and UFO trackers.

"Meteor," said an astronomy professor at the University of Washington.

"The power of suggestion," said skeptics. Whichever, the fiery phantom caught the imaginations of hundreds of Puget Sound residents who heard reports on radio news broadcasts during the morning commute.

Gary Trimmell of Kent started it at 5:30 a.m. with a call to the "Larry Nelson Show," said Cynthia Land, news assignment editor at KOMO radio. Trimmell said he'd just seen "a strange fluorescent green ball that streaked across the sky."

The calls kept coming, and the descriptions grew more elaborate. Some reported the object was orange or gold as it approached and then green as it headed away.

The most likely explanation was the object was either a meteor or a satellite re-entering the atmosphere, said Don Brownlee, meteor specialist and professor at the UW Astronomy Department.

"Those are the two most common things in the sky," Brownlee said. "Fifty thousand tons of meteors fall on the Earth every year, so, obviously, sightings are not particularly unusual events."

But reports the object was green gave Brownlee some pause.

"It's not a normal color for a meteor," he admitted. "But it does happen. I've seen meteors that appear green."

Peter Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, rejected that theory.

"It was seen close to the horizon from every vantage point," Davenport said. "It went from Renton to Lynnwood, and nobody saw it for more than three seconds. It was streaking. Anything that moves that low and that fast is not a meteor."



Staff Photo / Kevan E. Mathis

SOUP MEETING — A Scientific Organization for Unexplained Phenomena (SOUP) meeting was held Saturday, March 4, at the North Arkansas Community/Technical College. More than 100 people showed up to listen to featured speaker, Debbie Bain, discuss subjects such as Bigfoot, alien abductions, animal and human mutilations, and other UFO phenomena.

SOUP Talks Bigfoot, Alien Abductions

By Kevan E. Mathis
Of the Times Staff

The Scientific Organization (for) Unexplained Phenomena (SOUP) group held its third free, public meeting at North Arkansas Community/Technical College in Harrison Saturday, March 4, at 7 p.m. in the school's theater/auditorium.

The featured speaker was Debbie Bain, the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON) director for Marion, Baxter, Fulton, Stone and Izard counties. Her main topic of discussion was "The Anatomy of an Abduction." SOUP officials played recordings of local people's interviews with a "Bigfoot" type animal.

Mrs. Bain, who has spoken in Atlanta, Eureka Springs, Little Rock and St. Louis, is a native Texan who has lived in Arkansas for over 30 years. She also answered questions that the audience asked.

"I didn't expect such a large crowd. When I looked around and saw all of you people here tonight, I thought to myself that this would be a good time for me to be abducted again," Mrs. Bain joked.

"Abduction is a close encounter of the fourth kind. They happen worldwide with about half of the abductees being male and half female," she said. "The aliens know no color barrier; they choose all different colors of people, apparently at random. We just do not know enough about them yet."

She said most people who have been abducted share remarkably similar stories. "They speak of

floating out of bed and going through the ceiling or the wall. However, most of them do not remember going into the spacecraft. This is called "doorway amnesia," she said.

Most of the abductees see aliens described as "grays, which are from three-to-five-foot tall, having huge heads, small necks, long arms, with three or four fingers," Bain said. Most of the people say they are led into some type of examination room where, more often than not, a medical procedure is performed on them.

"Most often, some sort of reproductive operation is performed on the abductees. Sometimes they implant a tracer or some type of chemical alteration is injected into their bodies," she said.

After the medical procedure is performed, Mrs. Bain said the aliens usually take the abductees on a tour of the spacecraft. "The aliens usually communicate with the humans by some type of mind link," said Mrs. Bain.

"The creatures, which we refer to as the 'blonde-nords' type, are good-looking, kind and usually give soothing replies to the humans' questions. The mean ones are the reptiles," Bain said.

Mrs. Bain, who said she has been abducted on numerous occasions, has had all four types of alien encounters — first, second, third, and fourth. When a member of the audience asked her to describe them, she said she would rather not speak of them on the record.

She said that the scientific world does not readily accept alien ab-

ductions because when alien implants are found, they are always constructed of man-made materials found here on earth, instead of from another planet.

According to Mrs. Bain, there have been numerous documented cases in which a pregnant woman, who was abducted by aliens, was later examined by doctors who testified of no signs of miscarriage, and also there were no signs the woman was ever even pregnant.

Mrs. Bain also said that even though the aliens usually abduct middle-aged, "normal people," they have also taken handicapped people. "They will also take people who believe in UFOs, as well as non-believers."

"There have been reports of some, but not many, people who have been abducted and have never been returned," said Mrs. Bain. One man in the audience said he believed that the three missing women who were kidnapped in Springfield, Mo. a few years ago and who have never been heard from since, were abducted by aliens.

SOUP officials presented a slide show not yet viewed by the public which featured baffling lights and unusual cloud formations. Free refreshments were also served at the meeting.

SOUP, which was originated in Harrison to investigate the phe-

Included at the meeting was a viewing of a video entitled, "The Coverup; The Witnesses," in which Barry Goldwater said, "Apparently, at least one alien space ship landed in the 1950s but the U.S. government hushed up all of the witnesses. I personally asked U.S. Air Force General Curtis LeMay about the event and he told me to never ask him anything else about it."

SOUP board member Bill Wilcox presented a local phenomena report to the audience updating them on UFO-type incidences in the area that he has or is planning to investigate. They include:

□ Wilcox stated that he had been called by a person in Deer in Newton County who stated that he had seen what appeared to be "Bigfoot" and the creature had real red eyes.

□ A person from Melbourne called him stating that he had seen a "UFO playing around in the air with a U.S. stealth bomber."

□ People from Bergman and Mount Judea had seen bright lights at night dancing around in the air.

SOUP officials announced the Seventh Annual Ozark UFO Conference, to be held at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs on April 7-9, will present the latest information concerning many aspects of the UFO subject.

The conference will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 7, and will conclude at noon on Sunday, April 9. The program will include personal accounts of UFO experiences, audio-visual presentations, and a panel discussion featuring all of the speakers.

The registration fee for the Ozark UFO Conference is \$35 per person, if paid in advance through April 1, or \$40 per person at the door.

Additional details are available by calling (501)354-2558 or by writing to: Ozark UFO Conference; Route 1, Box 220; Plummerville, AR 72127-9737.

nomena of UFO's, crop circles, alien abductions, and animal/human mutilations, has four primary purposes:

□ The scientific exploration and collection of data associated with UFOs.

□ Public meetings to present information and news of UFOs.

□ Support meetings for persons having experiences involving UFOs.

□ Newsletter publications which focus on news and local interests.

SOUP planning committee members include John Hodges, Randy and Betty Ortega, Ricky and Joe Puett, Randy Snowden, Dr. Patricia Patterson Tursi, and Bill and Elizabeth Wilcox.

DAILY RECORD, Roswell, NM - Jan. 15, 1995

Council votes to fund UFO festival

Nancy Fleming

Record Staff Writer

"If you are given a lemon, make lemonade," Stan Crosby told the Roswell City Council Thursday. "We were given a UFO crash, so let's make the best of it."

The Roswell City Council helped Crosby and other organizers of a 1995 UFO festival get off the ground by approving \$3,500 in lodger's tax funds to assist in the preparation and promotion of the festival scheduled for July 1 and 2.

Organizers are hoping the festival will become an annual event, Crosby said, in order to celebrate the alleged 1947 crash near Roswell and gear up toward the Roswell Incident's 50th anniversary in 1997.

"I think we can get a lot of national attention," Crosby said, referring to the numerous television programs and published articles on the incident as well as public interest in UFO phenomenon.

Events in the works include a laser light show at the Bottomless Lakes State Park, Planetarium shows, a UFO run and speakers, as well as booths and other activities at DeBremont Stadium.

Councilor Bill Owen said if the festival is successful he would like to see the organizers return all or some of the \$3,500 to the city's lodger's tax to be used for other events.

Organizers include Main Street Roswell, the International UFO Museum and Research Center, the city Parks Department, a runner's club and Mike Fisher of KSFXradio.

NEWS-GUARD, Lincoln City, OR
Jan. 18, 1995

City police investigate report of UFO over water

On the proverbial wild goose chase, two Lincoln City police officers investigated a report of a unidentified flying object (UFO) during the wee hours of Thursday, Jan. 12.

The report of the UFO was received by the police dispatcher at 12:19 a.m. The caller reported seeing a UFO taking a boat. Officers Jim White and Rob Teague investigated the report.

White said they determined it was a boat bobbing up and down in the surf.

He reported no evidence of a UFO or a missing boat. This was White's first UFO call.

Just to be thorough, White said the U.S. Coast Guard was notified of the report and asked to inform police of anything suspicious. The Coast Guard reported nothing unusual.

Neighbors encounter unidentifiable object

ODDITY: Anaheim residents saw something strange, but no one knows what.

By KATIE HICKOX and JEFFREY MILLER
The Orange County Register

ANAHEIM — All around a tree-lined neighborhood near West Ball Road and the Santa Ana (I-5) Freeway on Thursday morning, adults and children alike were asking one another: "Did you see it?"

Those who said they glimpsed a dark object hovering in the sky between 6 and 7:30 a.m. — among them a 13-year-old boy, a 46-year-old chiropractor's aide, a 74-year-old former military pilot and a 53-year-old school attendance clerk — said it was the strangest thing they'd seen in all their years on this planet.

Few wanted to say the initials: UFO. No one from federal air agencies, nearby military bases, the National Weather Service or

the Police Department had heard any reports or could explain the sighting.

"We feel strange admitting we saw something so weird in the sky," said Elaine Mazor, attendance clerk at Ball Junior High School, who saw what she described as two dark oblong objects hovering over the school on West Ball Road. "I didn't see any green men or anything."

Descriptions differed. One person said there were two round objects, and three people said they saw a misshapen lump. All agreed it was dark and seemed to hang in the heavens without visible propellers, wings or a balloon.

"To me it looked like a Model-T that got hit by a freight train," said Chris Christensen, 74, a former World War II pilot who lives on Sonya Place, about three-fourths of a mile away from the school. He said he saw the object around 7:30 a.m., when he went out to get the morning paper.

Christensen grabbed a pair of binoculars but said he still

couldn't make it out.

"I don't have the slightest idea what it was," he said. "I was just so curious about it. It was like a piece of junk hanging from an invisible balloon."

One mile south of Christensen's home, 13-year-old Joe DeGuevara was walking along Aspen Street, on his way to school, when he saw something in the sky at about 6:45 a.m.

"It was all different shapes; it wasn't just one shape," he said. "It wasn't really round, it wasn't really square. It looked like two people on top of a platform, spinning."

DeGuevara said he watched the object the whole way to school. At the school, Mazor and Linda Linder, 44, a campus aide, were standing outside, watching it with several other adults and children.

"It was like a cylinder, black, turning, rotating in the sky," said Alexandra Diaz, 14.

Kathy Thompson, 46, said she became alarmed when she heard about a KIKF 94.3 FM radio broadcast about the object from a friend. Thompson said she awoke at 6:45 a.m. and saw a small round protozoanlike object that grew into a larger, splatter-shaped object hovering beyond her apartment complex on Palm Lane.



MARK AVERY/The Orange County Register

THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE: Attendance secretary Elaine Mazor and others saw something above Ball Junior High School in Anaheim. Though she can't identify it, she doesn't believe it was a 'UFO.'

"I'm going, 'Oh, my God, this is unbelievable. Somebody has just got to know what this is,'" said Thompson, a chiropractor's aide.

Authorities from Disneyland to the Federal Aviation Administration were stumped by the reports, dismissed by some as an early-morning urban myth.

Anaheim police received no calls about the sightings, Sgt. Tom Mathisen said.

"It wasn't Disneyland," Magic Kingdom spokesman John McClintock said. "I've checked

miles north, saw no sign of the objects, officials said.

The National Weather Service regularly releases balloons to test atmospheric conditions — but not in Orange County, said meteorologist Stephen Ahn.

Planes did not fly out of El Toro Marine Corps Air Station until 7 a.m., and the first helicopters did not leave Tustin Marine Corps Air Station until an hour later, said Cpl. Chris W. Cox, a spokesman for the bases.

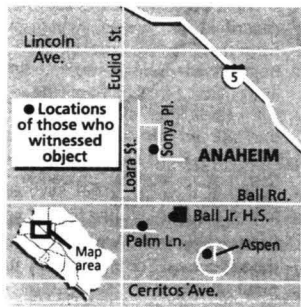
Ted Bartimus, spokesman for the 63rd Army Reserve Command, stationed at Los Alamitos, said his unit's helicopters sometimes fly in the area where the sightings occurred, but he doubted anyone would call them UFOs.

A Corona del Mar UFO investigator said the reports could be anything from a hoax to a bizarre weather formation.

"You don't know, in fact, that it's extraterrestrial," said Melinda Leslie, of the Mutual UFO Network.

Back in the West Ball neighborhood, residents don't know what they saw.

"I don't think it was a UFO," Christensen said. "What's so strange about it, though, is you don't usually see something that's floating in the sky."



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with everybody who might conceivably have had something in the air this morning, and no one did."

The FAA didn't receive any reports either, and controllers at Fullerton Airport, less than five

ARIZONA REPUBLIC, Phoenix, AZ - Jan. 29, 1995



WILLIAM P. CHESHIRE

Senior Editorial Columnist

Mon Dieu! What was that thing?

A friend of mine in Washington — he works for the government, so I won't identify him — is forever badgering me to sneak up to "Dreamland," the military research facility in Nevada, and expose the reverse engineering allegedly being done on captured flying saucers.

I've begged off on grounds that (a) they shoot at prowlers up there and (b) I've seen a UFO already.

I'm inspired to tell about it by Thomas Ropp's fascinating piece in last Sunday's *Republic*, in which he described his excursion to Nevada's "alien highway" and into the twilight zone of ufology.

My close encounter occurred in a more humdrum setting — a stretch of North Carolina Rt. 54 east of Chapel Hill. The Research Triangle has since sprouted nearby, and jetliners whoosh in and out of Raleigh-Durham Airport, but in those days Rt. 54 was a little-traveled tar-and-gravel road bounded by loblolly pines.

A friend of mine and I were driving to Raleigh from the University of North Carolina, where we were students, to call on a couple of acquaintances at St. Mary's, a women's junior college.

My friend, who has a flourishing legal practice, may not be eager to embrace the bizarre, so I'll call him Wilbur.

As Wilbur drove, I stared out the window at a gnat-sized speck in an otherwise featureless sky.

A pie-shaped object

Since the speck didn't move, I assumed absent-mindedly that it was a distant airplane traveling toward Raleigh on a course more or less parallel to ours.

As we angled toward it, it became slowly

more distinct, but remained no more than a speck. Then the road turned abruptly to the right, and we rapidly bore down on the object until we were nearly underneath it.

My eyes widened. Details — peculiar details — became clear. Whatever it was was about the length of a Greyhound bus, but pie-shaped and tapered at the perimeter. A square grid-like "antenna" protruded off-center from the top. It was hovering soundlessly at about 1,000 feet, its burnished underside reflecting the afternoon sun. (The time was about 3:30 or 4.)

The object was on my side of the car, about 30 degrees up from the horizon, and Wilbur hadn't seen it. After reassuring myself that it wasn't just an airplane or a balloon, I pointed to it.

"Wilbur," I said, "what is that?"

Wilbur looked up from the road and sucked in his breath. "Mon Dieu!" he exclaimed, or words to that effect.

We didn't have the presence of mind to stop the car, and in 20 or 30 seconds a stand of trees blocked our view. Wilbur stomped hard on the accelerator, but by the time the car emerged from behind the trees the object had vanished.

Lawyer has close brush

Years later, while working in Columbia, S.C., I mentioned this strange occurrence to a reporter friend. He called me sometime afterward and asked permission to use my account in a story he was writing on UFOs. I told him that he was welcome to do so, but that a member of his own newspaper's board of directors had had a far more exciting encounter than mine.

This man had told me that while approaching Columbia in broad daylight he had seen a saucer-shaped UFO flying 50 feet or so off the wingtip of his father-in-law's airplane. The five occupants of the plane had watched for about 10 minutes, he said, as the pilot, maneuvering frantically, tried to shake the object.

The reporter thanked me and hung up. Later his newspaper published the account of my sighting, but made no mention of the more remarkable experience of its own board member, a much-respected lawyer.

Members of the bar, I suppose, can't afford to have their clients associate them with the paranormal and need to guard their public image.

Twenty years after the UFO sighting on the way to Raleigh, my wife and I were having dinner with Wilbur and his wife, and I casually brought up our puzzling encounter. To my amazement, Wilbur's wife knew nothing about it. In all those years Wilbur had never said a word.

Preserving his public image may not have been the reason.

"Wilbur," his wife asked after we had filled her in on the UFO, "who was that girl you were visiting at St. Mary's?"

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - March 1, 1995

Michigan Visitor Sights Familiar Gulf Breeze Glowing Globe

By Vicki Lyons

While visiting in the area, Sue Hollemans of Grand Rapids, Michigan, witnessed an unusual object in the southern skies of the Gulf on February 4. Relatives of Mrs. Hollemans had rented a Gulfside condominium on Perdido Key for the month of February. On Saturday night, February 4, Mrs. Hollemans "felt drawn to go out on the balcony" about 11:30 p.m. She noticed a low, reddish-orange orb, distant and large, pulsating and dimming, alternately. She retrieved her binoculars and watched the object through them while resting her arms on the balcony rail. The object hovering south over the Gulf, appeared to "spurt out something" and then preformed a "figure eight". "It really began to pulsate then", Mrs. Hollemans said. Two aircraft approached it and it blinked out instantly.

Mrs. Hollemans could hear the sound of the aircraft that approached the object, but no sound emanated from the hovering unknown object. "I've never seen anything that looked or behaved so strangely. It was incredible." Mrs. Hollemans exclaimed. "The friends back home are going to be so excited when I tell them about my UFO sighting."

Checks made to area military bases and air traffic towers by Vicki Lyons revealed no radar confirmation of the object and military sources stated that the object was not originating from any of their maneuvers. The night of the sighting was very overcast and the object performed its strange acrobatics low on the horizon.

To report your UFO sighting or get more information on local meetings, call the UFO Hotline - 438-3261.

Out there

Probing unknown is life's work for Johnson City man

By ANNE GRUNDON
Bristol Herald Courier

Even as a toddler, Stacey McGee had an unusual sensation that some sort of extraterrestrial being was out there, hovering above his Limestone, Tenn., home and speaking to him in some strange way.

Today, McGee believes his mission in life is to investigate unidentified flying objects and find out what these aliens are doing here on Earth. He founded the U.S. UFO Information and Research Center in Johnson City about a year ago and now spends his time investigating UFO crashes, possible landings and unusual alien abductions.

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when he was about 3 years old.

"I walked into the yard and stared up at the sky and I heard a voice inside my head saying 'Why did you leave me here?'" McGee said. "Ever since then, I've had a feeling that we are not alone in the universe. Throughout life I've experienced a number of UFO sightings, which is a normal pattern for people who have had an abduction experience."

McGee doesn't specifically remember being abducted by aliens, but he does have a number of unusual and unexplained scars on his body, he said.

And he's not the only one.

The Johnson City center now has more than 150 members, many of whom developed an interest in

UFOs after seeing some unexplained object hovering in the clouds or unusual lights streaking through the night sky, McGee said. Many believe they have experienced alien abductions, which are brought out during regression sessions held during organization meetings.

"Many people don't want to talk about their abduction experiences," McGee said. "When they're brought out during regression episodes, they report instances of waking up and finding aliens in their bedrooms or of being on board a spacecraft of some kind. Sometimes they're lying on a metal table and being subjected to various tests."

Most often, aliens appear to be removing the sperm or eggs of their human patients, McGee said.

The experiences of local members closely resemble abduction experiences of others throughout the nation and world, McGee said. Those who share their experiences are promised confidentiality, but what they say is included in a written report that is filed for future reference.

McGee's second encounter came at the age of 10. His mother had driven him to the school-bus stop and he was waiting in the car for the bus to come when he saw something hovering in the sky, he said.

"It was diamond-shaped and had about three or four different glowing colors," McGee said. "It made a figure eight in the sky and then took off at a high rate of speed. After that, I more or less put UFOs in the back of my mind."

But in 1991, McGee was lying by the swimming pool at his apartment complex in Greeneville when he felt another presence. He then remembered his earlier encounters and began gathering information about what others had witnessed.

He joined MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, while living in Denver. When he returned to the area, he decided it was time to form an organization for local residents who have had an unusual experience or simply have an interest in UFOs.

When a sighting is reported, members of the organization visit the scene and attempt to photograph any unusual occurrences. In the rare instances when landings are reported, soil is gathered and sent to a laboratory for testing, McGee said.

"It's not very often that we can positively identify a landing site," McGee said, noting that laboratories compare soil believed to be taken from a landing site to samples gathered only feet away. "They do tend to prefer a large, level field, though."

McGee said it is his opinion that whatever extraterrestrial beings that may be here are trying to find out more about the human race.

"We don't believe they are evil. We think they are here for the investigation of our race, but sometimes they use methods that are questionable to our humanistic morality."

McGee is now director of the Johnson City-based organization, which has continued to grow rapidly since its inception last year. Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia continue to be "hot spots" for UFO sightings and unexplained extraterrestrial activity, he added, with a great percentage of the sightings reported near bodies of water or electric power sources.

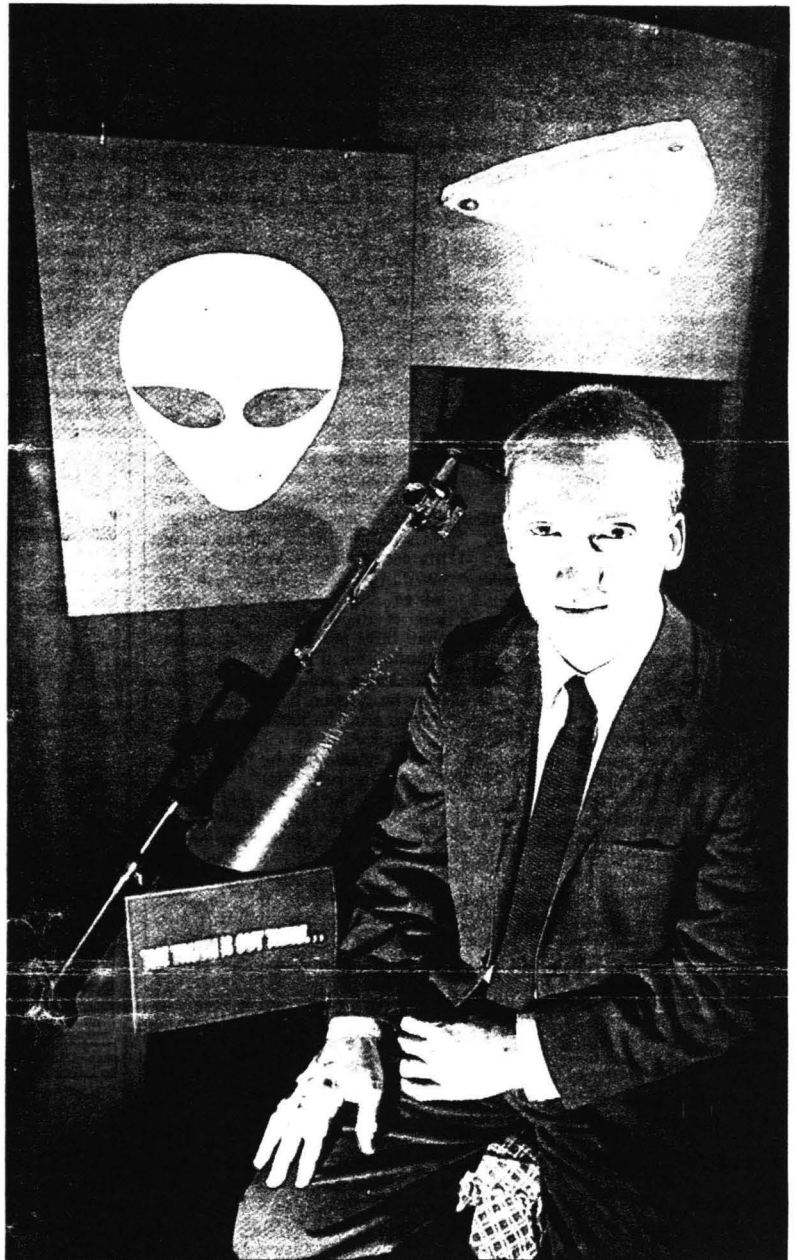
Each month, McGee publishes a newsletter describing recent sightings and invites those who have witnessed unexplained activity to write short articles for it. He also

appointed residents throughout the region to act as section leaders for their geographic area and encourages them to respond to areas where UFO activity has been reported.

The organization has adopted the motto "The truth is out there ..." and McGee said that really is the reason he formed the U.S. UFO Information and Research Center. By sharing information and investigating unexplained activity, he hopes his organization can help solve the mysteries of unidentified flying objects that have been reported throughout the nation and world.

"We like to think of ourselves as a support group, where people can talk about what they've seen without fear of being ridiculed," McGee said. "We want people to feel comfortable about coming forward and telling us about strange things they have seen. We would also like to appeal to any law enforcement or fire safety officers that may have seen something unusual. We have a very strict policy of protecting the identity of our witnesses."

Those interested in subscribing to McGee's newsletter, joining the organization or reporting an unexplained experience can contact him at (615) 854-8998.



Herald Courier/Toby Tobler

Stacey McGee is a believer in life on other worlds, and he also believes some of those life forms have visited Earth. The Limestone, Tenn., native is the founder and director of the U.S. UFO Information and Research Center in Johnson City, an organization that investigates and records UFO sightings, landings and alien abductions.

DAILY NEWS, Anchorage, AK - Jan. 22, 1995

KEEPS AN EYE ON THE SKY

WHITEHORSE — Mike Powaschuk wouldn't come right out and say he saw a UFO near Ross River last month. But he was pretty sure what it wasn't.

"It was not the Northern Lights, it was not the moon and it was not a star," the 36-year-old Powaschuk said in an interview here.

Powaschuk was at his cabin at Sheldon Lake, about 80 miles northeast of Ross River on Dec. 20. He said he had just finished working his trapline when he saw some lights in the sky.

"I saw these lights in the sky about 10 to 20 miles away," he said. "They were green, blue, red and white."

An amateur photographer, Powaschuk took some snapshots of the eerie lights. He also made some notes, and recorded the bearings and elevations of the lights.

He admitted he had been drinking that night, but said he had had only three or four ounces of rum over several hours.

Powaschuk said he tried to communicate with the lights by flashing the SOS signal with his flashlight. He said he also placed a lantern and candle on his windowsill.

"I didn't hide underneath the blankets," he said. "I wasn't

scared."

After several hours, the lights disappeared, and Powaschuk reported his sighting to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Ross River. Later that day, he visited the site where he thought the lights had originated, but found no sign anything had landed.

"My nickname is Mad Mike, and I've got quite a reputation as a hard-talking guy," he said, "but I swear on Jesus, it's true. I don't tell stories."

Powaschuk isn't the first Ross River resident to notice something strange in the sky. Bill Barson said he saw some about 10 to 12 years ago.

"They were glowing bright lights that moved slowly," Carson said, adding that he doubted they were UFOs. "I suspect they were some meteors," he said. "There had been quite a storm that night, with clouds, rains and wind. The lights went from west to east. It seemed as though one had struck the mountains."

Astronomer Chris Rutkowski conducts research in ufology, or the study of UFOs. His records show a previous Yukon sighting of something unexplained in 1990, one in 1991 and three in 1992. There was none in 1993.

— Caroline Murray

The Whitehorse Star

CR: J. & L. Nicholson

1994 Had Its Share Of UFO Sightings In Pennsylvania

UFO sightings continue to intrigue Pennsylvania residents, according to a 1994 report by Stan Gordon.

Gordon, of Greensburg, has been actively researching reported UFO sightings and other strange occurrences in Pennsylvania for more than 35 years. He currently is an independent researcher/investigator of these ongoing events. Gordon has tracked information on sightings from across the state, and he investigates some of the sightings when possible.

Sightings of unidentified flying objects are reported yearly by residents from around the world. Sightings of these mysterious aerial objects were common from many parts of the United States during 1994, and observers from Pennsylvania also claimed to have unusual encounters.

Many of the observations of strange objects in the sky quite often can be attributed to natural causes. Commonly reported are bright planets and stars, lights on aircraft, reflections off of clouds from searchlights, and meteors. But some of the observations remain unexplained and their source is open for speculation.

During 1994, Gordon accumulated information on alleged UFO sightings or other unusual events from 20 counties in Pennsylvania. Other incidents reported included giant footprints in the snow, unexplained earthshakings, mysterious sounds and creature sightings.

A bright fiery object of

various colors, trailing smoke, was reported by many observers at 12:28 a.m. April 22, as it moved from east to west. Police and news offices were jammed with calls from people who saw the object in the sky as it moved from Westmoreland and Allegheny counties into Beaver County. The object was identified as a bolide, which is an unusually bright meteor that can be seen over a large area. Another UFO sighting that turned out to be an identified flying object (IFO) occurred in the early morning hours of Sept. 1, when people reported seeing a bright glowing object that was slow-moving on a straight-line path. The object was later identified as an advertising blimp that is illuminated internally, thus causing the blimp to appear to glow in the dark.

Another mystery that caused some concern for a time for residents in parts of Westmoreland County concerned giant footprints in the snow, some of which measured more than 30 inches in length. After on-site investigations in various places, along with studying video tapes that were taken of the tracks, it later was determined that the tracks were caused by a bear. Unusual weather conditions at the time helped to make the tracks look much larger and stranger.

Some mysteries persist from 1994. For example, at about 8:20 p.m. Feb. 9, an unusual sound and jolt was felt over a large part of the

Pittsburgh area, and possibly as far as the West Virginia border. Many residents called local authorities to try to find out what had occurred. No earthquake activity was reported, and neither the Air Force or FAA could find a cause for this incident.

UFO sightings were the most common phenomena reported, and some of the sightings are not easily explained away. Several of the sightings were daylight observations being reported from Cambria and Bedford counties. One of the most unusual sightings reported occurred in daylight outside of Philadelphia. At 10:50 a.m. July 10, a man driving his car on Route 363 first viewed the object passing over a farm. The object was described as elongated and shaped something like a propane tank. It was about 20 to 30 feet long, of a dull gray color, and there were no rivet or welding marks on the surface. There appeared to be four leg-like protuberances at the bottom. The object was about 150 feet away from the witness at the closest point. At times it hovered, spun and moved slowly. It caused concern in the observer, who was familiar with aircraft and had never seen anything like this before. He stated that other people in cars were watching the object and pointing at it.

UFO's are reported in various sizes and shapes. Commonly reported in Pennsylvania have been triangular, elongated and disc-shaped

objects as well as spheres of light. More recently, during the early morning hours of Oct. 13, the lone driver of a car traveling on Route 66 not far from Delmont observed a brightly-lit object about four feet distant approach the right side of her car and move directly over the hood. As the driver continued down the road just a short distance, a second similar object once again came directly at her vehicle, again approaching from the right, and moving across the front of the car. The second object went straight up into the air about eight feet. The driver then stopped the car and watched as this object flew over the trees in the distance until it was lost from sight.

Gordon, while semiretired from UFO research, continues to take calls from the

public concerning sightings and other unusual incidents, and investigates certain incidents when possible. Gordon is continuing his investigation into the Dec. 9, 1965, UFO crash incident that occurred near Kecksburg, and he continues to utilize the Freedom of Information Act to try to uncover government information related to that UFO mystery. If you have information about the Kecksburg case, contact Gordon.

The public also may request a free packet of information sources by sending Gordon a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

To report sightings or obtain information contact Stan Gordon, UFO Researcher, 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601, or phone/facsimile 838-7768.

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - Jan. 25, 1995

Multiple Sightings Thrill Dedicated Sky Watchers At Shoreline Park

By Carole Baker

Four times on the evening of Thursday, January 19 between 7 and 8:30 p.m. the skywatchers at Shoreline Park observed UFO activity in the sky over Pensacola Beach.

The first event began at 7:05 p.m. when a UFO "blinked in" over the Yacht Club. It was an amber light UFO and appeared to have an elongated shape. It was observed for approximately three and one half minutes as it travelled west along the horizon over the buildings on Fort Pickens Road. The light faded almost down to nothing at some points and then brightened again as it progressed along before fading out totally. At one point some rotation was observed just before the light faded out.

The next UFO was sighted about 7:20 p.m. in the sky near The Dunes Hotel. This one appeared to be spinning and flashing on and off at irregular intervals. It would show red on occasions as it flashed. This sighting lasted approximately a minute and turned deep red before disappearing totally. Both of these sightings appeared at about ten degrees above the horizon.

The next sighting was at 8:00 p.m. and was lower in the sky than the previous two sightings of this evening,

being at about five degrees above the horizon. The UFO travelled west again along the skyline of Fort Pickens Road and at one point slowed almost to a stop. This UFO was also observed to dim and brighten as it progressed along.

The last event of the evening began in the sky above the Holiday Inn at 8:35 p.m. This UFO also travelled west along the skyline of Fort Pickens Road. It travelled steadily and at the same brightness for about seven minutes before it flashed off and on and then disappeared. It came back about two minutes later in the exact spot it was last observed. This amber light UFO then continued to travel west before fading out and disappearing altogether at about 8:50 p.m.

An interesting aspect of these sightings is that on each occasion the light would reappear in the exact same spot it disappeared, which would seem to rule out any forward progression when the light was not visible.

It certainly was an interesting evening and the sightings made up for the cold temperatures and strong west, north west winds! These sightings are a good start to the New Year for the skywatchers at Shoreline Park. Keep watching the sky!

CALIFORNIAN, Salinas, CA - Feb. 11, 1995 CR: S. Canada

Object in the sky of Salinas still a mystery after 43 years

What was it they saw in the sky over Salinas that day. A meteor? A wayward weather balloon? Swamp gas?

Whatever it was, those who witnessed the object's flyover that cool Friday morning of Dec. 12, 1952, were in agreement that it didn't belong there.

That Friday was not unlike so many late fall days in Salinas. It was cool that morning, in the low 40s. But after the fog burned off the temperature almost scraped the 70-degree mark on the thermometer; and the sky was perfectly clear.

The object appeared shortly before noon. It first was spotted by a work crew at the Spreckels sugar plant.

People in town saw it, too. Virgil Wallace told the newspaper that the object was the size of "an automobile headlight."

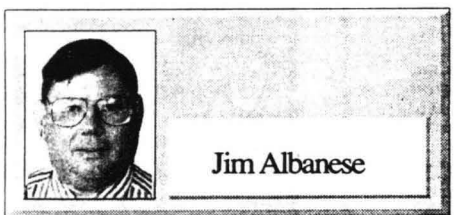
Witnesses said it passed over Salinas heading south. Then it was observed hovering motionless over Mount Toro for about seven minutes.

Although no report was ever made public, the Army at Fort Ord apparently noticed the object as well. Witnesses said a small plane, the kind used for scouting and artillery observation, with Army markings approached the strange craft as it hovered over Mount Toro.

Whatever the object was, the military plane apparently scared it off. It vanished from view in a matter of seconds as the airplane approached for a look-see.

This was Salinas' first recorded "close encounter" but, unfortunately, if there was a follow-up investigation, its results were never disclosed to the public.

Salinas was preoccupied by other matters on Dec. 12, 1952, and not even a visitation from E.T. could



Jim Albanese

shift the city's focus. The Hartnell College football team was en route to Pasadena that day to play in the Junior Rose Bowl on Saturday. Hundreds of fans from Salinas were on the road as well.

The game was a classic. Hartnell marched 99 yards in the closing seconds, scoring a touchdown after time had expired (because of a defensive penalty) to tie Baccone, Okla., 20-20.

And no one in Salinas was in the mood, really, to expend brainwork to figure out what was in the sky. The euphoria after the game was so consuming, Darth Vader could have come to town and no one would have taken notice.

But after 43 years, questions linger. Was this a spacecraft from another world? Was Wallace's description of the object as "a headlight" his way of putting a large, distant object into perspective, or was it really that small? Did the Army investigate further? Was this sighting connected in any way with a rash of radar-verified UFO sightings over Washington, D.C., a few months earlier?

We'll never know for sure.

□ JIM ALBANESE is Opinion Page editor of The Californian. His column appears on Saturday.

JOURNAL, Alexandria, VA - March 8, 1995

A crackdown over UFO writings

A tenured professor of psychiatry at Harvard dares write a book about the so-called UFO-alien abduction experience. Apparently concerned about the author's public acceptance of the experience as worthy of further scientific analysis, university officials have risen to the occasion by branding the author a heretic and calling for his dismissal.

Had the author chatted with me before venturing upon this slippery slope of UFO research, I could have projected what lay in store for him. After all, I incurred the wrath of my own (former) employer — the federal civil service — during my 36-year career, throughout which, as a private citizen, I dared point a public finger at the unclothed emperor of official UFO research.

If Professor John E. Mack, author of "Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens," loses his position at the hands of squeamish, cowardly colleagues and administrators, the

academic community will suffer a grave setback to its treasured notion of academic freedom supposedly protected by tenure.

More than that, the scientific gains made over the past 20 years toward understanding and resolving the UFO issue will suffer if Harvard succeeds in killing its messenger of bad news.

What's next? Should any of Dr. Carl Sagan's colleagues now feel encouraged to try stripping his tenure for his having written a not-so-negative popular-magazine article on the abduction experience?

The public, and particularly academia, should come to Mack's defense. Not so much for the content of his message as for his right to remain to express it. Scholars, scientists and students who agree with Mack that the UFO subject deserves sustained, serious attention should voice their opposition to this (albeit predictable) exercise in railroadage.

How about an old-fashioned student-led protest?

LARRY W. BRYANT
Alexandria

CR: L. Bryant

Mysterious flying object might have been a planet

■ Kingsley woman, trooper say what they saw was no planet

By RICH WERTZ
Record-Eagle staff writer

TRAVERSE CITY — The mysterious object seen in the sky Wednesday morning over Kingsley could have been a planet, a Northwestern Michigan College astronomy instructor said Thursday.

"If I were forced to bet, I'd bet

it was Jupiter," said Dick Cookman, after viewing a videotape of the object. "But it would be a cautious bet."

Kingsley resident Tracey Cejda reported seeing an object Wednesday when she let her dogs out at 6:30 a.m.

A neighbor, Michael Stelter, caught the image on video. State police Trooper Glenn Guldner arrived at her house sometime after 7:30 a.m. and observed the image, assisted by binoculars, for 20 minutes.

Cookman, after studying Stel-

ter's video, said there are some aspects to the case that support the Jupiter theory and some aspects that don't.

On Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m., Jupiter would have been three degrees above the horizon in the southeastern sky. By 7:30 a.m., it would have risen to 11½ degrees above the horizon.

That could explain why the object appeared to be at treetop level when Cejda first saw it and why it appeared higher in the sky by the time Guldner arrived.

Also, when planets appear low

on the horizon they can appear to change color, to twinkle, and to move, he said. Those effects are caused by light refraction, especially when there is a lot of humidity in the air.

In fact, for the last several decades, reports of UFO sightings rise whenever a planet is low on the horizon, he said.

However, Cookman was surprised at how large the object appeared on the videotape. With an image that large, he would have expected to see some detail that did not appear, such as the

bands of the planet and the four moons of its moons that are visible to the naked eye.

"But that could just be because of a blurred image," Cookman said.

Cejda and Guldner remained convinced Thursday that they had not watched a planet. When Cejda first saw the object, it appeared to be three times as large as her barn.

She said a range of emotions ran through her, including both fright and excitement.

Guldner also said Thursday he was sure it wasn't a planet he saw. Stelter was out of town Thursday, but Cejda said she was sure he would say it wasn't a planet.

"Nobody else can understand what we three experienced because they weren't out there with us," she said.

Guldner noted in his police report that three military-type jets flew past the object and that the lights on the object went out as the jets passed by. He said Thursday afternoon he had not yet tried to identify the jets.

They were not military jets from anywhere in Michigan or from a base in Toledo, Ohio, said Major Jerold Foehl, public affairs officer at Camp Grayling. Foehl checked with those bases Thursday and learned they had no jets in the air Wednesday morning.

The story was widely reported in the news media Thursday. Radio commentator Paul Harvey mentioned it. *The Weekly World News*, a grocery store tabloid in Florida, began working on the story.

The media reaction was overwhelming and somewhat frightening to Cejda. She arrived home from work Thursday to find some 20 messages on her answering machine. Some were friendly, but some were rude.

A radio deejay cracked what seemed to her to be a crude joke about whether a missing blow-up doll happened to have flown over her house.

Another caller asked if she were seeking fame and fortune.

Actually, what she wants is a restored sense of privacy, Cejda said.

"I would just like my life to get back to normal," she said.

GAZETTE-MAIL, Charleston, WV - Dec. 11, 1994 CR: B. Teets

Are space aliens on the loose in West Virginia?

By Mary Wade Burnside
SUNDAY GAZETTE-MAIL

YOU'VE probably heard about the green monster in Braxton County and the Mothman character allegedly seen near the collapsing Silver Bridge in Point Pleasant. But do you know about the guy in Harrison County who claims he has been abducted by aliens at least 1,500 times?

Preston County journalist-turned-publisher Bob Teets tracked down this guy, interviewed him, hypnotized him, and culled information from him about the short and blue, medium and gray, and tall and green aliens that visit him periodically.

This story, along with other tales of Appalachian aliens, appears in Teets' new book, "West Virginia UFOs: Close Encounters in the Mountain State," published by Teets' own Headline Books in Terra Alta.

Alien favorite

These aliens, according to the Harrison County fellow, identified only as "Daniel D.," come from another dimension and work on his body. During their visits, he cannot move and no time seems to pass. Sometimes, they get him while he sleeps. If they catch him at his store, he might have the urge to take a nap and no customers enter the place.

One day, Daniel D.'s wisdom teeth hurt, but after an abduction, they quit bothering him. Once, as they worked on him, he said he had "a very pleasurable sensation around my liver."

So what did Teets think of Daniel D.? "I believe he believes it," Teets said. "I have no basis by which to judge these people, so I can't say objectively. But he certainly seems like a credible guy. That much I could say."

Does Teets, a former editor and publisher of the Preston County News, apply his journalistic skepticism when he listens to these alien stories?

"After having been a reporter for so long, one sort of develops a low threshold for B.S., and you kind of get this sixth sense when someone's pulling your leg," he said. "I did not have that sense with the vast majority of the people I interviewed."

But why would aliens abduct Daniel D. 1,500 times, but not Teets once, or his neighbor or anyone else who has never claimed to have seen an unidentified flying object?

"That's one of the fascinating areas in this research," Teets said. "Why is that? I have no idea. It defies explanations and it tests your credulity at every turn. But the fact remains, there have been millions of reported encounters. Not necessarily abductions, but

encounters, around the world. You just simply cannot say all these people are crazy."

The Blue Book

As TV programs such as "The X-Files" and movies such as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T." show, a fascination with tales of flying saucers exists among the general population.

"Nearly three-quarters of the people in America, according to Time magazine, believe in angels. Less than half believe in demons," Teets said. "When you get into UFO research, you find that so many experiences are akin to contact with an angelic or demonic force."

Even the United States government sticks up for about 5 percent of UFO sightings. In Project Blue Book, an official list of flying object sightings released in 1969, the U.S. Air Force found causes for 95 percent of objects that had been unidentified.

"The so-called debunkers say 100 percent can be explained by scientific terms and are anything but aliens or extraterrestrial craft," Teets said. "But even the Blue Book said 5 percent could not be explained in ways that are addressed by science as naturally occurring phenomena."

Even though Teets says he experienced an inexplicable sighting as a child, he only became interested in UFOs through his job as a consultant for the Human Potential Foundation in Falls Church, Va., a non-profit scientific and educational group. He then decided to combine his desire to publish books with the stories he heard from his home state.

"That's really what I've done for the last 18 months, is get involved with this research," he said.

UFO birthplace?

Even though West Virginia's hills seem to give way to stories about green monsters and little blue men, Teets said the state's residents do not come forth with more stories than most other places in the world.

But in West Virginia, Teets said, "I'd call Braxton County the birthplace of the UFO. The green monster is a great story, and it has an Appalachian flavor."

In the book, Teets interviews Kathleen May, the only adult who supposedly saw the green monster. A great ball of fire accompanied the sighting of a metallic green being inside of a flying object.

Teets also documents other UFO sightings since the 1952 green monster incident. He can describe sightings all over the world, throughout time, from the era of the Bible to times before the hot-air balloon and beyond.

One incident at a UFO conven-

tion in Nebraska really intrigued Teets. An engineer gave him a sketch of a sighting of an atypical ship with tripod legs, as opposed to the fixed legs most UFO drawings have.

Later, he attended a conference where a journalist described a long, tough journey through the jungles of Africa, until she finally arrived in a village where a tribesman sketched a UFO.

And, by golly, the picture the tribesman made matched the one drawn by the engineer in Nebraska. "There's extraordinary stuff like that I can't explain," he said. "They did see the same thing, but if they did, is it mind control, or did a satellite fly over them and give them an image from the basement of the Pentagon?"

Teets also brings up UFO sightings from before the time of airplanes and computers. What language would those people use to describe a large flying metal disc and machines that would be even more foreign to them than to citizens of the 20th century?

"As an Appalachian, born and bred, I have belief systems of my own, and this phenomenon constantly challenges those belief systems," he said. "Also, at the same time, it encourages me to seek a deeper meaning out of life."

John Keel, the author of "The Mothman Prophecies" who worked with Clarksburg native and ufologist Gray Barker, ordered a copy of "Close Encounters in the Mountain State."

But during his years of research, Keel came to disbelieve even the most convincing evidence and joined the side of the debunkers. He purports that scientists have proven no other life exists in the galaxies.

Previously, Keel claimed that mass sightings of similar objects could be part hallucination and part time travel. Now, he wonders why the scientific community has not studied meteors more closely. During a telephone interview from New York, he said the Pentagon began a secret project on meteors in 1975.

"These meteors explode like atoms, and fragments of material come down to earth and they resemble what we call UFOs," he said. "These things are not usual meteors — they're not made out of stone."

Such reports do not deter Teets. Not yet, anyway.

"John's been doing this a long time, and I've just been doing it a few years," Teets said. "Perhaps after I've done it for 25 years, perhaps I'll come to the same conclusion. But I don't feel drawn to make a conclusion about this. The fascination is about doing the research and interviewing the people."



The Braxton County Monster was allegedly seen in 1952 by Kathleen May, who is interviewed in Bob Teets' book, "West Virginia UFOs: Close Encounters in the Mountain State."

Man who filmed UFO: It was not a planet

■ TV series 'Sightings' will show the object on its April 30 show

By RICH WERTZ
Record-Eagle staff writer

KINGSLEY — Three people who shared the experience of seeing an unidentified flying object last month revealed photos Thursday made from a videotape one of them recorded.

"We're making a whole-hearted attempt here to prove what we saw was not a planet," said Voice Road resident Mike Stelter, who shot the video. "We saw something. We don't know what we saw, but it wasn't a planet."

Stelter, his neighbor Tracey Cejda and state police Trooper Glenn Guldner all reported seeing the object in the southern sky near Kingsley on Dec. 21.

Mark Allen, WPBN-WTOM TV 7&4 weatherman, told television viewers at the time he believed the UFO was actually Venus. It

could have been Jupiter, speculated Dick Cookman, a Northwestern Michigan College astronomy instructor.

Stelter, Cejda and Guldner have insisted it wasn't a planet. They still don't claim to know what it was, although spacecraft from another world or experimental government aircraft have both crossed their minds.

"I want to know whether it was from this world or another world," said Cejda, who has

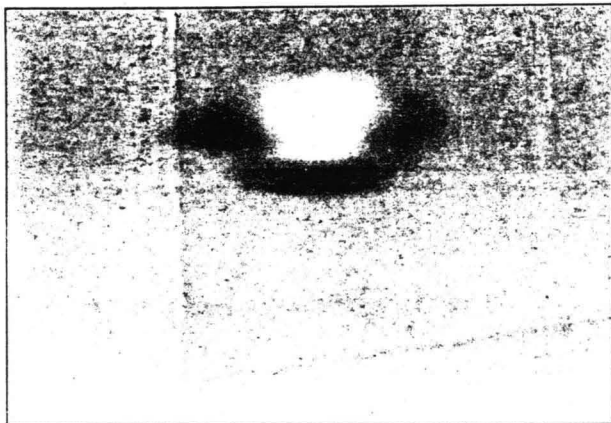


Photo by Mike Stelter

This enlarged photo was taken from a videotape of the flying object seen by three people last month.

To UFO Fans, Encounters Aren't Alien

By ADAM C. SMITH
Scripps Howard News Service

PENSACOLA — Priscilla Swartz craned her neck and peered through wire-rim glasses into the stars over the Gulf of Mexico.

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

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

Then a shout.

"Look! Behind us! Behind us!"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

would take an interest in his case.

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

This is the story of the flying saucer that crashed in the New Mexico desert 47 years ago and which the Air Force quickly whisked away and covered up. The account sometimes includes recovered alien bodies and sometimes doesn't. In the UFO community, Roswell is akin to the grassy knoll.

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

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

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

But compared to extraterrestrial kidnapping, to alien implants embedded in nostrils and to cross-breeding of aliens and humans, a crashed flying saucer is old, and very tame news. Besides, the UFO community is so used to coverups that another governmental denial is meaningless.

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

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

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

It's an indicator of how mainstream UFOs are becoming that a congressman will demand a taxpayer-funded UFO investigation. Or that a Harvard psychiatrist

maintained from the first day that the object was two or three times the size of her barn when she first saw it. "We'll probably never know."

The three of them each pitched in money to have photo enlargements made from the videotape shot by Stelter. The photos are not enhanced in any way, only enlarged, Stelter said.

The photos are copyrighted to protect their interest in them, Stelter said. They made copies available only to local reporters.

The three also signed a contract with the television show "Sightings," which filmed a reenactment of the morning that Cejda saw the object, called Stelter to videotape it, and then called the state police.

Guldner was the trooper who responded to her call.

Stelter said the three of them originally agreed to cooperate with the producers of "Sightings" because they wanted to see what they would do with his videotape. He described their pay as minimal.

Now that the three have had their own enlargements made, he said, his main interest is in seeing how the television show's pictures compare with their own.

"Sightings" will air locally on WGTV & WGTQ-TV 29&8 on April 30 at noon.

and Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer, John E. Mack, publicly acknowledges that he believes the stories of abductees.

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

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

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

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

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



SUN, Budapest, Hungary - Nov. 24-30, 1994 CR: A. Huneus

Saucer-watchers wait for president's landing

By David McGrath
Sun Staff

A small, avid but oft-ignored group eagerly anticipates U.S. President Bill Clinton's upcoming visit to Budapest, hoping it will usher in a new era of peace and cooperation — with extraterrestrial beings.

Hungary's thousands of UFO-watchers, including Defense Minister György Keleti, are apparently Friends of Bill. An article in the November Ufomagazin, the most popular of the half-dozen or so flying-saucer magazines

in Hungary, recounts correspondence between Clinton and retired Hungarian Col. Kálmán Keviczky, project director of the Intergalactic Spacecraft (UFO) Research and Analytic Network, or ICUFON.

In the magazine, whose cover sports a photo of the American president, Keviczky reported that last year the organization sent the president a memorandum on UFOs as an "international security" question.

To their delight, Clinton responded with a handwritten note on stationery of the Office of the President-elect and Vice President-elect: "I welcome your ideas. They will be carefully considered. I'm grateful you took the time to write. Bill."

Emboldened, ICUFON wrote to the president again, calling for a "Space Security Congress." On March 11 of this year, Clinton replied with a personal letter on the White House's watermarked stationery. Diplomatically enough, Clinton wrote, "We face many challenges ahead, and in order for us to come together and build consensus, we all must share our ideas and concerns. I look forward to your support as we tackle the issues facing us

in the coming months. Sincerely, Bill Clinton."

Upwards of 40,000 Hungarians subscribe to Ufomagazin, according to Editor-in-Chief Sándor Pusztay, making it one of the top-selling monthlies in the country. Dozens of UFO clubs can be found across Hungary as well.

Last weekend's fourth annual UFO Congress in Budapest drew some 1,700 visitors for presentations on "Extension of Relativity Theory to Anti-Gravity Space Exploration and Explanation of UFO Movements" and "Secrets of German UFO Research in World War II."

Reached at ICUFON's office in Jackson Heights, New York, Keviczky said the group represents 65 leading UFO researchers from organizations around the world whose membership totals more than 50,000.

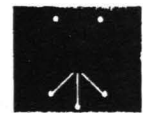
Keviczky said ICUFON this month sent Clinton another letter requesting a formal meeting with the president and 14 "high military and scientific authorities in UFO research."

The aim of the meeting, he said, would be to convince the president that plans for a "nuclear space shield" initiated by the United States and the former Soviet Union in the 1980s "in case of invasion by intergalactic forces on our celestial body," are in fact misguided and are hindering close encounters with aliens.

"We want to establish contact and communication with exploring UFO forces here," said Keviczky, "and not look for humanity's relations hundreds and thousands of light years away. We'd like to see extraterrestrial representation on Earth to help solve our problems and initiate a glorious era of peace."

He said President Clinton had not yet responded. The White House did not return phone calls from *The Budapest Sun*.

Editorial assistants Erika Csepi and Maria Sarungi contributed to this report.



UFO REPORT

WEEKLY NEWS, Chelmsford, England - Sept. 15, 1994 CR: T. Good

No green men for the boys in blue

by MIRANDA WHITE

WOT no flying saucers?

The boys in blue found no little green men when they went to investigate reports of UFO sightings in Chelmsford.

Police rushed out to investigate after a resident from the Chestnut Walk area reported they had heard a high-pitched whining at 2.30am on Tuesday.

But nothing was found, despite an extensive search of the area.

Later, Janet Clarke, of Grays Lodge, Chignal Smealey, reported that she had seen a bright beam and red flashing lights over the Broomfield area at 11.20pm the same night.

"I thought it was the police helicopter, but they said it wasn't out that night," said Mrs Clarke, 59.

She said she and her husband, Eric, 66, had just gone to bed when the light beamed in through the window.

"I looked out and there was this bright light coming from the trees at

the back. I thought it might have been a plane coming to land at Stansted, although it seemed strange."

She added: "The next second I saw this big beam and a very bright red light and it flashed all around."

"It turned round and looked as if it was heading towards Chelmsford, then it came back again towards Broomfield and Waltham, then it disappeared."

"I don't really believe in all this UFO stuff, but when you see something like this you start to wonder."

"We are not worried about it though. I didn't see any little green men jumping out with parachutes or anything like that," she laughed.

Acting Inspector Nigel Cockrell, of Chelmsford Police, said the police had a duty to investigate reports of UFO sightings and make a report to the Ministry of Defence air force operations department at Whitehall.

Chelmsford UFO expert Barry King said he was investigating the reports.

• The same night a Colchester couple reported seeing a UFO over the Friars Close area of the town.

COLCHESTER EVENING GAZETTE, Essex, England
Nov. 29, 1994 CR: T. Good

UFO may have been helicopter

PEOPLE who reported seeing a UFO were today told the it may have been a helicopter.

Sightings of the object were reported across Wivenhoe and Colchester yesterday afternoon.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said today there was a "very good chance" the sightings may have been of an Army helicopter.

But one woman, who asked not to be named, insisted: "I've never seen anything like it before — I am certain it was not a helicopter. It was huge and had hexagonal lights and just seemed to be hovering there."

Sheridan Lane, of the Essex UFO Research Group, said the sightings were all being investigated and urged anyone who sees the object to contact their hotline on 0206 211442.

Close encounter — of the egg-shaped kind

DAILY MAIL, Hull, England
Oct. 15, 1994 CR: T. Good

A WAVE of UFOs have been spotted on Bransholme this summer, an investigator has claimed.

Amanda Gibson (23), an investigator for the British UFO Research Organisation, said eight sightings had been reported to her between August 9 and August 25.

Amanda, who lives on the estate, said that sightings had been followed up with calls to the Ministry of Defence, airfields and satellite stations, but

it would be months until she could be sure whether they were really UFOs. Mother-of-three Amanda remains sceptical of reports until they are fully checked out.

In August, orange and yellow clouds, with what seemed to be flames shooting out of them, turned out to be no more than a shower of meteorites. She said: "Nine out of 10 times they turn out to have a natural explanation. I am not gullible by any

means.

"I don't believe in little men with aerials coming out of their heads, but I do believe there is something going on that can't be explained."

Amanda is keen to talk to a group of people who witnessed an egg-shaped mass of orange colour over fields on Bransholme on August 25.

They or anyone else who wishes to report a sighting should call BUFORO on 0582 763218.

EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES, Ipswich, England
Dec. 5, 1994 CR: T. Good

'Spectacular' UFO sightings recalled

SIGHTINGS of a UFO near two Suffolk air bases are being billed as "probably the most spectacular and convincing UFO story ever".

A 30-minute programme featuring the dramatic events in 1980 at Rendlesham Forest, near Woodbridge, will be shown on television this week.

The final programme in the *Strange But True?* series will be introduced by Michael Aspel and features the 14-year-old mystery that still attracts worldwide interest.

People fascinated by the claims that a spaceship landed close to RAF Woodbridge are still anxious to uncover the truth. Americans still ring up investigators with information and visits are occasion-

ally made to the remote site.

The Japanese printed 35,000 copies of a book by Brenda Butler, of Leiston, and co-author Dot Street, which quickly sold out and a second run of 39,000 copies was also snapped up.

Just after Christmas in 1980 a security patrol reported bizarre lights and Suffolk Police, called to investigate, confirmed indentations in the ground. Americans found they formed a perfect triangle.

More lights were reported in the forest a few nights later. Woodbridge base deputy commander Lt Col Charles Halt set out with a team of men equipped with a Geiger counter, night vision scope

and tape recorder, to investigate.

They claim they also saw a UFO. The Geiger counter recorded 25 times the normal background radiation, the night vision scope picked up heat readings from the trees.

The Ministry of Defence investigated the incidents. It found there was no military or defence significance.

But Lord Hill-Norton, a former Chief of Staff with the MoD, believes there was a cover-up, and a former American military intelligence officer claims a top secret investigation did take place.

The London Weekend Television programme is on Friday at 8.30pm on ITV.

NEWS, Peace Arch, B.C., Canada - Feb. 15, 1995 CR: G. Conway

We're drowning in sightings, says UFO watcher

By Alex Browne
Staff Reporter

The truth is out there.

That's the slogan of the hit television show *The X-Files*. And although it takes a fictional approach to the investigation of UFOs and paranormal activities, it's not far off the mark according to a leading B.C. authority on these cases.

"Personally, I love it," says Michael Strainic, national director of the Mutual UFO Network, one of the speakers at a Fraser Valley Psychic Awareness-sponsored talk at the Danish Community Centre Hall, 17672 - 57th Avenue in Cloverdale this Thursday (Feb. 16) at 8 p.m.

"*X-Files* is a rollicking hoot of a show. Chris Carter, the producer, has done his homework — a lot of these things are based on documented cases, although they're

winging it with the way the stories are developed."

And just what is the situation as far as real-life UFO sightings and cases of alien abduction are concerned? Strainic says his organization is investigating more cases than ever following a peak of paranormal activity in B.C. last summer, which resulted on reports on the syndicated television shows *Sightings* and *Encounters*.

"We're drowning in information, we're drowning in evidence, but trying to find scientific proof is always the challenge," he says. "The phenomenon is absolutely, 100 per cent real — we just don't know where it is coming from and why it is here."

"Whatever it is, it's something that has been interacting with the human species since the dawn of history. I believe it's the manifestation of an alien non-human intelligence, although whether it originates from

outside this planet or is native to this planet, I don't know."

Strainic says the number of people in B.C. who believe they have experienced some form of alien abduction now tops 160 — and these are only the cases in which people willingly came forward with their stories.

Others may be like the man from the North Shore who last year reported to Strainic's organization that he had been chased through British Properties by a circular flying object some 30 feet in diameter and ringed with lights, but was afterwards too panicked by his experience to talk about it.

And while UFO reports have been colored by the technology of successive eras, they have been part of the Canadian scene for a long time, says Strainic. The first recorded Canadian UFO sightings go back to

the late 1600s and early 1700s, while research into the so-called "great airship" sightings in the U.S. in 1896 and 1897 has shown that there were hundreds of similar reports in B.C., documented in reports in the *Victoria Times Colonist*.

But nothing to date has matched the spate of activity over a two-and-a-half week period in July last year in which his organization was flooded with UFO reports from throughout B.C.

"Every single one was of a 'close encounter'; in every one there was the possibility of abduction."

In addition to the Feb. 16 meeting, Mutual UFO Network members will have an information booth at the Fraser Valley Psychic Awareness Centre's Psychic Fair Feb. 25 at the Danish Community Centre.

For more information on these events, call Debra MacGregor at 596-7787.

Enter Teesside's Twilight Zone

◇ THERE'S something strange going on in the skies over Teesside. There could even be a window to another world as ordinary people experience alien encounters.

Some of those close encounters are published today in a new book which is a comprehensive examination of missing time and the abduction phenomena.

TODAY in the first of a two-part look into TEESSIDE'S TWILIGHT ZONE we talk to Mik Burley, of Middlesbrough, who tells us of his own experiences.

Alison Ferst reports:

LORRY DRIVER Mik Burley was at school when he had a strange encounter.

He was in goal for his school on a hot, humid summer's day when he was hit hard on the head by the ball.

The force of the blow led to him being sent off the pitch to lie down and recover. "I put my head on my arm and looked down, then I just seemed to black out," he says.

Mik assumed he was in hospital, lying on his back with a figure in a monk's cowl standing over him.

"I felt naked at the time. I didn't

feel cold but I could feel a draught on my whole body. My head and arms were restrained, so I couldn't move, my body felt numb.

"I seem to remember them cutting me and scraping and digging, but I didn't feel any pain."

Then Mik was back at the side of the football pitch with a pounding headache. He went back over to his school pals who told him they thought he had gone to see a teacher for treatment and wanted to know what he had said.

Mik told them he hadn't been in to the school but his mates didn't believe

him because they had been searching for him for 15 minutes. He had disappeared from the spot at the side of the pitch where they left him.

When Mik went to change he discovered a red mark on his side that hadn't been there earlier — a scar he still has.

Ghost girl

Now 30, Mik's whole life has been plagued with odd experiences — seeing a ghost girl when he was a child and a recurring precognitive dream.

Mik dreamed he was in a dimly lit place with flashing lights he walked

towards and then he saw a figure slumped over. When he looked more closely the person turned to him: "The right side of his face was missing and the rest of the face was me," he recalls.

That was a similar sight to that which greeted the first traffic policeman who arrived at the scene of a collision between Mik's lorry and a huge crane.

Mik explains: "The policeman pulled in behind my trailer and walked along the grass verge. It was dark with the headlights of my lorry reflecting ahead, like in my vision. The trailer was standing high at one side.

"The policeman walked up to the front and saw me lying out the front end of my cab. I turned to look at him and the right side of my face was hanging off.

Ridiculed me

"It's the only way I can describe it. I saw what he saw, only I saw it two years before it happened."

Mik himself, a former pupil of Stainsby School, says he tends to keep his experiences to himself: "People have ridiculed me and laughed at what I've told them so I don't say anything because I'm embarrassed."

His experiences also make him uneasy: "Me and my wife lost a baby recently but I knew he would die before he was born."

It changed a life...

SINCE Steve Robbins first clapped eyes on a huge cigar shaped object hovering over Middlesbrough he has changed his outlook on life fundamentally.

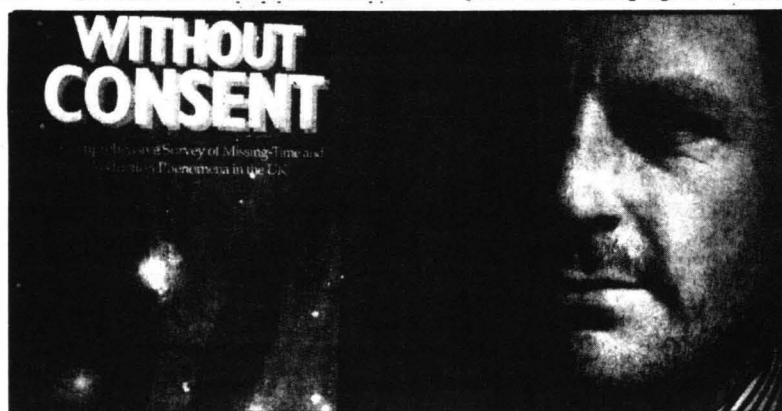
Steve (not his real name) was working the nightshift at a petroleum plant on Teesside, out on his rounds checking when a cigar shaped object came towards him flying low through two towers.

He describes it as between 80 to 100 feet long and 20-25 feet wide.

He jumped on his bike and pedalled like mad to where he thought it had crashed but there was nothing there.

His colleagues had seen nothing but later he discovered through his supervisor that an independent witness had seen the object from a distance and described it in a similar way.

About a week later many of the electrical objects in Steve's house malfunctioned. He had the electricity checked but there was no fault and engineers said what had happened was impossible.



Even at work computers would go out of sync when he was around and it became a standing joke among his colleagues.

Two weeks after that, events took a bizarre twist. Steve was in bed asleep when he became aware of a high-pitched humming.

He explains: "My first realisation was that I was flat on my back and I was paralysed, rigid, I couldn't

move a muscle."

Then as his eyes adjusted to the dark he saw three or four figures dressed in black robes in the room: "I wanted to scream but I couldn't."

The beings communicated with Steve telepathically and told him they wouldn't hurt him or his family as he was worried his wife, asleep next to him, would wake up.

Afterwards Steve had no recollection of any abduction

but the experience was repeated, without him seeing the figures, about a further 12 times over the following two years.

Gloria Dixon the North-east investigator for Bufora, the British UFO Research Association, says: "This experience changed his life."

In fact Steve also began to have precognitive dreams and dreamed he was at Lockerbie retrieving the bodies of the

The phenomena

PHILIP MANTLE, co-author of the book, works in the printing trade by day but is also Director of Investigations with Bufora, the British UFO Research Association. He has been investigating UFO phenomena for 15 years.

■ A keen amateur astronomer he became interested in UFOs when it was too cloudy to use the telescope and he saw something in the sky he couldn't explain.

■ In 1987 he set up a UFO hotline and began to collate material on abductions.

■ The book itself is filled with cases of UFO encounters, how they were investigated and the possible meanings of them.

■ Without Consent: A Comprehensive Survey of Missing-Time and Abduction Phenomena in the UK by Philip Mantle and Carl Nagel is published by Ringpull Press at £16.99.

dead after the plane crash — six months before it happened. He also dreamed of an accident in a nuclear reactor six months before Chernobyl.

"In future he is going to document these dreams when they happen with me so I can be an independent source because people tend to shrug them off now the events are passed," Gloria adds.

☆ Gloria Dixon can be contacted on 091 236 8375.

More reports of UFO sighting

TWO Chelmsford men have told how they saw the same UFO-style lights reported by a woman last week.

Glen Morris and his friend Christopher Vincent, both 20, were travelling home from a pub along the Broomfield Road, last Tuesday, when they noticed the lights above their car at about 11.30pm.

"We also thought it was the police helicopter. Then we read the Weekly News and found out it wasn't out that night, so we're not sure what it was now," said Mr Morris, of Newlands Spring.

"All we saw was a really

high, powerful wide beam shining down. It had small red lights on it as well," he explained.

"I saw the story in the paper and rang my friend straight away."

Janet Clarke, of Grays Lodge, Chignal Smealey, reported seeing the lights beyond the trees behind her house on the same night last week.

The police searched the area but found nothing and local UFO expert, Barry King, is investigating the reports.

A family from Colchester also reported seeing a UFO over their home for about 20 minutes on the same night.

SKYTALK, Vancouver, B.C.,
Canada - Jan./Feb. 1995
CR: G. Conway

IS IT SANTA, OR A UFO?

Telephone calls lit up the switchboard in the airport's operation centre in the early hours of Dec. 13 with sightings of a supposed Unidentified Object in the sky over Vancouver. Callers described it as "red, white and blue revolving lights that changed to a yellow triangle with white lights below... and it was noisy, like a jet." A call to the control tower revealed nothing visible to the controllers, and nothing on their radar screens.

Grandmother sees UFO heading for Saltash

A UFO has been reported over Landulph, near Saltash.

The object was sighted by a woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, at about 12.15am on Wednesday, November 9.

It was about the size of a large estate car, with sparkling lights outlining it. Some of the lights were much brighter and more obvious with the centre of the object appearing to have a white glow.

It first appeared in the direction of the airport, in a direct line from Viaduct and Cargreen.

The witness first thought

by Harry Pryce

it may have been a helicopter, but ruled out that possibility when she realised that it was hardly moving.

The UFO travelled towards Cargreen and appeared to drop lower over the viaduct bridge.

"Because it was so much closer," said the witness "the lights appeared like something I had never seen before and I was feeling a little apprehensive by now although I do not frighten easily."

She went on to say that all the time while she

watched, the object had a gentle movement which was 'very slow and bouncy'. The UFO then shot up the river towards Saltash.

She reported the incident to the police but before they arrived, the object moved off faster than before.

A couple of days later, the lady learned that her granddaughter was walking from her parents house in Coombe Lane to her home at 10 o'clock, the same night. She also saw something strange in the sky which she described as a sausage shape. It also had sparkling lights, but these were red and green.



ON THE LOOKOUT...Joe Gosling surveys the sky. Photo Richard Austin

Joe spots UFO as dawn breaks

PENSIONER Joe Gosling, of Lazenbury Road, Tiverton, couldn't believe his eyes when he glanced up at the morning sky as he fetched in his pinto from the doorstep. Hovering above the Devon town was 'a large, strange object', which reminded Joe of an old delta wing Vulcan bomber — but it was 'much bigger'.

Joe is an aircraft enthusiast but said he had never seen anything quite like it before. It just hovered," said Joe. "It

stayed in the sky for a while then moved closer towards me before suddenly taking off in a vertical direction.

"It's main body was dull grey with red neon lighting around its edges. It must have hovered around for about 10 minutes. There was no noise and no vapour, just a cloud of red smoke as it moved off. I would like to know is whether anyone else has seen any strange objects in the sky recently."

SOUTHERN DAILY ECHO, Southampton, England - Dec. 13, 1994 CR: T. Good

Southampton: A city teenager nearly crashed her car when she spotted what she believes was a UFO last night. In the latest of a spate of mysterious Hampshire "alien" sightings, Katherine Hewitt, 18, says she was amazed to be confronted by a group of white lights in the sky. Katherine, of Dale Valley

Road, Shirley, said: "There were about seven lights in an oval shape just above the trees and they were really strange. I don't know what they were — but I almost had an accident when I saw them!" Police say they had no other reports of any unusual activity in the sky.

AGE, Melbourne, Australia Jan. 31, 1995 CR: P. Norman

Great fireballs in the sky raise intelligent doubts

By RACHEL GIBSON

Four fireballs were reported floating over Melbourne at the weekend, and even the Bureau of Meteorology is not sure what they were.

The flaming balls were reported to The Age by several people in the Surrey Hills area about 10pm on Sunday.

One, Mrs Lyn Gee, said the objects — the size of beach balls — had moved in formation and had hovered before travelling north towards the city and then returning just before 10pm.

A spokesman for the bureau's severe-weather section, Mr Chris Ryan, said the activity described was consistent with ball lightning, a phenomenon occasionally produced in severe thunderstorms, for which there is no accepted scientific explanation.

But he said it was unusual for ball lightning to occur without other storm activity. "There've been lots of explanations put forward, usually to do with electrical fields," he said. "They are almost always, as far as I'm aware, associated with thunderstorms."

"It seems unusual that there was no thunderstorm activity around at the time."

The director of Australian International UFO Research Incorporated, South Australia, Mr Colin Norris, said the witnesses' descriptions of the fireballs suggested extra-terrestrial activity.

"We've got to look at it a little bit liberally and understand that if there's no storms in the area then ... yes, it's very possible that there's an extra-terrestrial explanation."

He said the movement of the objects and their formation suggested an intelligent driving force.

FREE PRESS, Denbighshire, England - Oct. 28, 1994 CR: T. Good

Close kind of encounters

by ANNE-MARIE EDWARDS

MRS Margaret Fry is a woman who spends a lot of her time delving into the unknown.

She has been interested in unexplained flying objects for several years and has recently been inundated with reports of sightings over Denbigh.

She believes that many more people have seen strange occurrences and she would urge them to contact her to add weight to her pioneering research.

Resident in Llangernyw, she revealed that many people from Denbigh had told her about their experiences, but were unwilling to go public about what they had seen.

She said two people from the Denbigh area, who did not wish to be named claimed they had seen unexplained things.

Back in May this year, a woman said that from her home in Ysgol Y Parc she saw about half a dozen bright lights which filled the sky.

She said: "It was between 11 and 11.30 pm at night and I saw these huge things like spotlights over the quarry."

"A friend of mine from Scotland was with me at the time and we were both amazed."

"They were there for about 3-4 minutes and after I had gone to wake up



Mrs Margaret Fry urges all those who have seen UFOs in the area to contact her.

my neighbour, they had disappeared."

She stressed that she had not been under the influence of alcohol or any other substance and claimed she was caught completely off guard.

"It was weird, just out of this world. I wouldn't ever like to see them again, especially if I was on my own," she added.

Around the same time, a security guard who works on the Colomendy Industrial Estate revealed that a young man and a

woman had followed a donut-shaped 15 feet across object.

He said: "If they hadn't pointed it out to me, I wouldn't have seen anything."

"It moved silently and was quite bright. It had circled above the Colomendy Housing Estate."

"Then it came over the industrial estate and circled Everest Windows and then over Malden timber, then it just vanished."

Mrs Fry says these local

sightings just added weight to her argument that there was something out there.

"I saw a UFO over a friend's house in Rhyl about two weeks ago. There are sightings of them all the time."

"And a report just in from a pupil of mine, said that another man saw a triangle shape floating in the sky near the Shell petrol station in Denbigh. This was on October 11."

For information, contact Mrs Fry on 0745 860537.

Early Saucer sighting

Sir - It was late at night on Thursday December 21, 1901 and Police Sergeant John Johnson and PC Clark were on night duty in Haworth. They had made their round of the village and were walking up the snow-covered road from Sun Street to Marsh

Yorkshire restraint as a "remarkable phenomenon." About 12.45am a mysterious green light began to illuminate their surrounds casting eerie shadows in the bumps and hollows on the snow-covered ground. Looking up into the sky they saw a large luminous object shaped like a 'tip cat' pointed at both ends. It gave occasional flashes of white light and emitted a stream of sparks.

For about 15 minutes it slowly and silently moved across the sky and disappeared. The sergeant estimated it to be about 100 to 150 yards above ground level but said that as it moved it gradually gained height giving out a light as strong as that from any electric light.

The phenomenon was seen also at Keighley and Shipley but no other reports were received.

Speculation was rife in the village the following day when the two described what they had seen and it was agreed that it must have been a meteor.

"Better minds than ours must be the judge" was a somewhat pious remark made at the time. Some 90 years later the mystery remains unsolved.

SMITH MIDGLEY Haworth

Lights in sky mystery

ROADSWEEPER Robert Morris believes he had a brush with a UFO while driving in broad daylight.

He was travelling between Sutton on Derwent and Melbourne when he saw a huge bright light in the sky.

"It was hovering just below the clouds. The object was totally stationary and was not attached to anything," said Mr Morris, of Barmby Road, Pocklington.

He then drove on a little farther trying to find a place to stop.

"I looked up again and there were two lights about 40 yards apart. Both were completely still."

"The lights were about 20 times the size of an aircraft light. There was heavy cloud in the sky but it was a very clear day. I don't know whether the lights made any sound as my truck is very noisy."

By the time he found somewhere to stop the lights had disappeared.

The lights he believed were about three-quarters of a mile in front of him when he first sighted them, near Seaton Ross.

"I honestly cannot think what they were. I've never seen anything like them before."

"I've never thought one way or another about UFOs. I've always had an open mind about the subject."

His sighting took place at around 10.30am last Friday.

Last night

Worrying find of a spoilsport

CLEVER woman, Doctor Susan Blackmore. She's been studying the paranormal for 20 years, without ever finding anything paranormal. Now that's what you call job creation.

Better still it's getting her extra work on TV. She's probing clairvoyants on Central tonight, and last night on Horizon (BBC2) she was beaming down between Britain and America while investigating the little grey men who allegedly kidnap 3.7 million Americans every year.

According to her the figure is the only astronomical aspect of the whole affair. It was arrived at by a survey of 6,000 people, two per cent of whom claimed to have been whirled up in a beam of light, sexually molested by the greys, then returned to whatever they were doing.

None of them, Dr Blackmore admitted, were nutters. They include psychologists, police, NASA workers and others — "average, responsible, highly functioning adults" according to one of them, who worked in the defence industry. That worries me; does it worry you?

Dr Blackmore, a professional spoilsport, decided that the beam of light visions were due to direct impact on the brain, the visions of UFOs coincided with earthquakes, and the kidnappings were due to a twiddling of the temporal lobes of the brain. She had her own lobes twiddled to prove it — but it was such an arduous and complicated process that aliens looked a more likely prospect.

John Ogden

ADVERTISER, Berwick, England - Nov. 24, 1994 CR: T. Good

Station worker sights a UFO

By SANDY BRYDON

A PAXTON man claims he watched a UFO for around five minutes as it hovered over a field near Allanton last Thursday evening.

Steven Rutherford (19), who works as a clerical officer at Berwick Railway Station, was returning home after a day's shooting in Duns, when he saw the UFO from the road between the Pistols crossroads and Sunwick Farm.

"It was like a big disc and was just a field away", Steven told the Berwick Advertiser this week.

Describing exactly what he saw, he added: "It was about 5pm on Thursday when I was driving home from Duns. It was a big disc-like shape. At first I thought it was a plane going to land but it just stopped above the ground, it didn't land.

"I immediately stopped the car and switched off the engine and I sat and watched it. It wasn't making any noise at all and dropped down to just a few feet off the ground.

"I used the telescopic sights from my gun to get a closer look at it. It was a black coloured disc with two big lights which lit up the ground underneath it. It also had red and green flashing lights. It wasn't spinning or anything.

"Then all the lights went off and it seemed to disappear but it soon reappeared and went off in the direction of Berwick".

Steven said a friend's father in Chirnside had also seen the strange object and he is sure that the driver of another car, which passed him while he was

stopped, had also spotted it as he flashed the lights when he drove past.

Malcolm Robinson, Scottish co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA), was delighted to hear of Steven's sighting, especially the description of what he saw.

"From the description Steven has given it seems to be very similar to the UFOs spotted recently in the Bonnybridge and Falkirk areas — they too were black, disc-like and had flashing lights", he said.

"In recent years the main hot spots for UFOs have been near Falkirk and Bonnybridge and around Muchalls near Aberdeen but I can't remember any sightings in Berwickshire. This latest sighting would seem to conform with the types of reports we have been receiving from people in the Falkirk and Bonnybridge area.

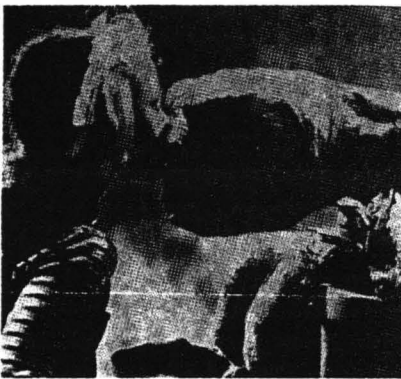
Rational

"We treat all these sightings very seriously indeed. There are rational solutions to most sightings but there are a few which remain unexplained, it is totally baffling".

Malcolm said he would be delighted to hear from anyone who may also have seen this UFO or others in the past. All reports will be treated in confidence and Malcolm can be contacted on 0259 724033. He also investigates sightings of ghosts and poltergeists.

Daphne Plowman, secretary of the Scottish Society for Psychical Research, said that Steven's description was very like the description of what was called a 'mother-ship' in a new book on UFOs which is just out.

She added: "This new book describes the mother-ships as big, black and disc-shaped with two big lights and smaller red and green flashing lights".



● People who say they've met aliens are not nutters — and the aliens aren't cuddly, like ET

beings with huge dark eyes who transport their immobilised subjects to spacecraft where they are probed in surgical tests that appear to relate to a sexual and reproductive enterprise.

Says Dr Mack: "My critics, of whom I have many, keep saying that I am overlooking more conventional explanations, such as sleep paralysis. A lot of the time these people were in no way asleep. Or they say it is

mass hysteria."

"These people I have seen do not know each other. They come forward reluctantly. They don't want to believe their stories themselves, they are doubting. It is anything but mass hysteria."

● Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens by Dr John E. Mack is published by Simon & Schuster, price £16.99.

Discovering People Face to face with an Alien!

STORIES of close encounters with aliens and sightings of UFOs usually produce a down-to-earth response of "nonsense!" from most of us.

Even if a close friend or relative made such a confession we would probably recommend a trip to the doctor and an extremely long and stress-free holiday.

But when a respected professor of psychiatry from Harvard Medical School says different, it could be time we attempted to become a little more open-minded and at least listen to his opinions.

Dr John E. Mack — who is also a Pulitzer Prize-winning author — is convinced that the men, women and children claim they have been abducted by aliens are not making up their stories but are reporting authentic experiences.

In the past three years he has conducted thousands of hours of interviews with more than 80 people who report being taken on to UFOs by alien beings.

He has now written a book, Abduction, in which he details 13 case studies of alien

encounters. He concludes that the experiences of the people he has talked to are in no way attributable to mental illness and are not dreams or hallucinations.

And it's not only in America, where Dr Mack conducted his studies, that the phenomenon has occurred, he says. When he was interviewed on ITV's This Morning programme, around 700 people rang in on the show's telephone lines to tell their own stories.

Says Dr Mack: "I was amazed at the number of calls. To me it was affirming that this is as wide-spread a phenomenon as I suspected it was."

What he found here, as in the States, was that those with abduction stories were perfectly ordinary: "One of the things that drew me into this work was the fact that the people I was seeing were psychologically solid and by no stretch of the imagination was I able to explain what they were reporting on the basis of some kind of psychiatric condition."

A common story is an encounter with small grey

'Aliens hover over our homes'

Two separate incidents recorded

over Guy Fawkes weekend and were repeated over the next two or three evenings.

"It was absolutely awesome," said Angie Christie. "I didn't know what I was looking at. I was very frightened to begin with and I certainly never expected in all my life to see anything like it."

Mrs Christie had taken her dog out for an early evening walk when she saw what she describes as a pulsating object flying from west to east.

"I thought it was a funny-looking aircraft and I thought it strange that there should be no sound coming from such a big craft. Then I saw a second, smaller one coming towards it, flashing red and white.

"Then we saw another sort with blue and green lights and glowing steadily over. They were everywhere."

Anxious to prove she was not hallucinating, Mrs Christie went to fetch her husband, Wallace, a former RAF chief technical adviser with 23 years' service behind him.

"We stood out there for two-and-a-half hours. We called our neighbour down — he's an amateur astronomer and he told us he'd never seen anything like it in his life."

Zig-zagged

The Christies also called their daughter and son-in-law, Adele and Adam Hanks, of Mallard Way, Great Cornard, who came over with friends to witness the phenomenon.

"I would say there were about 100 of them off and on. Some would stop in mid air, some zig-zagged, and we saw one go on top of another, all at a height of between 5,000-8,000 feet.

"They seemed to be doing a sweep of the area. I came to the conclusion that they were looking for something. They certainly didn't seem to care whether we saw them or not."

Neighbour Tom Wilkinson, who has been an amateur astronomer for more than 30 years,

said what they had seen could not have been of this planet.

"They weren't going all that fast — they were mainly travelling west to east and when they got towards the horizon they bore round to the north."

However, EADT photographer Keith Mindham, who was so intrigued by their story that he went to the Willowmere caravan park the following evening, is convinced there is a perfectly ordinary explanation.

"When I first arrived I thought it was quite interesting. There were various lights, maybe three or four at a time, which seemed to be travelling in different directions.

"I decided I had better investigate further so I took Mr Christie to a high point at Lamars where it became clear they were all travelling along a particular flight path.

"I wanted to believe they were UFO's but I have to say they were so similar to aircraft I can't believe they were anything else."

Meanwhile, over in Felixstowe, David Goddard of Levington Lane, Bucklesham, was fishing off the pier when he saw three dully-glowing, pinky-orange orbs coming from the Woodbridge direction at about 200mph.

All three stopped dead, then one headed off, followed closely by the other two and the trio zoomed out to sea in formation. The whole sighting lasted about 30 seconds.

■ Did you see anything? What do you think it was? Write to: The News Editor, East Anglian Daily Times, 30 Lower Brook Street, Ipswich IP4 1AN.

UFO fever has gripped the Suffolk/Essex border after people claim to have seen about 100 alien craft hovering over their homes.

Their story is corroborated by a similar sighting near Felixstowe pier. However, EADT photographer Keith Mindham, who kept watch during a second night of celestial phenomena — his picture appears above — says he is convinced the "aliens" were nothing other than ordinary aircraft.

The sightings began at the Willowmere Caravan Park, Bures Road, Little Cornard,

EXPRESS & STAR, Wolverhampton, England - Nov. 23, 1994

Cleaners in brush with aliens

Two Birmingham cleaners say they were kidnapped by aliens on their way to work — but didn't realise it until under hypnosis six years later.

Carol Thomas and her daughter Helen have suffered from headaches and a burning curiosity ever since their early-morning encounter in 1988.

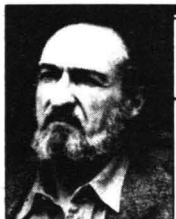
They decided to get to the bottom of it, and under hypnotic regression their

memories were finally unlocked.

To the women's horror they "recalled" being lifted into an alien spaceship, being probed by grey-coloured creatures and having eggs extracted from their ovaries.

Some scientists believe humans are being used in a breeding experiment for a race of extra-terrestrial beings.

The two women tell their extraordinary story on BBC's science programme, Horizon, next Monday.



The Crossett ghost light

Just west of the town of Crossett (Ashley County), a mysterious light is often seen hovering approximately two to three feet above the railroad tracks. This yellowish glow, which moves slowly for thirty or forty yards along the tracks, has been seen by hundreds of people since the early 1900s.

Investigators claim there is nothing to the light, that it is merely a reflection of automobile headlights off of the late evening mist that occasionally gathers in the area.

Residents of this southeastern Arkansas county, however, tell a different story.

During the first decade of the 20th century, a late-night train came to a stop near the intersection of the railroad and a dirt road that led into Crossett. A minute later, a brakeman climbed down from the caboose and walked along the track inspecting the couplings holding the railroad cars together.

Discovering something amiss between two boxcars, the brakeman leaned in to examine the coupling and discovered a loose fitting. As he bent to the task of correcting the problem,

the engine suddenly surged forward a couple of feet, causing a chain reaction of movement along the line of boxcars.

Leaning out from the cab of the engine, the engineer checked to determine that all was well on the line when he spotted the legs of the brakeman protruding from under one of the boxcars. Turning the controls over to his assistant, the engineer leaped to the ground and raced back down the tracks.

When he reached the brakeman, the engineer reeled backward in horror at discovering the brakeman had been decapitated. The bloody head, with wide open eyes staring straight ahead, was lying underneath the coupling.

With the help of two crewmen, the engineer loaded the brakeman's body into an empty boxcar. The head, however, remained on the railroad bed because the railroaders were afraid to pick it up. Minutes later, the train sped away.

No one ever knew what became of the head. During a warm summer nights of the fol-

lowing year, area residents began sighting a strange light moving along the track near where the brakeman was killed. When the curious approached the light, it vanished only to reappear several yards away.

A Louisiana woman who had a reputation as a spiritualist was brought to the tracks one night to view the eerie light and provide an explanation for it. Though she knew nothing of the accident of the previous year, she told the few who accompanied her that the light was a "ghost light," and that it came from a lantern carried by a headless man who was searching for his head!

During the summer of 1967, a group of four Sheridan teen-agers, on hearing the story of the headless ghost, drove to Crossett. They parked alongside the tracks just after sundown and waited quietly for something to happen.

Around 10:30 p.m., a yellowish ball of light appeared about thirty yards away and three feet above the rail bed. For several minutes, the stunned teen-agers watched as the slow-moving light, about 18 inches in diameter, moved along the track toward them.

One of the teen-agers climbed out of the car and, with pounding heart, stood on the tracks in front of the oncoming light. As the glow approached, the youth reached out toward it when the light suddenly disappeared. Confused, the youngster looked around and discovered it had reappeared about 20 yards behind him and was moving away.

When he returned to the car, he found his companions speechless and frightened. When he asked why, they told him that the ghost light had passed completely through his body as he stood on the tracks!

(W.C. Jameson is compiling a book of tales of Arkansas ghosts, spirits, hauntings and monsters. If readers have a story they would like to contribute, contact Jameson through the Log Cabin Democrat, Box 969, Conway 72033).

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Carl Jameson is an associate professor of geography at the University of Central Arkansas and an author. His column appears on Mondays and Thursdays in the Log Cabin Democrat.)

ORANGE CO. REGISTER, Santa Ana, CA - Sept. 3, 1994 CR: A. Snow

Mass hysteria blamed in mystery-fumes case

HEALTH: Experts dispute the study analysis, which hinges on all the victims being women.

By MICHELLE NICOLOSI
The Orange County Register

Mass hysteria probably caused emergency-room workers in a Riverside hospital to pass out after smelling ammonia-like fumes while treating patient Gloria Ramirez, a state study has concluded.

Ramirez, 31, was wheeled into Riverside General Hospital's emergency room Feb. 19 with cardiac distress; as a nurse drew blood, some staffers noticed an ammonia smell and began to faint. The room was evacuated to the parking lot, Ramirez died.

The state Department of Health Services study of the incident found that the fainting and other symptoms probably resulted from "anxiety or other psychological stress."

One reason for the conclusion: All those seriously affected were women.

The study concluded that three factors were important for developing symptoms: being female, not being a doctor and not having eaten dinner.

However, Dr. Julie Gorchynski, one of the six people who became severely ill, is a physician.

Authors of the study favored the hysteria theory but mentioned that investigators had found "an unusual nitrogen-containing compound" in the air by Ramirez's body. The compound — a potential organic cause, the study said — still is being studied by Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. "At this time we do not know if the compound was related to the outbreak," the study said.

Dr. Ana Maria Osorio, chief of the Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control, said studies show that women are more likely than men to

suffer episodes of hysteria. She said she could not cite specific studies without research.

Experts contacted Friday disagreed.

The fact that women were most affected is meaningless, said Dr. Lawrence Sporty, director of the Psychiatric Consultation Service at UCI Medical Center.

The idea that women are more likely than men to suffer "hysterical" conditions is outdated, said Sporty, who specializes in psychosomatic medicine.

A survey of recent medical literature found that of 27 recent articles on mass hysteria, none reported that women were more likely than men to be part of an episode.

One-third of the reports were about children and adolescents. One Canadian study found that the historical perception that women are more likely than men to suffer mass hysteria may be due to "poor evaluation of the environmental risks in an area where mass hysteria was witnessed" and to the fact that women may be more likely than men to work in conditions where mass illness may occur.

"I've seen plenty of reports where men" suffered mass hysteria, Sporty said. "Because more women were affected than men is not proof that it could be hysteria. That could be by chance alone. It's not something only women have."

Attorney Russell Kussman said his client, Dr. Julie Gorchynski, who treated Ramirez in the emergency room, called the report "incredibly sexist," Kussman said.

"It's absurd," said Kussman, a doctor himself. "They found an unknown compound but spend the whole report talking about something else, (claiming) because she's female, she and the nurses are all of a sudden going to be Victorian females passing out at the sight of a sick person."

Gorchynski, who passed out after sniffing a Ramirez blood sample, has filed a claim against

the county, saying officials botched their investigation and refused to share information.

Gorchynski still is being treated for avascular necrosis, or bone deterioration caused by lack of blood, which she believes was caused by the incident. She has undergone surgery to repair bone loss in her knees and has said she may not be able to work again.

The notion that her problem could be psychological is "absolutely insane," Kussman said.

Leslie Wolfe, president of the Center for Women Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., called the implication "outrageous."

"This notion that women are more subject to hysteria is the worst old stereotype," Wolfe said.

This sounds so stupid. You can't make the conclusion that the victims were at fault.

Kussman said the study is the result of "politics or ignorance, but it's sure not science."

The state study showed that six of the 18 workers who came within two feet of Ramirez required hospitalization; none of the nine workers who were not that close developed serious symptoms.

But authors analyzed the data and said proximity to the patient was not a risk factor, nor was touching Ramirez or her intravenous line.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Three Mutilated Cows Found Near Truchas

Three mutilated cows apparently have been found near Truchas.

The cows were part of a herd owned by Truchas resident Max Cordova and his father and brother, Alberto and Albert Cordova.

Cordova said the three dead cows were discovered last Friday with their genital organs and udders removed. The tongues

also were cut out. The anuses had been cut from two of the dead animals, he said.

The animals were found several hundred feet apart in a pasture off Llano de Abeyta Road.

The cutting was done with surgical precision, Cordova said, adding that there was no evidence that predators had attacked the animals.

Cordova would like for state officials or law enforcement officers to document the incident, which bears a striking resemblance to approximately 30 other case of livestock mutilation in Northern New Mexico in the past 16 months.

Several area residents claim an increase in late night-early morning traffic along Llano de Abeyta Road last Wednesday and Cordova believes that is when the animals were destroyed.



District Wildlife Manager Lonnie Brown cuts open a cow's scalp to try to determine if it was killed by a bullet wound as Ermenio Andreatta (standing) and deputy David McCain anxiously await the findings. Andreatta had three cows mutilated last week.

Andreatta cattle mutilated

A rancher five miles east of La Veta is trying to determine the cause of three cattle mutilations from which the anus, uterus and left nipples were removed with such precision that no blood was found on the animals and their cause of death cannot be determined.

Ermenio Andreatta, who estimates the cows' value at \$2,000, said he discovered the dead cows last week. All three were within a quarter-mile radius of an area on his Middle Creek Road ranch.

District Wildlife Manager Lonnie Brown went to the scene because he had heard of the phenomenon and wanted to see one of the mutilations first-hand. Looking at the three carcasses, Brown just shook his head in amazement and perplexity as he examined the cattle for bullet wounds or other causes of death. What he found was that the cattle died instantly, without a fight and without any kind of movement once they were killed. "They never even look like they wiggled and they were all lying on their side," Brown said.

He also discovered the body parts were removed with such surgical precision that the animals did not bleed at all. He said the cuts appeared to suture the areas at the time of the cuts, a technology that is not currently available to surgeons.

"Why would they go to that trouble of killing them and then suturing the wounds?" Brown questioned.

What has Andreatta even more confused is that there are no tracks leading in or out of the fields where the cows were killed.

Similar mutilations have been reported nationwide, but the first reported sighting of a mutilation was near Alamosa in the late 1960s when a horse was found with the skin on its head peeled off. Since that first episode, numerous mutilations have been documented in the San Luis Valley as well as northern New Mexico and southern Colorado.

Last summer, Garfield Torres, who runs cattle on property bearing his family name south of Stonewall, reported the ears, eye-

balls, tongue and utters from one of his cows were removed with a similar technique. He said the cow was killed in a field where footprints would have been left in the soft soil surrounding where the cow was found. Access gates to the property were locked and vehicles could not have gotten onto the property without using the gates.

Researchers have been studying the phenomenon since the 1960s and have focused on three theories for the incidents: that they are being caused by some type of Satanic group, that aliens from out of space are visiting the planet and taking specimens or that the government has been flying a type of secret, almost totally quiet stealth helicopter and mutilate the cattle to make Americans believe they are being visited by out-of-space aliens to throw them off.

When Huerfano County Sheriff's Department Deputy David McCain, who was filing a report on the incident, told Sheriff

Harold Martinez that he planned to solve the La Veta mutilation, Martinez said he told McCain that if he did, it would be the first time one of the mutilation cases has been solved.

Martinez said he's convinced the mutilations are a result of extraterrestrial beings visiting the planet. He said ever since 1973 when he began working in the Sheriff's Department, deputies who cover the Gardner area on the graveyard shift have reported seeing UFOs in the area. He also said there seems to be a pattern of when the mutilations occur. Martinez said they will occur for a year or two and then nothing will be reported for three or four years and then the mutilations begin happening again.

The last known mutilation occurred about five years ago on the Corsentino property on Highway 10.

Martinez said he has covered similar cases in which cattle were mutilated and apparently dropped from the sky because one 2,000-pound bull was found with a horn implanted a half-foot deep into a rock formation. There were not tracks found around the carcass and vital organs, including the heart, were removed from the bull.

Although hundreds of similar cases have been reported and none of them solved, Brown and McCain said they aren't ready to buy into the alien theory. McCain was still vowing to solve the mystery while Brown said he is interested in discovering a cause of death of the animals.

A fist-sized dark spot was visible on the chest of each of the dead cows at the Andreatta ranch Friday. Brown cut one of the mole-like scars off and found no bruise under the mark. He theorizes that the mark could be left from some type of object used to electrocute the cows which would account for their instant death.

But local veterinarian John Davis said even a death by electrocution would cause animals to thrash around. Like Brown, Davis doesn't buy into the alien theory. He said he has been called to do autopsies on about 15 animals which were called "mutilations." He said in each instance, the animal's death was attributed to natural causes.

Davis said unless a cow dies of some disease, its blood could begin clotting within 20 minutes which would explain why the animal did not bleed. He also said because a cow's skin is as tough as leather, predators are more likely to eat the soft tissues such as the belly, utters, tongues and anus areas.

"But I have to emphasize that I cannot comment on these specific cases because I did not see or inspect the carcasses," Davis said. He said he would have to observe a "mutilation" immediately after it happened to comment on the possibility of an instrument that would both cut and suture an area at the same time.

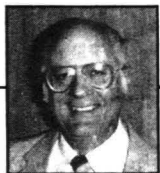
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N.M. Land of Enshroudment?

SANTA FE — Has New Mexico become the Land of Enshroudment?

Recently the news has been full of allegations about government coverups of the mysterious 1947 Roswell incident, the unexplainable Taos Hum and another round of curious cattle mutilations.

The Department of Energy



Jay Miller

Inside the Capitol

came clean about human plutonium testing. The Air Force inadvertently admitted to a coverup of the 1947 crash near Roswell when it issued its "Project Mogul" explanation and

concluded by lamenting that some people will believe "the coverup is still on."

The Taos Hum remains a mystery that many hearers have decided is extra-low frequency transmissions by the military. But it's the cattle mutilations that are producing the most conspiracy theories of government involvement and coverup. Ranchers and local law enforcement officers who have been close to mutilation situations believe it is secret military experiments or government research. And the government blames it on predators.

All ranchers who have been hit by the mutilations insist a lifetime of seeing dead animals has given them the background to tell the difference between an animal ravaged by predators and scavengers and the weirdly mutilated carcasses that are turning up around the state.

Why would the government go to the trouble of massacring someone else's cows when it could raise its own?

Some think it's because the feds want to test animals from areas where they have been responsible for contamination. That's why most of New Mexico's mutilations have been either near the Los Alamos National Laboratory or in the area near Eagle Nest where the "blue snow" fell in 1955 causing some residents to become burned or sick.

But every time the government has appointed an investigator, the answer has been that it is merely the forces of nature.

The most exhaustive and controversial of the government investigations was conducted by former FBI agent Ken Rommel in 1980 with funding obtained by Santa Fe District Attorney Eloy Martinez.

Rommel concluded that the cases he examined were "absolutely normal deaths of livestock due to normal scavengers and predators and a hell of a lot of creative writing on the part of the media."

Ranchers dismissed Rom-

mel's findings and so did U.S. Sen. Harrison Schmitt, R-N.M., who requested the Justice Department to conduct further investigations. Shortly after, reports of cattle mutilations dropped off dramatically until about a year ago.

This round of mutilations has brought many new players onto the scene. And it has produced some new interviews with Rommel that ranchers aren't just dismissing.

This time ranchers are getting mad because because Rommel is no longer just saying they don't know what a dead cow looks like, he's saying they don't know how to ranch.

Rommel figures this summer's very dry conditions caused cattle to turn to less-tasty toxic plants for feed.

"There are over 100 plants in New Mexico that are poisonous," Rommel says. "Cows only eat them when they don't have enough other things." And once the cow dies, "scavengers are taking over and doing the

damage."

But that's not all. Rommel says, "It's the ranchers' fault for not being careful with where they're putting their livestock to graze. They don't know how to take care of their cows."

Knowing Rommel personally, I'll bet the ranch that he's not trying to cover up anything. But since he's former FBI, his participation raises suspicions.

Of course there are many other explanations being proposed. There are the usual culprits, such as hippies, hitchhikers, homeless, pranksters, weirdos, vandals, aliens (both foreign and extraterrestrial), oil companies, chemical companies, environmentalists, copycats, harassers, teen-age punks and satanic cults.

But one Capitol insider has a solution that also explains the Taos Hum. He says the sound comes from idling engines of alien research ships.

Horse's death never forgotten

By ZACK VAN EYCK
The New Mexican

PECOS — In the 10 years Edie Cook served as a veterinarian's assistant, she observed dozens of surgical procedures performed on a variety of animals.

But what she saw one October day in 1988 was unlike anything she'd ever witnessed before.

At the time, Cook and her husband, David, rented a house at the end of a dead-end road in East Pecos, not far from the border of the Santa Fe National Forest.

Children would often wander through the backyard, usually in pursuit of a nearby pear tree. A yearling colt, owned by the landlady's son, grazed in the pasture outside the home. The horse would often walk up to the Cooks' window and peer in, as if to say "hello."

It was a quiet, peaceful place to live.

On a weekday afternoon six years ago, the week before Halloween, the moon was full. The children came by after school and headed for the pear tree. But something was wrong.

In the Cook's side yard, less than 100 feet from their house, the colt was lying on its left side, dead. Its genitals had been removed, a portion of hide was missing and its anus was cored out.

Later, the Cooks saw the sight for themselves. There were no tracks, no footprints, no sign of struggle. The horse



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Edie Cook says she saw circular marks in a field the day after her horse was found dead near her house.

had been seen earlier that day, but no one had heard or seen a thing since.

"The horse was lying in some grass about three or four foot high but none of the grass around it was crushed," Edie Cook said recently. "The hide was cut with laser precision. I may be mistaken, but I have seen pictures of laser cuts on fur and there seems to be a slight tinge of burnt (flesh) around the edges where the laser would make contact. On this one, there wasn't any burns at all."

The Cooks saw other peculiar marks on the horse. Just above one eye were three black dots, each about half the size of a dime, arranged in a perfect triangle. On the same side next to

the horse's nostril was a single hole large enough for Cook to fit her finger into. Next to it was a drop of moist blood — the only blood the Cooks could find anywhere on or near the colt.

And as if the episode hadn't been disturbing enough, Edie Cook made another discovery the next morning.

"Before the sun came up — I don't know why because I tend to be a little spooked after seeing something like this — but I was compelled to go out by myself," she recalled. "I wandered around the lot three times and on one end of the lot, away from the horse, there were two circular or oval patches about two feet apart, side by side, almost identical."

The grass inside each of the ovals, which measured about

six feet wide according to Cook, was flattened and swirled in a counter-clockwise pattern. None of the grass around the ovals appeared disturbed, she said.

In the days following the horse's death, the Cooks found three mutilated chickens in the same field near their house. Two had their heads completely removed without a trace of blood. The third had its legs removed.

The memory of the colt's death, just days before the animal was to begin training to become a racehorse, still haunts its owner, Steve Griego.

"It really upset me because of the money and time I had spent on that particular horse," Griego, a state employee, said recently. "I think it was some

kind of cult or something going on up there. I started asking people around my neighborhood and what they told me was, 'If I was you, I wouldn't even be asking.'"

The Cooks subsequently learned that several cows belonging to longtime Pecos village marshal Andres "Andy" Vigil were found mutilated months or years before the colt was found in their yard. George Adelo, a former cattleman and until recently the mayor of Pecos, said Vigil told him about the cattle mutilations.

Since the incident, the Cooks have become keenly interested in reports of other mutilations in hopes that some light will be shed on what they experienced. To date, the Cooks say, they are still in the dark.

CIA satellite photos said to show Ark

By LORI ROZSA
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PALM BEACH — Porcher Taylor III looks like any other button-down Palm Beach attorney, with his dark suit, wire rim glasses, and earnest demeanor. He can detail the finer points of commercial law, and expound on broader topics — his favorites include media and the military, and national security, subjects he has written about in the National Law Journal.

But mention just two words to him, and this otherwise serious man becomes a different person. The words? Noah's Ark.

"I am thrilled to tell you that all the rumors about the Ark being found on top of Mount Ararat appear to be true," Taylor says, his voice animated and excited. "Best of all, there are photos to prove it."

These are heady days for Taylor and other Ark enthusiasts. For years, adventurers and some archaeologists have contended that the Ark of biblical fame is wedged into a glacier atop Turkey's Mount Ararat, 13,000 feet above sea level. Nobody's ever reached the summit to prove it, though, despite a series of expeditions.

Now Taylor hopes to prove the Ark exists, but he doesn't have to climb a mountain to do it, he said. The Clinton administration is expected to announce Friday the declassification of early CIA spy sat-

ellite images. Taylor hopes that among them will be spy satellite photos taken by the CIA in 1959 that show what is known as "the Ararat anomaly."

Through federal Freedom of Information Act requests, Taylor is also trying to get access to 1973 photos allegedly of the same thing.

CIA spokesman Tom Dougherty said he's seen many of Taylor's requests, but he can "neither confirm nor deny the existence or non-existence of such photos."

But one former CIA agent who has encouraged Taylor's quest said he saw the photos.

"There appear to be sticking out of the ice things which looked like the beams of a bow of a ship," said the retired agent, who didn't want his name used. "But it could also be ledges of rock. That's why it needs to be studied."

Skeptics would say it's definitely rock — even the CIA couldn't keep Noah's Ark a secret, they say, despite Taylor's theory.

"Theory is a good word for it," said Selim Bingol, a spokesman for the Turkish government in Washington.

But Taylor has no use for skeptics. He's a West Point graduate who first heard rumors about the "anomaly" photos when he was a cadet in 1973. When he saw a TV documentary on the photos in 1993, he started making phone calls to his father's military friends.

DIANE WHITE Frog rain and goat carting

MY CHRISTMAS GIFT to myself is a subscription to the ever-surprising Fortean Times, the bimonthly magazine that bills itself as "The Journal of Strange Phenomena."

The only thing predictable about FT is that it will be unpredictable, which makes it great fun to read. The magazine, published in England, is named for Charles Hoy Fort, an American collector of odd phenomena who died in 1932. Fort's claim to immortality is that he kept an open mind — a wide open mind — about everything. FT's editor, Robert Rickard, keeps the Fortean flame burning with help from contributors all over the world. The FT modus operandi is to note everything and explain nothing. One FT slogan puts it, "As a Fortean I have no opinion."

The magazine is a hodgepodge of odd stuff. There are recurring themes, though. Ghostly hitchhikers. Spontaneous human combustion. Bizarre creatures — lake monsters, yeti-like beings, among numerous others. Fortean seem to have a particular fascination with things that fall out of the sky — or that appear to

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fall out of the sky. One recent issue had a roundup of frog and/or toad rains that have fallen recently in various locations around the world; a report on a still-smoking meteorite discovered by curious cows in a field in rural Quebec; and a story about a rock-hard frozen slice of pizza — "plain, cheese and tomato, on a thin crust" — that fell out of nowhere, from a great height, damaging the roof of a Pennsylvania man's car.

Maybe the best way to try to convey the texture of the magazine is to note a few stories from another recent issue:

■ A man on a giant inflatable lobster rescued a young girl who was drifting out to sea on a set of blow-up teeth off the English coast.

■ Nelson E. Camus (Albert Camus' nephew, although that has nothing to do with the story) has invented "The Human Urine Power Plant," a battery that operates on human urine. It seems to work particularly well if the urine donors have eaten a lot of garlic and onions.

■ A London woman called in a priest to exorcise a demon impersonating Elvis Presley that has been haunting her home. (It's unclear how she knew it was an Elvis impersonator and not Elvis himself.)

■ A Ghanaian goat rustler attempted to disguise 14 pregnant goats he'd stolen by dressing them in T-shirts and sitting them in his Ford Escort. "I thought the family in the car were all very ugly," the arresting officer told the court, recall-

ing his first impression when he stopped the driver for speeding.

What any or all of the above has to do with anything else is a mystery. C. H. Fort believed that all phenomena were transient, but he also believed that everything has bearing on everything else, that eventually a connection would emerge between, say, the Ghanaian goat rustler and the ersatz Elvis apparition. In his lifetime he collected thousands of anomalies and published four volumes of them. After discovering Fort's books in the late 1960s, Rickard decided to take up where the master had left off.

The first issue of FT was published in 1973. Twenty years later, with a paid circulation of 15,000, it's somewhat less obscure than it used to be. Longtime FT readers complain in its letters column that the magazine has become too commercial, although new readers probably would judge it to be something less than a glossy publication.

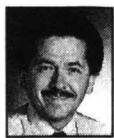
One reason for the magazine's increased visibility is the publicity surrounding the annual FT Index, which assesses trends in weirdness. The FT Index was up 3.5 percent in 1993 over 1992, which should come as no surprise. Figures for 1994 have yet to be assessed — the FT Index has 34 components, among them Strange Behavior and Hoaxes and Panics — but there is no reason to expect the world was any less weird this year than it was the year before.

Dead cows are fair game for news media

The newspaperman who plies his craft in the same small town for decades will see the same stories come and go like the changing seasons year after year.

Take livestock mutilations. I continue to be fascinated by this mysterious phenomenon as surely as I'm stirred every autumn when blankets of red and gold gradually spread over the rich, green contours of the Sangre de Cristos.

The mutilations story continues to be captivating because the mystery of extracted tongues, rectums and udders remains un-



David Roybal

Marble floors...
Homespun truths

solved. And I've got to confess to having a special interest.

As a kid of 13, I spotted lights racing, circling, bobbing, disappearing and reappearing in the night sky between Santa Fe and Los Alamos. I never had seen anything like it. Nor have I seen anything like it since.

Until I hear a logical explanation for it, I can't discount the possibility that we've been visited by something extraterrestrial. And if we have, how can we rule out involvement of the aliens in our earthly livestock mutilations?

They'd need something to do here once they arrived. Surely the aircraft I spotted years ago near Santa Fe's southside weren't hovering over the Yucca Drive-In to get a free look at Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello on the big screen.

The topic of livestock mutila-

tions has made for "a hell of a lot of creative writing on the part of the news media, and a lot of statements made by others unsupported by fact," says Ken Rommel Jr.

I know Ken Rommel. This retired spit-and-polish FBI agent is a nice guy. We're friends, I think. But he wouldn't be much fun to work for if he were a newspaper editor.

Math books and instruction manuals for assembling swing sets would be more interesting

than a paper edited by Rommel.

I can't name a single newspaper of general circulation that prints just the facts. The news media, as one news hound bigger than me said a while back, report what people tell them. What people say is not always fact.

That accounts for all the lively speculation that refuses to die when it comes to cattle mutilations.

I interviewed an Arkansas anthropologist 15 years ago who was about to embark on a comparison of livestock mutilation reports in Northern New Mexico's Rio Arriba County with those of Benton County in north-west Arkansas.

The anthropologist, Nancy Owen, had heard all the theories by then.

She even picked up on allegations that foreign students at the University of Arkansas were responsible for the mutilations.

As Owen spoke to me, some Arkansas residents were spreading fear that the next mutilation would be a child.

Rommel never had any use for that kind of nonsense. He's certain coyotes and other natural predators are responsible and said so in a study he did in 1980 for New Mexico's 1st Judicial District Attorney's Office.

Later, Rommel and I briefly worked together at the state Corrections Department, where I learned more about his distrust for people with active imaginations. Stray from the facts, and you were dead meat with Rommel.

He had little time for people who asserted they were in prison for reasons other than their own misconduct. He had even less time for those who blamed livestock mutilations on space travelers, witches, stealthy government scientists or foreign students at the University of Arkansas.

I stood side by side 15 years ago with retired Sandia Laboratories scientist Howard Burgess as he moved a fancy device alongside a mutilated cow lying on a rain-soaked meadow in Santa Clara Pueblo. Burgess said he detected inordinate amounts of radiation on the carcass, which lay far away from the nearest tracks of either man or animal.

Just as tracks were missing, so, too, was blood around the carcass.

Rommel sees no mystery. But with all due respect to my old friend, the retired gumshoe, I do.

As surely as the seasons change, the number of mutilated livestock mounts and in waves that are tough to link to natural occurrences. Without taking sides in the controversy, a governor's aide said the other day that whatever is removing body parts from the carcasses is "disgustingly selective."

The issue went as far as Congress 15 years ago and it's being discussed by our congressional delegation again.

Same story, different period. As a kid, I wondered why Zozobra returned to the same spot above Fort Marcy every September to moan and grown amid taunting dancers, fireworks and flames as if he didn't know what was in store.

That mystery solved, I stubbornly cling to others. A newspaperman's life, I guess, wouldn't be much fun without mysteries.

Sasquatch foot pring unlikely candy item

If it's chocolate it's great for eating

Bethany Thompson prepared to take a biiiiiiiite out of something that looked like, no it couldn't be, it was....a chocolate Sasquatch foot!

Bethany's mother, Bonnie, wrote a small book about Sasquatch on Grays Harbor that was published in the winter of 1993, and when a chocolatier in Pennsylvania read an article about it in her hometown newspaper on the east coast, he contacted her.

The book has a picture of Grays Harbor Sheriff Dennis Morrisette holding a casting taken in Elma of an alleged Sasquatch footprint.

Bonnie still had the sheriff's casting, so the chocolatier, Hal Lambert, of Sayre, Pennsylvania, sent materials used to wrap broken limbs, and Bonnie prepared a cast for him.

He made up the chocolate, which weighs a couple of pounds, and offers it in his store, with a copy of the book, as a specialty item through May.

Because chocolate is too delicious to keep on display, the footprint Bethany held has disappeared—like the elusive Sasquatch himself seems to do.



Ten year old Bethany Thompson doesn't care what unique shape this chunk of candy has—only that it's chocolate.

photo by Bonnie West

Sasquatch enthusiasts should note, it's almost time to be on the look-out for them throughout Grays Harbor County. They are usually spotted, if

only for a moment, in the spring and summer months. You might even listen for one up in the clear-cut area above Point Grenville.

'94 was 2% less strange than '93

REUTERS

LONDON — Despite an increase in miracles, an upward trend in cults and conspiracies and the discovery of new species of animals, 1994 was not as strange as the previous year, a magazine says.

The *Fortean Times*, an international bimonthly journal of odd phenomena, claimed: "1994 was officially 2 percent less strange than 1993."

According to the glossy journal's annual strangeness index compiled from world media coverage of 34 categories of weird events, fewer paranormal experiences, apparitions, crop circles, mass deaths and water monsters were reported in 1994.

"We divide our range of interest and make an assessment on whether there has been more reporting on each of these subjects and we try to assess the public interest," said Bob Rickard, the 50-year-old founder of the London-based magazine.

"The range of interest goes from the hard scientific fact which is still

an anomaly all the way through to quite subjective accounts," added Rickard, a former graphic artist.

Among the strangest events in 1994 was the birth in Wisconsin in August of a white buffalo, hailed by American Indians as a major religious event.

Thousands of small fish were found flapping about on parking lots and roads in the Australian outback after a rain storm last February, and astronomers were baffled when the Hubble telescope recorded three bright rings in outer space measuring about 3½ light-years.

Rickard's personal favorites for 1994 were reports of a Loch Ness-like monster in a remote lake in Argentina and the discovery of two new species of animals — the giant Muntjac deer and the Vu Quang ox — in Vietnam.

"It's surprising because most zoologists have given up on large species being discovered. It is thought that the animals of the world are pretty much known but we're still having surprises," he said Thurs-

day. Rickard is particularly interested in spontaneous human combustion, in which people burst into flames for no immediately apparent reason. No cases of the extremely rare occurrence were reported last year.

"This is still a very mysterious world," he said. "We've been documenting it for 21 years and after all this time every week is a surprise for us. Every post (mail) bag is proof that the world has not been explained yet."

People are interested in unexplained events, he added, and are realizing that maybe science does not have all the answers.

Rickard and his editors assessed the index on the number of news reports, received from their 3,000 stringers around the world, in categories of unexplained phenomena such as apparitions, close encounters, poltergeists and prophecies.

The baseline for 1992, the first year of the index, was 3,400.