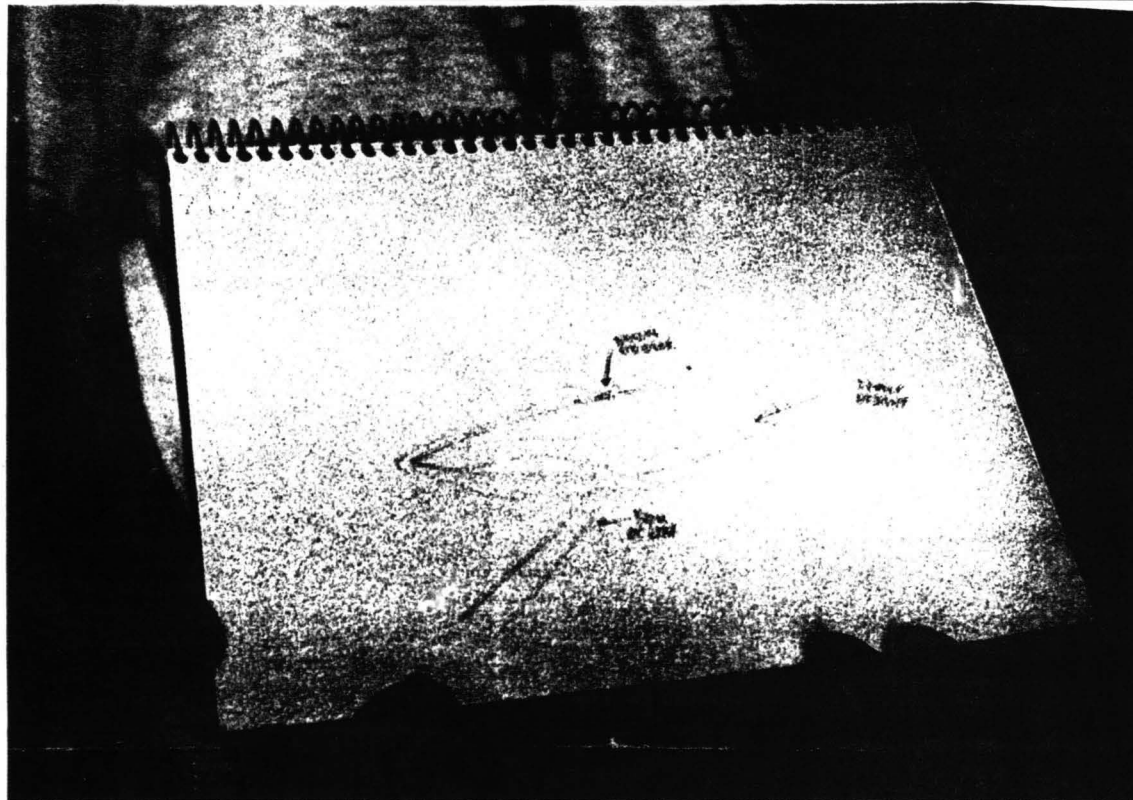


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Citizens who claim they saw a UFO over Fairfield last month have described details of the object, depicted in this drawing.

Mystery UFO

Citizens stand by story of unidentified flying object

By Charlie Goodyear
of the Daily Republic

FAIRFIELD — Some people just have to believe.

Following reports in January of an unidentified flying object, officials at Travis Air Force Base declared it a case of mistaken identity, saying the object was actually a blimp advertising tax services.

But not everyone is convinced.

All of the people contacted for this article were adamant that what they saw on two January nights was definitely

not a blimp, and not easily explained. All wished to remain anonymous.

"I'm not a believer in UFOs. I never had been. But what I saw made me think twice," said one Fairfield woman who swears she and her two teenage daughters experienced a close encounter.

"I was driving home from Benicia on Jan. 20 around 7:30 p.m. after dropping off a friend, and as I headed east on Interstate 680 I noticed something all lit up," she said. "I took the Rio Vista turnoff and noticed it again near the Budweiser plant. At that point I got a little freaked out."

Driving home through Suisun City, she saw the object again near Railroad Avenue and Sunset Boulevard. And when she pulled into the driveway of her home off Travis Street, the object, brilliantly lit, was floating above the neighborhood.

"At this point I'm talking to myself. I said 'This is something the girls need to see' and I went inside to get my daughters," she said.

The woman's two daughters, 15 and 17, were inside the home. The 15-year-old had thought she heard a shot around the time her mother

er pulled into the driveway. The teen called 911.

"I had heard a boom and thought it was a gunshot. But my sister had her earphones on and thought it was something else. When my mother came in, I went outside with her and there it was with two bright lights, like headlights on a car," she said.

Mother and daughter followed the object back over to a clearing near Railroad Avenue.

"It didn't make a sound. We rolled down the windows and we didn't hear anything like a plane or a helicopter. And it moved too swiftly for it to be a blimp," the younger daughter said.

When the two returned to the house, the 17-year-old daughter noticed the object following them back.

"I screamed. It looked like it was coming right at us. It was so low and it turned sharply. It was really scary to me," she said.

Two 19-year-old ROTC students had a similar encounter just a few days earlier on Jan. 16.

"We were coming back from Lucky's on East Wigeon Way and we spotted it out near Lawler Ranch and Grizzly Island. We both got a little scared. It seemed like it was following us.

"What convinced me it wasn't a blimp is that it moved too agile, too swiftly," one student said.

The teens were significantly impressed and made a drawing of the object and told their ROTC instructor, Col. Daryl Nelson.

Nelson, however, was skeptical and remains so.

"I wouldn't put any credence in what they're saying," he said. "I'm sure they believe what they're saying. But kids at this age get excited by these sort of things. And there was no physical evidence to support their claim."

Still all of the observers insist they know what they saw.

Government can hide anything — even UFOs

By Dennis Pollock
The Fresno Bee

No, Michael Lindemann has not taken a ride on a space invader's airship.

He hasn't talked firsthand to a space alien.

Heck, he hasn't even seen an unidentified flying object.

But he's convinced UFOs are out there. He suspects there are nonhuman aliens here and that there have been for some time. And he believes everyone needs to take the subject seriously.

"Tens of thousands of people feel marginalized because they are caught between what they know has happened to them and the conventional wisdom of what is possible," Lindemann said by telephone from Santa Barbara, where he heads the 2020 Group, which concerns itself with the



Michael Lindemann

social implication of human-alien contact. "Our government has not been forthcoming about what they know."

He calls government's unwillingness to respond seriously to claims of encounters "baloney."

Lindemann will speak at Fresno City College on Monday and said he will cite "eight or 10 cases that remain robustly impressive" as credible instances of encounters with space aliens.

Those include the alleged recovery of a crashed UFO and alien bodies near Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

In an interview and on audio tapes he has made, Lindemann emphasizes

Michael Lindemann

Futurist and UFO researcher will speak at 10 a.m. Monday in the Fresno City College Theatre. His talk, sponsored by the college's Speakers Forum, is titled "Real Encounters with UFOs." Tickets \$3, \$1 for students. Details: 442-8221.

the government's abilities to hide information, including expenditures of significant amounts of money on weapons systems.

He said it was interest in weaponry that drew him to extraterrestrials.

"It began as an innocent inquiry on another subject," he said. "I was a full-time social analyst and peace activist for most of the 1980s and examined ways to prevent nuclear war, so I was pretty up to date on U.S. weapons policy."

"As the cold war ended, the U.S. government continued to develop

weapons systems. The questions became, 'What's the strategy?' 'Who's the enemy?'

"A source I trusted told me, 'You'll not figure out the whole answer to that question unless you look into UFOs.' ... I thought that was goofy, but the guy was a straight shooter. I was shocked at what was available the minute you ask."

Lindemann has been busy in recent months running what he calls a new "on-line educational service," exchanging published information of UFOs and nonhuman aliens. It's called the Institute for the Study of Contact with Non-Human Intelligence. (Details: (805) 563-8500, e-mail: ISCN1@aol.com.)

"My intention is to establish that the subject is a serious one with serious social implications," he said.

North County UFO hotline focuses on San Marcos, Vista

By ROBYN WALTERS
The San Marcos Courier Staff

On any given night Vista resident Laura Miller can be found peering into the night-time sky.

But do not mistake her actions for those of an amateur astronomer; Miller's not looking at the stars. She's looking for unidentified flying objects, or should we should say, more UFOs.

Miller is part of the international organization MUFON, or the Mutual UFO Network. The organization, around since 1967 and 5,000 members strong, attempts to scientifically explain strange phenomenon and document personal

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—Laura Miller

from North County residents reporting UFO sightings.

"We've gotten more than 100 calls already. Our largest

day than they were 50 years ago. At some point we are going to have to decide that it's more than just coincidence," she said. "I think the stereotype is changing."

Jones adds the belief in UFOs is also much more accepted today than it was years

ago, especially since a number of scientists and retired military personnel have come forward with personal stories. In fact, the two women met on the electronic computer bulletin board, CompuServe, relaying UFO stories.

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people who happen to enjoy solving a mystery, and taking the time to research and explain unidentified flying objects," said Jones.

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Marie Jones
MUFON

sightings or alleged alien encounters.

Along with Marie Jones of Encinitas, Miller has started a North County chapter of MUFON along with a 24-hour telephone hot line for UFO sightings in the area.

And while the two women need no help in exhibiting their enthusiasm for UFO phenomenon, they do not appear to be alone. The hot line, only in operation for a month, has been inundated with calls

number seems to come from Vista and Oceanside, but we are getting calls from as far away as Poway and El Cajon," said Miller, who's been interested in UFO sightings for 18 years.

Just as quickly as Miller is to explain the popularity surrounding UFO sightings, she dispels the notion that it could be mass hysteria.

"I just think people are more aware and knowledgeable to-



Marie Jones (left) and Laura Miller talk about the creation of a North County chapter of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

Staff photo by MIKE HENNIG

vice and provide a forum for those who have seen things and want someplace to talk about it, without controversy.

"The more people that get together and work together, the more we can get answers and find the truth," Miller said.

In fact, MUFON members are currently investigating two Vista UFO sightings. The first sighting occurred on Nov. 28, 1994 and was videotaped by Miller and her husband, Bobby, from their patio.

The videotape was sent out for professional analysis in Wisconsin, where a MUFON staff photoanalyst there determined the object captured by Miller "remains a UFO."

"There is a strict process we keep to when we analyze and investigate sightings. In MUFON we strongly believe in scientific knowledge, so we will try and explain things before we call it a UFO," said Jones, who added that 90 percent of the sightings can be accounted for.

Meanwhile, the MUFON members are also hot on the trail of another Vista sighting Jan. 5, witnessed by at least a dozen individuals.

For more information about MUFON, those interested can attend a meeting scheduled for Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. The place of the meeting has not yet been selected, but it can be retrieved by calling the hot line at 271-3022 a few days prior to the meeting. Regular monthly meetings of MUFON will follow.

Unidentified object still unidentified

DETROIT — It's been a year, and those unidentified flying objects that confounded sky watchers in western lower Michigan remain unidentified.

On March 8, 1994, Holland police took many 911 calls from people reporting seeing five or six objects, some cylinder shaped, with blue, red, white and green lights.

A National Weather Service operator told police the objects showed on radar there, larger than the typical plane, flying fast and at varying altitudes and headed West.

"These sightings would have to fall into the category of a true unidentified flying object," Dr. Michael Swords, professor of natural science at Western Michigan University, told the Detroit Free Press in an article published Wednesday.

In the year since the sighting, researchers have ruled out weather balloons, small planes, marsh gas, blimps, satellites, falling stars, space junk or military aircraft, the Free Press said. But they still don't know exactly what it was.

The Mutual UFO Network is investigating, doing interviews and looking at radar data.

"We get excited because it's such a big case," Michigan MUFON Director Shirley Tafoya said. "We try to keep an open mind, to see whether this was a true sighting."



DAILY TIDINGS, Ashland, OR - Nov. 25, 1994

Group shares experiences with UFOs

By Stephanie Shea
Ashland Daily Tidings

On August 11, 1979, a couple was camping in the hills just south of Ashland. At approximately 9 p.m., they were talking in their tent when a cylinder of pure, white light came straight down outside their tent. It shone into their eyes for what seemed like one or two seconds before completely vanishing.

Although that was more than 15 years ago, the couple who wishes to be identified only as June and Ward have never forgotten the night they believe they were visited by a UFO. Under hypnosis last year, June recalled more of that night, filling in the gaps of a 15- to 17-minute span that the couple could not remember. "The bright light was shining in and there were several strange-looking beings in the tent. The beings were short, skeletal-looking figures, with a translucent look to their bodies. They were obviously looking at us and discussing us," June said. She remembers the beings' presence as "strange, but not threatening."

This account was read aloud at a recent public forum on UFOs given in Medford by R. Hawk Starkey, Ph.D. and Art Stoltz, Ph.D.. The two

therapists want to create a group for people who have had personal experiences with UFOs or just have an interest in them.

Ward said he and his wife wanted to share their experience, which he described as more unusual than frightening, to calm the fears that people may have about aliens. "I'm not trying to convince anyone," he said. "I'm still a skeptic."

Starkey is well acquainted with June and Ward and said that the two are Ashland professionals that he described as "intelligent, level-headed people." It is common for people who have had experiences with UFOs to keep it to themselves or to wait years before sharing their story, and then only anonymously, as Ward and June did, Starkey said. "There is still a stigma attached to the topic of UFOs."

But times are changing, and people are talking about UFOs more than ever before, according to Starkey. "There are scientists, public figures, military pilots, generals, intelligence officers, CIA and other government officials who are breaking the cover of silence and saying that they [UFOs] are real, that they have seen them," he said.

Stoltz and Starkey are trying to provide a network of information and support to encourage

people who have had an experience with extraterrestrial beings to come forward. They placed an ad in local newspapers seeking people with experience or knowledge of UFOs and got about 45 responses. A group of at least 20 showed up for the Medford meeting, with several claiming to have had an encounter with a UFO or alien beings. Noted guests at the meeting included Aleuti Francesca, a UFO researcher who has given lectures on radio and television in the United States and Canada, and Michael Brein, Ph.D., a parapsychologist and former director of the Mutual UFO Network Inc. (MUFON) in Hawaii.

The group plans to meet monthly to share knowledge about UFOs through viewing documentaries, guest lectures, and discussion groups. A support group for people with sighting or abduction experiences is also in the works. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 8. The film "Messenger of Destiny," a documentary on the Mexico City UFO sightings in 1991 during a solar eclipse, will be shown. Francesca will speak and answer questions.

For more information, call Starkey at 1-800-616-2202 or Stoltz at 779-1410 or 773-7396.

In search of . . .



Daily Republic/MIKE McCOY

Amateur parapsychologist Steve Moreno says aliens have been visiting Earth for years.

Trying to explain the unexplainable

Non-profit foundation targets UFOs

By Charlie Goodyear
of the Daily Republic

SUISUN CITY — Between the cold reality of science and the fanciful musings of New Age mysticism, you'll find Steve Moreno.

A self-described amateur parapsychologist, Moreno, 38, has been interested in trying to explain the unexplainable since his teens.

But Moreno, an independent contractor, wants to do more than just chase UFOs or investigate hauntings. His goal is to bring skeptical scientists and free thinkers together under the umbrella of his fledgling non-profit foundation, Psi Applications.

"The scientific method as it is practiced now is too confining. You've got to keep an open mind with some of this stuff," Moreno said.

Keeping an open mind is definitely a requirement. Moreno has spent years researching incidents, logging thousands of hours of computer time pouring through declassified files and chatting with professional parapsychologists and fellow UFO buffs.

"I know the government will disclose a lot of evidence in the next 15 years," Moreno said. "They aren't going to admit anything now about something they can't control. There have been several different species of aliens who've been visiting Earth for years."

His discussion ranges from the merely bizarre to the unbelievable:

■ Cattle mutilations reported across the country are supposedly the work of aliens who need enzymes from cow blood to help process their digestive systems.

■ The Air Force has been testing borrowed or captured space craft at its top secret facility at Groom Lake, Nev.

■ Psychic surgeons from the Philippines can heal tumors without surgery.

■ And famed Israeli psychic Uri Geller, known for bending spoons with his mind, received his powers from extraterrestrials.

"I met Geller once and he was amazing. I saw seeds sprout from his hands," Moreno said.

Closer to home, Moreno has experienced a number of sightings during the past 13 years, starting with an incident that occurred near the south gate of Travis Air Force Base in 1982, he said.

More recently, he has been investigating a number of sightings reported in January, trying to determine if the object was really a blimp as Travis AFB officials claimed.

"The UFO phenomenon does exist in Fairfield, probably because of the base," Moreno said. "But I don't think Travis AFB is directly involved. They're not that type of

base. Still, I am surprised they commented at all on this past sighting."

And no matter what you think of Moreno's personal beliefs, his contacts in the field of parapsychology and UFO investigations are bona fide.

"He has a real interest in research and that indicates to me that he's on the up-and-up," said Lloyd Auerbach, an eminent San Francisco parapsychology investigator and author.

"The problem is that legitimate academics in the field are suffering from the New Age imagery," he added. "There are a lot of flakes and hucksters out there promoting themselves but not interested in what may be actually happening. And that scares off mainstream science."

In a world of tabloid journalism and past hoaxes (such as the English farmers who created strange patterns in crop fields using only a broom and wire), Moreno sees himself playing a valuable role. At the very least he is someone who will listen. At the most, he could help foster a more tolerant scientific and academic community.

"A lot of people have a Ph.D. to lose. I don't," Moreno said. "I want to help remove the stigma from these kinds of investigations. There is a whole area of science out there waiting to be discovered. Just because somebody can fake something doesn't mean it never happened."

Skepticism aside, funding is one of the largest hurdles for UFO investigators. The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence organization had its federal funds cut last year.

Moreno's Psi Applications is a non-profit foundation that so far has received donations from individuals. Contributors receive a quarterly newsletter and access to a database Moreno is compiling of UFO groups, paranormal investigators and tips on government files.

Moreno offers his own services as a counselor and consultant to people who may be dealing with the supernatural. He can be reached at 425-4382.

While SETI's loss of its funding disappointed Moreno, he plans to forge on with his own research.

"It really exasperated me," he said. "But with SETI you had all those scientists spending millions of dollars looking for life in outer space when it's been right here in our backyard all along."

VALLEY DAILY NEWS, Kent, WA - Feb. 24, 1995

Residents report sighting of UFO

By BRUCE ROMMEL
Valley Daily News

Was that mysterious green light seen in the skies over Western Washington a satellite? A meteor?

Or was it just the planet Venus twinkling at sunrise?

"Even though Venus doesn't move around, a lot of reports of UFOs can be traced to sightings of Venus," Woody Sullivan, a University of Washington astronomy professor, said Thursday.

On the other hand, Venus doesn't "zip across the sky," as a few residents around Western Washington described the unidentified flying object Wednesday morning.

Several witnesses telephoned the UFO Reporting and Information Service in Seattle and described a green disc or light traveling west to east. Others said it was moving north to south.

"The reports we got was that it was moving pretty fast, leaving a trail," said Dale Goudie, one of the volunteers at the UFO service, which has been tracking sightings in this area since 1982.

"Then we had reports it was hovering, too, so I don't know just what to make of this yet," Goudie said.

The light in the sky was seen between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. Wednesday. Sullivan, the UW professor, said anyone looking near the horizon to the east and slightly south during those hours now will see Venus shining bright. Viewed with the naked eye, it will "twinkle" and appear to change colors, in hues of blue, green and red, Sullivan said.

Goudie, who works in advertising in Seattle, is among local residents who operate the UFO Reporting and Information Service. The group's goal is to find explanations for UFO sightings, he said.

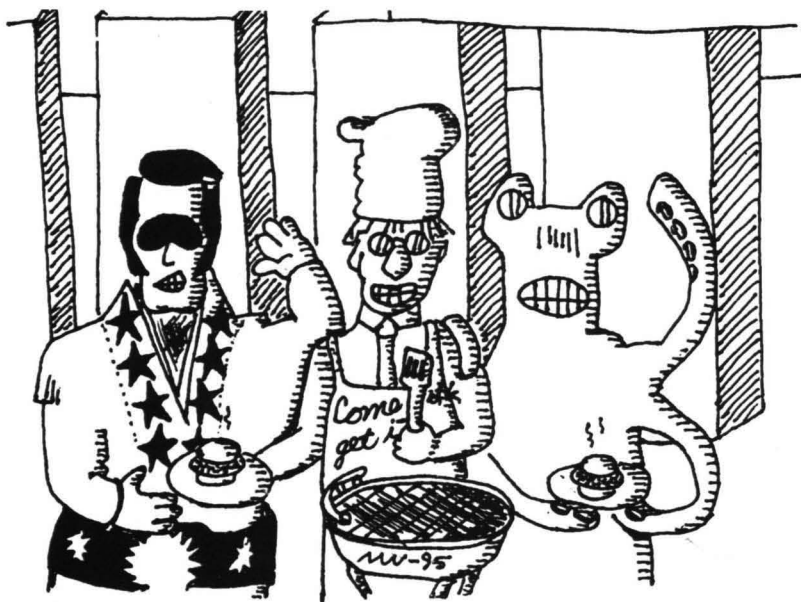
As far as his group is concerned, Goudie said, UFO sightings are found to be "explained," or else they're "still being investigated."

The investigation literally can take years, he said. Sometimes evidence suggests a UFO was a satellite. Considering the number of satellites in the skies, it takes time to confirm that, especially if it was a military one.

As of Thursday afternoon, Goudie said, he had no immediate explanation for the light moving in the sky Wednesday morning.

Sullivan said UFO sightings in this area have been traced to aircraft, weather balloons and sometimes meteors. Sometimes, what people have seen is sunlight reflecting in gases released from balloons at high altitudes in experiments to test how the gases expand, he said.

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Crop Zone

What the CIA doesn't want you to know about crop circles

THERE'S NOTHING I like better than a lecturer who suggests there's a CIA agent in the audience. The other day, I went to a talk by the world's foremost authority on crop circles, Colin Andrews. Crop circles, for those out of the unexplained-phenomenon loop, are giant geometric patterns fashioned in fields of wheat, beans, etc., by invisible and unknown forces.

The patterns have appeared overnight in distant parts of the world—sort of like those weird pastel strip malls now popping up everywhere. I wish somebody would investigate where those things are coming from.

Colin himself has a mysterious haircut. He's a more or less normal-looking guy—in a gleaming, religious-cult-executive-board-member way. As it turns out, that's very close to what he is. There are crop-circle fans everywhere—a secret underground movement. When Colin comes to town, they all turn out.

The room that night was awash with insider winks and nudges. Andrews started out excitedly relating news only peripherally connected with crop circles but of monumental and earth-shattering importance. An ex-rock-star he knows, a crop-circle aficionado as well, has turned up a guy with previously unseen film of Elvis Pres-

ley. (I was delighted to hear this. My crop-circle experience would have seemed incomplete without a mention of Elvis.) That same man also had 20 films shot in 1947 by the military at the famed Roswell, N.M., UFO crash site. I found it perfectly logical that the same man would have both sorts of films.

Colin said the films were probably authentic. (Harry Truman appears in one of them, which would be hard to fake.) He had actually seen one of the films—a 15-minute autopsy performed on a dead alien. No wonder Colin was excited! The films have been purchased by the Fox Network for \$150,000 and, according to Colin, will be broadcast later this year. It will change *everything*! Or at least, I guess, provide relief from summer reruns.

IT'S EASY to understand why the CIA would want to follow around a guy with information not even the *Weekly World News* has yet. To a bizarre-phenomena investigator like Colin, the United States government is a huge, sinister gang that devotes most of its time and resources to covering up the really cool stuff, like flying saucers and crop circles and, hell, even Elvis.

Finally, having warned us of "immense changes" about to occur, Colin got to the crop circles. He asked the rhetorical question: Is there a connection between crop

circles, spirits of the dead (my guess is Elvis would fall under that heading), UFOs and our own psyches? Which is okay, as rhetorical questions go, but I was disappointed he couldn't find a way to work Bigfoot in there.

He spent the rest of the lecture handily failing to answer that question. It was pretty clear to me, though, that he thinks UFOs have something to do with crop circles. I mean, what *else* could be doing it? Except maybe the CIA.

I don't think I'm being unfair when I say Colin had a tendency to ramble. According to him, the CIA pays people to create phony crop circles. He calls these people "hoaxers." The CIA also pays people to destroy authentic crop circles. That incensed me. What a waste of tax money! It would be a lot more economical if the CIA would just pay people to falsely claim they'd hoaxed the authentic crop circles. In fact, Colin may have accused them of that at some point, too. It's hard to say for sure.

As near as I could discern, Colin feels the CIA was also responsible for the disruption in his personal life. Well, it was either them or the UFOs. Colin used to keep the world's largest database devoted to crop circles in his home. For some lengthy period of time, he said, every night at precisely 4:15am something would set off his security alarm.

It was chaos—the alarms wouldn't turn off, and the cops would show up. It always happened at exactly 4:15am except for once when it happened at 3:20am. Colin couldn't figure out the deviation until he realized that if you look at a clockface reading 3:20 in a mirror, it reads 4:15!

And suddenly I got it. It was all beginning to make sense to me. The CIA, the aliens, the crop circles, Elvis, the clock in the mirror—it all ties together!

Don't you see it, too?

M. NICK

TIMES, Trenton, NJ - March 19, 1995

Eyes of aliens are watching

UFO congress compares notes

By LISA ANN MYERS
Staff Writer

BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP — No one attending the Sixth Annual Great UFO/ET Alien and Abduction Congress spotted any extraterrestrials yesterday, but a number of speakers said they have had close encounters.

Yesterday the congress, an organization focusing on the distribution of scientific and lay UFO data, featured lectures by scientists and self-proclaimed alien abductees, exhibits and vendors. The congress, which started Friday, will also meet today at the Days Inn here.

Lecturer Leah A. Haley relayed personal accounts of alien abduction and medical experiments.

Haley, a certified public account, claims to have had UFO sightings since childhood. As she grew older, she was abducted on numerous occasions and used for medical research, she said.

She has written books about encounters with UFOs and has appeared on TV talk shows to discuss her experiences.

On one occasion, an alien removed her right eyeball, inserted an object inside her eye socket and replaced her eyeball, she reported. She also said she has had puncture wounds and indentations on her body that doctors could not explain.

Haley also reported that she has seen at least four different kinds of aliens. Some were short with big eyes and large heads, while others were reptilian, she said.

"I have had positive, negative and neutral experiences with aliens," said Haley. She lectures all over the country and aims to "help alleviate fear of these entities and educate."

ACCORDING TO Bruce Maccaabee, who holds a Ph.D. in physics, anyone can be abducted. Maccaabee was not abducted but claims to have witnessed a ring of lights in the sky

"I have had positive, negative and neutral experiences with aliens," said Haley. She lectures all over the country and aims to "help alleviate fear of these entities and educate."

along with 30 other people in Florida.

UFO enthusiast Rene Jacques said he had a spiritual experience during a sighting. "It was similar to being with God," he said.

Although lecturer Stanton Friedman, a nuclear physicist and author, has "never seen a flying saucer or an alien being," he's convinced of their existence. Friedman bases his conviction upon, "a consistent response throughout the country" and scientific data. However, his conviction is accompanied by skepticism.

According to Friedman, with every finding, he needs verification. "It isn't enough for someone to tell me a story... there are a lot of phonies out there," Friedman said.

Friedman said he considers Maccaabee's accounts credible, but many other accounts cannot be backed up with scientific evidence.

Friedman also believes in a "cosmic Watergate" — a government coverup of UFO data. In his opinion, reports of UFO crashes, military involvement and scientific findings demonstrate the government's knowledge of extra-terrestrial activity.

Along with lecturer's proclamations, there were displays of UFO pictures, scientific data and books. One exhibit made claims that the first UFO sighting was made by the Egyptians in 1500 B.C.

Maccaabee said, whether UFOs exist or not, "certainly something hard core is going on."

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - March 15, 1995

Skywatchers Sight Amber Lights

By Carole Baker

Thursday evening, March 9, three skywatchers arrived at Shoreline Park earlier than usual. It was a chilly evening so they were watching from their car. It was 6:38 p.m., and they had only been in the park a few minutes when three amber lights appeared in the sky over Sabine Yacht Club. Scrambling for cameras and binoculars they rushed from their car to observe the UFO. The three amber lights appeared in a horizontal row about ten degrees above the horizon above the Yacht Club. One of the lights blinked out and the remaining two then faded out. The sighting lasted about fifteen seconds. It was a very clear night with a half moon high in the sky and stars visible throughout the sky. The last reported sighting at Shoreline Park had occurred on January 19.

About ten minutes later at 6:50 p.m. a similar configuration of three amber lights in a horizontal row appeared in the sky just to the east of the water tower. This time the sky-

watchers were more prepared and had cameras and binoculars ready. The three lights appeared this time about fifteen degrees in the sky and appeared to be closer to the skywatchers than the first sighting. They were able to observe the left light blink out and the remaining two lights turn deep red before fading out. Again, this sighting lasted about fifteen seconds.

A few minutes later at 6:53 p.m. a single red light blinked in to the east of Sans Souci. This light came in about ten degrees above the horizon and faded out. The sighting lasted about five seconds. This was followed at 6:54 by another red light in the exact same position in the sky to the east of Sans Souci. It too appeared for a very short time before fading out.

A couple visiting from Atlanta arrived at Shoreline Park shortly after the last sighting and were very disappointed to have missed these sightings. Keep Looking Up!

DAILY RECORD, Roswell, NM - March 8, 1995

GAO continues to search for information on UFOs

Richard Olmsted
Record Staff Writer

The General Accounting Office's search of documents for information on the Roswell Incident of 1947 is continuing, one of the researchers said Tuesday.

"We are busy evaluating things," researcher Gary Weeter said. "We have no specific date to be finished, but we are closer."

"We are busy evaluating things."
■ Gary Weeter

The 14-month search turned up a document detailing the daily activity at Roswell Army Air Field during the week of July 2, 1947, the day the UFO was found, Weeter said,

but it sheds no light on the alleged crash.

The search started in January 1994 at the request of Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M., whose congressional district doesn't include Roswell. At the request of other people who wrote him letters, Schiff inquired about the alleged UFO crash on Mac Brazel's ranch 75 miles northwest of Roswell.

He said he became very interested after his questions were stonewalled by the

Department of Defense, prompting his request for a GAO investigation.

According to the Air Force, the crashed object was a balloon belonging to Project

Mogul designed to detect Soviet nuclear testing. That story has been widely criticized by witnesses and UFO researchers.

THE ALIEN HIGHWAY

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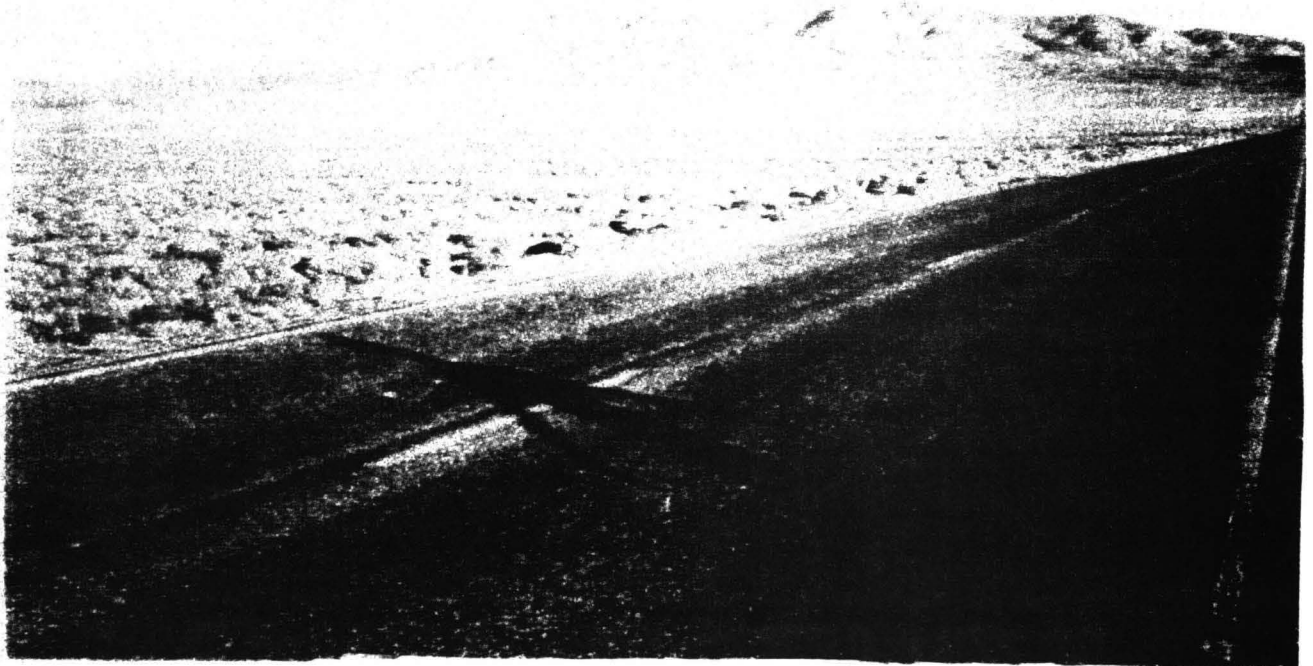


Photo illustration by Thomas Ropp/Patti Valdez/The Arizona Republic

RACHEL, NEV.

A cold wind ripped through this trailer town of 100 as the morning sun exploded over the mountains, spilling across the valley, renewing shadows swallowed by the night before.

Joe Travis sat at a table in his stark cafe with his head between his hands, smoking a cigarette, drinking a cup, trying to wake up. Wife Pat sat next to Joe. They were the only people in the cafe.

But they weren't alone.

"A psychic once told us that there were 27 beings in this cafe," Pat said in a tired voice. "They live here."

And, if you believe the spooky stories that have circulated in this area over the years, you would have to conclude that they live all along Nevada 375, a 98-mile single-lane road that connects Ash Springs to Warm Springs. Reports of otherworldly lights, celestial abductions and just plain weird encounters with UFOs are so common, this desolate stretch of asphalt is now referred to as the Alien Highway.

Rachel, 150 miles or so north of Las Vegas, is the only community along the Alien Highway. It's a spot Larry King recently called the "loneliest place on Earth" while doing a live two-hour UFO show for cable channel TNT.

The Travis' story begins in 1988, when they moved to Rachel from Las Vegas and purchased the Rachel Bar and Grill. It wasn't something they had planned on doing. No longer a youngster, Joe swore he'd never live in snow again. It snows in Rachel.

In fact, at nearly 5,000 feet elevation, it can get



Thomas Ropp/The Arizona Republic

Joe and Pat Travis suspect that aliens want them to remain in Rachel, a town 150 miles or so north of Las Vegas. Rachel is a spot Larry King, on his two-hour UFO special, called the "loneliest place on Earth."

bitterly cold in this high desert, like it did their first winter, when Pat claims temperatures dropped to 30 below one day — the day they had their first preternatural encounter.

"It was a Thursday afternoon," Pat said. "Joe and I were here by ourselves and a beam of light passed right through the middle of the back door, which was closed at the time. The light lit up the

whole doorjamb. What I believe now is that something came in here that day and has never left."

A short time later, Pat and another woman were traveling along Nevada 375. Pat was driving. Suddenly she heard a voice tell her to slow down.

"It wasn't the voice of the other woman, and

it wasn't a voice in my head," Pat said. "I slowed down from 55 to 35 and saw two black bulls in the road. I couldn't have stopped if I had been going 55."

Given the history of UFO lore in the area, as well as their own experiences, Joe and Pat renamed their cafe the Little A'Le'Inn and expanded it into a trailer motel. They constructed a two-panel sign off the highway featuring the classic face of a slanted-eyed alien with the sentiment "Earthlings Welcome."

They also securely anchored a miniature flying saucer next to the

sign. The saucer was about 40 inches across, approximately the same diameter as the sign.

The sign is still there. The saucer isn't.

"Best we can figure, a whirlwind uprooted the saucer and tossed it into the sign," Pat said, not believing that's what really happened.

Somehow, the saucer was hurled with such force that it lodged in the small slit between the two panels in the sign. A million-to-one shot.

"It took three men to dislodge it," Pat said.

Pat believes the incident was a

message from the entity that had entered their cafe. Earlier that day she and Joe had discussed the possibility of selling the Little A'Le'Inn.

"They want us to stay here," Pat said.

One other time, the Travises had talked quietly about selling. Again, something strange occurred. A light outside their bedroom kept flashing on and off.

"But when I went to see what it was, there was nothing there," Pat said. "If I hadn't known better, I would have sworn the flashing light was the same one we have at

night in front of the restaurant."

Not everyone in Rachel is as open about their run-ins with the bizarre.

For instance, an elderly woman in the Mormon church who did not want to be identified said a craft followed her vehicle from Alamo to Rachel one night, a distance of about 48 miles. The saucer-shaped craft, she said, was close enough above her that she could see the portholes.

The woman believed the only reason she wasn't abducted was because she was too old. (A popular abduction theory is that aliens are creating

a human/alien hybrid by stealing viable sex cells from human adults. Tales of such close encounters appear to be uncannily similar. Victims are snatched from bed, from a car or even from the street. Many "abductees" are forced to have ova or sperm removed).

Another local woman claimed a blue light paralyzed her while it probed around her house. Afterward, the woman said, there was a strange scar on her leg and she had "lost time" (losing track of time — anywhere from 20 minutes to

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an hour — is commonly reported from people who claim close encounters with alien craft or paralyzing lights).

Couple minutes late

Others, homing in on Rachel's burgeoning reputation as "Weird Central," have begun to show up in hopes of witnessing firsthand non-empirically correct phenomena.

Chuck Clark is such a pilgrim. An astronomer from southern California, Clark has lived in Rachel for two months. He said he hasn't seen anything too out of the ordinary yet, but he's been close.

"I've missed having a couple encounters by just a few minutes," Clark said.

He said the most interesting incident occurred in September when a friend asked him whether he had seen the two glowing blue beams of lights near Coyote Summit, a few miles southeast of Rachel.

"But by the time I got out there the show was over," Clark said. "Apparently these lights were shooting blue beams between each other for about 15 minutes."



Flashing lights work best for contact

Tips on communicating with extraterrestrial craft, courtesy of the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence:

- Flash headlights on and off in a pattern of some kind. The craft could duplicate the pattern.
- You can do the same with a flashlight, although the larger the light the better.
- Try thought-transference. Think: "I'd like to get a closer look at you." The craft may move closer.
- Do not wave hands and arms. This could be interpreted as a hostile gesture.

“From the people I've talked to, I'd say there's a strong possibility of (the Air Force having captured UFOs). There have been sightings of strange floating lights out near the Back Gate area.”

CHUCK CLARK
UFO PILGRIM

UFO reports gain credibility in many quarters

Opinion polls show firsthand sightings are on the increase

By Thomas Ropp
The Arizona Republic

All this space-alien stuff may still seem pretty asinine, but there's no denying the UFO phenomenon has had a profound influence on our culture over the past half century.

You can't escape it. Turn on the radio and hear Joe Satriani's *Surfing With the Alien*. In literature, UFOs appear in Kurt Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse Five*. Even architect Frank Lloyd Wright sketched flying saucers scooting in the air above homes of the future.

Then there's the film and TV industry, which has produced the likes of *The X-Files*, *Alien Nation*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, *The Day the Earth Stood Still* and, of course, Arizona's own famous abduction case of woodcutter Travis Walton portrayed in *Fire in the Sky*.

Bookstores now fill whole sections with non-fiction accounts of documented UFO sightings, cover-ups, lost-time abductions and history.

In Gila Bend there's a Space Age Inn, and at Filiberto's 24-hour Mexican restaurants, you can eat a super tostada called a "flying saucer."

Some argue that the media are creating the message. But opinion polls show more and more people are having firsthand

experiences.

Two million people witnessed a UFO frenzy over Mexico City in the early '90s. In recent years, heavy activity also has been reported around Siberia, the Baltic Sea, throughout South America, the Hudson Valley and Marfa, Texas. Currently, the Gulf Breeze area of Florida near Pensacola is a sighting mecca.

In Arizona, hot spots have included the Navajo Reservation, Payson, Childs, Sedona, the Superstition Mountains, Casa Grande and Heber.

Brian Myers of the International Center for UFO Research Inc. in Scottsdale said polls show that 50 percent of the American public now believes in UFOs, and that one in seven has had UFO or paranormal experiences.

"I think these numbers are on the increase," Myers said. "There's much less ridicule now because more and more people are having experiences or know someone who's credible who has had them."

Then there's the ubiquitous home video camera. Sightings that were undocumented in 1950 are now being recorded. In Mexico City, for instance, millions of people took to the streets to witness a total eclipse of the sun in 1991. Many had video cameras. A UFO appeared and was recorded by dozens of people at the same time in various locations around the city.

Beam yourself up to mysterious stretch

If you decide to drive, go first to Las Vegas then north to Rachel, via U.S. 93 and Nevada 375. Expect a six-hour drive from Phoenix to Las Vegas and another 2½ hours from Las Vegas to Rachel. You could also fly to Las Vegas from Phoenix and rent a car for the drive to Rachel.

If you decide to stay at The

Little A'Le'Inn in Rachel, the cost is \$31 per night. Phone: 1-702-729-2515.

There's little in the way of facilities between Las Vegas and Rachel. Fill your tank in Las Vegas. You may want to eat in Alamo before entering the Alien Highway. Bring binoculars and water.

Area 51

About a year after the Trivises purchased their tiny cafe, a major event rocked the world of UFO chasers when physicist Bob Lazar, who allegedly had left his job at a secret Air Force base, announced to the world that he had been working on captured alien spacecraft. From that proclamation, more incredible stories have surfaced, including the possibility that there are a half-dozen live space aliens being held captive there.

The officially secret base is only 18 miles south of Rachel in a region identified on some maps as Area 51.

Recently, Nevada Gov. Bob Miller more or less admitted the existence of the base, but wouldn't elaborate except to say it needed to remain secret in the interest of national security. His admission was wise considering there are photographs and videos of the place taken from public lands 10 miles away that show buildings, hangars and workers arriving by bus and daily shuttle flights from Las Vegas.

Human secrets, of course, are nothing new to this area of Nevada.

Atomic bombs, the U-2 spy plane and the Stealth bomber were tested here. Now what's going on is anyone's guess, but the publicity generated by it all has also had a major impact on Rachel. Besides Larry King, camera crews from across the United States, Europe and Japan

have visited Rachel. Last year's final episode of *The X-Files*, featuring a secret military base in the desert where aliens were being kept alive in incubators, was obviously a direct descendant of speculations over what's going on at Area 51.

Rachel's full-time residents aren't saying much about it, but the prevalent theory is that at the very least the Air Force is experimenting with its own saucer back in the foothills.

"From the people I've talked to, I'd say there's a strong possibility of that," Clark said. "There have been sightings of strange floating lights out near the Back Gate area."

The Back Gate is a gate across a dirt road beyond alfalfa fields at the base of the foothills that leads to the secret base. Signs warn that deadly force will be used to keep out intruders.

One night in Rachel, I also saw this floating light in the area of the Back Gate, although, at the time I didn't know about the Back Gate.

I saw it from the highway with another witness. It was a pumpkin-colored ball of light that pulsed and appeared to jump erratically just above the desert floor in front of the foothills. But when I looked at the ball of light through binoculars, what I saw more closely resembled the headlights of a truck, except the beams weren't right. Instead of shining straight out, these appeared to be moving and fanning out in a circular pattern. Also, the

entire object seemed to be moving slightly as if rotating on a pedestal.

Brian Myers, of the International Center for UFO Research Inc. in Scottsdale, said he has interviewed "credible sources" over the past 10 years who have reported UFO activity around Area 51.

"Primarily they report craft flying around at night erratically," Myers said.

What you might see

If you're of sound mind, adventurous and not easily spooked, by all means take a drive to Rachel. There are no guarantees you'll see anything too arcane, but then again, the odds seem to be in your favor.

One thing you most likely will see are high-flying jets and a sky filled with flares at twilight. This is part of the nightly war games conducted by nearby Nellis Air Force Range.

You'll also see an attractive countryside with volcanic-peak mountains, shrubby pines and Joshua forests that low-flying ravens maneuver deftly through from perch to perch.

The hilly area near Hancock Summit, 36 miles east of Rachel, is especially striking. The rocks here are striated with colorful bands and lines that — if you squint — resemble a pattern of hieroglyphics or enigmatic faces.

In April, the desert floor is blanketed in rose-colored mallows.

If you decide to visit, consider spending a night at the Little A'Le'Inn, keeping in mind that these are not fancy accommodations, but they are the *only* accommodations.

And who knows, over a Beam Me Up Scotty drink and an Alien Burger, the Trivises may tell you what it all means:

"I truly believe there's an education process going on here," Pat said.

She believes the entities are coming to her and Joe at night while they sleep and teaching them lessons.

"Why else," she said, "would we have ended up in Rachel?"

with UFOs, and even through telepathy.

"We emphasize working in teams so experiences are witnessed by more than one person and therefore more scientific and verifiable," said Emily Greer, wife of Steven and CSETI's spokesperson.

She said the teams have been successful communicating via all three techniques, but especially through lights.

"We've made contact with craft by flashing three times, then having the craft respond with three flashes, this sort of thing," Greer said.

In February 1992, she said, a CSETI team led by her husband was in a volcanic region outside Mexico City where a lot of craft had been seen.

"They had one of those triangular craft that's the size of two or three football fields come within a couple hundred yards of them," Greer said. "It was flashing back and forth with them for some time. And there were five credible people who verified it. This is exciting stuff."

Exciting to some. Disturbing to others. But what does it all mean?

The way I see it, there are two primary scenarios. Either people all over the world have fallen under the spell of a mass hallucination the past 50 years, or, this gradual alien assimilation is *their* way of preparing us for the greatest event in human history:

Contact.

THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE



Rick Andrews in his house, video camera on tripod at the window, ready for future UFO visits.

By STEVE LINSENMAYER of The News-Sentinel

UFO spotter ready for rush of space visitors

Bob Caylor
Beyond
the Fort

HAMILTON — What an icebreaker. About a minute after I showed up at Rick Andrews' house, he asked, "Have you had experience with UFOs?"

I said no.

"Well, the time's coming," he said.

Andrews has seen unidentified flying objects. He's videotaped them. As far as he's concerned, what he's seen is part of a groundswell of galactic tourism that soon will become just too big for the government to hide.

Andrews, 39, is a machinist who's spent the last several months at home, partially disabled by rheumatoid arthritis.

He's slowly remodeling his little house on the fringe of a woods northeast of Hamilton in Steuben County. He putters around with decade-old computers and other machines, watches CNN and plays with his dogs.

For a guy who's been on the receiving end

of UFO visitations, he doesn't seem obsessed by the subject. He hasn't joined any networks of UFO buffs, researched the history of UFO sightings or compared various schools of thought on the origin of these phenomena.

Until somebody makes a great case to the contrary, he's assuming what he's seen are craft from other solar systems.

Andrews saw the first of three UFOs about 2½ years ago. Last year, he captured images on videotape on two different occasions. He's talked about it and reviewed his videotape often enough he doesn't get overly excited anymore, even when he tells about the time a mysterious light the size of a football field passed over his house, about 300 feet in the air.

He also had the good luck to see his UFOs last year, at the same time DeKalb and Steuben counties were titillated by a couple of

waves of UFO sightings. Thus, his family and friends haven't treated him as if he's crazy.

Unfortunately, what he captured on video wasn't the UFO right over his house. When he recorded his sightings in August and October, he said, the UFOs were several miles away.

To be fair, I must say I'm a novice at identifying alien spacecraft. If they haven't appeared on "Star Trek," I'm at a loss. All I saw in those videos were thumb-sized, egg-shaped blobs of white against fields of black.

Perhaps I'm prejudiced because I keep missing out on all these mysterious experiences that make modern life so exciting for everyone else. I've never seen a UFO or a ghost. I never hear the flutter of angels' wings. My dreams never foretell the future. The visage of Jesus never materializes in the rust on my Chevy. I don't remember my past lives.

And so on.

I guess I'm doomed to be the kind of party pooper who won't believe UFOs are alien vessels until I see Dean Kruse auction off an Alpha Centaurian galaxy-hopper along with those Duesenbergs and Auburns.

When I told Andrews I remain skeptical, he took it in good humor. He suggested it's hard for people to accept the existence of UFOs because we want to believe we're the most advanced creatures in the universe.

Since he saw the first of the two UFOs last year, he's kept a loaded video camera in his living room. He keeps Dobber, his enormous Saint Bernard, outdoors to alert him to unusual lights in the skies.

He waits, confident.

"I think this will be the year. I think something's going to be too big to cover up," Andrews said.

And he's unafraid of the consequences.

"If they wanted to harm us, they already would have," he said.

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Witnesses: Floating objects seen in Jeannette

By Sharon Santus
TRIBUNE-REVIEW

The sighting of strange, floating objects over Jeannette Friday added to a list of recent unexplained phenomena over Westmoreland and Allegheny counties.

At approximately 1:45 p.m. Friday, two people said they saw the objects floating high in the skies over Lowry Avenue.

Philip Solomon, who lives on Lowry Avenue, said he was walking near the Teamsters headquarters when he spotted the objects.

"At first I thought someone was flying kites, because they looked sort of triangular," said Solomon. "But when I got a better look, you could tell they weren't kites."

Solomon said the objects appeared to be white and floated above the clouds. At the same time, he spotted hundreds of confetti-like objects floating around the "kites."

Margaret Cugino, also of Lowry Avenue, said she had gone out to mail a letter when she saw Solomon peering into the sky.

"The objects did look like kites at first, but we kept watching them and no way were they kites," she said. "They zipped up, down, sideways ... I don't know what in the devil they were."

Cugino said she and Solomon watched the objects about five minutes until they disappeared.

"They just sort of floated away," she said. "It was kinda spooky. I've never seen anything like it before in my life."

Stan Gordon of Greensburg, who has been investigating unidentified flying objects for more than 30 years, had no immediate explanation for the Jeannette sightings. He said they come of the heels of strange objects seen over several southwestern Pennsylvania counties in recent days.

He said Pittsburgh television stations and emergency centers were deluged with calls from people reporting weird light beams between 8 and 11:15 p.m. Thursday over a five-county area.

Vince Golden of Portage said he spotted the objects at about 8 p.m.

"As I turned around 360 degrees, I could see about 15 lights the whole way around on different points of the horizon," said Golden. "All the light beams seemed to point toward the center at the same spot in the sky."

Stan Gordon said similar phenomena are common during unusual atmospheric conditions.

Stan Gordon said yet another unusual object was spotted near Delmont Feb. 13. He said there were two separate sightings of a triangular object moving slowly across the sky at 8:30 p.m.

Roswell space alien story born on night in '47

Associated Press

ROSWELL, N.M. — The legend of the Roswell Incident started on a stormy night of violent lightning strikes in the southeastern New Mexico skies during the summer of 1947.

As the story goes, a fireball plunged to the ground in early July that year near the village of Corona, about 75 miles northwest of Roswell. The next morning, rancher Mac Brazel found a trumpled mess of peculiar metal while riding the range to check his livestock.

Mr. Brazel notified Chaves County Sheriff George Wilcox. The sheriff thought the debris could be a downed aircraft from the nearby Roswell Army Air Force Base, so he contacted Maj. Jesse Marcel, the base's intelligence officer.

Led by Mr. Brazel, a group of military officers visited the site. According

ogists from Walter Reed Hospital," Mr. Dennis said. "She also said on one gurney were two crash bags with two mutilated bodies inside. She said they had a horrible smell."

Walter Reed is the Army's national hospital near Washington, D.C.

Meanwhile, Army Lt. Walter Haut, now president of the International UFO Museum, was summoned by base commander Col. William Blanchard. Lt. Haut, then the base public information officer, listened closely as Col. Blanchard dictated a news release about a recovered flying disc and or-

dered Lt. Haut to issue it.

The next day, the *Roswell Daily Record* newspaper ran a bold headline: "RAAF Captures Flying Saucer on Ranch in Roswell Region."

One day later, higher-ranking officials at 8th Army Air Force headquarters in Fort Worth called a news conference to say the recovered material was actually a crashed weather balloon.

A recent Air Force report reaffirmed the government's position that the weather balloon was a secret experiment designed to monitor Soviet

nuclear testing.

For their part, UFO enthusiasts say that the matter continues to be an elaborate conspiracy orchestrated by the Air Force.

Last year, Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M., entered the fray at the request of a constituent. He asked the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, to account for all federal records relating to the Roswell Incident and make them public. Louis Vega, a spokesman for Mr. Schiff, said the GAO set no deadline for completing its work and hasn't finished yet.

"She (the nurse) also said on one gurney were two crash bags with two mutilated bodies inside. She said they had a horrible smell."

— Glenn Dennis

to some accounts, several large pieces of the unusual metal were recovered, along with the corpses of four or five alien bodies.

The find was taken to Roswell under strict security.

Glenn Dennis, vice president of the International UFO Museum and Research Center, at the time was a mortician at a Roswell funeral home.

Around noon on July 8, 1947, Mr. Dennis said, an officer from the base called to ask how many medically sealed caskets 3 to 4 feet long were available. Forty minutes later, the officer called again to ask detailed questions about embalming chemicals and their effects on internal organs.

"He also wanted to know about procedures for picking up bodies that had been left in the elements for several days, possibly mutilated by predators," Mr. Dennis said. "I asked if I could help. He declined."

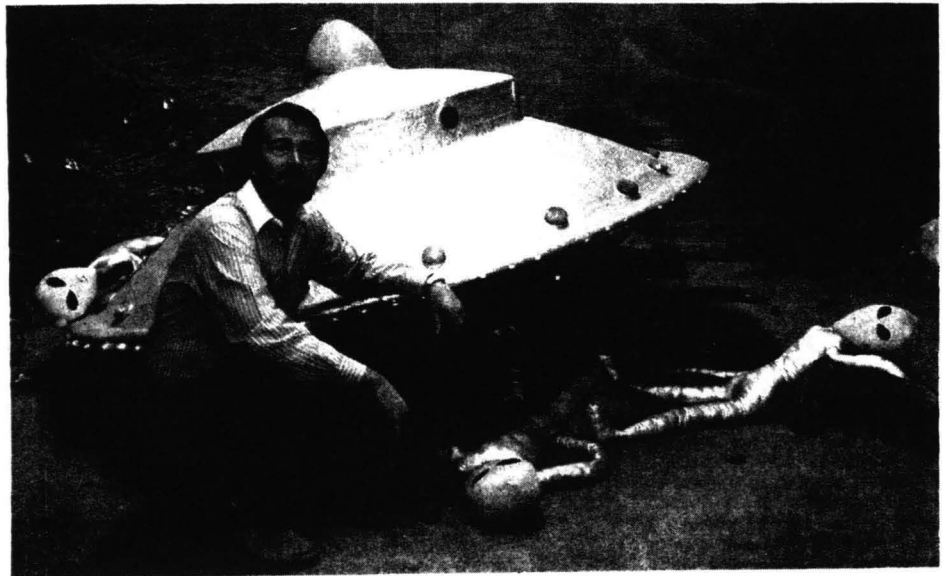
The funeral home also operated an ambulance service, and Mr. Dennis said he was called out on an ambulance run that night and ended up at the base hospital.

Once there, he said, he noticed extraordinary activity, with people busting about and many faces he didn't recognize.

Inside a hospital hallway, he met a nurse he knew leaving a room in search of supplies. Behind the nurse were two doctors; all three covered their mouths and were becoming sick as they left the room, he says.

At that point, Mr. Dennis said, an officer banished him from the hospital. But he says he arranged to meet the nurse for lunch the next day and she drew him pictures of small bodies, now purported to be space aliens.

"She said there were two pathol-



Associated Press

John Price, owner of the Outa Limits UFO Enigma Museum in Roswell, N.M., shows an artist's interpretation of the purported 1947 UFO crash.

N.M. town a mecca for UFO buffs

By Tim Korte

Associated Press

ROSWELL, N.M. — It was nearly 50 years ago, UFO enthusiasts believe, when space aliens visited the vast southeastern New Mexico plains. Today, tourists eager for a lesson in UFO history are making the trek.

Roswell has become a mecca for UFO buffs from around the world. In a town of some 50,000 residents, there are two UFO museums.

The attraction is tied to the tale — legendary in UFO circles — of a downed spacecraft that purportedly crashed on a remote ranch northwest of town during a lightning storm in July 1947.

Officials at Roswell Army Air Force Base issued a news release saying they had recovered a flying saucer, according to a newspaper of the time. The next day, the brass at 8th Army Air Force headquarters in Fort Worth announced that the material was actually a crashed weather balloon.

The topic has generated books by UFO researchers through the years, but it wasn't until more recently that area residents connected to what's now called the Roswell Incident began to get into the act. The two UFO museums opened in 1992; both were

Roswell is home to two museums

nearly instant hits.

"Since I got involved here, a lot of my personal pursuits have taken a back seat. This thing has taken off so fast," said Glenn Dennis, vice president of the International UFO Museum and Research Center.

Visitors have arrived from 50 states and 52 countries. A promotional brochure says The International Museum averages 1,500 visitors per month, and Mr. Dennis said that up to 160 visitors arrived daily over the holidays. More than 43,000 people have been to the museum.

At the nearby Outa Limits UFO Enigma Museum, owner John Price said about 30,000 visitors have seen a sculpture re-creating the fabled crash scene. The exhibit shows a spacecraft — made of two satellite dishes welded together — and the "bodies" of aliens in silver spacesuits strewn about, as described in some accounts.

Attractions at both museums include articles on alleged UFO encounters and displays on UFO research. The International Museum shows visitors how to distinguish a possible

UFO photograph from a hoax and explains how to report a UFO encounter so it's easier to substantiate.

International Museum visitors may sift through reams of UFO-related papers collected by researchers through the Freedom of Information Act, or nestle into the 47-seat theater for a screening of the Showtime movie *Roswell*, starring Martin Sheen.

A popular exhibit at The International Museum is a model of a 3½-foot space alien lying on a hospital gurney. Part of Roswell's UFO legend says Army doctors performed autopsies on recovered alien corpses. The pale-gray body on display was used as a prop in the film.

While some museum workers express a belief in extraterrestrials, they encourage visitors to make up their own minds.

Mr. Dennis said that, for the most part, it's a matter of preaching to the converted. He said that about 60 percent of the visitors to The International Museum are "very serious" about the existence of UFOs, while about 12 percent "think it's a joke."

"When they sit in here and see the documentaries or look through our library, a lot of them really get excit-

ed," he said. "Some come in and they're laughing about it, but they might read something and then they'll get interested."

Added Mr. Price: "We get very few disbelievers."

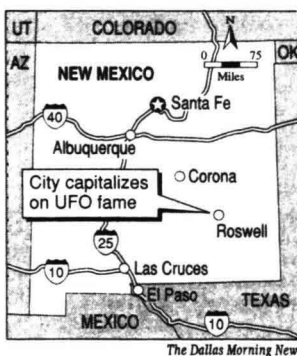
The International Museum, which gets much of its exhibit materials from UFO journals and science magazines, is nonprofit. Admission is free and the staff is all-volunteer. Donations and gift shop sales pay the bills.

The Outa Limits Museum, which also documents the history of U.S. space flight and has a 20-seat theater,

began as a video store with a section for UFO-related films. Mr. Price said that as he collected other UFO-related items, the museum was born. Admission for adults is \$1.

The video store closed last year, seeking protection from creditors under bankruptcy laws. However, Mr. Price said that move allowed him to devote himself to compiling UFO research.

"When we closed the video store, we had too much effort put into all this to just quit everything," he said.



The Dallas Morning News

Disney goes Goofy over UFOs

By STEPHANIE SCHOROW

Are we turning into a nation of Fox Mulders?
Fox Mulder — for those who have never watched "The X-Files" on Fox-TV — is a dedicated FBI agent determined

to prove the government is covering up the existence of UFOs.
That's a line long touted by super-market tabloids, flying-saucer cults and, now, Mickey Mouse. Well, to be

more precise, Walt Disney Co. "Alien Encounters from New Tomorrowland," produced by Thomas & Friends Productions in association with Walt Disney World, airs Sunday at 5 p.m. on Channel 38. The documentary proves conclusively "that we are not alone — and that our government knows it," according to its press release.
Enquiring minds should not be surprised.

From TV's "Sightings" to "Encounters," from tabloids to talk shows, in books by academics and amateur investigators, earthlings can't stop talking about alien encounters, abductions and aggravations. Not since the 1967-68 show, "The Invaders," have the airwaves been so imbued with the suspicion that Something Is Out There.

Like Donald Duck channeling Oliver Stone, Disney's documentary uses government records, newspaper articles, video clips, colorful graphics, and that old standby — the doubting official who turns true believer — to document "proof" of both creatures and cover-up.

The show is presided over by host Robert Ulrich, who adds a Spenser-like aura to such statements as "statistics indicate a greater probability that you will experience extraterrestrial contact in the next five years than the chance you will win the state lottery."

Why would Disney link its name with an issue associated with more goofballs than Goofy? Maybe because the last fourth of the documentary turns into an infomercial for Disney World's re-burnished Tomorrowland and "ExtraTERRestrial Alien Encounter," a George Lucas-produced film/exhibit that purports to prepare people for contact. Paranoia is good business.

Producer/director Andy Thomas, 40, a baby boomer weaned on Watergate and JFK conspiracy theories, isn't concerned about trying to convince viewers UFOs exist. Too many folks, including former President Jimmy Carter

have reported seeing something strange in the skies.

"This is not the first time someone has done a show on flying saucers or aliens," said Thomas, who received an Emmy nomination as the original producer of the reality series "Cops." "But they always seemed to me to have a certain paranoid feeling about them. They would take a whole hour to try to say, 'They do exist, they do exist, please believe us.'"

"We wanted to take a whole different tack. We wanted to say, 'Of course, they're here. Here's some footage, here's some cases that are documented. Here's the government evidence. Here's what they're not telling you; here's what they are telling you. Let's go from there. What's the final effect that this is going to have on society at large?'"

Thomas, an independent producer who has worked with Jack Anderson on investigating the Kennedy assassination, says internal government memos show any coverup is more "inter-department squabbling" than conspiracy.

"Is it a revelation that the government is holding back? Of course not. That's the government pattern on every major story."

Of course, the documentary doesn't waste time striving for balance, considering, for example, famous UFO hoaxes. And there's one — admittedly only one — of those much-maligned re-creations — that of lights buzzing the White House.

"Are we being 'tabloid' with this? We are and we're not," Thomas said. "We knew we were going to be accused of being tabloid because of the nature of the subject."

Still, there's plenty of home videos of strange stuff to make you consider packing a loaded camcorder at all times. Too many people want to believe the truth is out there.

An Arizona congressman has demanded the government release documents on the 1947 UFO case in Roswell, Ariz. Pulitzer-Prize winning biographer John Mack, a Harvard psychiatrist, risked — and received — professional ridicule to publish "Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens," an analysis of abduction stories. Popular Mechanics ran a recent article about technological breakthroughs that would let us build our own flying disks.

When TV producer Chris Carter began market research into what eventually became "The X-Files," "I was amazed by the almost absolute belief by the viewers that the government aims to deceive them in small, if not, large ways," he said.

"One of the things that inspired the series was a scientific survey, conducted, among others by Dr. John Mack, that came up with some amazing figures. There are millions of people, according to this poll, who believe in UFOs," Carter said.

"There's even a smaller, but equally remarkable, number of people who believe they have been abducted by aliens."

For a generation raised on Star Trek, alien contact doesn't seem all that far-fetched.

Perhaps on a slow day at the O.J. trial, a mass landing might even make the front page.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA DAILY NEWS, Ft. Walton Beach, FL - April 4, 1995

LETTERS

UFOs, panthers, and synchronicity

It's interesting that you juxtapose Walton County's panther with the Gulf Breeze UFO (not to mention the synchronicity of having a UFO cover-up article in the same section). Being acquainted with both Chick Heuttel and Ed Walters, I find they share better-than-average powers of observation. When credible people see incredible things, let's not be quick to scoff.

Two years ago my friend Dan Quillian, a top longbow hunter with 50-plus years of woods experience, saw an uncollared panther near Georgia's Ocmulgee River. Dan watched the cat, a young male, for several minutes as it moved through sunlight and shadow. Panthers "don't exist" in Georgia.

UFOs "don't exist" in Gulf Breeze, either. But you haven't been paying attention if you think this was just a silly-season story that died a few years ago. Besides Walters' photos, closeup sightings were reported by many other credible witnesses (e.g., a city council member,

county coroner, retired newspaper editor, Monsanto engineer, DAV chapter president). Since 1988 hundreds of sightings of unknown aerial phenomena have been reported in Gulf Breeze.

But back to the panther and synchronicity: The purpose of your March 30 editorial was to pillory grass-roots environmentalists who might cite a breeding population of panthers as cause to slow development in our area. Isn't it interesting that right across the page we find David Stevens' eloquent call for controlling Destin's runaway growth?

Will it take panthers in our midst to show us the folly of unfettered development? Could UFOs perhaps help?

BOB REID
Niceville

UFOs are no joke in Gulf Breeze

Your March 30 editorial ("Walton panther tales demand skepticism") referred to Gulf Breeze flying saucers a few years ago as just a silly-season story. Perhaps you are not aware that hundreds of photographs and videos have been

taken of alien vehicles around Gulf Breeze. There have been many photographers and thousands of witnesses. (I say "alien vehicles" partly because those people who reported being taken on board in that area reported non-human beings on the vehicles.)

On Jan 12, 1994, two photos were made of an F-15 making a close-identification pass on a vehicle over the sound that was 29 feet in diameter and 19 feet high. In April 1994 a circular craft was photographed over the sound, from Pensacola Beach, with a water column connecting it to the surface.

Non-human beings are interacting with people in this area in ways designed to be non-frightening. The last alien vehicle I saw rose up from the water several miles south of the Eglin Officers' Beach Club, and there is evidence that it reacted to my thoughts.

The sky watches at Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze have continued nightly since 1988.

DONALD M. WARE
Fort Walton Beach

CR: B. Reid

TRIBUNE, Tampa, FL - March 5, 1995

UFO enthusiasts to describe out-of-this-world adventures

By KURT LOFT
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — The aliens travel through worm holes that connect two universes. Their space ships travel faster than light, and on six different occasions they came to Earth and abducted Leah Haley.

The Air Force, she contends, shot down the UFO she was on. By sheer miracle, Haley escaped, but was kidnapped by the military and harassed, drugged, brainwashed and given shock treatments to keep her quiet.

Her story, along with a discussion on alien time travel by colleague Marc Davenport, will be the focus of a three-hour lecture Monday night in Tampa. The two consider themselves internationally known investigators of unidentified flying objects and aliens, and have written books on the subject. Some challenge their claims.

But the two want to be heard, and will tell their stories no matter how far-fetched they might sound.

"We're used to skepticism," Davenport said. "But we're here to educate the public. We feel it's important that people understand more about UFOs, and that they don't need to listen to this ongoing government cover-up."

The speakers, who are married and live in Murfreesboro, Tenn., insist that Leah was kidnapped by the Air Force — although Davenport offered no specifics about the encounters. Haley will reveal the details in a talk she calls "Abducted by Aliens and the Military." She claims to have been picked up by strange beings a half-dozen times since she was a child living in Alabama. Mis-

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— Marc Davenport

issippi and Tennessee. The aliens chose her, apparently, through "telepathic instinct."

"She'll talk about her encounters both with aliens and the military," Davenport said. "It appears the military is very interested in what's going on with these abductees, and they've interrogated her to download what she knows. Because of this, she has blanks in her memory. But the military has this policy of denial."

The Pentagon scoffs at the accusations, said Maj. Dave Thurston, a spokesman for the Air Force in Washington.

"I don't want to dignify such charges with a comment," he said. "I will say the Air Force isn't in the business of kidnapping the citizens of this country."

Nor does the Mutual UFO Network, which publishes the UFO Journal in Seguin, Texas, embrace Haley's abduction stories — either by aliens or the military.

"I would advise people to listen very closely to their lecture and apply some common sense to what they hear," said Tom Deuley of the

Network, which has more than 5,200 members. "We feel very embarrassed that UFOs are the vehicle for people making a living. When people tell such ridiculous stories, it doesn't help the serious scientific work being done."

Davenport, whose talk is called "UFO's: Time Travel and the Reasons for Contact," said he is more interested in the science of alien technology. He believes advanced societies on other planets have the ability to travel through "worm holes," which pierce the fabric of the universe and allow spacecraft to enter another universe.

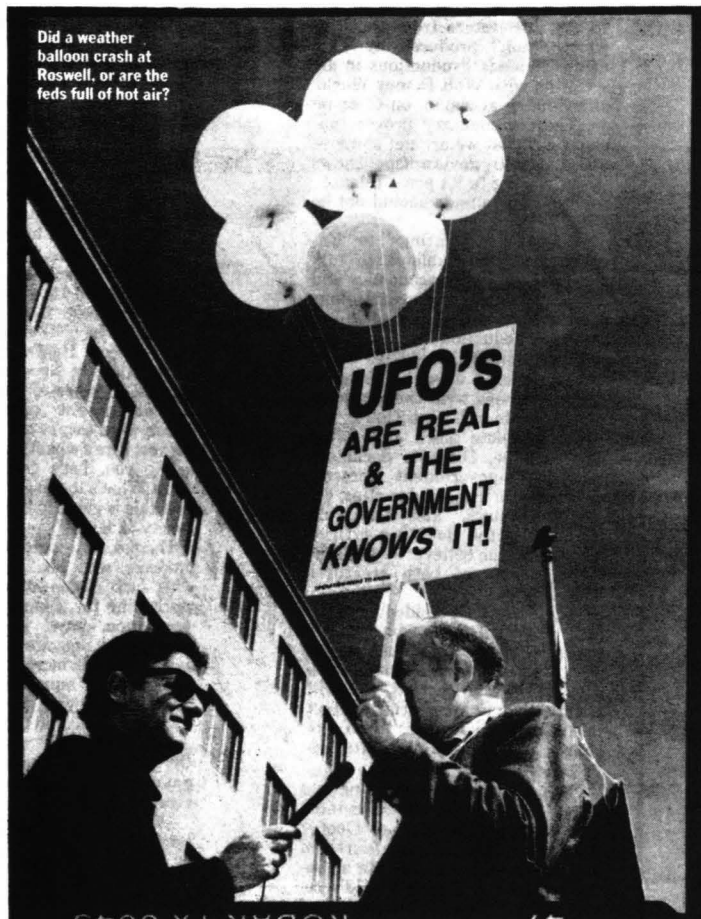
"I believe it's possible that UFOs operate using technology so advanced they're able to warp space-time similar to the way a black hole warps space-time," he said. "There are craft out there that literally turn time inside out. They can do this artificially, actually changing the structure of space and time."

Davenport said the aliens don't rely on natural worm holes, but portable ones. They possess special generators, he contends, that produce synthetic magnetic fields to manipulate gravitation and other forces.

"They make their own worm hole and carry it around with them," he said. "It's a short cut into another universe, and makes the space in front of them disappear. So the speed of light doesn't even apply."

Davenport and Haley will speak from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Tampa Unity Church, corner of Horatio and Lincoln streets in Tampa. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information call (813) 595-7964.

THE DISTRICT LINE



Little Green Questions

In 1947, something crashed in the New Mexico desert. Nearly half a century later, UFO groups and the U.S. government are still arguing over what it was.

The protest's ringleader, a stocky man with a crew cut, musters his troops with a bullhorn. And soon, on this Wednesday noon at the end of March, 25 Operation Right to Know demonstrators are marching in a circle outside the General Accounting Office (GAO). Their signs proclaim "UFOs are real and the government knows it" and "Tell the Truth About Roswell."

Roswell? To the UFO community, the New Mexico city is Watergate, Iran-contra, and Whitewater all wrapped up in one. In 1947, something fell out of the sky near Roswell. The government claimed—and still claims—that the object was a weather balloon. "We know we're being lied to," says demonstration organizer Elaine Douglass. "The government has had proof of extraterrestrial life for nearly 50 years," in the form of a crashed saucer and its crew.

No one is suggesting that the GAO, the investigative arm of Congress, is hiding downed saucer pilots inside its building at 4th and G Streets NW. But the GAO—and other branches of the government—are now, for the first time, venturing into territory previously covered only by UFO-dom's true believers.

At the request of Congressman Steven

Schiff (R-N.M.), the GAO last year began auditing the paperwork surrounding the Roswell crash. The GAO hunt prompted the Air Force to start its own investigation, and last September 8, Secretary of the Air Force Sheila Widnall released that agency's first statement on UFOs in 25 years.

"Air Force research efforts did not disclose any records of the recovery of any 'alien' bodies or extraterrestrial materials," concludes an executive summary of the report.

Even the White House got involved. According to the Washington-based *Skeptics UFO Newsletter*, presidential science adviser John Gibbons penned a memo to Widnall asking her to declassify all Air Force UFO material.

Longtime UFO debunker Philip J. Klass publishes the *Skeptics* newsletter. He "guessimates" that the Air Force spent tens of thousands of dollars on the investigation. "But as a taxpayer, I don't object," he says. "I think the cost will be quite nominal if only Operation Right to Know were to accept the findings."

Fat chance. For this demonstration, Operation Right to Know has produced a replica of the craft that the military insists fell to earth near Roswell. Completely unsaucer-like, the model consists of eight separate yellow balloons hoisting two flat, shiny objects shaped like home plate of a baseball diamond. "They're made of cardboard with Reynolds Wrap," explains Right to Knower Mark Smith of Glen Burnie, Md. "I covered them up last night at 12 o'clock."

Douglass, an Adams Morgan resident, characterizes Operation Right to Know as "the activist wing of the UFO community." Its purpose is to end the cover-up of extraterrestrial activity by world governments, and its tools are marches, rallies, street theater, and lobbying. "We're saying the days the government could silence us with ridicule are over," she explains. Clearly, Doug-

lass is unabashed: She sports a saucer lapel pin, and joins in the chant of "Go, go, GAO, people have a right to know!"

Among crashed-saucer stories, "Roswell has one unique quality—it's not a friend-of-a-friend story," says Curtis Peebles, aerospace historian and author of *Watch the Skies! A Chronicle of the Flying Saucer Myth* (Smithsonian Institution Press). "It's obvious something happened.... The question is, what?"

In June 1947, sheep rancher W.W. "Mac" Brazel and his son discovered curious debris in the scrub desert 75 miles northwest of Roswell. Brazel contacted the local sheriff, who in turn notified Maj. Jesse Marcel, an intelligence officer at Roswell Army Air Field, home base of the 509th Bomb Group.

On July 8 that year, the base issued a press release stating that the 509th had recovered a "flying disc," and that the strange object was being "loaned...to higher headquarters." The announcement was the stuff of banner headlines—for all of a day. Then Brig. Gen. Roger Ramey, commander of the Eighth Air Force at Fort Worth, Texas, stated that the wreckage came from a Rawin Target radar weather balloon. Photos by the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* show Marcel kneeling beside a pile of debris that looks like wooden sticks and paper covered with tin foil—hardly the cutting edge of flying saucer technology, unless the saucer is from an Ed Wood movie.

Douglass and her cohorts don't buy the story. They insist that the military staged the photos, and whisked the genuine UFO wreckage to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. There, the debris became the subject of a top-secret research project that yielded the Stealth bomber and fiber optics. "Is it credible that these highly trained military people couldn't tell the difference between a flying disc and a weather balloon?" she asks.

"The government said the debris field was three-quarters of an acre long. If this thing crashed, there's no way it could put down a debris field like that," adds Smith, the model builder.

The Roswell incident remained a mere footnote in UFO lore for 31 years. Then in 1978, nuclear physicist and UFO researcher Stanton Friedman located intelligence officer Marcel, living in obscurity as a retired TV repairman. Marcel told a very different story. The debris he helped scoop up, he insisted, was "nothing from this earth." It consisted of shards of metal thinner than newsprint but so strong that even a blow from a 16-pound sledgehammer couldn't make a dent. Marcel also reported finding an object which he described as an "I-beam," painted with hieroglyphic-style symbols. He alleged that he had been ordered not to breathe the truth to anyone, not even his family. The Roswell incident has spawned at least half a dozen books, a newsletter, several TV docudramas, a movie on the Showtime channel, and an International UFO Museum in Roswell. Investigators flushed out dozens of alleged witnesses, including a few who claimed knowledge of alien bodies recovered from a second crash site.

Among these witnesses was Glenn Dennis, a mortician from Roswell. Dennis claimed that airfield personnel contacted him and peppered him with questions on embalming techniques. Figuring that some airmen had died in a crash, Dennis drove to the base, only to be forcibly ejected by the MPs. The next day, he said, a nurse with security clearance told him that she had helped perform autopsies on several nonhuman bodies with oversize heads, four-fingered hands, and narrow slits for mouths.

"The first time I heard this, it reminded me of a bad Oliver Stone script," says UFO investigator Karl Pflock. "But now that I've gotten to know Mr. Dennis very well, I'm firmly convinced he's an honest man."

Pflock has something that other saucer researchers don't: connections. His résumé includes stints as a special assistant for defense, space, and science and technology on the staff of former Congressman

Ken Kramer (R-Colo.); as deputy assistant secretary of defense during President Ronald Reagan's second term; and as a research and publications director for the House Republican Conference. He's also married to Mary Martinek, chief of staff for Congressman Schiff's office. In 1992, Pflock helped arrange briefings for Schiff's staff and for a staff member of the House Government Operations Committee (now called the Government Reform and Oversight Committee), where Schiff serves as a subcommittee chairman.

In late 1992, Schiff started receiving queries about Roswell from his constituents. One of his correspondents was Dennis; the mortician reportedly complained about being manhandled by the military and claimed he was told that "if he talked, he'd be dog food."

In March 1993, Schiff wrote to then-Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, asking for a personal briefing on the military's role in the Roswell incident. The department referred him to the National Archives, where the Air Force had deposited the voluminous files from Project Blue Book, its 18-year official investigation into UFOs. Unsatisfied, Schiff penned a second letter to Aspin in May, demanding that the Department of Defense produce its own report. That same month, Schiff received a letter from the Archives stating that there was no mention of the Roswell incident in the Blue Book files or any other defense department records.

Schiff fumed that he was being stonewalled, and launched the GAO investigation. Doing so sparked the most publicity he's received during his six years in Congress. "You called hot on the heels of NBC," says Barry Bitzer, Schiff's public-information officer.

Schiff is reported to be skeptical about UFOs. "I don't think the congressman has come out strongly as to whether there are little green men running around," Bitzer says. Rather, Schiff considers the issue one of "government accessibility and accountability."

And Schiff seems to have a point. The Air Force report released last September concluded that the military fibbed...sort of. The wreckage at Roswell was indeed from a balloon, but not your ordinary weather balloon. Instead, it came from a device lofted to detect the faint reverberations from Soviet nuclear blasts, as part of a top secret operation called Project Mogul. According to historian Peebles, the full train of a Mogul balloon would have stretched over 700 feet. The apparatus would have consisted of 20 rubber balloons, three to five radar targets, recovery parachutes and an acoustic payload. "It lost lift," explains Peebles, "dragged across the desert, and the balloons and radar reflectors were ripped to shreds."

So why, after nearly half a century, would a congressman have trouble uncovering the true story? Peebles doesn't believe that Schiff was getting the runaround. He notes that by 1948, when the Air Force began its first official investigation of UFOs, the Roswell case was considered solved, and thus a non-UFO matter. As a result, documents on the case would not have been included in the Air Force's UFO files.

And perhaps that's what the GAO will find. Results of the audit are tentatively scheduled to be released June 30, under the stultifying title "Records Management Procedures Dealing With Weather Balloon, Unknown Aircraft, and Similar Crash Incidents." "We don't comment on work in progress," says agency spokesman Clevé Corlett.

Outside the GAO building, the UFO rally winds down around 1 p.m. Although Operation Right to Know members have been chanting themselves hoarse voicing support for the GAO and Congressman Schiff, several express doubts that the audit will turn up a smoking gun. The cabal behind UFO secrecy is too clever to leave a paper trail, they argue. "They should be asking where are the bodies, not where are the records," says demonstrator Larry W. Bryant.

"I don't think the GAO will find much," confides Douglass. But she remains undaunted. "Then the ball will be back in Congressman Schiff's court. We'll be pushing for a full congressional investigation."

—Greg Kitzcock

For information on Operation Right to Know, call (202) 232-2410.

UFO group summarizes year of seeing the lights

Unidentified flying objects are the business of the Fund for UFO Research, a nonprofit Maryland group supporting UFO research projects. In its UFO Year in Review, the group summarizes sightings, government activity, abductions and scientific endeavors. Highlights include strange images on a space shuttle videotape; a pilot study of UFO cases involving radiation injuries; expanded research into the massive 1947 wave of UFO reports; and symposia on government secrecy and abductions.

A peripheral matter concerning the group is "cattle mutilations," reports of allegedly high-tech mutilations of cows, horses and other farm animals. "While these, too, are only speculatively connected to

UFOs," the fund states, "the possibility exists."

Fund director Don Berliner considers himself a healthy skeptic, not a UFO advocate. "Our goal is to find out what's going on, but we really don't care what it is," he says by telephone. "We're not selling anything."



Since forming in 1979, the group has raised \$500,000 to fund a dozen research projects.

Cover up?

'Operation Right to Know' claims UFOs are for real and the government knows it

By DANA CALVO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Mindy Gerber said the last time she was transported by a disc in the sky she underwent a physical examination and a mind probe by aliens who were attempting to create a hybrid breed of earthlings.

"Hypnotic regression is the only way to access these experiences," she explained.

Gerber, 34, a registered nurse from Windsor, N.J., is a member of Operation Right to Know, which believes the military has covered up evidence of alien life.

The group protested Wednesday outside the General Accounting Office to raise awareness about an examination being conducted by the GAO into the whereabouts of official documents about a weather balloon crash at Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

The military collected the remains of the craft and originally described the downed craft as a flying disc. Later that description was retracted and the craft was described as a weather balloon gone astray.

A report released by the Air Force last August concluded that the balloon was part of a then-classified project. "That's all it was," said Air Force Maj. David Thurston. "The purpose of the project was reconnaissance of the Soviet Union for their nuclear tests. It involved nothing extraterrestrial."

Operation Right to Know believes that the "weather balloon" was actually a vehicle from another planet.

At the urging of the group, Rep.



Associated Press

Group protests what they say is the public's right to know about the 1947 crash of a "UFO" in New Mexico

Steven Schiff, R-N.M., has asked the GAO, Congress' investigative arm, to release information on the records kept about the crash.

Barry Bitzer, Schiff's press secretary, said the congressman became suspicious when his request for more information resulted in a

bureaucratic runaround.

"It was his opinion that the government was not as forthcoming as it should have been with information," Bitzer said. "He's not after UFOs. He's after answers."

Schiff sits on the Science, Space and Technology Committee and is

a member of the congressional space caucus.

Elaine Douglass, Operation Right to Know's organizer, hopes congressional hearings on the Roswell crash will take place in the summer of 1996. "The Roswell case tells us the government

knows," she said.

Operation Right to Know boasts hundreds of supporters, although only 25 showed up for Wednesday's protest. The group has an on-line computer address (alt.alien.visitors), and it costs only \$15 to join.

"If you break this one, everything will come to the surface," said Steve Farelli of Washington, an electronics student and member of the operation. But Farelli, 30, said the group has to stress "facts" about alien life rather than talking about blinding flashes of light and brainwashing. "I have to measure my words. I want to keep this real rational," he said.

Dee Hushak — whose husband, Chris, 37, claims to have seen three UFOs, the first when he was 8 years old — said it is unfortunate that extraterrestrial believers have been characterized as a fringe element. "Ninety-five percent is bunk, but five percent needs to be looked into," she said.

Cleve E. Corlett, a spokesman for the GAO, said the office was examining the Air Force's records about the Roswell crash, but that the audit was not any sort of truth commission.

"The General Accounting Office is not investigating the so-called Roswell incident of 1947 nor have we been asked to do such an investigation. We are conducting an investigation into the record management practices of the Air Force and other relevant federal agencies to determine what records were kept following the crash of what the Air Force said was a weather balloon and what their policy was in keeping those records," he said.

POST-DISPATCH, St. Louis, MO - March 17, 1995 CR: E. O'Herin

Object In Wednesday's Sky Was Meteor, Air Force Officials Say

By Robert Kelly
and Donald E. Franklin
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

A bright object in the sky reported by several people Wednesday night apparently was a meteor, say officials at Scott Air Force Base and various law enforcement agencies.

Sgt. Paul Kuffel, a spokesman for Scott Air Force Base, said Thursday that officials at the base's tower and at nearby sheriff's departments had decided that the object was a meteor, based on the various sighting reports.

"They feel that it burned up before it reached the ground," Kuffel said.

One of those who saw the object was Ralph Powers, a construction worker from Lebanon.

"This was one big glowing light," Powers said. "It stopped in midair, then it zigzagged and took off."

Powers said he was walking with his girlfriend on the McKendree College campus about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday when they saw an egg-shaped object flashing across the sky from north to south.

"It changed colors — from green to red and back to

green — then it glowed," he said.

The phenomenon was also seen by a motorist on Interstate 44, said a spokesman for the St. Louis County Police. An officer at the Jefferson County sheriff's office said he got at least nine calls inquiring about a glowing object in the sky.

Some residents in Randolph and Washington counties in Southern Illinois also reported unusual lights in the sky.

Powers, 38, said his father was a pilot in the Air Force and that he is familiar with jet aircraft. "This thing left no vapor trail and it made no noise," he said.

A spokesman for Lambert Field said there had been no reports there of UFOs or glowing objects Wednesday night.

Four motorists driving toward Chester, Ill., reported what they thought was a glowing jet aircraft with a brilliant light coming from its tail section, according to Randolph County sheriff's deputy Dan Weaver. Deputy sheriffs then searched an area south of Chester but found nothing.

HERALD, Boston, MA - Feb. 20, 1995 CR: R. Dumas

UFO buffs gather to recount out-of-this-world experiences

By PAUL SULLIVAN

E.T., don't call home. Call someone who cares.

That would be Harvard Professor John Mack and some 90 other UFO buffs who met over the weekend at the Pocasset Lodge in Johnston, R.I., to recount their experiences with beings from outer space.

Take for example Georgia Kalyvianakis, of South Kingstown, R.I. She recalled an incident where her car was approached by two triangular spaceships on a highway one morning in 1984.

She spotted an alien looking into the car, while two of her relatives were motionless and seemingly in a trance.

"I haven't been in a car since," Kalyvianakis said.

Mack told the space cadets that thousands of Americans have recounted experiences with beings from outer space, mostly with a race called the "Grays."

But out of fear of "ridicule, harassment and scorn," most people never talk about their experiences, Mack said.

Mack said he uses hypnosis to help people remember their experiences.

In his book, "Abductions," Mack detailed several cases where people have been abducted by aliens and taken aboard a spacecraft for experiments.

They usually recount lying on a table, paralyzed and surrounded by several aliens, he said.

Mack said "nobody really knows" what the extraterrestrials want.

The aliens, according to Mack, are 3 1/2-to-5-feet tall with large, elongated eyes without pupils and having leathery skin with a gray hue.

"These are the most widely reported type of aliens," he said, referring to the "Grays."

David Rubien of Saunderson, R.I., said, "There's many, many, many types of aliens."

"Ninety percent of the people think it's all cuckoo clock," Rubien said. "But time will tell and many people will be shocked and a little panicky."

DAILY RECORD, Roswell, NM - Feb. 21, 1995



Jay Miller

Inside the Capitol

Two novels on government UFO coverups will hit New Mexico stores soon. Both are by noted authors and both reportedly deal heavily with the

Roswell Incident. One novel is by investigative reporter Jack Anderson, who has been known to say that if he believes something but can't prove it, he will write a novel about it.

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I also have an unconfirmed report from Washington that U.S. Rep. Steve Schiff's Governmental Accounting Office investigation of the possible UFO coverup has turned up an Air Force UFO crash retrieval manual — filed under "magic."

Area 51 Facility



Top-Secret Air Base Doesn't Exist, But U.S. Says 'Keep Out'

By Joshua B. Good
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Mission accomplished. Well, sort of.

After 18 months of bureaucratic wrangling and hours of airtime on nationwide talk shows, the U.S. Air Force on Monday seized a mountain and a few hilltops in the southern Nevada desert to prevent aviation buffs and UFO aficionados from peering down on a top-secret air base.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Bob Armstrong approved giving up about 4,000 acres of public land atop White Sides Mountain and an area dubbed "Freedom Ridge" so the military can establish a "safety and security buffer" to protect training, evaluation and testing on Nellis Air Force Range, north of Las Vegas.

The seizure won't stop Salt Lake Community College student Ryan Chivers from taking another peek at the base. In December, the 18-year-old was arrested for allegedly straying into a restricted area.

He plans to make another pilgrimage to southern Nevada May 30 and hike up to Pikaboo Peak, a vantage point the Air Force apparently overlooked. Currently, sightseers can legally look down on the base from Pikaboo Peak.

Unofficially, the secret air base is called Area 51, Dreamland, Groom Lake and The Ranch. Officially, the base does not exist, according to the Air Force.

But anyone who watches Larry King, Geraldo Rivera or Montel Williams' talk shows knows the base is there. All three talk-show hosts featured the facility in their nationally televised programs.

Newspapers and magazines across the country also publicized the base after the Air Force's announced land grab in October 1993. On Monday, warning signs were posted.

"It was designed to keep people from looking at the base. But it did the opposite," said Glenn Campbell, publisher of *Desert Rat*, a newsletter devoted to Area 51 gossip. "It turned worldwide attention on this very quiet facility."

Throughout Utah during the past several months, residents have been awakened by noises that shook their houses. Seismologists have ruled out earthquakes; they blame the rumbles on sonic booms.

There has been no proof offered, but many speculate the sonic booms are coming from secret, high-flying aircraft that land and take off from Area 51.

In the 1950s and 1960s, Groom Lake was used by the CIA to test the then secret U-2 spy plane, according to a book by the late U-2 pilot Gary Powers. It also was used to test the F-117 stealth fighter.

ing," said 21-year-old Sarah Doran, who was working for the local police Monday night when the strange object — a UFO — was sighted about 10 p.m. above this small farming town of 6,500 people. "Calls started coming in about an hour after the sighting."

As of Wednesday night, about 15 calls had been logged. And

DAILY RECORD, Roswell, NM - March 31, 1995 CR: P. Davids

Museum celebrates anniversary

Nancy Fleming
Record Staff Writer

Roswell may have started out as a small town, but an incident in 1947 has turned it into a big attraction.

There's been books, videos, television shows, and even a movie about Roswell. Now it's the focus of a song.

Roswellites will have the opportunity to meet the people behind the book, movie and song this weekend to help celebrate the third anniversary of the opening of the Outa Limits UFO Enigma Museum.

The museum's owner John Price invited author Donald R. Schmitt, producer Paul Davids and songwriter-performer Leon Rubenhold to appear at the museum's 6108 S. Main St. location.

Schmitt, co-author of "UFO Crash at Roswell" and "The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell," will sign copies of his books, from 10 a.m. to noon.

About 2 p.m., Rubenhold will perform his song "Down in Roswell," a rock-n-roll tune he wrote about the Roswell Incident and efforts to find out what really happened.

And Davids, executive producer and co-writer of the Showtime movie "Roswell," will be signing copies of his new videos "Down in Roswell" and "Reply to the Air Force Report on the Roswell Incident" throughout the day.

"Down in Roswell," named after Rubenhold's song, is a compilation of television and news coverage of the Roswell Incident and includes the original 1947 radio broadcast announcing the Army had captured a flying saucer.

Davids said Thursday he chose Rubenhold's song not only for its lyrics, which includes, "Come on good people hope it's not too late, gotta blow the lid off cosmic water-



Leon Rubenhold
Songwriter-performer



Paul Davids
Producer

gate," but the way Rubenhold performed it "with so much conviction and passion."

Rubenhold, who plays the guitar and harmonica as well as does lead and backup vocals, said he finished the Roswell song in early 1994 but conceived of the idea more than two years ago.

"I've been following UFO activities since I was about 12 or 13 year old," he said, adding that one of the best ways to get information out is by music.

Rubenhold has played live performances or recorded with such famous blues musicians as Bo Diddley and John Lee Hooker, to rhythm and blues rockers Gladys Knight, Bobby Womack, Wilson Pickett and Little Richard.

Davids said he has been collecting the information in his hour-long documentary-type videos for a long time, and last November presented his compilations to Gary Weeter, assistant director of the government's General Accounting Office. The GAO has been directed by Rep. Steve Schiff,

R-N.M., to investigate if there is documentation on the Roswell Incident.

Since that time, Davids' video has been packaged for sale and is available at Outa Limits and the International UFO Museum and Research Center. It is also being sold throughout the United States and can be rented in video stores. The movie "Roswell" was released on video Jan. 18 from Republic Pictures.

Davids and Rubenhold said they will be in Roswell until Sunday and hope to visit the Foster ranch where Mac Brazell originally found the strange debris that started the Roswell Incident.

Price said Outa Limits will be open until 6 p.m. Saturday, refreshments will be served and every 25th visitor will receive a copy of the Roswell Daily Record's front page from that infamous day in 1947.

He added that other UFO researchers and enthusiasts are in town for the celebration, "so we may have some surprises."

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - March 22, 1995

UFO Appears In Broad Daylight

By Carole Baker

While driving north on "W" Street in Pensacola between the intersections of Massachusetts Avenue and Beverly Parkway on Friday, March 10, I experienced a daylight sighting. It was 2:11 p.m. and I was on my way to pick up my daughter from school. The sky was a beautiful blue and high wispy cirrus clouds and I was looking at the sky and admiring it as I drove along. My car window was rolled down since it was such a pretty afternoon. Without warning in the north eastern sky ahead of me an extremely brilliant white object appeared. It just "blinked in"

and was elliptical in shape like a squashed circle. It was such an intense, brilliant white, I knew right away that I was observing a UFO. I was startled and amazed and a little unnerved, this being the first sighting I had ever observed alone. I held out my arm, and at arms length, the object was the width between the first two knuckles of my right hand. I had slowed my car down to about 5 mph and luckily was in a lull in traffic provided by the sequence of traffic signals at Massachusetts Avenue. By now I was next to the ballfields on North "W" Street and had observed the UFO for maybe three or four seconds. I help up my left arm so I could see my watch and the UFO at the same time and began counting seconds off on my watch. As I got to five, and was thinking about pulling the car over and getting my binoculars out, the UFO sped off to the west and was out of sight in less than two seconds. I could hear no noises other than the traffic sounds, the wind and the birds chirping. It was an amazing sight and the UFO left with incredible speed. It is the first time I have ever witnessed anything during the day, although I have had many night time sightings. It is very different seeing something during daylight. The object left no trails in the sky and I observed that most of the high flying aircraft were leaving trails that day. It sure proves that you never know what you will see if you keep looking up!

STATESMAN JOURNAL, Salem, OR - April 6, 1995 CR: J. Deardorff

Silverton residents call in UFO sighting

SILVERTON — It started at the south end of town, hovering silently about 500 feet above the ground, its lights flickering. For nearly 10 minutes, the cigar-shaped object darted about, heading north; it turned northeast and disappeared.

Then, the phones started ringing.

"The whole town has been call-

more reports were coming in as word of the sighting spread.

Callers describe the object as a cigar-shaped flickering light with what appeared to be a balloon floating on top. The noiseless object moved around quickly 500 to 600 feet above the ground for nearly 10 minutes.

Asked whether anything like this has occurred before, Doran

quickly said, "Not on my shift."

Police have made a cursory investigation and have no explanation for the object.

"I called flight services; there were no planes in the area," Doran said. "I called the weather service and came up with nothing. It's not being looked into because who would investigate it?"



EXETER EXPRESS & ECHO, Devon, England - Feb. 4, 1995

HONITON: New sighting for Doug's UFO book

Flying in the face of convention

by CLAIRE WALLERSTEIN

STARGAZERS scouring the Devon skies are convinced that aliens visit us on a regular basis - and even some of the most hardened cynics are being won over.

Ex-serviceman Doug Cooper, of Honiton, who works for the British UFO Research Association, has been studying the phenomena for decades.

He is now writing a book on reported local sightings - one of which was alleged to have happened just last week, when a Feniton man said he had twice been followed by a bright hovering object.

Mr Cooper said: "Basically, we have to accept there is more proof of UFOs existing than God, and plenty of people seem to have no problem believing in God!"

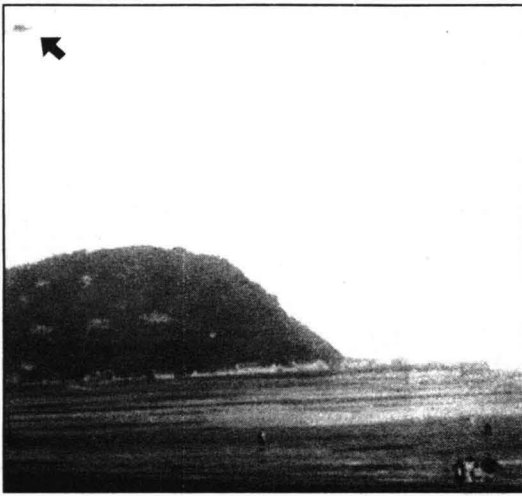
He is not alone in his belief. Ex-policeman Tony Dodd, who says he came face-to-face with a huge spinning disc while out on patrol with another officer 17 years ago, is also sick of being branded a crackpot.

Mr Dodd, who set up a national UFO Hotline said: "We have at least 15-20 reports of sightings a day, many of which are from forces personnel, scientists, you name them."

"People have got to accept that we are being visited by aliens - we reckon around 20 different kinds - and the Westcountry is no exception."

He said the most commonly reported type of craft to be seen around Devon was an enormous triangular shape, very similar to the object which a British Airways 737 apparently almost collided with 13,000 ft over Manchester last month.

Mr Dodd said: "We examine all the sightings very carefully. We are very aware, for example, of US triangular Stealth fighters flying in our airspace, but the things we are having reported are enormous and completely different. They are sometimes the size of



ABOVE: Caught on camera at Minehead is this mysterious object

RIGHT: Doug Cooper, of Honiton, who is now writing a book on local sightings



football pitches and absolutely silent with a light on each corner."

He said on one occasion a triangular ship was seen travelling slowly over the Westcountry one March night in 1992, and was reported independently by 43 different police officers.

Beamed

Another commonly-seen UFO around the Westcountry is apparently a ball of light, being beamed down as some form of probe by a larger object, which follows people around.

Some of Mr Dodd's beliefs are rather harder to swallow. These include reports of animals being mutilated by lasers and children having transmitters implanted deep in their brains so aliens can track them down and abduct them again and again.

He also claims pregnant women are being impregnated by a certain type of alien bent on integration. After three

months he says the foetuses are removed to be cultivated by the aliens.

Bizarre though these claims may sound, scientists say they cannot dismiss them out of hand.

Dr David Hughes, an astrophysicist at Sheffield University, has spent years researching planets which could potentially support life and says it is naive to think we are alone in the universe.

He said: "Technically the only real requirement for life is that planets are warm and have water. My research shows that one in every 24 stars will be orbited by a wet planet."

"Considering the fact there are 1,000,000,000,000 stars in our galaxy alone, the chances of there being no life out there are pretty slim."

"If there is intelligent life, we would expect it to be travelling."

In the USA the scientific community is pouring millions of dollars into a project

to try to pick up radio waves from space.

Dr Hughes said: "Who is to say there aren't beings out there monitoring us? Images from the first episode of Coronation Street are already 30 light years away, so if there's anyone out there they must know we're here."

He was cautious about admitting the existence of alien space craft visiting earth.

Egocentric

He said: "There's nothing I'd like more than to find out there was life out there. Ours is a very ordinary star in a very ordinary solar system and I think it's bizarre and egocentric to think we are alone. There are too many questions which need answering."

"Why do these extra terrestrials leave nothing behind? And do people always see what they think they have? There are lots of occasions

when people have been mistaken by ball lightning, weather balloons, planets shining from behind clouds and even a flock of seagulls flying through searchlights used to illuminate a supermarket."

Professor Richard Cole, an expert in rockets and satellites at Leicester University's Space Studies Centre, is less convinced.

He said: "No scientist could possibly completely deny that something could be out there but we live in a very big world. There are all sorts of natural phenomena we probably don't know about, and the mind can play all sorts of tricks."

"Some of the tales people tell seem at best irrational and at worst insane, and I'm sure these so-called sightings have a much more logical explanation."

"Basically I'm going to have to see a real space ship before I'm convinced."

ABOVE: Photograph of a UFO taken off the island of Lundy

RIGHT: Sightings crop up regularly, including this recent one at Manchester reported in the E&E last week



Local man sees UFOs from garden

A LOCAL man claims he saw two Unidentified Flying Objects over Bexhill last Thursday - and the British UFO Resource Association says it is a classic sighting.

Joseph James was hanging out his washing in his garden in St Patrick's Crescent when he saw two saucer-shaped objects with domes on top speed high over Bexhill towards Dover.

Mr James said: "What I saw was definitely not of this world. I have flown hundreds of times and these were not planes. They were weaving and moving in a way that no plane could do."

"One particular thing that impressed me was that there was absolutely no noise from them, it really was a wondrous experience."

Arnold West, secretary of the British UFO Resource Association, said: "This is a classic UFO sighting and is of the disc shape commonly reported in the 1950s and 1960s. It is impossible to say what exactly it was that Mr James saw but we are taking the sighting seriously."

A spokesman for Dover Coastguard said: "We did not receive any reports or see anything strange on that day."

UFOs sighted around county

MORE than 20 sightings of low-flying triangular-shaped UFOs have been reported in Derbyshire, according to a group of space watchers.

The Ilkeston-based Phenomena Research Association says the frequency of reports since Christmas Eve suggests a sustained campaign of observation by aliens.

Spokesman Omar Fowler, who has been studying UFO sightings for 28 years, said: "The triangular objects coincide with sightings around the world of an alien life form we call 'grays', which witnesses under hypnosis have said abducted them."

Eye-witnesses claim the triangular space ships are very bright and hover at about 1,000 feet - the exact description of recent sightings in Derbyshire.

The Phenomena Research Association will discuss the latest sightings at its next meeting, in the Stanley Club, Stanley Common, on February 28, at 7.30pm.

[Credit to Timothy Good for all foreign clippings in this issue]

EVENING NEWS, Edinburgh, Scotland - Feb. 4, 1995

Skies the limit for UFO-watchers



MYSTERY MAN: Ron Halliday is amazed at the reports.

THE skies above Lothian have been crowded with strange sightings and flashing lights in recent weeks, according to a UFO expert.

Ron Halliday, chairman of Scottish Earth Mysteries Research, said January had been a bumper month for reports from all over the region.

"January was a particularly busy month, but there is no apparent reason for this sudden increase in reports," he said.

"I have had 12 to 15 reports of sightings of different types. I am

by Ian Kyle

NEWS REPORTER

really quite amazed and stunned by the nature and number of these sightings. I really don't know what to make of it at this stage. This is certainly the biggest number of sightings I have had over such a short period."

Recent reports included:

- A woman watched a bluish disc-shaped object for five to ten minutes over Liberton.
- An East Calder resident saw an orange-shaped

ball over the Forth.

■ An early morning sighting of a big red ball over Edinburgh Zoo.

■ An Edinburgh woman took photographs of a huge star-shaped object with red and blue lines coming down from it. When the film was developed the negatives were blank.

■ A strange object was reported over the Restalrig area.

■ Strange flashing, changing lights were spotted at Currie and over the Pentlands.

Ron Halliday can be contacted on 0786 832480.

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Derby, England - Feb. 10, 1995

BONNYBRIDGE BUZZED BY UFOs

MINISTRY of Defence chiefs are being pressed for a full-scale military and scientific investigation into UFO sightings over Scotland.

A high-powered meeting is being organised after behind-the-scenes moves by a senior Labour MP.

Investigators say it's the first step to solving the baffling mystery of what's become known as the Bonnybridge Triangle.

Strange

Now Falkirk West MP Dennis Canavan is bringing top MoD officials and investigators together with the aim of launching a Government-backed probe into the sightings.

For more than two years the remote village of nearly 1000 people has been 'buzzed' by UFOs and strange lights in the sky.

There have been more than 200 sightings, sparking off worldwide interest.

The meeting, to be held in Whitehall, was instigated by local councillor Billy Buchanan.

He said: "We have been trying to get an investigation underway for some time, but keep being fobbed off."

"Until now the MoD has said it's not interested because there are no national security implications."

"At the same time they say five per cent of sightings cannot be explained. How can they be sure there are no defence implications if they don't know what they are?"

"Now Mr Canavan is setting up a meeting with MoD officials. I'm on 24-hour standby to travel south."

The MP confirmed he is acting as middleman and added: "Cllr Buchanan wrote to me asking for help."

"I am waiting for a reply from the MoD and hope there will be a meeting shortly."

In one of the latest sightings, a Grangemouth woman photographed a bright light and oblong object in the air above the town.

The film is now being analysed by a university scientist in Edinburgh.

UFO investigator Malcolm Robinson, founder of Strange Phenomena Investigations, said: "It's a very exciting sighting."

"The woman spotted a bright

Villagers win a meeting with the MoD to examine the mystery in the skies...

EXCLUSIVE BY SAM CLARKE

light in the sky surrounded by a number of oblong objects.

"We are having a computer analysis carried out on her film."

Mr Robinson, who intends attending the meeting with defence chiefs, added:

"Something is happening around Bonnybridge and we have to know what it is."

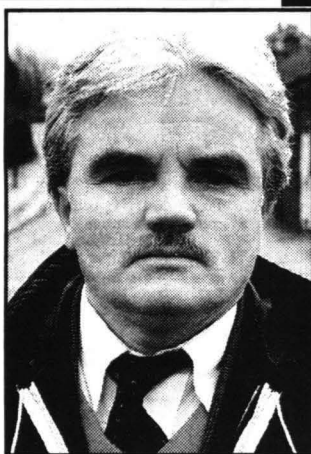
Ridicule

Meanwhile, Mr Buchanan revealed: "I have been contacted by more than 1000 people and have been held up to personal ridicule."

"I have no idea whether these sightings are natural phenomena or ET paying a visit, but people are frightened."

"The numbers of sightings are increasing and the Government must investigate."

"It has got to the stage where people are even coming to me with fears that they may have been victims of UFO abduction."



AN ALIEN spaceship hovers over a village... the scene above is from ET, but many people, including councillor Billy Buchanan (left) have seen unexplained sightings over Bonnybridge

HOLLYWOOD KEEPS SCI-FI POT BUBBLING



STARGATE: The latest movie sci-fi smash hit

UFO-MANIA is sweeping the world.

From the far steppes of Russia to Hollywood, everyone wants ET to call back.

Russian defence chiefs have recently admitted that they've been taking UFOs seriously for years.

And a retired senior officer revealed that a hi-tech team studied all sightings in the belief that they were genuine extraterrestrial encounters.

The aim of the research was to develop more efficient propulsion systems

for aircraft.

While U.S. authorities have all but clammed up on UFO sightings, Hollywood keeps the pot boiling.

The surprise hit Stargate, which recently opened in Britain, heralds a new era of sci-fi movies.

Epic

The next Star Trek movie, Generations, opens next month and the Star Wars trilogy is about to become a sextet.

George Lucas, who dreamed up the epic 'space cowboy' series, is planning

the next three episodes.

On TV, cult series, The X-Files, showing here on BBC2, has heightened interest with its tales of aliens and the paranormal.

Documentary shows such as Sightings, appropriately on satellite station Sky One, are carrying UFOs into the realms of the believable.

And as the Millennium draws closer, interest is sure to soar. Prophet Nostradamus predicted alien visitors would make themselves known by 1999.

UFO researcher Malcolm

Robinson said: "Interest in UFOs is growing, there are more sightings and people want an explanation."

"Most can be explained as natural phenomena or aircraft seen in an odd way."

"Even the secret Aurora spyplane, which U.S. authorities have never admitted existed but is believed to be based on the Mull of Kintyre, has been blamed."

"What investigators like myself are interested in are the ones which can't be explained."

LOUTH LEADER, Horncastle, England - Dec. 21, 1994

Two more UFO spotters see the light

FOLLOWING the article which appeared in last week's Leader - in which a motorist recalled spotting something strange in the skies whilst travelling along the Great Carlton to Theddlethorpe All Saints road on Wednesday, December 7, - an elderly couple who live at Lindsey Way, Louth, contacted us with a similar story.

"We walked along Newmarket and onto Legbourne Road at about 4.20pm to 4.30pm, and were crossing the road to get to the footpath which leads to Lindsey Way."

"As we were waiting for the traffic to ease we saw an extremely bright light from the east. It looked like a search light but had no

beam. The object was travelling extremely slow and we couldn't hear any noise."

"It was extremely bright and appeared to have something underneath it."

"The object was travelling about 200 feet high and seemed to be travelling on a level course which continued in a westerly direction."

Another lady from Grimoldby who contacted us said: "I looked out from my bedroom window and saw a small light across in the Theddlethorpe Terminal direction. It appeared to be a small light which I thought was a plane."

"As I watched it it got bigger and seemed

fairly close - it was like a big ball of light hanging in the sky."

"I turned away for a moment and when I looked again it had disappeared."

Along with these two sightings which seem linked to the original sighting. We have received another separate sighting.

If you also believe you have seen strange goings on in the skies you can contact Sue or Peter Gregory at Skywatch on 0507 478802.

They will be compiling reportings of the unexplained objects and sending their details to the Ministry of Defence - we will of course let readers know of the findings and explanations.

Farm worker spots UFO

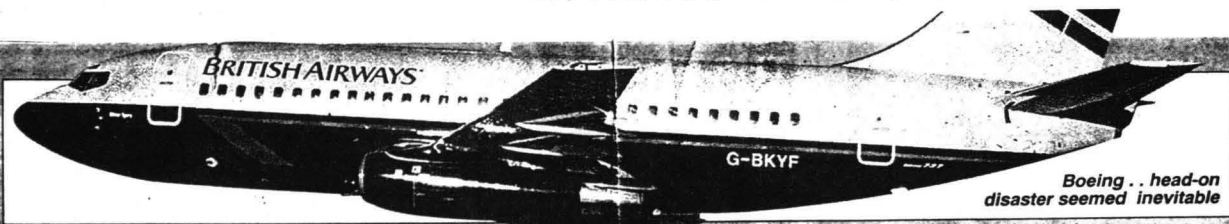
AN EAST Yorkshire farm worker claims to have seen a "flying saucer" as he tended his sheep.

Wayne Simpson says he was mesmerised by the grey-coloured UFO, which zig-zagged across the sky near Holme on Spalding Moor.

"I only saw it for about six seconds. It worked its way down to earth and then when it got about 20 metres from the ground there was a loud bang like thunder and then it disappeared," said Mr Simpson, 24, of Seaton Ross, near Pocklington.

"It was difficult to judge how big it was, but I think it was 70 metres across. It was just like a plate with a lump in the middle. There were no lights on it or anything like that."

YORKSHIRE EVENING PRESS, York, England - Jan. 17, 1995



BA JET PILOTS DUCK AS UFO FLASHES PAST AT 13,000 FT

By CAROLINE REID

TWO pilots thought their last moment had come as their British Airways jet headed for mid-air collision — with a high-speed UFO.

Terrified fliers Roger Wills and Mark Stuart ducked down in the cockpit when the brightly-lit mystery craft appeared only yards in front of them at 13,000ft over the Pennines.

But as they waited for the deadly impact, they saw the triangular UFO flash down the right-hand side of their Boeing 737 and disappear. Captain Wills and



Trip to terror... pilots came face to face with alien

First Officer Stuart, 24, immediately checked with air traffic control. They were told theirs was the only plane showing on radar.

Their evening flight from Milan, Italy, to Manchester Ringway was 17 minutes from touchdown when the "alien" invader zoomed past.

The Boeing landed safely, with the 60 passengers unaware of the drama.

At first, the pilots didn't tell pals about the UFO, fearing ridicule.

But BA bosses were informed and they sent a detailed log and sketches to the Joint Air Miss Working Group, which is part of the Civil Aviation Authority.

Sensible

An inquiry was launched into the January 6 incident.

But a CAA spokesman said yesterday: "We have not been able to trace the aircraft involved."

The pilots refused to comment. A colleague said: "They are high-grade, sensible guys."

"Everyone's talking about what they saw, and it is right that it is reported, so the experts can try to establish what it was."

Theories that the UFO could have been a new military plane were discounted last night.

A spokesman for Jane's Defence Weekly said: "We know of nothing at all being developed that could account for this sighting."

NEWS & ADVERTISER, Lynn, England - Feb. 3, 1995

Is anybody out there? If not, how come there have been so many unexplained sightings since the Lynn News' recent UFO story?

Flashing lights in the Marshland sky

STRANGE sightings in Marshland skies were witnessed by a couple from Terrington St Clement on Thursday night.

Beverly Boldero (27), of Northgate Way, contacted the Lynn News after reading our story about UFOs in Friday's paper.

She and her boyfriend, Mr Neil Chapman (25), both saw coloured lights continually flashing in one spot for at least 15 minutes.

She said: "We were driving along Main Road, Clenchwarton, at about 7.30pm on our way to the Victory pub. Whatever it was, it was flashing green, yellow and red lights and it was rotating."

"It seemed to be some distance away, almost as though it was a star. At first I thought it was an aeroplane but it started rotating."

"The object stayed in the same place from the time we went into the pub until we left 15 minutes later at 7.45pm. After that I didn't look any more."



Miss Boldero added: "This isn't the first time I've seen lights in the sky. Last year over Terrington, I saw the same colours — red, green and yellow — and the object was closer. It was circular, and was flashing and rotating."

"Four times in the last year I have seen sightings like this which I can't explain. I told my friends when I was working and we all used to have a laugh about it."

"But now I'm wondering if there's more to it, especially now I'm aware other people have seen the same lights."

Hovering light over Flitcham — 'I've never seen anything like it'

WEST Norfolk may wonder if alien beings are keeping a wily watch over us...

UFO sightings in the area have soared since the Lynn News reported three teenagers' "extra-terrestrial" experiences near Swaffham last month.

On Sunday evening, Lynn Police had an unusual call from a local man who spotted strange lights over North Lynn at around 8pm.

The man, who has not been named, together with his children, watched from their home as the lights disappeared towards East Winch.

The father told police: "My kids and I saw some very bright lights in the sky going very fast and changing direction quite suddenly — much faster than an aeroplane."

"It went straight up and a very white light came out and then it disappeared."

A Flitcham woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, claims she saw a strange glowing light in the sky over the village on December 29. Days

later she discovered it was also seen by another villager, but neither can explain it.

The woman spotted the brilliant light, described as like a headlight in the north-east, at about 4.50pm. It appeared to hover, then slowly moved off towards her home. It then turned left and started travelling slowly south.

When it turned, she noticed that it had an elongated shape and a blinking light, as it slowly and noiselessly moved out of sight.

"There must be an explanation, but I have never seen anything like it before," admitted the woman.

Local UFO enthusiast Phillip Eke, from Gayton, who is a member of the British UFO Research Association, said recent sightings are similar to thousands of unexplained reports across the country every year.

"The people who have seen them are unlikely to know about them, so they're pretty viable," said Mr Eke.

BURTON DAILY MAIL, Staffs., England - Feb. 10, 1995

Today we begin a journey into the unknown with the first of a regular series examining unexplained phenomena, much of it experienced by people living in Burton and South Derbyshire. True or false, fact or fiction — read the reports and make up your own minds

Let's see what's out there . . .

Most people are interested in the paranormal but, for some of us, an event occurs that leads us towards serious research into a shadowy world far removed from everyday life.

For me it happened back in the mid-60s when I was a guest on an air force base in Germany.

It was at the height of the cold war and the base was on full nuclear alert, with jets being scrambled to investigate anything larger than a pigeon that entered Western air space without authorisation.

The conversation in the officers' bar was fascinating; these guys were actually talking about UFOs as if they were real.

"You mean you actually believe in those

things?" I asked, amazed that people with their fingers on the nuclear trigger had such esoteric interests.

"Oh they're real all right," was the casual reply, "our wing cameras have recorded miles of film."

"So what happens to the film?" I asked, and received a shrug in reply, and a distinct impression that the subject was closed. Little did I realise at

the time that almost three decades later I myself would be watching in amazement as a glowing, structured craft slid low over a road near Burton making me realise what all those mystified, frightened people I had interviewed over the years had felt.

There are, of course, many hoaxes in this field, and I will not bore you with cases that have been exposed as such, although this is a fascinating story

in itself.

Instead, I will stick to cases for which no "rational" explanation has been found.

Associated with the UFO phenomena are many other strange, eerie and often terrifying occurrences such as poltergeist activity, time distortion and the manifestation of strange, ghostlike animals.

Many of the cases I will share with you over the next few weeks relate to

events that have happened in this area, so names have been changed to protect the privacy of the individuals concerned. Most genuine witnesses to paranormal activity do not seek publicity.

I will introduce you to someone who witnessed a massed flight of UFOs which the authorities claimed was a military re-fuelling exercise (despite the fact that the sighting was smack in the middle of



the flight path for aircraft approaching Castle Donington airport).

You will meet someone who was stalked by a shadowy black dog the size of a donkey and I will share with you the experience of a frightened individual who, after his encounter with a flying pyramid, displayed all the symptoms of sunburn and radiation poisoning.

While most of the events I will describe are local I will attempt to relate them to events happening all over the world.

Unfortunately, I can't give you any answers as to what it's all about. All I can do is present the facts and let you decide for yourself.

One thing I AM sure about, however, is that something very curious is going on and there ARE people around who know what it is.

The world is a much stranger, and sometimes more frightening, place than most of us imagine. I hope you enjoy exploring its alternative reality.

— KF

UFO man wants his trousers

by Jane Findlay

BUNGLING policemen have lost a Tayside pensioner's trousers — 15 years after they were torn in an alleged UFO attack.

Officers in Lothian and Borders Police yesterday launched an investigation to trace Bob Taylor's breeks, which were taken "as evidence" in 1979.

Retired forester Mr Taylor (76), of Berrydale Road, Blairgowrie, claimed to have encountered aliens as he was checking a wood at Dechmont Law, near Livingston.

He said he was confronted by a 30ft-high object with portholes, which dropped two round spiky objects.

They stopped either side of him and emitted a smell so pungent that Mr Taylor passed out.

He said he was badly bruised and too weak to stand when he awoke to the sound of his dog barking. His trousers were badly torn.

An intensive police investigation followed and MIS were said to be involved.

Mr Taylor's police-issue trousers later became an object of international fascination.

They have travelled around the world being examined by UFO experts and psychics who conducted psychometric tests on them.

But now Mr Taylor wants them back and says it is up to the police, who took

them in the first place, to locate them.

The teetotaler admitted last night that the UFO saga had left him "drained".

"I've been telling my story for too long. I'm retired now and drained. I should be able to put it all behind me," he said.

"But the fact remains that I want my trousers back."

"They've been all around the world — to the States, Japan and goodness knows where else. I don't know where they are now but it's up to the police to find them."

A spokesman for Lothian and Borders Police yesterday promised a full investigation.

He said: "Generally, if property is given by an individual and it is going to be examined then yes, it should be returned to them."

"If it is damaged or dirty, then we would sometimes get permission to destroy it but I don't think that's the case here."

"Our forensic laboratory has certainly carried out tests on the trousers but they are no longer there."

"We'll have to look at this one a bit closer."

No satisfactory explanation has ever been given for Mr Taylor's story.

Police found depressions in the ground exactly where the pensioner claimed the incident happened and the area has since become a haunt of UFO enthusiasts.



■ A flashback to 1979 — Bob Taylor points out the depressions in the ground after his close encounter with aliens

SURREY HERALD, Chertsey, England - Feb. 9, 1995

Astronomers refute UFO over town

A CIGAR-shaped object, glowing white and orange and making a humming noise, has been spotted on the towpath between Walton and Weybridge.

The unidentified machine was seen hovering just above the ground for about 30 seconds before it sped off along the river in the direction of Kingston.

The incident is the latest in a spate of possible UFO sightings in Elmbridge during the past fortnight.

Several readers reported seeing two white shining

objects hovering in the sky over Walton. However, astronomers have provided a logical explanation for the phenomenon.

The larger bright light was the planet Venus living up to its other name, the Morning Star. The smaller light was Jupiter.

However, an eye-witness to the latest sighting told the Herald: "It was white in the middle with orange around the outside. It reverberated with a humming sound and was certainly not the planet Venus."

EVENING SENTINEL, Stoke-on-Trent, England - Feb. 9, 1995

Was it a UFO that I saw?

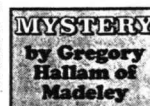
I WAS looking out of my bedroom window on January 11, at 9.15pm on a clear frosty night, and I could see all of the stars in the sky.

I live at Madeley Heath and my bedroom is at the back of the house and you can see all woodland in front of you. On a clear, frosty night you are bound to see lots of planes flying, which I did.

Then at 9.20pm I looked and I was convinced I saw a lamp-post light but then I thought, there aren't any lamp-posts round the back. The light was moving. It was egg-shaped with spikes on the end of the shape and at the end of the spikes were very bright lights. I watched it fly and then I thought I had lost it but to my amazement I saw it go round the woodland. Eventually it went out of my sight so I decided to go to sleep.

At 9.40pm I heard a really big noise so I looked out of my window and a massive jumbo jet was flying really low with flashing lights on it.

It was a very weird night.



EVENING TELEGRAPH, Derby, England - Feb. 3, 1995

IS IT A BIRD? IS IT A PLANE?

UFO investigators are preparing for some close encounters with aliens — using their own hi-tech sky-watching equipment.

A group of up to 50 eagle-eyed Derbyshire people is hoping that its home-made geomagnetometer will help it to keep tabs on any strange objects flying above the city.

Derby's latest UFO alert came last month after the Evening Telegraph reported how people claimed they had seen a flat, triangular-shaped object with red, green, yellow and blue and red flashing lights in the sky. The geomagnetometer measures any interference with the earth's magnetic field.

As well as identifying aircraft, members of the Ilkeston-based Phenomena Research Association hope their new machine will help

them spot UFOs. PRA investigator Pete Edwards will be using the geomagnetometer for sky watch sessions.

"I have had scores of calls from people who believe they have spotted UFOs above Derby in the past two or three weeks," said Mr Edwards.



● IS ANYBODY THERE?: Pete Edwards with his geomagnetometer.

"I like to think of myself as a sceptical believer — I'll only be convinced UFOs exist if I see one in my back garden."

Anyone who thinks they have seen a UFO can contact the association on (01602) 302773.

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HERALD, Hinckley, England - Feb. 9, 1995

UFOs seen hovering near Hinckley railway station

by Vicky Wayman

However, investigators from the Leicestershire UFO study project, who are probing the claims, have so far drawn a blank.

Their spokesman said: "We have

no idea what this phenomenon may have been, it disappeared suddenly and left no traces. The guess is that it may have been some form of rare electrical manifestation."

He added: "We believe that other people must have seen the glow, who have not yet reported their

sighting. We would very much like to hear from them."

Anybody, who spotted Hinckley's suspected space visitor should call the project supervisor on Hinckley 614013, after 4pm.

All information will be treated as confidential.

AIRDRIE ADVERTISER, Lanark, Scotland - Feb. 3, 1995

ALIENS OVER AIRDRIE

AN Airdrie pensioner is convinced he's seen a UFO flying 250 feet over Airdrie.

Andrew Turner is sure he saw a blue-green globe glide over Burnbank Street and shoot off towards Airdrie Academy at 80 mph.

The 72-year-old from Burnbank Street said he was lying in bed at 3.55 am last Friday when he saw the object, which was about the size of a small plane.

He said: "It passed over Burnbank Street, going towards the Academy. It seemed to be spinning but it was going fast — about 60 or 80 mph."

"I jumped out of bed and ran towards the window, but it was gone by that time."

Andrew — who swears he saw a ball of flame at Holehills nine years ago — is sure the luminous ball of light was an alien space ship. "There's something definitely going on out there. They must have a base on another planet."

A spokesman for Glasgow Airport said the only aircraft in the vicinity was a 16 seat Saab Business Air flight, which was due to land at 4.35, and was the same size and colour as the object Andrew spotted.

He said: "Sometimes these are tricks of the eye."

A spokesman for Airdrie Police said: "The control room have no knowledge of this."

LATE night shoppers at Hinckley's Food Giant supermarket have sparked an investigation after reporting sightings of unidentified flying objects hovering around the adjacent railway station on Thursday night.

Several people were reported seeing a glowing ball of light just a few feet from the ground over the nearby railway lines.

The object was said to be making buzzing sounds and throwing smaller luminous balls of light into the sky for at least five minutes.



Many theories, few answers in mutilation mystery

By ZACK VAN EYCK
The New Mexican

In the late 1970s, at the height of cattle mutilation activity in the U.S., sheriff's deputies in Costilla County, Colo., witnessed a cow floating through the air in a beam of light.

Ernest Sandoval, Costilla County sheriff 1970-86, vividly remembers the report he received from his startled deputies. A helicopter, the two men told him, had taken the cow away.

"I used to keep a 24-hour surveillance or patrol at certain places," the retired sheriff said recently in a telephone interview from his home in San Luis, Colo., about 20 miles north of the New Mexico border. "One thing they did observe was a chopper carry-

ing a cow from one place to another, which makes sense because we couldn't find any tracks around the (mutilated) animals or a place where a chopper landed or anything. There was a sort of harness hanging from the chopper."

In another instance, Sandoval said, a local couple saw a helicopter hovering near a county road and witnessed a man "on top" of a cow in a nearby pasture. The couple drove to Sandoval's office six miles away, and the sheriff immediately went with them to the scene.

"The only thing we found when we came back was the cow — mutilated," Sandoval said.

Those eyewitness accounts and other sporadic reports of unidentified, low-flying helicopters in

the area led Sandoval to conclude that some type of secret government or military operation was to blame for the mutilations.

"We had the CBI (Colorado Bureau of Investigations) and the FBI down here and according to them it was predators doing this," Sandoval said with a chuckle. "We laughed right in their face."

Government or military involvement is one of the leading theories among cattle mutilation investigators — at least those in local law enforcement and the private sector. Official government or court-commissioned studies, like the one conducted by Ken Rommel Jr. in New Mexico in 1980, have consistently determined that predators are to blame.

"I'm not saying there's not some nuts who will go out and do anything, but this cattle mutilation business is a bunch of garbage," Rommel said recently, adding 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, and a lot of statements made by others unsupported by fact."

"You can see anything you want to in this world, particularly if you have a very good imagination."

The mutilations have continued throughout the country and across the world in the 14 years since Rommel's report. They have increasingly been associated with bizarre phenomena, including UFO and Bigfoot sightings. But many remain convinced by the predator explanation.

"I've looked at Ken Rommel's report and I think its conclusions are completely reasonable," said John Small-

wood of Santa Fe, a co-founder of New Mexicans for Science and Reason. "I think that this is one of those things that would be very enjoyable for all of us if it was very romantic and had mysterious things surrounding it, but I don't think the facts support it."

Those who have investigated cattle mutilations in an up-close-and-personal fashion say the cases do defy logic.

"It's way beyond me," Las Animas County, Colo., sheriff Lou Girodo said. "I'm still puzzled by it. ... What I've handled, there's no predator on the face of the earth that could do that. If there is, I wouldn't want to run into him."

If the mutilators are not natural predators, skeptics ask, why would the government or military need to massacre cows when they could easily raise their own herds or purchase cows for experimentation?

One idea, proposed by several people — including writer and longtime mutilation investigator David Perkins — is that mutilators might be testing animals from areas of environmental contamination.

In a study conducted in the late 1970s, Perkins found that countless mutilation reports occurred downwind or downstream of nuclear power plants, nuclear weapons laboratories, nuclear test sites, military bases and government installations. In New Mexico, he discovered mutilations were reported near uranium mining operations in Grant and Hidalgo counties, near the site of 1960s underground nuclear detonations, and near the then-proposed site of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

His research also revealed that mutilations in Sandoval, Santa Fe and Rio Arriba counties formed a tight ring

PROPOSED EXPLANATIONS

Over the years, many explanations have been offered by government officials, investigators, ranchers, college professors and others trying to solve the cattle mutilation mystery. None has been proven to be the cause of the bizarre occurrences. Some of the suggested explanations, listed alphabetically, are as follows:

- Alien beings from outer space.
- Chemical-biological warfare experiments performed by the Soviet Union.
- Chemical manufacturing companies.
- Disease.
- Environmentalists seeking to reduce ranching activities on public lands.

- Foreign students attending American universities.
- Gang initiations.
- Hippies.
- Hitchhikers.
- Hungry homeless people.
- Lightning.
- Oil companies.
- Predators and scavengers, including coyotes, wild dogs, vultures and other birds.
- Satanic cults.
- Secret government or military experiments.
- Secret government or military experiments conducted jointly with alien beings from outer space.
- Teenage punks.

Secret slaughter

The cattle are dying — but why? Today and Sunday, *The New Mexican* examines the latest rash of cattle mutilations.

TODAY:

- The economic impact can be devastating
- A Pecos couple remembers a horse's death

SUNDAY:

- Some 46 cattle have been found mutilated here this year
- The people who research mutilations
- The phenomenon is not new

around Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Perkins, a part-time Santa Fe resident, notes that more than a dozen cattle mutilations have taken place in the last 16 months near Eagle Nest, N.M., where "blue snow" fell on May 17 and 18 of 1955, causing some local residents to become burned or sick. A nuclear detonation had taken place in the Nevada desert on May 15 of that year.

But whether such a pattern indicates government involvement is questioned by Perkins himself, and other researchers.

"My theory is the government doesn't know any more than us," Perkins said.

Some of Perkins' peers — and for a time Perkins himself — have looked to the most far-reaching and unbelievable explanation for the mutilations. They believe extraterrestrial beings may be responsible — perhaps in an effort to discover what environmental damage humans have inflicted on their own planet.

Linda Moulton Howe, who has written two books and produced two documentary films on cattle mutilations, is convinced the mutilations are the work of aliens. Seven people, she said, have told her they saw small gray beings carry cows away. Two Colorado ranch hands, she said, saw two of the beings "float" across a fence and into a corral to reach a cow.

Howe's belief has strengthened in more than 15 years of research, which began when she was a television producer at KMGH-TV, the CBS affiliate in Denver.

"I thought, naively, 'I will get to the bottom of this. It's probably a government contamination problem,'" Howe said recently from her home in Pennsyl-

vania. "In the first month I logged 50 or 60 interviews with deputies, ranchers and only one veterinarian, and everybody was telling me the same story about their encounters with gigantic orange discs over pastures where the mutilated animals were finally found."

A more down-to-earth but equally disturbing hypothesis is that satanic cults are responsible for the mutilations. Historically, cult activity has been among the first possible explanations mentioned when a mutilation takes place, but it rarely goes beyond speculation.

"How would satanic cults or the U.S. government finance and operate a worldwide multi-national intrusion into pastures after animals of every range of nature, including wild animals, for over 30 years?" Howe asks.

She said she has talked with Catholic priests and law enforcement officers in search of a connection with cults, but has come up empty. She said the priests and lawmen were struck with the lack of blood found at the scene of cattle mutilations. That is not typical of cults, they said.

"I studied the occult for quite a while and there's always worshipping signs or something left at the scene," Girodo said. "We're not even getting footprints, tracks, not anything, and satanic cults will always leave something at the scene."

Because no one apparently has ever been caught in the act the puzzle and lives on.

"It's more complex than I think anybody realizes," Perkins concluded. "On the face of it, what's happening is impossible."

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, Denver, CO - Sept. 23, 1994 CR: C. Carpenter

Four mutilations puzzle ranchers

Cattle owners insist they're high-tech jobs; officials have no clues

By Dick Foster

Rocky Mountain News Southern Bureau

COLORADO SPRINGS — Ranchers east of here have reported a rash of unexplained cattle mutilations in the past month.

Four mutilations have occurred in El Paso and Elbert counties since Aug. 23. Strange details are similar to those in a wave of mutilations in northern New Mexico since last spring.

Authorities have no explanations, but ranchers insist the killers are not animal predators.

The cases are similar: Organs were removed with surgical pre-

cision. No human, animal or vehicle tracks were found. No signs of a struggle. Neighbors heard no sounds.

"Nothing about this makes any sense," said Clyde Chess, a board member of the Pikes Peak Cattlemen's Association who found one of his cows slaughtered Sept. 5.

"There were incisions around the rectum and vulva in a neat circle. They took the udder, tongue, the lips, an ear, and they took the heart," said Chess. "They took the fetus that was up inside her."

The heart was removed via an incision behind a leg. The hide around all the cuts was "curled around the edges as if they were cut with something hot," he said.

All of the hair fell off the car-

case's face within a few days. Chess said the cow had no blood, rigor mortis never set in and the bones were bleached clean of meat within days.

The rapid deterioration was similar to a June mutilation north of Taos, N.M., investigated by state livestock inspector Jerry Valerio.

"I cut into that heifer and there was no blood. The meat was really flaky. It looked like it had been put through a microwave or pressure cooked. The animal only had been dead five or six hours," he said.

Valerio and two other ranchers who handled mutilated New Mexico cattle said they experienced tingling or burning sensations in their hands for several days.

"It's definitely somebody with a technology that's not readily available to just anybody," said Mary Liss, who discovered a dead 1,200-pound cow Sept. 12 in a pasture near her home northeast of Colorado Springs. The reproductive organs had been cut out, Liss said. She had seen the cow alive the evening before.

"This was a cow that you don't walk up to. We had a hard time getting her in for a vaccination," said Liss.

Another mutilation occurred nearby about a month earlier, but it wasn't reported, Liss said.

In a fourth case, Ted Hasenbalg found a 13-month old bull dead in a field north of Simla Aug. 23. The scrotum, an eye and pieces of hide were missing.

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By DAVE JEWETT
The Columbian

CLARK COUNTY resident Larry Lund, an investigator for the Portland-based Western Bigfoot Society, will report tonight on a possible "sighting" on Feb. 10 near Larch Mountain northeast of Vancouver.

His report is on the agenda for the society's monthly meeting at 8622 N. Lombard St., near the St. Johns Bridge in North Portland.

Keynote speaker will be Jack Grauer, an executive council member of the Mazamas climbing club. He'll tell about his group and relate a bigfoot story from Mount St. Helens. Admission for non-members is \$3.

VANCE ORCHARD: Touchet Valley Ramblings

It was certainly a week never to be forgotten ... not if you're really into this "Bigfoot of the Blues" affair, anyway.

We speak of the week that ended January and began February.

And, we speak of the Mill Creek-Scenic Loop-Melners/Coyote roads vicinity.

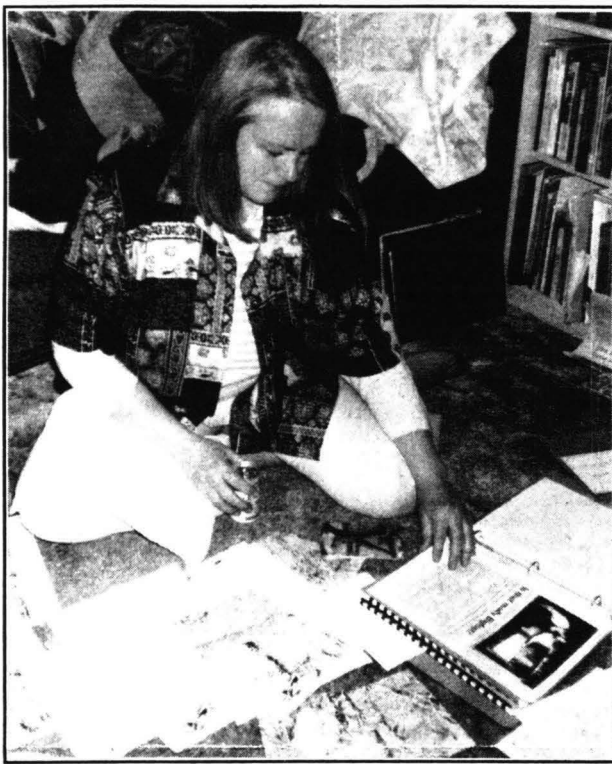
Which, readers of these lines in the past will recall, is where we've been tracking this thing (these things, in some cases!) for the past four years. By the looks of the tracks, checked out by numerous people in this week, it's in the plural this time... possibly one old Bigfoot, followed by a couple of "teen-agers." Or, it could be male and female adults with a single teen-ager.

Or, so it would seem from the tracks which appear up on the Scenic Loop just before that road "tops out" before heading back into the other valley.

The week has seen a lot of people checking out the thousands of tracks... apparently made by three creatures ... but none has gotten so caught up in the thrill of the hunt than Dar Glasgow. While this wasn't the first time for Dar to seek Bigfoot, this was her first time to be involved in such a massive sighting of evidence for this so-called (for some, at least) "missing link" of mankind. For her, it has been a period of highest pleasure, but with a load of frustration and utter disappointment. The latter came on the third or fourth trip to bring back what she knew were good photographs, only to learn the camera had malfunctioned and her roll of film was a blank! There's nothing so frustrating as this element of picture-taking hobby. I know. The same has happened to me!

The thrills of seeking what seemed like a family of Bigfoots probably outweighed the photo losses, but that might be questionable, because what she filmed likely can't be done again without much effort.

The week of tracking Bigfoot was started on a Monday, real early, Jan. 30. Duane Freeman was just getting home from his night shift job when his phone rang and friends told him of hearing some "ungodly noises" while they were on top of the Scenic Loop Road Saturday night. When Freeman and his father, Paul, went to the area that day, they found all kinds of evidence of Bigfoot activity and indications of their having come from the hillside above Kooskooskie. Paul Freeman figures the loud noise made by the



Times photo by Vance Orchard

Dar Glasgow looks over 'Bigfoot' materials.

helicopter logging that area "spooked the critters out."

The elder Freeman (he's the guy who almost ran right into an eight-foot Bigfoot back in 1982) organized a search party to take off the next morning. In that party were he and Dar, Bill Laughery of Pasco (retired game department employee), Billy Fields and Dave Been. All have been seekers of the Bigfoot around these parts for several years.

Heavy rains of that night (Monday) and during the first daylight hours of their search proved a dampener for the trackers, but did not diminish the ardor of most. Because of the rain, quality tracks were not found, but there certainly was no limit to those traced by members of the party that first day and every day which followed.

Three sets of tracks were noted by most and these were 11 inches, 13 inches and nearly 16 inches, the largest also being seven inches wide. One searcher thought there were only two Bigfoots, but agreed there might be three.

One thing they all agreed on, however: the heavy rains had played havoc with the tracks so practically all thought of saving

any died. Dar made a plaster cast of one and if things work out, it will be shown with this article.

Laughery figured the tracks had probably been made the Saturday night (or Sunday) before the rains came. Saturday was the night the "ungodly noises" were reported.

Most of the tracking starts at the top of the Scenic Loop road and then head out west and parallel to the Mill Creek road below, staying near the grain field, then coming down to Mill Creek in the vicinity of the junction of Melners Road with Mill Creek Road, according to Dar and Laughery.

Veteran tracker Dave Been, whose home is at the mouth of Blue Creek, was deeply disappointed in the rain having ruined the tracks.

"If a guy could have got onto the tracks a day or two before all that rain, we might have done something," he said.

Paul Freeman echoed this sentiment. Freeman backtracked from the top of Scenic Loop as well as making at least one trip westerly to Mill Creek and then later, picked up tracks and followed them to the snow line.

"They were headed toward the

(Mill Creek) Watershed when I quit following them," he said.

Most of the searchers agreed on the unusual "cavorting" of the Bigfoots they were tracking. It was something not noted in the past and something which lent some credence to their belief there were two small Bigfoots and an adult.

"It appeared to me that there were two running together, about 50 yards apart and they sort of intermingled," said Been. "It was quite confusing down in there...you'd be tracking one and it would turn and go across the other's track ... you'd try to run that out, but it was so difficult, what with the rain and all. The small ones seemed to be doing the moving around the most"

It has been a contention of Been's for some time now that a grove of firs on the creek could be a Bigfoot mecca. He says he has found several kills of deer, probably made by cougars, and stashed in the brushy area. "A Bigfoot could spend a day or two in there if there's a kill or two for it to feed on."

Dar and Freeman found other evidence of Bigfoot presence in the firs down near Mill Creek, including a limb broken off about eight feet off the ground and long, reddish-brown hairs in the bark of the tree. It was when Freeman and Dar were tracking down to the creek that they also came across the strange "cavorting" signs as well as indications the Bigfoots were wary of roadway traffic nearby.

Judging by the tracks the creatures stayed just far enough back from the crown of the hill, Freeman said, "so they could see (to the roadway) but not be seen."

It was on this trip that Dar and Freeman counted 8,100 Bigfoot tracks, Freeman reported.

Later in the week, Dar and Freeman went their separate ways, with Freeman tracking through Coyote canyon on up to Five Points, then beyond to the snow before quitting.

Dar led a party of four others the same day, centering their search from Five Points down to the old Coyote School area. Dar breeds goats for hikers to use in back packing trips, so used three of her animals for the trip. Going with her were Mark and Dan and Robin Kenney of Dayton and Tim Faris of Walla Walla. It was a Bigfoot baptism for all but Dar and Mark and proved a thrilling outing. An outing which would have had far greater rewards had not the camera failed on her.

NEW MEXICAN, Santa Fe,
NM - Sept. 19, 1994

Ranchers at fault, man behind study says

By ZACK VAN EYCK
The New Mexican

Ken Rommel Jr., the ex-FBI agent who conducted a court-commissioned study of cattle mutilations in 1980, believes a combination of toxic plants, hungry wild animals and careless ranchers is to blame for Northern New Mexico's recent rash of mutilations.

"I would guess that the livestock have gotten into poison plants and the scavengers are taking over and doing the damage," said Rommel, who lives in Santa Fe. "It's the ranchers' fault for not being careful where they're putting their livestock to graze. ... They're grazing them where there's poisonous plants."

Rommel's theory is that the drought-like conditions the region experienced earlier this summer have led to a shortage in edible grasses, and cattle are turning to less-tasty toxic plants, which kill them.

"There are over 100 plants in New Mexico that are poisonous," he said. "Cows only eat them when they don't have enough other things."

Rommel said today's larger ranchers can't afford the help they need to care for a large herd. Those with small herds are just part-timers who don't have the time to do their jobs to perfection, he said.

"That guy up there who's lost eight to 10 ... He doesn't know how to take care of his livestock. (Ranchers) are not paying attention to their livestock."

"It only takes the blow flies a couple of days to kill a cow. If there's no cowboy around to notice them, then there's a good chance they'll die."

CR: D. Perkins

ORANGE CO. REGISTER, Santa Ana, CA - Sept. 4, 1994 CR: A. Snow

Doctor criticizes report on the mystery hospital fumes

HEALTH: Health Services interviews 39 employees, but misses the most seriously ill worker.

The New York Times

LOS ANGELES — The most seriously ill of several hospital workers who fainted after smelling mysterious fumes while treating a dying patient has criticized a new state study that suggested the cause of the mass fainting was shared stress.

The hospital worker, Dr. Julie Gorchynski, who was bedridden for months after the bizarre incident Feb. 19 and has had three operations to stem the tide of a bone disease that is destroying her knees, said Saturday that the researchers for the study did not interview her or review her medical records.

"It's just not right," Gorchynski said. "I think it is absurd

and ridiculous for a government agency to come out with conclusions without reviewing all the records. The bones in both my knees are dead and they never even bothered to interview me."

The state Department of Health Services, in a study issued Friday, reviewed the medical records of five Riverside General Hospital staff members who were hospitalized, and interviewed the 34 other workers who were in the emergency room when 31-year-old Gloria Ramirez was brought in after complaining of chest and stomach pains.

While being tended by hospital personnel, Ramirez vomited. Hospital workers, who said they had earlier noticed an ammonia-

like smell coming either from her body or a freshly drawn blood sample, began to faint. Ramirez went into cardiac arrest and died shortly after of what doctors said was kidney failure brought on by cervical cancer.

A summary of the state report said "findings from our and other investigations are most compatible with an outbreak of mass sociogenic illness, perhaps triggered by an odor."

Russell S. Kussman, a lawyer representing Gorchynski, said the Department of Health Services' study also did not explain unusual traces of a chemical associated with ammonia that was found during the autopsy of Ramirez.

"Clearly, people were poisoned by something that night," Kussman said. "This report may be based on politics or ignorance, but it's not based on science. These are all professional emergency-room workers; they don't become hysterical because of a heart attack."

Dr. Ana Maria Osorio, who wrote the report with Dr. Kirsten Waller, said that three people in the emergency room were not interviewed for various reasons, and that the researchers had not been able to obtain the raw data from the autopsy of Ramirez. Osorio said the research was not tainted and was based on available information.

She said that if other information that lent support for a physical cause of the incident became available, it would be added to the report. Scientists at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory are attempting to identify a nitrogen-containing compound that was found in blood samples taken from Ramirez.

Calf mutilation near Del Norte strays from average findings

Incident under investigation nationally

Samuel Adams
Special to the Courier

DEL NORTE - In something akin to a bad B movie, Del Norte Rancher Robert Kernen found one of his calves - dead.

The carcass had expired in an unnatural manner - its spinal cord had been removed as had its brain, heart, lungs and ribs in a way not known to science, experts said of the incident.

Chris O'Brien, a researcher in Crestone, noted "The one out there, the nervous and circulatory systems, that was a bizarre one."

O'Brien said he has investigated about 150 unusual animal deaths in the Valley.

"I'm not a starry-eyed believer, or a hard-boiled skeptic," he said.

He expects the book he is writing on the subject to go to the printer this spring.

The book, he said, is a history of unexplained occurrences in the San Luis Valley and includes the animal deaths in the Valley.

"I don't call them mutilations, I call them unusual animal deaths," he said. "It's very methodical, very purposeful."

Usually, the genitals are the organs cut out, and also the anal area, he explained. In addition, the head is often missing an ear and an eye.

Kernen, a cattle rancher about two miles west of Del Norte, found this calf missing eyes and an ear, but the genitals and anal area were left untouched.

Kernen's calf was the weirdest animal death O'Brien said he'd seen.

"I find it inconceivable that the ribs and brain were removed in that fashion," he said.

The rancher discovered the calf Saturday, March 4, but believes the incident took place Thursday night, March 2, because his cows acted strangely Friday morning.

O'Brien said the same night, a rancher to the south saw a strong blue light come from the sky for an hour in a spot to the north, near the area where Kernen raises cattle. The light became elongated, then disappeared, the rancher, who asked not to be identified, told the Rio Grande County Sheriff.

Kernen said he can tell his cows are stressed by the occurrence.

"I saw 50 cows standing around looking at the calf," he said. "Boy if those cows could talk."

The incident has not shaken Kernen. "I just accept it as something that can't be explained. I've been ranching all my life and I've never seen this before," he said. "This always happens to the other guy, but this time it happened to me."

The calf's remains have since been removed.

Undersheriff Brian Norton, who is investigating the incident, said specimens were taken and sent to three different laboratories.

"We've sent in some samples to try and determine the cause of death," he said.

The results will be sent to Linda Moulton Howe, a researcher of unusual animal deaths, who gave a seminar for southern Colorado sheriff's on the mutilations. Norton said results of the tests are expected in a month or so.

The theories regarding the mutilations include predatory animals, scavengers, the U.S. government, satanic clubs or other-than-human intelligence are responsible for the incidents.

Kernen said he didn't think it was predators because they access an animal through its belly and "the cuts were too neat."

government's motivation could be to "manipulate and create fear."

Howe said satanic cults have been found responsible for some of the strange animal deaths, but not all the deaths can be blamed on them.

Howe, who has been a television producer and documentary filmmaker since 1968, said she became involved during the 1979 upsurge in unusual animal deaths in the U.S. and Canada.

"I was shocked to interview law enforcement, ranchers and others who told me, off the record only, about the gigantic orange glowing disks they had seen in pastures where mutilated animals had been found," she said.

Howe's work and documentaries netted her a regional Emmy in television in the early 1980s.

Since 1980, when her award-winning documentary "Strange Harvest" aired, Howe's files have grown to include six eye-witness accounts "in

"The liver was still there," he said. "It's considered a delicacy to predators. The circle cuts around the eye were too fine for a bird to make. No animals like coyotes and crows, would touch the carcass. The dogs were afraid of it."

O'Brien said the government theory sprang up because many times helicopters are seen hovering over the sites where animals were dissected.

"There have been 40 or 50 cattle mutilations accompanied by helicopter sightings afterward," he said. "I've been able to document over 150 myself."

The San Luis Valley sits between the Denver and Albuquerque flight control zones. Aircraft could fly undetected.

"If my tax dollars are being used to terrorize my cattle, I should know," Kernen said. "That hurts."

O'Brien said in theory, the

broad daylight in pastures from Missouri, Illinois and Texas farmers who say they saw non-humans carrying animals away or disappearing entirely.

"Beams of light come out of the sky and they watch the animal rise into the sky then come down dead and mutilated," she said. "None of the people will come forward on television. I can't investigate because people are afraid of ridicule."

Howe said she was interested in the Del Norte incident because of the evacuation of the spinal cord and brain.

She said a sample from Kernen's calf was probably sent to Dr. John Altshuler in Denver, a hematologist and pathologist in practice for 25 years.

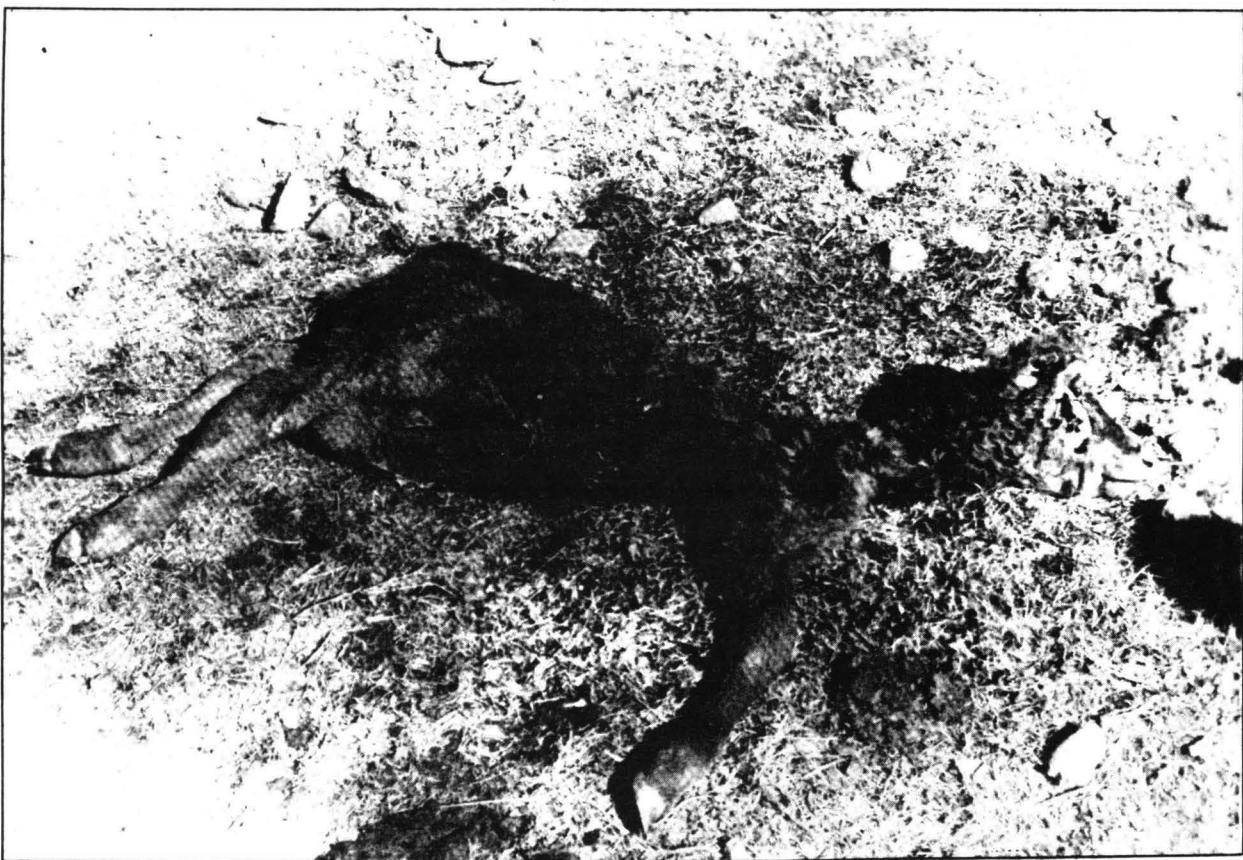
"In 50 cases, Dr. Altshuler has been able to confirm that the hemoglobin at the incision site has been subjected to high heat," Howe said. "In other cases, it was not heat, but an incision with a sharp instrument."

Cattle are not the only victims of these mutilations, she said. Animals ranging from cats, rabbits, cattle, horses and sheep, plus some wild animals, have been victims too.

It was 1967 when the beginning of the era of reporting unusual animal deaths came about. One of the first cases was a horse mutilated at the King Ranch a few miles south of the Great Sand Dunes.

Altshuler examined the carcass and found the high heat excisions, large holes in the body where the organs were removed.

Excisions from animals that were never seen before have continued to date worldwide, Howe said.



Here is the calf found on the ranch of Robert Kernen of Del Norte. (Courtesy photo)

CHRONICLE, San Francisco, CA - Jan. 31, 1995

Americans Back on Trail Of Extraterrestrials

Feds had pulled plug on space watch

By David Perlman
Chronicle Science Editor

More than a year after Congress cut off their funds, American astronomers pursuing their never-say-die search for extraterrestrial life reported from Australia yesterday that they are once again tuning in to outer space.

Having raised \$4 million from wealthy high-tech donors, the scientists have now hitched their sensitive detectors to a giant radio antenna in New South Wales in hopes of catching a faint "hello" from somewhere far beyond the solar system.

The elaborate eavesdropping operation had been temporarily halted when Congress killed \$12 million in research funds after a handful of senators branded the

scientific project a silly hunt for little green men aboard flying saucers.

Yesterday, the scientists reported from the Australian radio observatory and its 210-foot antenna in Parkes, New South Wales, that their equipment is up and running, with its unique detector scanning 28 million microwave channels at once.

The experiment, conceived more than 30 years ago by Frank Drake, an eminent astronomer now at UC Santa Cruz, is called SETI, for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

"Project Phoenix," its new Australian version, is run by scientists from the SETI Institute in Mountain View and is focusing on some 200 star systems within 150 light-years of Earth. (A light-year is

roughly 6 trillion miles.)

The scientists know that to eavesdrop on radio emissions from at least 200 stars in the nearer parts of the Milky Way galaxy could take many years or even lifetimes.

"We could have success at any step, but we're prepared for the long journey," SETI scientist John Dreher said in a call from Australia. "It might take a decade; it might take a century."

And Jill Tarter, the stubborn project scientist who led the first focused search through the galaxy from Cornell University's Arecibo radio observatory in Puerto Rico two years ago, added:

"It could be my daughter or granddaughter who will succeed. If you get up every morning and figure you're going to get a signal, you'll probably go to bed disappointed. But this project is important enough to be doing for the long term, if that's what it takes."

In addition to the big Australian telescope, Tarter is tuning a smaller instrument located 150 miles north of Parkes to the same

regions of the sky in order to recognize and reject stray man-made signals from nearby television stations, military radar and communications satellites.

The scientists are seeking radio pulses whose regularity might indicate that somewhere "out there" intelligent beings on an unknown planet orbiting a sunlike star are signaling deliberately in the hope of making contact with neighbors.

The \$4 million that was raised, which will keep the project going for the coming year, was raised from private donors including William Hewlett and David Packard, co-founders of the Hewlett-Packard Co.; Gordon Moore, co-founder and board chairman of the Intel Corp.; and Paul Allen, co-founder of the Microsoft Corp. and founder of the Asymetrix Corp.



Everyday people
RACHEL SHEELEY

Local man building globes to prove theory

Philip Belt of Hagerstown believes in the Hollow Earth theory and is building a globe to teach to people about it.

Belt's belief is based on the theory first publicized in 1906 by American writer William Reed. The idea is that there are openings in the earth at each pole that lead inside where a central red sun gives life to civilizations living in a tropical climate on the inner walls of the world. It is the light of the central sun that creates Northern and Southern lights when it reflects off the water and ice crystal along the edge of the 1,400-mile polar openings.

"It's not all covered with ice like we've always been taught," Belt said. "It's not a cock and bull story."

He said scientists have known about the polar openings for years, but have kept it under wraps.

Belt got interested in the theory about 20 years ago and since becoming semi-retired he has made the Hollow Earth his research project. He has set out to create a globe that accurately reflects the theory and will show how the Northern Lights are produced.

He said the theory is gaining popularity — there are books, newsletters and even satellite photographs that make the idea plausible. Even so, he said he is still met with skepticism when he talks about the Hollow Earth.

Belt's prototype globe is 16-inches, divided at the equator and filled with a styrofoam liner comparably deep to the earth's 800-mile thick shell. There are openings at the poles — like donut

holes — for the entries. Inside, he wants to install a small light to represent the central sun, that could simulate the Northern Lights.

"This is an experimental piece," he said. "The idea of my work is to get the truth out to anyone who's interested in the planet we live on. I feel like it's an important thing."

Belt said people who share his belief in the theory are excited about his prototype globe.

Belt is promoting the theory through his globes and lectures. He said anyone interested in the truth about the earth we live on should learn more about the theory.

He said explorers who claim they have been to the North or South pole have only been on the lip of the circular opening, which is the magnetic pole. Belt said the explorers' compasses appeared to stand straight up because they were actually perpendicular to the circular edge of the opening that houses the magnetic polar field. He said the freshwater from inside the earth comes to the surface there and freezes in the salt water, creating icebergs.

Belt said the unidentified flying objects that people claim to see may be travellers from the advanced civilizations inside the earth.

A Hagerstown native, Belt returned to his hometown about a year ago. He is known for hand-making fortepiano replicas, which he continues to build,

along with tuning pianos.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Hollow Earth theory and his plans to construct a Hollow Earth globe may contact Belt at 138 W. Main St., Hagerstown, IN 47346 or (317) 489-5410.



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Philip Belt of Hagerstown holds the top half of his prototype for a globe that explains the Hollow Earth theory.

DAILY NEWS, Anchorage, AK - Sept. 27, 1994 CR: J. & L. Nicholson In hunt for life, stars' signals perk up ears

By **WALTER SULLIVAN**
The New York Times

Microwave emissions of unusual intensity have been detected from four relatively close-by stars that resemble the sun. Since these are far greater than the sun's own microwave emissions, and since this type of frequency is used as a means of communication, at least among

humans, the finding has stirred a ripple of excitement among those searching for evidence of life on other worlds.

The four stars will be among about 1,000 to be scanned for signs of intelligent life with the Parkes radio telescope in Australia, one of the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. The search is to run from Jan. 16 to

the end of May. Since Congress eliminated the budget for a more ambitious program, it is being financed privately.

Astronomers around the world are aiding the project by assembling catalogs of nearby stars most likely to be inhabited by intelligent beings. Candidate stars are those old enough for intelligent life to have evolved (more than 3 billion years) and far enough from another star for the orbits of any planets to be free of gravitational perturbations.

Dr. Woodruff Sullivan of the University of Washington in Seattle, a leader in efforts to detect television or radar signals from other solar systems, said Monday that it was "not impossible, but highly unlikely" that the newly reported emissions were artificial. His view was echoed by many others searching for signs of intelligence from space.

Each of the four stars was observed for 45 minutes in the 8.5 gigahertz radio band. It is expected that artificial emissions would be concentrated into a far narrower wavelength than that observed.

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Expedition to Sumatra aims to prove existence of ape dubbed 'short man'

An ex-journalist is hot on the trail of a new primate species. Oona Riley reports

A FORMER journalist leaves London today for Sumatra to try to prove the existence of an elusive species of ape.

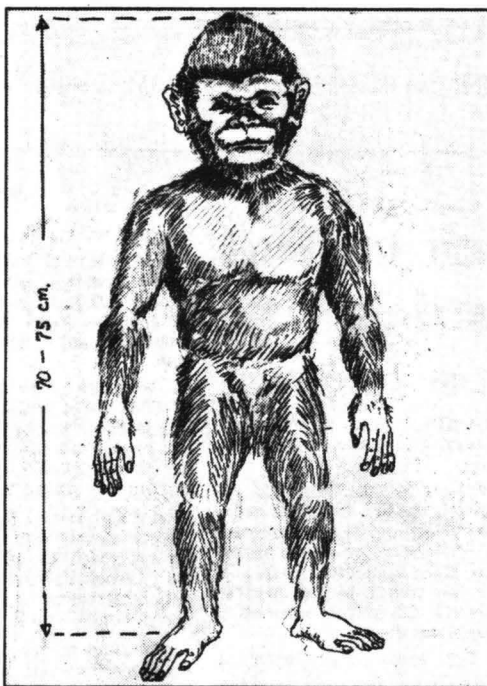
In an expedition backed by the Flora and Fauna Preservation Society, Debbie Martyr, aged 38, aims to bring back photographic and other evidence, including hair and faecal samples, of an ape that walks upright.

Ms Martyr, former editor of a south London newspaper, has already spent two years in search of orang pendek — literally "short man".

At first, Ms Martyr collated information from tales about the 4ft primate told by the local population on the jungle-clad mountain that dominates Kerinci Sadlat national park on the western side of the island, which until recently was isolated. Her journalist's nose told her she was on to something.

In November, after stalking the ape and seeing it three times, she returned with plaster casts of the footprints of what is believed to be a new species. Experts were impressed.

"Our scientists have reported back to us and they think there is something in this," said Douglas Muller, of FFPS. "We believe there is something there or we would not be funding this trip. If



An artist's impression of orang pendek, believed to be a new species of ape, and Debbie Martyr with a cast of the ape's footprints. Now she wants photographic and other evidence

It's what we think, it could be a very significant find."

Ms Martyr, whose expedition is being carried out with the help of the Indonesian government, will be accompanied by a photographer.

She is in awe of the beast and the task ahead of her.

"The first time I saw it I was so shocked I didn't take a picture," she said. "I saw something I didn't expect to see and something so totally



new and contrary to what I expected. Here was a generally bi-pedal erect primate."

Its colours correspond to those of the forest floor. "It is wonderfully camouflaged. It's beige, tawny, rust red,

yellow tan and dark chocolate brown. If he freezes, you can't see him."

She is also aware of her responsibilities.

"Orang pendek have been getting along quite nicely for millennia. Local people have known about them. They don't hunt them and they respect them because they don't have a monetary significance."

"We are about to produce proper substantive evidence for a new great ape in one of the most important national parks in South-east Asia. We have got a job now, and I have a responsibility now as I have opened the door."

"We all have a responsibility to ensure that the animal's future is not threatened as a result of its discovery."

She added: "We have an opportunity with the orang pendek to put the records right. We have exploited the other great apes, our nearest relatives. It would be a dreadful indictment on us to see that continuing with the orang pendek."

The FFPS is also keen to ensure orang pendek is left alone, safe in its own habitat. It wants to prevent a repetition of what happened in the case of the last great ape to be discovered, the mountain gorillas in Rwanda, which now have television camera crews in their territory.

"If there's a new species out there — which the experts think there is — there's a much bigger question, which is how to protect and recognise the whole area," said Mr Muller.