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Professor Writing of Aliens Is Under Inquiry at Harvard

By WILLIAM H. HONAN

In a rather bizarre example of peer review, a committee at the Harvard Medical School has examined the work of a tenured psychiatry professor who wrote a best-selling book about people who say they were abducted by diminutive, large-eyed, gray-colored creatures from outer space and forced to have sex with them.

The committee, three participants say, is about to present the dean of the school a report sharply critical of the professor, Dr. John Mack, who wrote "Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens," published last year and featured on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Larry King Live" and other talk shows.

The review has divided the academic community, with some denouncing the investigation as an assault on academic freedom that tenure is supposed to protect and others supporting it as a legitimate inquiry by the university into the scientific quality of research it supports.

The committee was established a year ago by Daniel Tosteson, dean of the Harvard Medical School, said the three participants, who all spoke on condition of anonymity, citing their pledge to keep the proceedings confidential. Members were asked to examine whether Dr. Mack was conducting his research in accordance with Harvard's standards of scholarly investigation and whether he was exploiting his patients or subjecting them to harm.

The dean, one committee member said, was concerned not only about Harvard's reputation but also that the cases Dr. Mack described might have been a result of hallucinations for which his treatment was not appropriate.

A strong sexual theme runs through Dr. Mack's book, published by Charles Scribner's Sons. Several of his subjects provided him accounts of being snatched out of their beds and whisked into outer space, then returned to earth after their sperm or eggs had been taken.

One of the 13 cases he describes is that of Ed, a technician in his mid-40's who says he was seduced by a "female being" who had "long, silvery hair with large, black eyes without pupils or irises" and who explained to him that she needed his sperm to "create special babies." She extracted the sperm by means of a tube placed over his penis, Ed tells Dr. Mack, and then he felt a

rubbing sensation before he climaxed.

The Harvard committee is headed by Dr. Arnold Relman, an emeritus professor of the medical school and former editor of The New England Journal of Medicine, and includes two lawyers from the Harvard counsel's office. The members held more than 30 closed hearings over the last 12 months, some with Dr. Mack.

A faculty member who has seen the committee's draft report said it vigorously defended Dr. Mack's right to pursue any subject he finds of interest but deplored his scholarship methods.

Dean Tosteson has several options once he receives the report. They range from initiating procedures to cancel Dr. Mack's tenure and remove him from the faculty to congratulating him for his bravery in

An assault on academic freedom or an entirely legitimate investigation?

following his inclinations in a line of exploration sure to invite ridicule.

At this point, however, "this is not a disciplinary or tenure matter," a member of the medical school faculty said.

"The dean asked the ad hoc committee to gather information about what Dr. Mack is doing, how he has been proceeding as a scholar and a clinician," this faculty member said. "It is simply a matter of the committee asking, 'John, tell us what you're doing.'"

But after initially cooperating with the inquiry, Dr. Mack has retained a Boston lawyer, Roderick MacLeish Jr., who says the review is far from benign. "It's an issue of academic freedom," Mr. MacLeish said. "History has not been kind to individuals and entities that tried to suppress controversial or unorthodox viewpoints, and this is that kind of case."

Mr. MacLeish and a second lawyer retained by Dr. Mack — Daniel Sheehan, a West coast public-interest attorney associated with liberal causes — helped prepare a defense of more than 100 pages.

Among the Harvard committee's



John Mack

concerns, two participants said, was that Dr. Mack had not published his findings in a refereed academic journal before writing his book. And they questioned why he had not sought a neutral psychiatrist to examine the people he wrote about, some of whom he met through an artist in New York interested in U.F.O.'s and reports of alien abductions.

One participant said the committee had been told that Dr. Mack had tried to publish his research in a major journal but that it had not been accepted. But the committee was also told, according to this account, that Dr. Mack had invited a number of scholars to sit in on his interviews, and some later wrote letters of support to the investigating committee.

Reached by telephone at his office, Dr. Mack was not willing to discuss his dialogue with the committee, citing a pledge of strict confidentiality made by all participants.

Dr. Mack has strong financial support. In addition to the earnings of his best seller and lecture fees, for the last three years his nonprofit research organization, the Center for Psychology and Social Change, has received \$250,000 a year, about two-thirds of its annual budget, from Laurence S. Rockefeller.

And a number of scientists are intrigued by the issues raised. Some are dubious about the accounts of those who told him that they had been abducted but nonetheless believe that his work should not be dismissed out of hand.

David J. Hufford of the Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, Pa., who specializes in the social and cultural aspects of health, said: "I think John has given up prematurely on the classic methodology of science, but he's on to something much more complex than the people who dismiss him allow. He is treading on ground where a lot of puzzling things are going on."

They filmed a documentary with Howard and Connie Menger of Vero Beach for the Discovery Channel. The documentary is about alien contacts, that includes photos, film and witnesses, even government agents on the scene who, Menger says, warned him to keep silent because of national security.

Menger will also demonstrate one of his latest inventions, a 3,600-watt power pack, for emergencies such as hurricanes, when the power goes out. Also featured will be an anti-gravity electro-aircraft, "cancelling out" gravity that Menger claims is a push not a pull.

The series, "Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe: Callers from Cosmos," will be shown at 8 and 11 p.m. Thursday.

PROSPECTOR, Del Norte, CO - March 29, 1995

More strange lights sighted at Rock Creek

By Becky Dillon
Staff Writer

Rio Grande County Undersheriff Brian Norton and several others observed lights they could not identify Wednesday night over Greenie Mountain up Rock Creek Canyon and at Bishop Rock.

The light show was one of several similar sightings since January 1994. Norton said it had been "probably a month since they had received any calls." He said the lights do not seem to occur more at any time of year or show any predictable pattern.

After receiving calls from citizens at approximately 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, Norton, two Monte Vista police officers, a sheriff's deputy, a detention officer, a search and rescue member and a volunteer fireman from Del Norte Fire Department all observed the lights.

Norton said he saw three different lights glowing red, blue and white with no sequence. They appeared to be stationary and at treetop elevation. No noise could be heard. "We were using field glasses and we couldn't identify what they were," he said.

He said people have speculated what the lights might be, but "We just don't know. Everybody has theories... anything from government aircraft test flights to little green aliens."

He had earlier contacted NORAD and White Sands to try to find out what the lights might be, but they denied having anything to do with the lights. That's typical, he said: "If they're testing, you're not going to get any answers from them. They'll say it's confidential."

He said he enjoys receiving calls about the lights, but "I don't know what to do. We have no equipment to track them."

"We'll go check anything," he said, adding that this sighting was thought at first to be a downed aircraft.

DAILY RECORD, Roswell, NM - March 30, 1995

'Unsolved Mysteries' to air update on Roswell Incident

Roswell will have yet another moment of glory on national television.

"Unsolved Mysteries," will broadcast an episode Friday about the 1947 Roswell Incident, when an alien spacecraft allegedly crashed north of the city.

The popular television program will air at 7 p.m. on the NBC network affiliate KOBR-TV, cable channel 8.

The segment titled "Update: Roswell" will feature the account of Glenn Dennis, who, in 1947, was a 22-year-old mortician's assistant at a local funeral home.

According to a press release, two days before the story broke about the alleged crash, Dennis received a phone call from officials at the Roswell Army Air Field. They wanted to know what size hermetically sealed baby caskets the funeral home had.

Later, the release said, Dennis transported an injured airman to the base and was surprised to find the infirmary surrounded by military police. Dennis claimed two ambulances parked at a curb contained wreckage, some of which appeared to have Egyptian hieroglyphics on it.

As Dennis was being escorted, the release said, a group of doctors stumbled out of a supply room overcome by noxious fumes. With them was a nurse who later agreed to talk to Dennis on the condition he never reveal her name.

During the meeting, the release said, the nurse revealed that a partial autopsy was being done on two very small, mutilated bodies which had hands with only four fingers and large heads with eyes set back. During the meeting, the nurse claimed to have seen three bodies and was adamant that none of them was a creature she had ever seen.

Dennis never saw the nurse again, the release said.

Postscripts
by
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UFO Program To Spotlight Local Residents

Chris Ledger, executive producer of Granite Productions of London, England, sent a movie filming crew to Vero Beach awhile back.



Palladium-Item/STEVE KOGER

Pamara Johnson says she sighted a UFO at Richmond's Fairview Elementary School last summer

Close encounters?

Residents believe White Water Valley explored by UFOs, aliens

By STEVE AREL
Staff writer

It was 7:30 p.m. on a bitter December day in 1978 when Pamara Johnson and her family left their Richmond home for a visit with an aunt in Brownsville.

As the car cruised down Abing-

ton Pike, Johnson and four others listened to the radio and admired winter's fury in rural Indiana. On one side of the road, large cornfields resembled seas of snow. On the other, trees were coated in a glaze of ice.

Then suddenly, the music on the radio turned to static. Johnson

worked the knobs, but the radio was dead.

The car soon approached a curve just south of Abington when Johnson, who had returned to staring out the window, noticed a lighted quadrangle-shaped object hovering above the treetops.

"Keep on driving," Johnson yelled to her mother. But the car sputtered and died.

Sitting on the empty road, the

peaceful drive turned to panic as the object landed in a nearby field.

Johnson vividly recalls the screaming inside the car. Then she blacked out.

What happened over the next four hours remains a mystery, although Johnson — through dreams — believes 4-foot-tall gray aliens poked and examined her body with needles and other instruments.

science rules out the possibility that many of these often sensational cases are occurring.

With UFO sightings, for example, unrecognizable stars and planets are frequently mistaken for alien saucers, Hively said.

He said a planet or star close enough to the Earth's atmosphere can appear to change colors. Add a thin layer of clouds and a light breeze, and those objects seem to move.

As for ships that supposedly move in different directions before bolting off in a flash, Hively dismisses those sightings as rare bursts of lightning known to create images that seem to dance in a night sky.

"Most people don't know enough about astronomy to know it's natural," he said. "No one would be more excited than I if this turned out to be true. I think people may have convinced themselves there's something there."

"But one shouldn't be too quick to believe (the existence of aliens) without physical evidence. The general position of most of the scientific community is that this is improbable."

During the 20 years Sheriff Burton Cole has served with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, he's fielded a handful of calls from residents claiming to have seen something bizarre floating in the sky. While many sightings were confirmed by airports as airplanes passing through the area, other observations never were identified.

"I think with most of the calls, there's probably a reasonable explanation for them," Cole said. "I can't say it's impossible there's life on another planet somewhere, but I haven't seen it."

However, lack of physical evidence has left many scientists skeptical as to whether foreign creatures have made their way to our part of the galaxy. And some, such as Earlham College physics and astronomy professor Ray Hively, say

they're not crazy," said Worley, whose only income for his work with abductees comes from occasional articles he writes for UFO magazines. "With the total amount (of cases) through the years,

they're real."

Hard story to believe

Some Richmond residents don't buy Johnson's story, saying they

Alien terms

Here are three types of aliens area enthusiasts claim have visited earth:

Nordics — Male and female aliens standing more than 6 feet tall who appear as humans. Most have shoulder-length blond hair, blue eyes, muscular bodies and wear skin-tight jumpsuits or white robes. Some have reportedly had sex with humans in the past, producing fetuses with hairy, egg-shaped heads.

Greys — Aliens depicted in most published sketches. About 4 feet tall, they have egg-shaped heads and black bug eyes. They communicate with humans through telepathy.

MIBs — Men In Black. The enforcers drive black limousines with dark, tinted windows and point guns at abductees after they're returned to Earth to keep them from talking about their experiences. It's unclear whether the MIBs are aliens or some other life form hired by aliens. They have ash white faces, stand 6 feet tall and dress in black outfits.

Source: Don Worley and Pamara Johnson

UFO network

Some Midwest alien enthusiasts believe in the phenomenon so much that they created the Mutual UFO Network in 1969. The group gathers data on sightings and tries to ease citizens' concerns by helping them understand their encounters.

Over the last few years, MUFON, headquartered in Seguin, Texas, has been so overwhelmed by reports that its 36 Indiana investigators now only handle encounters occurring within 500 feet of humans.

"We're backlogged right now," Indiana MUFON director Francis Ridge said. "The more bizarre they get, the more time-consuming they get. Some cases are several years old."

For decades, believers in the phenomenon have contended that the science community and the government have conspired to keep the existence of aliens secret.

In 1962, an employee with Avco Manufacturing in Richmond was snooping around the plant one night when he spotted three lifeless, unusually proportioned midgets lying on tables in a section of the building leased to a unknown agency, Worley said. As he started back to the Avco side of the building, someone zapped him on the neck with a square hand-held box.

The man awoke several hours later in an office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, where he claimed he was tortured by government officials and ordered not to discuss what he had seen, Worley said.

It wasn't until the early 1980s, after the man had developed cancer on the area of his neck where had been shocked, that he broke his silence. He died a short time later.

While Wright-Patterson officials say there "never has been and never will be" any truth to rumors that the base once housed a UFO and that abductees were threatened to keep quiet about their experiences, some say the government is still keeping tight-lipped about the existence of extraterrestrials.

A Wright-Patterson spokesman said the Air Force has made information gathered from its Project Blue Book study available to the public. The 22-year investigation into UFOs, which recorded more than 12,000 sightings throughout the U.S., ended in 1969 when the military's top brass decided UFOs weren't a threat to national security.

Johnson, who believes she has been abducted at least five times since 1978 and rarely discusses her experiences, wants answers.

"You feel like a guinea pig," she said. "I don't believe they (the aliens) are evil. They just want to find out what we're all about."

Flying Low Over Pensacola

Skywatcher Spots UFO

By Carole Baker

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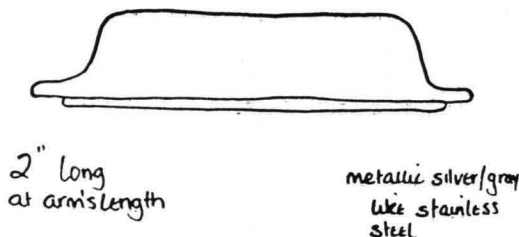
Carole Baker

On Monday afternoon, April 10, at 1:10 p.m., I observed a bright silver metallic object shaped like an upside-down pie plate in the sky near the junction of West Jordan St. I first observed the object, which I initially thought was a 'plane, emerge from the trees to the east of the Circle K store on the northeast corner of that intersection. The object was quite large, which was my first indication that I was not observing a conventional aircraft. At arm's length, it was approximately two inches long. It was also quite low in the sky and not more than a half mile away.

I felt that at this distance, I would be able to pick out some feature on it, such as wings, wheels, etc. had it been a conventional aircraft. However, this object was smooth and a gray metallic color, not unlike stainless steel.

It was moving from the north to the south very slowly and climbing at a shallow angle, less than five degrees. At one point, it tilted toward me, showing a portion of the top of the object. This convinced me I was witnessing a UFO.

There were some very, very high thin cirrus clouds in the sky that afternoon. When the object simply disappeared before my eyes, I thought at first it may have gone through a cloud, thereby becoming invisible to me. However, the object had been low enough in the sky that it would have had to climb considerably and at great



Carole Baker's drawing, above, shows the shape of the UFO she spotted flying over West Jordan Street April 10. She described the object as smooth and metallic gray in color. Though it was moving slowly at first, it disappeared as she watched it.

speed to even reach the height of the cloud cover. Also, the clouds were so wispy that I feel that if it had still been there, I would have been able to observe the outline of it through the clouds.

By now, the traffic signal had changed to green, and I traveled as quickly as possible to the parking lot of the Post Office on Jordan St. (about a block away) and jumped out of my car, leaving the engine running and the door open. I knew if it had been a plane, I would surely still be able to

see it in the sky and also hear some engine noise. There was nothing in the sky, nor could I hear any airplane engine sound. I looked at the sky from this location for 15 more minutes and saw no air traffic whatsoever, either conventional or otherwise.

If anyone else has seen anything unusual in the skies over Pensacola or Gulf Breeze recently, either during the day or night, please call the MUFON hotline at 438-3261.

Keep looking up!

WORLD, Tulsa, OK - April 9, 1995 CR: R. Seifried

Sightings Are Out of This World

■ Aliens, abductions and strange patterns dominate discussions at an annual UFO conference.

By Brenda Kilby
World Correspondent

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark. — "We are not alone," reads a button worn at the Seventh Annual Ozark UFO Conference.

More than 500 people gathered at the Inn of the Ozarks conference center this weekend to hear about aliens, crop circles, cattle mutilations and to consider whether they have been unknowingly abducted or visited by alien beings.

The Eureka Springs conference has evolved over the years, said Lou Farish, a postal worker in Plumerville, Ark., who has organized the conference since 1988. Tables where vendors hawk T-shirts, jewelry with spaceships and alien creatures and books about sightings are popular. Between lectures and seminars, people gather in small groups to talk about their experiences.

"Today there's a lot of talk about abductions," said Farish, who said he has been interested in the UFO phenomenon for 35 years. "If you are interested in this sort of thing, it's important to

have somebody to talk to, because many times... there are people who have had experiences they can't explain and nobody will listen to them."

A common sign of possible abduction by aliens is having a large block of time, usually several hours, that cannot be accounted for, Farish said. He said it is also possible to have experienced "spliced time," in which an event takes less time than necessary.

"We now know that aliens have the ability to take you out of time and bring you back at the exact moment you were taken," he said. "For example, if you left Little Rock at 11:55 to drive 40 miles

and you arrive at your destination at 11:59 and remember seeing a UFO along the way, you may have been abducted."

Carol Pate, a psychic who practices in Little Rock, says marks on the body, especially triangular or circular patterns, are also a sign of possible abduction.

"I believe in patterns," said Pate. "When someone relates to me a story that fits that pattern, it begins to sound very real."

Having a UFO experience can be a very frightening and life-altering experience. Just ask Wes Crum, a civil service worker from Oakland, Ill.

"In 1988 I took a videotape with UFO footage on it to the Secret Service in Washington, D.C.," Crum said. "This was on March 22. On March 23, I was arrested and held for five days while they did a background investigation on me."

Crum said agents let him go, but when he returned to his job at a nearby college, his boss told him he could not come back to work until he was evaluated by a psychiatrist.

Crum said the chain of events began when he was in a bookstore in Champagne, Ill., and "a voice told me to 'Go, now.'" He said he went to his car to fetch the videotape, a commercially purchased tape that he says affected him deeply.

"I took a cab out to the airport... flew to Dayton, Ohio, stayed overnight and hitchhiked to Washington, D.C."

Today he isn't sure whether he had delusions or was truly contacted by aliens. But he is still seeking the truth.

Crum is now an investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, probing events that happen near his home. He has mingled UFOs with his talent in art and has designed a set of comic books and trading cards with cartoon-like images of UFO tales. Crum continues to work as a civil servant but devotes much time to the pursuit of UFOs, including skywatching.

A UFO hunter seeks details of close encounter

It may have been 17 years ago, but a research group is hoping someone knows something about the supposed shooting of an alien from outer space.

By Jolyn Resnick
Courier Times

Wanted: Anyone who was involved in or knows anything about the fatal shooting of an extraterrestrial creature 17 years ago at the Fort Dix-McGuire Air Force Base complex in Burlington County, N.J.

It was a cold January night in 1978 when several Burlington County residents reported seeing unidentified flying objects darting around the sky near the Army's Fort Dix, according to Thomas J. Carey of Lower Moreland.

One of the UFOs "apparently departed from the rest of the group, buzzes a police cruiser, then heads off," Carey explained. "A few minutes later, an alien turned up near Fort Dix, near one of the gates."

According to stories, a sentry at Fort Dix challenged the intruder, and didn't like the answer he got. The answer, Carey said, "was probably nothing."

So the sentry shot and wounded the alien intruder.

Later the alien's body was found on a remote airstrip at McGuire Air Force Base next to Fort Dix, Carey said.

Carey is the director of the Delaware Valley Research Group, an organization dedicated to investigating unexplained phenomena. He also is the local state section director of the Mutual UFO Network, and a special investigator for the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies.

After four years of researching the crash of an alleged spacecraft near Roswell, N.M., with Kevin Randle and Donald Schmitt, co-authors of "The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell," Carey turned his attention to the more recent and closer phenomenon in New Jersey and has begun his search for witnesses.

The alien's body allegedly was flown to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio and placed in the infamous Blue Room, where the bodies of five aliens that crashed in Roswell nearly 50 years ago are thought to be preserved.

Actually, Carey said, there may be as many as 35 bodies in the room from as many as nine alien spacecraft crashes.

An eyewitness to the Fort Dix-McGuire incident allegedly told Carey and his fellow researcher, retired Air Force Major George Filer, that the alien's skin was "like reptilian, glistening."

But as the body was at least 50 feet from the witness and it was dark, no features were seen.

Filer was the deputy director of intelligence at the base then.

"The story I was told was that an alien was shot. I was surprised I didn't see the body or person involved," Filer said. "Security was handling it. And, they chose only to tell me in general terms that something had happened."

And, a photographer at the base allegedly told Filer he "has something really hot — something you'll want to see." However, the commanding officer wouldn't let Filer see the photograph.

"We don't know for certain if it's true," he said. "But, I have reason to believe something did

happen... Somebody could have shot a deer."

The stories piqued Carey's curiosity as much as the Roswell case.

In 1994, 47 years after the alleged crash, Air Force officials announced the craft was part of an airborne system for atomic-age spying.

"We have no aliens, never have, and hopefully never will," exclaimed 1st Lt. Jim McAndrew, who works at the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.

McAndrew, who was involved with the release of the airborne system information, spent about a year investigating the Roswell incident under the direction of the General Accounting Office.

He said there were no bodies on the airborne system, there are no alien bodies at Wright-Patterson, and there is no Blue Room — or Hangar 18.

Carey, however, maintains that the Air Force has kept secret information on Roswell, Ft. Dix and other encounters with aliens.

The Roswell case, he said, "would have remained forever buried, except the base officer in 1979 was dying and couldn't take this to his grave. We've uncovered over 500 witnesses to various pieces of the story — about 12 eyewitnesses to the bodies and the craft."

Carey, a 54-year-old financial consultant for Signa Corp., spends a good 30 hours each week researching extraterrestrial phenomena — including UFO sightings in the five-county area.

Much of that research takes place at the University of Pennsylvania Museum in Philadelphia.

He figures he's spent about \$5,000 of his own money doing the research.

Carey's main interest in UFOs centers on spacecraft crashes. "They are the nuts and bolts," he said. "You have to show me the artifacts — you have to show me the goods."

But, he also focuses on other aspects. Besides investigating the Fort Dix-McGuire incident, he is investigating a recent rash of UFO sightings along the Delaware River in Philadelphia.

"We averaged about three sightings a year in the Delaware Valley area," he said. "But, since last November, we've had 80 phone calls. The current wave of sightings is along I-95 on the Delaware River, around Bridge Street, as you head toward the city."

Carey said the sightings represent about 35 separate incidents and have been reported by pilots and police officers.

"One of the best in the current wave is from a police officer who saw a classic flying disc in daylight," he said.

Most sightings, however, are from dusk to evening. A good number are near high tension wires, and the best have been seen over the Allied Chemical Plant.

With the Roswell and Fort Dix cases, Carey said, some eyewitnesses have come forward.

Any person who can help Carey with his research is asked to call him at 947-6287.

Jolyn Resnick is a reporter for the Intelligencer, Doylestown.

The truth is out there

Locals form support group to discuss their experiences with UFOs and extraterrestrials

By Kathy Cordova
for The Taos News

When you look up in the sky, what do you see? A twinkling star? Perhaps the face of a man on Mars? Or could it be a space ship — an unidentified flying object?

"Taos is ahead of the rest of the U.S. in the realm of UFO/extraterrestrial connections," Glenda Richmond, facilitator of a recently formed UFO support group in Taos, said.

The group meets at the Taos School of Massage, 217B Paseo del Pueblo Norte, behind Peoples Bank, every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Richmond came to Taos from Austin, Texas, after receiving "the call" to move here. While she admits that she thought it would be difficult to form a group like this, especially in winter, the undertaking proved "a real natural for people here."

"From the very first meeting," she said, "we had more people than we expected, and it continues to grow."

Since last November, about 20 to 30 people have shown up for each meeting. Within an atmosphere of warmth, support and caring, participants share their experiences while sipping coffee and tea in a circle of chairs. Occasionally, guest speakers offer insight into the "extraterrestrial world." The group also discusses articles, books and movies relating to their experiences.

"My own conscious contact began when I was 11 years old," Richmond said. "It changed my entire life. It was not a dream. I feel it's very important that when someone has an experience, they receive support and validation for what they see. Because Taos is such a strong area for E.T. energy, I knew something had to be done. That's why I started the group."

Richmond theorizes that Taos is a center for "E.T. energy" because, she believes, "there is a subterranean base in the area."

At a given meeting, the facilitator will speak about E.T. connections and contact and



The night sky above Taos sometimes has given way to strange sightings, according to locals.

Rick Romancito

welcomes input from people who claim to be "abductees," people who are said to involuntarily receive contact, and "contactees," those who reportedly go willingly.

Most who attend the meetings say they have seen a UFO, and about 20 to 30 percent say they have been aboard a space ship. All harbor a belief in extraterrestrials, she said.

Richmond stresses respect and confidentiality for those attending the meetings. Like other self-help groups, participants use a first-name-only basis at gatherings as a matter of course. During a recent meeting one woman, who asked to remain anonymous, related her experience to the group. It went like this:

She was in her son's bedroom, cleaning the window, when she saw a round metallic object twinkling with red and blue lights flying very low. The stars were much higher than the object, the woman said.

"I knew it couldn't possibly be an airplane," she said. "As I continued staring, I was wishing that it would come closer so I could get a better look. Right on cue, it came closer, but still far enough where I couldn't get the very best vantage point. I became extremely excited."

"What if it really is a space ship? I thought, 'What should I do? Summon it? Leave with it?' Then a very tired feeling overcame me. I felt compelled to lie down on the bed. What's more, I felt a weight right over my chest, pushing me down."

She said she laid down, but

still wanted to get another glimpse of the object. After a while, she said she dozed off, "fighting the urge to do so."

"When I was asleep," she said, "I had the strangest dream, one that recurs every now and then. Something closely resembling a cash register tape kept running upwards. I kept seeing rows and rows of green numbers. After a long time, the numbers started changing color. They became green on top and orange on the bottom. The running tape on the second set of numbers didn't run very long. When the numerical action stopped and I thought the experience was over, then some more numbers started coming up. These were orange. This experience seemed quite lengthy, just like the one with the green numbers. When the numbers quit registering in my mind, I wanted to get up, but again I was powerless to do so."

She said when she finally got up she felt dazed and disoriented. "I tried to see the flying craft, but the sky looked like a blur to me," she said. "I wondered how long the entire thing lasted, but I was too disoriented to check it out."

After two days of feeling "a strange numbness" the woman returned to "normal," although she said the dream continues to recur. "It felt like I was experiencing a brain rape," she said. "That's pretty strange for me, because I have a literary mind and I'm not that fond of numbers. It's also occurred to me that maybe the aliens have a numerical language and my

thoughts were transferred to them this way."

At another session, participants discussed how they felt "called" to move to Taos. Many said they relocated to the area during the past year. Some said they felt a strong compulsion to move to Taos, but don't know why. Others left thriving businesses and arrived in town with no job or place to live. All said that once they settled here, their lives easily fell into place, regardless of the lack of planning.

Still others said they sensed "a great awareness of probable Earth changes," and feel that Taos will share in the experience as the center of an important "science expedition" of sorts.

"A lot of people coming to Taos sense a feeling of 'I'm reporting for duty. Now what?'" Kerry Baker said.

Baker, who said she has been a certified hypnotherapist for five years and a counselor for 12, looks at her role in the group as "an overseer of safety issues." As individuals unlock their memories, they may require the assistance of a professional who is familiar with issues of the conscious and subconscious mind.

She also claims this region possesses an energy conducive to extraterrestrial studies.

"Eighty-eight percent of the brain is subconscious mind power," she said. "I merely assist my clients to access that percentage."

"I didn't feel I could lead this

kind of group," Richmond said, "without a certified hypnotherapist to help people with deep memory. I couldn't do without Kerry's services."

"We're here," Richmond said, "to support each other, validate each other and share information on what we know, think, feel and suspect. Some people are not believers, and that's OK. Everybody must go with their experiences and their connections. If a person can have such an extraterrestrial experience and go through it in a positive manner, they can come out a complete person."

Richmond said she's lived in mainstream America all her life. A former nurse and computer programmer, she said she "didn't live on a mountain like a guru. I've traveled, lived life, understand it and gone a step further as a human."

She added that all of her experiences in the past 10 years served to prepare her for her current pursuit. While conscious of fabulous tall tales about aliens and UFOs that appear in supermarket tabloids, Richmond stresses to the group the importance of sharing the truth. She also encourages questioning and learning.

"Some think that these people are nerds, spacey or belong to non-mainstream professions," Richmond said. "Once they attend the meetings and realize they're for real, they will dispel that notion."

For more information, call Richmond at 751-2435.

JOURNAL, Alexandria, VA - April 14, 1995 CR: L. Bryant

Watershed in UFO secrecy efforts?

Members of UFO-related user groups throughout the Internet are feverishly updating one another on the status of some alleged UFO cover-up whistle-blower evidence that has come their way in recent months.

According to a wire service called "PA News," the British Broadcasting Corp. has acquired several reels of 16mm, black-and-white silent film shot at the site of the now-famous flying saucer crash near Roswell, N.M., in July 1947.

As the story goes, a former Army

photographer of that era had surreptitiously copied the film for his personal (and, of course, unauthorized) use. Now in his 80s, the photographer has decided to unburden his conscience in having thus played a role in this grand deception of the public. Perhaps all the recent, intense publicity about Roswell has convinced him of the overriding importance of the public's right to know.

His revelation comes at a time when the U.S. General Accounting Office is wrapping up its months-long, constituent-driven search for all government records pertaining to Roswell. What will it take for GAO investigators to look into the BBC

film acquisition so as to determine the film's authenticity and background? I'm addressing that question to Sen. Charles S. Robb with the request that he support a pertinent GAO inquiry.

Meantime, for those of you who feel you cannot (and must not) sit back and wait until the related BBC documentary emerges on the American market, I suggest you also contact your federal representatives with the request that the photographer (and some of his former associates) be subpoenaed for pertinent testimony before a full-scale congressional inquiry into the Roswell incident.

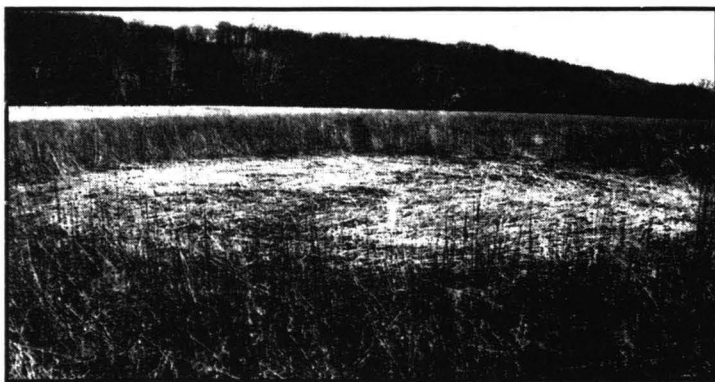
Oh, by the way, the PA News re-

lease describes enough film content to tempt other prospective whistle-blowers to come forward — now that the UFO genie truly has emerged from the bottle. Sample: Besides showing part of the spaceship and the debris field (where President Truman is seen strolling), the film shows "scientists examining a creature laid on a slab inside a tent at the crash site, guarded by military police."

LARRY W. BRYANT
Alexandria

Our own alien landing site? Uh, probably not.

THE OTHER PAPER, Columbus, OH
April 13-19, 1995 CR: J. Fry



Field of schemes: One of the two British-inspired crop circles, north of Worthington

By John Ruch

Columbus may finally have the international status symbol it has craved for so long. We have crop circles.

Mysterious house-sized circles of beaten-down grain have been appearing in English fields since 1978. Explanations range from flying saucer landings to holes in the ozone layer. Interest in them, especially from New Age groups, has verged on hysteria.

Some of the circles even cropped up as cover art for Led Zeppelin's boxed set, catapulting them into the exalted realm of T-shirts and wall hangings.

And now Columbus has two crop circles of its own. They're in a field of weeds along the Olentangy River, just off Olentangy River Road in Mount Air, north of Worthington.

Two weeks ago *The Other Paper* got a

letter from a man whose identity we've been unable to confirm. He wrote, among other things, "Do not think I am crazy, please at least look at them."

The circles are both about 50 feet across, easily seen from the observation deck at Highbanks Metro Park across the river. The weeds within them are stomped flat in a counterclockwise spiral pattern. Creepy.

If "cerealologist" Colin Andrews of the Circles Phenomenon Research Group is to be believed, these circles are only the beginning. In his video *Undeniable Evidence*, he describes how the number of circles in England increased from three in 1980 to more than 1,000 a year by 1990.

They got more complex, too, "evolving into pictograms" and assorted weird shapes hundreds of feet long. (Andrews neglects to mention the one that spelled out "WE ARE NOT ALONE.")

"We cannot see the cosmic finger that is drawing pictures in our canvas fields," intones Andrews in the video, adding that the circles "are of the most profound importance because they are changing our very way of life."

Cool. This is far less expensive than a giant statue or a trade summit, and a lot more prestigious. Coffee mugs. Bumper stickers. "I Love Ohio" T-shirts with little crop circles for O's. Maybe even an *X-Files* episode filmed in Mount Air.

One small problem: "They are probably faked," said Joe Stets of Mid-Ohio Research Associates, a local UFO group.

Stets investigated our circles and found them not nearly as pretty as their British counterparts. They're sloppy and full of deer dung. Plus, he said, tracks and stake marks in the area are evidence of a hoax.

"There's nothing that jumps out and says this is a first-class (UFO) landing," he said, though MORA will analyze the weeds to see if they were "heated by microwave."

An even bigger party pooper is Joe Nickell, a University of Kentucky professor and crop circle expert with the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal in Buffalo, N.Y.

Nickell thinks all crop circles are pranks, sort of the New Age answer to cow-tipping.

He has all sorts of reasons for thinking this. The best is that in 1991, two jolly Englishmen showed the BBC how they used a board and some rope to make hundreds of crop circles, including the first ones. Nickell said they probably borrowed the idea from Australian hoaxers, who had made a few "UFO nests" to accompany supposed sightings.

This revelation brought dozens more hoaxers out of the woodwork to teach the world circle-making. Here's how it's done, according to Nickell:

You and some friends follow an access road into a field. You jump into the field at the spot you want to make your circle. You don't leave telltale tracks this way.

Holding a length of rope tight between two groups of people, you all walk in a circle, smooching the plants. With practice, you can make a near-perfect ring this way.

Once you're done stomping all the plants within the circle (Nickell said some perfectionist hoaxers "took a hand rake and kind of groomed" their circles), you hop back on the road, go home and write a mysterious letter to local newspapers. Your circle is complete.

If our letter-writer wanted to start a craze, he was smart to notify the press. "The more stories, the more circles. This is astonishing," said the wisecracking Nickell.

"*Unsolved Mysteries* brought this whole plague to the U.S." a few years ago, he said. The TV show called the phenomenon "corn circles." According to Nickell, American hoaxers who didn't know "corn" is a generic British term for "grain" tried to make circles in cornfields, which are darn hard to squish. Partly for that reason, "It never really caught on."

been recovered, and a subsequent denial by the military claiming that the debris was really only the misidentified remains of a weather balloon," Jeffrey explained.

Already more than 12,000 signed copies of the Roswell Declaration have been forwarded to Jeffrey from all over the U.S., Germany and Great Britain.

DAILY RECORD, Roswell, NM - March 29, 1995

UFO buffs to march on D.C.

SANTA FE — Operation Right To Know will hold a noon-time demonstration today at the headquarters of the federal government's General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the demonstration is to show support for U.S. Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M.,

demonstration that the congressman didn't organize himself.

Operation Right To Know is the UFO world's equivalent of Greenpeace in the environmental movement. Its mission is to take direct actions to call attention to its goals. This will be its ninth demonstration in the three years since its inception.

It is highly possible that Schiff will not be at the demonstration today. Wednesday noons usually find Congress in session, especially during "the first 100 days" of Newt Gingrich's House of Representatives. Schiff says he is accepting no speaking engagements right now.

And as for demonstrations, well, they really aren't very Republican, are they? All that marching and shouting just don't seem very proper. Besides, Schiff is truly a modest man. He and U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., may be the only two in all of Washington. And both from New Mexico, gracious. No member of Congress would be apt to feel completely comfortable with championing a UFO investigation. Although, who could be more believable than the button-down Steve Schiff? But

he wants to keep it that way by not doing anything to weaken his credibility.

Now, the Roswell UFO Encounter 1995 should be a different matter. Scheduled for July 1 and 2, the festival will commemorate the 48th anniversary of the Roswell Incident. The weekend event will include a five- and 10-kilometer "Alien Chase" fun run; a costume contest with prizes going to the scariest, funniest and most elaborate; a UFO soap box derby race; and a fireworks, skydiving and laser show.

The organizing committee currently is looking for "the perfect mascot" for the event. The Roswell Daily Record is also getting into the spirit selling caps, T-shirts and sweat shirts featuring various logos and the original story of the crash from the July 8, 1947, issue of the newspaper. If you're interested, call Wanda Jones at 622-7710.

In other UFO-related news, the Air Force recently declassified an audiotape of six hours of recordings during a UFO incursion over Edwards Air Force Base in California in 1965. Twelve unidentified objects were observed on radar and visually by numerous civil-

lian and military personnel over a five-hour period.

The tape excerpt clearly shows the Air Force getting awfully excited about something that officially doesn't exist. A one-hour compilation of the tape material soon will be available commercially on CD and audiocassette.

I have seen a transcript of a five-minute segment of that tape. It is a conversation between air traffic controllers at the Los Angeles Air Defense Sector and Edwards Air Force Base describing the movement of bright red, white and green lights over a 50-mile radius.

When the lights get very close to Edwards, the controllers get a Major Strubble, the chief controller, on the phone and urge him to call the UFO officer, who can authorize a scramble of planes to go up and take a look.

That's right, Edwards Air Force Base had a "UFO officer." Did other bases have such people also? Or was Edwards the hub of UFO activity? Someday we may find out.

Meanwhile, you may be hearing the tape on a local radio station. ORTK has sent copies to several stations in New Mexico.



Jay Miller

Inside the Capitol

and the GAO inquiry he requested to find the truth about the 1947 crash near Roswell.

Billed as the biggest UFO demonstration yet, the event will feature a picket line with signs, music and chanting. A 35-foot replica of the 1947 military balloon the Air Force now says crashed at Roswell will be flown.

Demonstration organizers say this may be the first time a member of Congress ever has been honored by a public

DAILY RECORD, Roswell, NM - March 19, 1995

UFO demonstration planned

Roswell continues to gain national attention as a petition and a demonstration to end government secrecy regarding UFOs are being coordinated, with the Roswell Incident as the focus of both.

The public is invited to demonstrate in front of the U.S. General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C., at noon on March 29 in support of the efforts of Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M., to gain information on the 1947 alleged crash of a UFO near Roswell.

The demonstration and rally is the ninth coordinated by Operation Right to Know in Washington which was formed three years ago. This latest demonstration will include the flying of a 35-foot replica of the military balloon the Air Force says was retrieved at Roswell.

"If it was only a balloon, why did the Air Force originally announce in 1947 they had recovered a 'flying disc'?" asks ORTK organizer Leo Pagayoya in a recent press release.

If marching doesn't catch one's fancy, the International Roswell Initiative is a new movement underway in the U.S., Germany and Great Britain, formed like the ORTK to try to end government secrecy regarding UFOs.

Kent Jeffrey of Atlanta, Ga., coordinator of the Roswell Initiative, is gathering signatures on a one-page document called the Roswell Declaration, which he will then deliver to the president and American embassies in other countries.

The Declaration contains a request for an Executive Order

from the president to declassify any government-held information about the existence of UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence.

Area residents can sign the petition at the International UFO Museum and Research Center at Fourth and Main streets.

Jeffrey said the declaration is "not an endorsement of a position or belief, but rather, a request for a change in the law — a change that would mandate a policy of openness and candor on the part of the government."

"Carried out in a credible way, such a unified, worldwide action should draw positive attention to this important subject," he said.

Backing the Roswell Initia-

tive are the three largest UFO organizations in the U.S., the Mutual UFO Network, the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies and the Fund for UFO Research, as well as organizations in several European countries including Great Britain and Germany.

"Definitive answers on what the government knows about all aspects of the UFO phenomenon" is being requested, Jeffrey said, with the highlight being the 1947 Roswell Incident, claimed to be "one of the best documented UFO cases in history."

"The Roswell event involved the recovery of unusual debris from a ranch near Roswell, New Mexico, a press release from the U.S. military stating that a 'crashed disk' (UFO) had

UFO Thoughts

In your edition of March 22, 1995, I read Carole Baker's striking account of her observation of an "extremely brilliant white object" over Pensacola on March 10, 1995. During daylight hours and in a clear blue sky, the white UFO appeared elliptical in shape like a squashed circle and then hovered for about nine seconds before quickly disappearing to the west at high speed. This unusual daytime sighting suggests that the seven years of reports and films will continue into the year 1995. In their 1990 book, "The Gulf Breeze Sightings," Ed and Frances Walters described the hovering UFOs first seen during the year 1987. If Gulf Breeze experienced seven years of the UFOs between 1987 and 1994, will the sightings continue for another seven years up into A.D. 2001 and the start of the 21st century? I certainly agree with Baker's concluding statement that "It sure proves that you never know what you will see if you keep looking up!" And I still think that the start of the modern UFOs wave in 1947 and the many worldwide sightings have something to do with the creation and fashioning and measured designs of our round planet Earth and a renewed and celestial Earth of the future.

Yours very truly,
Kenneth Larson

Mysterious base may be shrouded further

MILITARY: Two Nevada mountain peaks are expected to be declared off limits to the public.

By TOM PHILP
McClatchy News Service

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

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

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

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

The Air Force in 1993 request-

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

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

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

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

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

The least conventional explanation is literally out of this world.

In 1989, a Las Vegas man said he once worked at the base and helped to conduct tests on space-ships that the Air Force had obtained through a cooperative arrangement with aliens.

"I've seen some strange things in the sky but nothing that would

lead me to believe that we're dealing with things from another planet," Tucker said.

There is no doubt that something is there.

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

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

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

One tabloid has proclaimed that the town bar — renamed the A'Le Inn — attracts visitors from outer space. The bar definitely attracted talk-show host Larry King, who beamed a UFO-theme cable television from a spot near Rachel.

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

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

guide to viewing the base.

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

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

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

The BLM apparently agrees.

Public viewing of military activities has "increased during the past few years, necessitating the diversion, postponement or cancellation of missions to prevent a compromise of national security," an agency statement said.

DAILY NEWS, Woodland Hills, CA - April 2, 1995

UFO group trains eyes on sky

By R.A. Hutchinson
Daily News Staff Writer

THOUSAND OAKS — From the evening a then-teen-age Alice Leavy watched as a great orange ball shot across the sky above her home, the Thousand Oaks woman has been fascinated with unexplained phenomena.

To satisfy her curiosity, Leavy helped create the 3-year-old Ventura County chapter of the Mutual UFO Network. The organization, which moved from Camarillo to Thousand Oaks two years ago, has about 132 members in Santa

Barbara and Ventura counties.

"I think everyone has seen something that didn't look like it belonged," Leavy said of her co-members. "If you haven't experienced something, you're one of the lucky ones."

When Leavy was 14, she said she and her mother both saw a huge, glowing object hovering in their Reseda neighborhood.

"It was large, orange... it looked like a ball of fire. It hovered over our neighbor's house, then moved into our back yard," Leavy said. "This was not something normal."

"From there, I started reading

books on UFOs," she said.

Leavy, and many other MUFON members, say either they or someone they know well has had a "sighting." That common experience draws them together to discuss and research extraordinary occurrences.

Elsie Weigel, an information officer for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Washington, D.C., said her office receives 10 to 12 inquiries per week about UFOs.

"It's the most asked question we

get," Weigel said.

However, except for a brief time between 1992 and 1993, NASA has not been authorized by the U.S. government to document or research reports on UFOs.

Weigel said the one-year project, Search for Extraterrestrial Life, ended when Congress refused to fund it. SETI, which sent radio waves into space, was then taken over by private researchers.

"(UFOs) are not our job. That's what the Air Force does," Weigel said.

At least the U.S. Air Force did until 1969 when a lack of solid evidence resulted in the research being disbanded, according to Air Force Major Dave Thurston in Washington, D.C.

"We do not actively investigate UFOs. We did so for 20 years and we found nothing. Since 1969, nothing has been brought to our attention to change that position," Thurston said.

In the preceding 20-year span, more than 12,700 UFO incidents were investigated. Of those, Thurston said about 700 were never fully explained.

"I can't prove there aren't UFOs any more than they can prove there are," Thurston said. "Most of these people sincerely believe what they saw. Who knows? Maybe they're right."

He gets about a call day in Washington asking for UFO information and about one call a month from a person reporting a sighting. The Air Force's policy is to refer incidents that involve air traffic safety to the Federal Aviation Administration and those involving personal safety to local law enforcement officers.

Thurston said that so far, no incident has warranted involvement from the U.S. military.

So as the government ended its official research on unidentified flying objects, MUFON got started. It was formed in 1969 with headquarters in Seguin, Texas, and has more than 5,000 members worldwide.

"MUFON is the largest worldwide group that deals with UFOs," Leavy said. "We deal with scientific research on UFOs."

In spite of criticism and skepticism from naysayers, MUFON members cling to the redoubtable belief that unidentified aircraft fly frequently across the Oxnard Plain and elsewhere in the world, either collecting scientific data or simply observing life on Earth.

"I don't know what they are; I don't know if they're from here or elsewhere. But the aircrafts are real," said Thousand Oaks resident Roger Leir.

As a two-year member of MUFON, Leir said he is learning to do research on unexplainable phenomena and to investigate specific incidents. Any time a sighting is reported to police or fire officials, MUFON assigns someone to go and talk with the person.

"If it's credible, it goes into a database in Texas," Leir said.

Many times, though, what people think they saw and what they really saw aren't the same. Leir said mundane items such as balloons, airplanes or swamp gas often provide plausible explanations to unusual events. If that appears to be the case, the report is discarded.

"I've never had anything particular happen to me," Leir said. "I've had a general interest since 1947 when my dad came in the house carrying the San Francisco Examiner with the headline 'Army Captures Flying Saucer.'"

Mini-Flap Causes Major Stir

By Carole Baker

It seems that a "Mini-Flap" (frequent UFO sightings) has occurred in the Gulf Breeze and Pensacola vicinity during the weekend of April 7 through 10. As well as the daylight sighting witnessed by yours truly and reported in an article in last week's *Islander*, there were several other reported sightings in the area between these dates.

A call was made to the UFO hotline on Friday evening, April 7, and the witness described a "large white ball of light" drifting slowly to the south visible from his northeast Pensacola home. A power outage occurred in the northeast Pensacola area at the same time, which may or may not be related, although there is evidence that UFO activity can have this effect.

Later on Friday evening, April 7, skywatchers at Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze observed two amber lights in the sky over Fort Pickens Road and to the east of Sans Souci. This sighting occurred at 10:30 p.m.

A similar sighting of two amber lights was observed on Saturday evening, April 8, by skywatchers at Shoreline Park. One light appeared at 10:13 p.m. and the other at 10:15 p.m. in the sky over Fort Pickens Road west of the Holiday Inn.

All four of these amber light

sightings were each only a few seconds in duration, and in each case were witnessed by a group of between four and eight individuals. They are very typical of the type of sightings that have been recorded recently from Shoreline Park.

At about 9:35 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, a witness has reported observing a bright orange ball above the tree line near the K-Mart shopping center on Highway 98 in Gulf Breeze. She watched with her husband for about two minutes as the object travelled along and slowly dropped below the tree line to the south over the bay.

Also on Saturday night, April 8, a report was made of six bright objects observed on Highway 98 near Tiger Point. At about 10:15 p.m., one witness watched as six objects "brighter than stars" zipped around the sky making sharp right angle turns and maneuvering around each other before disappearing. Summoning two friends, they all watched together as one white ball of light disappeared behind the treeline, came up again and turned reddish orange before it zipped away and out of sight. A few minutes later, the first witness again observed one white light moving around in the sky. It seems possible that these two sightings on Highway 98 could be related, since they are

close in time and very similarly described.

On Sunday, April 9, a witness who was attending the Pensacola/Gulf Breeze MUFON monthly meeting in the Pavilion at Shoreline Park reported two brilliant white objects in the sky to the east over the Bay Bridge. "They were two brilliant white disc shapes just over the bridge near the end of the bridge by the water tower. One was horizontal and the other one to the right of it was like at a 45-degree angle to it. That one blinked out before the horizontal one." This is a rare daylight sighting, although recently we have been hearing about more and more people witnessing UFOs in our area during the daylight hours.

The names of these witnesses and details of their sightings do not appear in this article in order not to prejudice ongoing investigations by Pensacola/Gulf Breeze MUFON. Details are known to the members of the investigative teams however, and further information may be made available at a later date.

It seems that activity is picking up in our area again, so if you have witnessed an unusual object or light in the skies over our area, please come forward and call the MUFON hotline at 438-3261, and remember, keep looking up!



BILL JOHNSON

UFO watching now coming down to Earth

It is truly a sad state of affairs when you can't poke fun at UFO kooks anymore. Exactly what kind of world is this where UFO chasers no longer are strange men with aluminum wrap on their heads, but perfectly respectable scientists and businessmen?

Someone the other day left on my desk a press notice announcing the formation of a UFO group in Orange County. This, of course, delighted me since I on occasion enjoy a good green-men-in-flying-saucers story. Orange County, the notice said, was a hot spot for UFO sightings. I immediately called them up.

They call themselves the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, Orange County chapter. They started it up six months ago after a small group of them got together to investigate a couple of strange aerial sightings in Newport Beach and Anaheim — neither of which turned out to involve moon men. They now claim more than 60 members. And there isn't a scrap of aluminum to be found anywhere.

Debbie Stock, the group's public-relations director, is well-educated, soft-spoken and extremely polite. She chuckles when I ask if she believes in flying saucers and space aliens. Everybody gets hung up on that, she said, even though 90 percent of sightings turn out to be easily explained occurrences.

And the other 10 percent? That's the "compelling mystery," Stock said, the one thing that fascinates and attracts scientists and others to the field. "It's like watching a good movie or TV mystery," she said, "only better because there is no nice, neat ending."

In the Newport Beach sighting, Stock said, two men reported seeing in the sky a glowing object they were certain was a UFO. They even videotaped it. After careful study, it was concluded the object was a spent rocket casing from a missile launch that day at Vandenberg Air Force Base. The two gentlemen now believe MUFON is full of kooks, Stock said.

Everybody wants to believe in extraterrestrials, particularly when they think they have one on videotape, says Deborah Truncale, MUFON director. "I hated to bust those guys' bubble, but the fact is not everything that glows in the sky is a flying saucer."

There was the sighting in Anaheim awhile back when a group of neighbors swore they saw a silvery-gray UFO hovering over a school. It turned out to be about a half-dozen gray balloons.

That's how the bulk of UFO sightings turn out, said Truncale, a psychologist by trade. "We try to demystify things that seem otherworldly." This is what scares off the kooks, she says. "They find it boring."

Much of what people see and report as UFOs usually is experimental government aircraft, Truncale said. This is particularly true in Orange County, which has several military installations.

Harvard questions alien sex research

Colleagues reviewing whether doctor met standards of scholarship

The Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A year ago, Harvard psychiatrist John Mack cruised the talk show circuit promoting his best-selling book about people who say they had sex with aliens.

Now, a committee of colleagues is investigating whether Mack's alien abduction research meets the school's standards for scholarship.

The Harvard Medical Committee expects to complete its report within two months. Based on the peer review, the dean, Dr. Daniel Tosteson, will make a decision that could range from trying to oust Mack to applauding his perseverance in doing work his colleagues might call quackery.

Attorney Roderick MacLeish, representing Mack during the review, said Harvard's action violates the principle of the tenure system, which gives professors jobs for life so they can feel free to pursue radical or unpopular research.

"History has not been kind to those who have unorthodox ideas," MacLeish said Thursday. "That's the whole point of having a free and open academic community. That's the whole purpose of tenure."

Before he started talking about space aliens, Mack was a well-respected professor at Harvard Medical School. He founded the psychiatry department at Cambridge Hospital, one of Harvard's teaching facilities. He won a 1977 Pulitzer Prize for his biography of Lawrence of Arabia.



Associated Press

ALIEN-SEX DOCTOR — Dr. John Mack, a professor at Harvard Medical School, awaits a decision on whether his alien abduction research meets the school's standard for scholarship. Mack's best-selling book, "Abduction," deals with patients who say they have been kidnapped by alien space creatures and taken away in flying saucers for sexual experiments.

Mack drew a different kind of notoriety for the book "Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens," about his treatment of patients who say little gray space creatures kidnapped them and took them away in flying saucers for sexual experiments.

The book's 13 case studies include Ed, who remembers an alien woman taking a sperm sample from him when he was in high school; Jerry, who says she gave birth to a human-alien hybrid; and Peter, who tells Mack he had

an "alien wife" in a "parallel universe."

After the book was published in April 1994, Mack appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Larry King Live" and other talk shows.

It may have been publicity that inspired the medical school to investigate Mack's scholarship, said a source close to the case who spoke on condition of anonymity. The source also said that the down-to-earth medical school professors felt threatened

by Mack's otherworldly research.

"If Dr. Mack is right, it undercuts so much of the work of people over there. These people don't think anything is true unless they've got a controlled study with rats," the source said.

Leading the committee is Dr. Arnold Relman, a kidney specialist, emeritus medical school professor and a former editor of *The New England Journal of Medicine*. Relman would not comment on the content of the review.

Other Harvard faculty members wouldn't comment about Mack's research or the school's review.

However, Dr. Paul R. McHugh, director of the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Johns Hopkins Medical School, said Harvard's investigation into Mack was justified and "long overdue."

"I've known John since the 1950s. He's a brilliant fellow who occasionally loses it, and this time he's lost it big time. He is saying there are people who have been abducted by aliens and need treatment for it, and that is just outrageous."

Mack, 65, did not return telephone calls. He told The Associated Press last year that he does not necessarily believe in space aliens. Mack said he does believe his patients are not mentally ill or experiencing the effects of incest, rape or other abuse. His patients experienced trauma, he said, and trauma is the response to something outside the body, not inside the mind.

NEWS, St. Ignace, MI - Feb. 2, 1995 CR: N. Fisk

'Weird' and 'Wacky' Flying Objects Seen in Area

By Joel Kurth

Don't think Barb Westover is "wacky," but the St. Ignace woman swears that she saw UFOs last week — not just one, mind you, but two.

She's not alone. Residents along Gros Cap Road in Moran Township also report seeing rings of vibrant red lights hovering over Lake Michigan on consecutive nights, March 29 and 30.

"I thought I was losing my mind," said Westover, who lives on Stockbridge Street off US-2. The first object "was rounded and had red lights all the way around the edges and [different colored] lights in the middle."

Eyes peeled and curiosity piqued, Westover and friends watched for the lights again March 30. They weren't disappointed: that night the light hovered in the southern sky for 2 1/2 hours, then suddenly darted west, and rose up.

Could they actually be UFOs? Naah, said Mackinac County Sheriff Lawrence Leveille who also saw the lights through binoculars. A neighbor telephoned March 29 with the news. He watched the object change colors for a few hours before going to bed.

He didn't wake up feeling pos-

sessed, he said, so he figures it was a satellite.

The scientific community sides with him. University of Michigan astronomy professor Richard Sears said there could be several explanations for the lights: the planet Mars, a cluster of stars, or a gushing nebula, among others.

"There are things people see that look like UFOs, but most can be identified," Sears said. "Jimmy Carter thought he saw a UFO, but it was Venus. There are very few that are really unexplainable."

Venus, the typical culprit, can be ruled out in this case, since it currently can only be seen in the morning, Sears said. That begs the question of, "what?"

Minneapolis Air Traffic Control Center reported no unusual flights in the area late last week, said Ray Thompson, manager of the Pellston Regional Airport. Same goes for National Guard Camp Grayling, said spokesperson Ron Larson.

The National Weather Service and Michigan State Police posts in Petoskey and Gaylord received no reports of mysterious lights, officials said.

The National UFO Reporting

Center wouldn't find that the least bit surprising.

"We're looking at UFO ships from other stars and galaxies," said Peter Davenport, executive director of the Seattle hotline. "They're here, right under our noses. They're ubiquitous and our government is telling us nothing about them . . . It's bizarre. It's almost as though the [government] somehow is being influenced."

Westover said she never before had seen UFOs. Shortly after 10 p.m. March 29, she said, she noticed vibrant lights from her living room window. At first, she thought it was a star.

Aided by binoculars, it became clear, she said: it was a big, chromatic, orb-like object hovering low in the southwest skies. It was pretty "neat," Westover added.

Her husband, Lee, a former pilot, confirmed that it wasn't a plane, she said. Just to be sure, though, she invited over her friends, Jill Gustafson and Diane Brown.

"Everyone would think that I was wacky if I was the only one that saw it," Westover said. "But when the girls saw it too, I knew I wasn't wacky."

They watched the lights for a few

hours.

"It was weird," Brown said. "It was not creepy, just kind of strange. Maybe it was a little eerie. It was like, 'how come it's been there for such a long time?'"

Growing tired and unable to photograph the lights, Brown and Gustafson went home. Westover prepared for bed. Brushing her teeth, she saw more lights from her bathroom window, she said.

She was able to sleep OK. The UFOs were gone in the morning. The group saw them again that night from the Mackinac Bridge viewing area.

"This phenomenon has been taking place very actively for at least 500 years," said Davenport, the UFO expert. "Christopher Columbus' logs from his first voyage talk about things that occurred that automatically intrigue UFOlogists."

The Eastern Upper Peninsula, though, never has been known as a hotbed for UFOs, said Jeff Sanio, assistant state director of the Mutual UFO Network in Wisconsin.

Raised in Newberry, he never saw UFOs, he said. And, Sanio stressed, he would have known if they were out there.

GASTON OBSERVER, Gastonia, NC - April 16, 1995 CR: G. Fawcett

Wanted: Witnesses to recent UFOs

Recently we have had a flurry of UFO sightings in Lincoln and Gaston counties, and the good viewing weather has led to more observers of the phenomenon.

We received reports of sightings on March 13, 24, 25 and April 5. Some occurred in daylight, some at night; some close up, some distant.

One case involved a top-shaped object with "square windows," a humming sound and "mists" around the bottom and top peaks of the object; another, a very

fast-moving balloon-shaped object; another, a blimp-shaped object seen by dozens and caught on video; and yet another case of a blimp-shaped object at 4 a.m., a sighting that preceded the Blockbuster blimp's 7:30 a.m. departure from the Gastonia Airport where it had been tied during the night.

Reports came from Lake Norman, Stanley, N.C. 73 outside Lincoln, downtown Lincoln and Gastonia during the recent encounters. We are seeking additional eyewitnesses to verify and investigate these sightings.

Observers in the Gaston County area should contact Ginger Richardson by mail at 705 McAlway

Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28211, or by telephone at (704) 364-0300.

Eyewitnesses in the Lincoln County area may contact Danny Barger Sr. by writing to 2102 Heavner Rd., Lincolnton, N.C. 28092, or calling (704) 735-3232. They also may write George Fawcett at 602 Battleground Rd., Lincolnton, N.C. 28092, or telephone (704) 735-5725.

Collect calls cannot be accepted, and reports will be kept confidential if so requested.

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After 18 years in the UFO research business, her gut tells her that is what the green glowing orb is that numerous people have reported seeing over Orange County the past four years. People in supermarkets and on street corners from San Clemente to Fullerton have told her of this, Truncale said. "Experimental military aircraft," she says firmly.

Yes, but does she believe in space aliens, moon men and flying saucers? Truncale laughs. "I really don't know yet," she says. Of course, she has no aluminum hat, either.

Bill Johnson's column appears Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. You may reach him at (714) 565-3646.

ALEX BEAM

The search for intelligent life at Harvard

E. T., PHONE HARVARD. Your friend Dr. Mack is in trouble. Dr. John Mack is surely one of the more curious apparitions in the Harvard pantheon. A Pulitzer

Prize winner (for a biography of T. E. Lawrence) and a tenured professor of psychiatry at the World's Greatest University, he also happens to be the World's Best Credentialed Champion of UFO abduction tales. He has written a best-selling book, "Abduction," and has co-conjured many a tabloid TV tall tale. Mack first achieved national renown when he cosponsored a five-day conference on "true" UFO abduction tales at MIT three years ago.

Since then, Mack, who divides his time among Harvard Medical School, Cambridge Hospital and his Cambridge-based Program for Extraordinary Experience Research (PEER), has cobbled together an industrial-strength UFO-logy promotion machine. Here, for instance, is the taped message that greets callers to PEER: "If you feel you may have had extraordinary experiences and

would like to learn about our program, dial 16. If you are calling to request that Dr. Mack, a PEER staff member or an experimenter be a speaker at a conference, please dial 13."

It seemed inevitable that Mack's antics would run afoul of WGU's power elite; now they have. Dean Daniel Tosteson of the medical school has appointed a special faculty committee, chaired by professor emeritus (and former New England Journal of Medicine editor) Arnold Relman, and including members from the



DR. JOHN MACK

Harvard counsel's office, two med-school docs and an associate dean, to investigate Mack. The committee has already drafted a preliminary report that criticizes Mack's research, and finds him "in violation of the standards of conduct expected of a member of the faculty of Harvard University."

One of Mack's colleagues says the committee was formed in the wake of allegations made by former "experimenter" Donna Bassett, who last year publicly accused Mack of procedural and financial improprieties in his research. This colleague adds that the inquiry also has a broader agenda: "When a nationally known Harvard professor says people have been abducted by aliens, the Harvard establishment is going to react."

The stakes are high. Friends say that Mack initially accepted the medical school's assurances that the inquiry was collegial in nature. He appeared alone before the group, and willingly turned over tapes of his interviews with purported UFO abductees. More recently, however, Mack has appealed to two lawyers — Eric MacLeish and Daniel Sheehan — for help during the investigation. Mack, MacLeish and Sheehan all decline comment.

However, in a letter to one of Mack's supporters, Sheehan points out that Harvard may refer the committee report to the state medical licensing board, of which Dr. Relman is a newly appointed member. Worse still, he writes, the "Report... could also be used by Dean Tosteson as a formal faculty complaint calling for the removal of John from the Harvard University faculty and for the dissolution of his tenure."

One of the few major-league academics publicly defending Mack is David Pritchard, a physics professor and UFO abduction researcher at MIT.

"It seems to me an infringement of the doctrine of freedom of inquiry that John is subject to an investigation that, as far as I can tell, has not been initiated by the faculty and does not have clear rules of procedure or rules for the dissemination of the report the committee writes," Pritchard says. A spokeswoman for the medical school refuses to comment on the investigation.

The secret investigation would have remained secret had not Mack — who may be brilliant, but does not seem smart — availed himself of legal aid offered by Sheehan, counsel to the Christie Institute.

California-based Christie is a far-left, celebrity-fueled (Bruce Springsteen, Carl Sagan, Ted Danson) conspiracy boutique that has inserted itself into various news events, with equivocal results.

Sheehan represented Christie in a \$24 million lawsuit — dismissed by a federal judge — that alleged that key figures in the Iran-contra mess were involved in terrorism and cocaine trafficking.

More recently, Christie sued unsuccessfully to block the launch of NASA's Galileo mission to Jupiter, which carried plutonium on board.

When and how the Mack inquiry will end remains to be seen.

"It's the most interesting story I've ever been part of," says one of the many participants. "I hope the whole story eventually comes to light."

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REPOSITORY, Canton, OH - Jan. 23, 1995 CR: J. Timmerman

UFOs have many local 'followers'

Study group holds regular meetings to exchange information

By RYAN CLARK
Hoover High School

Some believe. Some don't. One thing is sure, however: Everyone has an opinion about UFOs and aliens.

"I have taken the position of believer," said Larry Stringfield, director of public relations for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), located in Seguin, Texas. He said he has nearly 50 firsthand accounts of UFO crash sites.

"I am aware of extensive external and internal data concerning the aliens' physical anatomy," said Stringfield. "They are not green, and the real, hard facts about their retrievals and preservation are still classified above 'Top Secret.'"

Whether there are little green men out there remains to be seen.

Walter Andrus, president and international director of MUFON, the largest UFO organization in the world, has spoken with people who claim to have seen aliens.

"The descriptions vary, but the most common characteristics are chalk-white to brown in color, and 3% to 4% feet tall," said Andrus. "Also the supposed alien has a large head, dark eyes and an overall slim body frame."

Andrus believes he has seen a UFO.

"It was Aug. 15, 1948, at 1 p.m. in downtown Phoenix, Ariz. My son said, 'Look, Daddy, silver balloons.' I looked up in the sky, and sure enough, there were four of these silver balloons," said Andrus. "The objects, while flying slowly in formation from east to west, simply vanished from our sight."

There will, however, always be skeptics.

tics.

"I think skepticism is healthy," said Richard Lee, a member of the Cleveland Ufology Organization, which meets in Parma.

Don Berliner, member of the executive board of the Fund for UFO Research in Mount Rainier, Md., has an opinion about skeptics.

"They need to look at the evidence. You know, we're not out to browbeat people into believing that UFOs exist," he said.

"Skeptics wonder, if aliens exist, why don't they land on the White House lawn and say, 'Take me to your leader,'?" said Andrus. "Because Clinton isn't the world leader, that's why."

Some people feel that the government is responsible for covering up alien and UFO discoveries.

"I think there's no doubt about that," said Robert Ball, a member of the Tri-County UFO Study Group, which holds public meetings the second Saturday of every month near Alliance.

"I don't think it's restricted to our government, however," said Ball. "I feel that this happens in governments all over the world."

Even television has pitched in its two cents with regard to UFOs and aliens. Several television shows focus on the two subjects.

"I feel that 'Unsolved Mysteries' is the best in that it tries to be accurate," said Berliner. "And while 'X-Files' is admittedly fiction, it is fun to watch. It happens to be my favorite show."

Andrus, however, has a different opinion about 'Unsolved Mysteries.'

"I think most of the scenes recreated

on 'Unsolved Mysteries' are hoaxes," said Andrus.

Robert Garfield has been involved in the study of UFOs since July 15, 1973. He belongs to the Tri-County Group, the Goodyear UFO Society, which meets in Akron, and the Cleveland Ufology Organization.

On July 15, 1973, Garfield thinks he saw a UFO. He was driving to California at 2 a.m. He was alone.

"It seemed like it was putting on a show just for me," said Garfield. "I was the only one out driving at the time."

Garfield says he has had reports of UFOs flying over Stark County. Garfield said that one of his friends spotted a UFO hovering over Strausser Street NW. His son was with him at the time.

"It did scare the daylights out of the boy," said Garfield.

"Another chap of mine was taking his son home on the same evening," said Garfield. "He said he saw a UFO over Applegrove Street. He gave me a description of the craft."

The man described it as boomerang-shaped with pinpoint red lights on the "wings."

Garfield said that it was the same description as the first man had given him, right down to the red lights.

He also said that the first man reported his sighting to the Akron-Canton Airport tower. The tower denied picking up anything on radar, he said.

Garfield summed up the whole UFO experience.

"Even if they don't exist, it's a good excuse to socialize and rub elbows with some intelligent people," he said.

WALL STREET JOURNAL, Princeton, NJ - March ?, 1995 CR: E. Mazur

Television

"The Office"
"Alien Encounters From
New Tomorrowland"

By DOROTHY RABINOWITZ

Whether the inhabitants of other planets indeed remain ignorant of the identity of Rhoda and Mary the upcoming "Alien Encounters From New Tomorrowland" does not disclose. But such ignorance would be hard to believe, given the enormous powers and achievements of these extraterrestrial civilizations as described by authorities who hold forth on the program. Midway through this extravaganza, a woman relating how she has been stalked, repeatedly, by extraterrestrials cries out, "Oh my God! Not again!"

So might we all say at the prospect of yet another visit with the legions claiming harassment by visitors from other planets. There are, to be sure, more than the by now standard run of victims here with stories of molestation in spacecraft, the stealing of their genes and sperm and similar high crimes. "It makes you feel so violated," reports one. Another declares, "It makes you doubt your sanity." Indeed. The producers have dredged up Jimmy

Carter's old report—filed when he was governor—on unidentified suspicious objects suspended in the Georgia sky. The old malaise had struck. During Mr. Carter's presidency, the program shows, the administration's concern was sufficient to cause Jody Powell to write a memo to the FBI on the correlation of data regarding UFOs.

On hand to introduce the show is Michael Eisner, chairman of Walt Disney, bringing word that at a top-secret military location in the United States, the government is hiding the remains of a mysterious spacecraft—and that there is "more and more scientific evidence of alien encounters." Mr. Eisner has not simply appeared here in order to lift the hearts of the multitudes preoccupied with alien invasions and extraterrestrial molesters. He is here to advertise Disney's "New Tomorrowland" theme park and its special feature on alien encounters. In the course of this effort Mr. Eisner and company have come up with this syndicated product from Buena Vista Television (airing March 1-26 in most of the country). In it we learn—doubtless thanks to Mr. Eisner's by now renowned devotion to history education—that mysterious flying objects flew over the White House in 1952, and that this was, according to the narrative, "the first time since the War of 1812 that our nation has been successfully invaded by a foreign power."

It is an hour packed with accusations

of a sinister government conspiracy designed to conceal the news of the alien life all around us—and about to descend. The reason for this government plot to conceal all such data has to do, it is explained, with the fact that a technologically superior civilization (that from outer space) is about to descend on an inferior one (our own). When this happens, we learn, ours will cease to exist. Naturally the government doesn't want this distressing news put about. One commentator notes that the government is responsible for initiating a policy of ridicule aimed at those who report alien sightings. We hear too of the plight of citizens who have seen the aliens and then had to bear the slings and arrows of humiliation from an unbelieving world.

A sad tale, that. By way of encouragement to these tormented visionaries, the program offers a reading from Ezekiel. Narrator Robert Ulrich comes forth, further to offer ringing assurance that Galileo, too, was once mocked. This comfort may come too late for the pitiable victims shown here, those who have lost their genes to the aliens, and their self-respect—only natural when one is ravished by aliens. As one woman explains, "It's a violation of your space." Perhaps Mr. Eisner and Disney can next offer us a new Tomorrowland feature—this one on all the people who know that the CIA is controlling them through radio waves emanating from fillings in their teeth.

Lawmaker Presents 'ET' Highway Bill

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Assemblyman Roy Neighbors introduced a bill Wednesday to rename a 100-mile stretch of state Route 375 "Extraterrestrial Alien Highway" — to draw tourists looking for UFOs.

AB532, sent to the Assembly Economic Development and Tourism Committee, seeks to exploit a number of reported UFO sightings in the area and the growing fascination with a super-secret military based at Groom Lake called "Area 51."

TRIBUNE, Salt Lake City, UT
April 29, 1995 CR: M. Biesele



FOREIGN NEWS

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The KFiles

Where the microcosm meets the macrocosm

Occasionally a strange manifestation of earth energy, not acknowledged by science, is reported. It appears to have a curious effect on human perceptions and is also capable of leaving physical traces.

Paranormal investigation sometimes has its moments and as I sat at the controls of a 45-year-old spotter plane with the doors removed to aid photography I thought "this is one of them".

I had been asked to photograph a crop circle in a fairly remote location near Breedon on the Hill and as one of my friends owns an ageing Taylorcraft aeroplane it seemed logical to use it to obtain the required picture.

We took off and headed for the location at about 2,000 ft. My friend looked through the disturbingly large aperture where the door had been and said: "We'll never see it from up here, I'm taking her down to 400 feet." Which he did with what I considered to be unnecessary enthusiasm.

"You can fly can't you?" he asked, looking suddenly thoughtful.

"Er... yes," I replied, "but I've only got about 15 hours' experience."

"Near enough," he said, "she's all yours."

He released the controls and proceeded to do something with his mobile phone while I fought the plane into flying in a straight line. (Not as easy as one might imagine.)

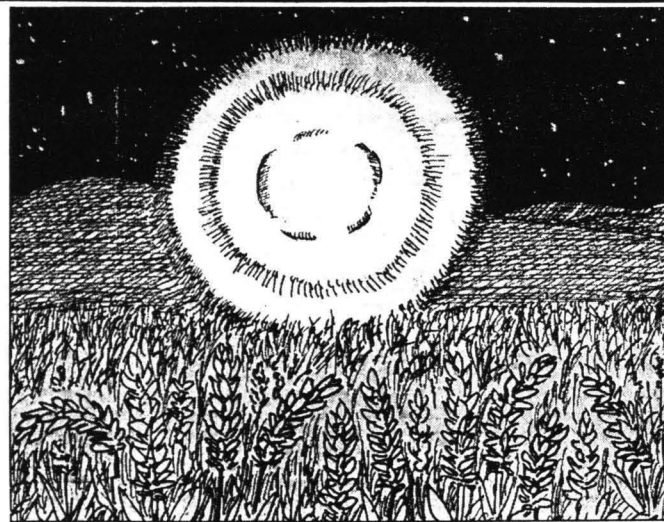
"Oh, and by the way," he said, "watch out for pylons."

I got the photo and as I walked back across the tarmac I thought about the remoteness of the crop circle. Up to that time I had considered crop circles to be hoaxes, but why bother to make one in a location where it quite probably would never be seen, also I had received a series of reports which indicated that a strange form of energy might be responsible for creating SOME of the circles.

I was investigating a sighting of something strange near Little Haywood and had noticed a similarity to several other cases involving the creation of crop circles. For example, in the south of England a man saw a luminous cloud descend into a field where it appeared to bounce, hover, and vanish. Later a crop circle was found on the site. In France a big orange light 30 feet in diameter descended from the sky, sank into a field and vanished in a shower of sparks leaving a circular patch. In Brazil witnesses saw what looked like a brilliantly illuminated window hovering above the ground, it vanished leaving an area of flattened grass.

The report I was working on, however, was much closer to home.

Two witnesses were involved in this sighting which took place at around midnight at a crossroads on the A513 and a minor road leading to Little Haywood, Staffordshire. Mr RM was driving home when his passenger, a Ms GH, noticed a luminous cloud by the side of the road. Mr RM turned right on to the minor road and saw it too. As they watched it moved into the air, disappeared, reappeared



and then disappeared completely. Mr RM described the cloud as being 30 feet in diameter and consisting of a circular object contained within a luminous mist. It was very bright and compact, not spread out like ground mist. The witnesses also reported a strange sense of quietness and unreality while the event took place. This has been reported many times and the statement "When I saw the UFO the outside world seemed remote and unreal," has been heard by almost all UFO investigators.

I visited the site and found damaged plant life. Whatever had happened there wasn't just a figment

of the witnesses' imagination.

So the questions were, firstly could this be the energy field responsible for creating some crop circles? (I stress SOME as almost certainly the bulk of them are hoaxes.) Secondly, could it also be responsible for some UFO reports? and thirdly, are some areas more prone to this mysterious effect than others.

I felt that indeed some mysterious earth energy was at work and deserved further investigation. My research into UFOs began to blend with the field of ghosts and apparitions, there was a basic connection somewhere. I wondered if the answer lay

in quantum mechanics where the microcosm and macrocosm meet.

The world in which we live is just one of an infinite series of probable universes known as the multiverse, perhaps in certain areas the interface between the universes is exceptionally thin and when conditions are right something could come through from the other side.

I wanted to find that door and look though it although, a short time later, in a cave beneath Tintagel Castle, Cornwall, I had the chance and was afraid to open my eyes. — KF

● Next week: Projections on a time screen.

Tales of the unexplained

BURTON MAIL, Staffordshire, England - March 24, 1995

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England - April 1, 1995



Arthur C Clarke — amazing predictions

The future according to Clarke

IT'S easy to dismiss talk of UFOs, mysterious animals and the supernatural as the crazy dreams of cranks and the naive. But when one of those dreamers is Arthur C. Clarke, you have to sit up and listen. After all, in this secular age, Clarke is the closest thing to a prophet.

The list of predictions made by the acclaimed fiction writer is staggering — communication satellites orbiting the Earth, made in 1945; moon landings 30 years before Neil Armstrong touched down; reusable spacecraft a generation before the shuttle; moving walkways now used in airports. Not bad for someone who "just" writes fiction. And he's a CBE to boot.

At 76, and saddled with a debilitating illness, Clarke, who lives in Sri Lanka, is still dreaming. But he denies he actually sets out to dabble in what he calls "the perils of prediction".

"Prediction is not a function of science fiction writing at all, as I've always been very careful to point out. Science fiction is, one, entertainment and, two, extrapolation. I'm quoting Ray Bradbury: 'I don't attempt to predict the future, I attempt to prevent it'."

"I make no attempt to be a prophet, except to a very limited attempt in non-fiction and in technology. But science fiction isn't always wrong. It's usually wrong, but it's much more right than anything else."

Just how right will be even more visible over the new few years when a raft of Clarke's once wild and wonderful ideas become reality — such as computers with common sense like HAL from 2001: A Space Odyssey, and cars with automatic pilot, self-analysis and directional ability. That kind of success makes it even more surprising that in recent years Clarke has taken to investigating the supernatural.

His latest TV series on the Discovery Channel, *Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious Universe*, on Monday, April 3, at 8pm, delves into some murky corners, from spontaneous human combustion through crop circles and near-death experiences to the inevitable UFOs. While he doesn't prove any of them exist, he doesn't dismiss them either. The first programme *Callers from the Cosmos*, deals with UFOs. The second goes *On the Trail of the Big Cats*, looking at the mysterious big cat sightings around Britain and the world.

By the end of the series with the 13th programme, Clarke's measured, rational tone makes it hard not to believe that the world is actually much stranger than the one we see around us.

SUN, London, England - April 18, 1995

Gaby's saucer concern

BIG Breakfast star Gaby Roslin says she once saw a UFO.

Gaby, 30, spotted the flying saucer during a stroll on Hampstead Heath, North London, with her dad and a pal. She says: "It was amazing. We saw this large silver object hovering over the heath. It kept catching the

light and swooped really low before shooting off. We were transfixed." Gaby says the experience, which happened when she was a teenager, left her a firm believer in UFOs. She says: "I've talked to experts and loads of other people who have had the same type of experience."

The Langenhoe UFO

THE area of countryside around the village of Langenhoe, near Colchester, seems inconspicuous enough, but is in fact the site of various inexplicable phenomena, prominent of which is an alleged close encounter of the second kind.

At about 1.00 am on the night of 14 September 1965, engineer Paul Green, 29, was riding his motorcycle in a southerly direction down the B1025, which runs between Colchester and West Mersea.

Blue light

As he approached Langenhoe Hall he became aware of a high-pitched humming coming from the east. Looking up, he saw a small point of blue light over Brightlingsea, about five miles away. It began moving in his direction, at first winking, but then growing brighter and flashing, whilst all along the humming became louder.

As the object reached a point of about a mile away Paul's engine died and his lights cut out. From this distance he could

report by Matthew Adams

sec, within the extreme brightness of the light, an enormous structure which he described as resembling the upper half of a large spinning top "about as big as a gasometer", crowned by a dome which radiated the flashes of blue light.

As the object drew to a halt and began descending, Paul observed round, equidistant orbs underneath the object, on its outer rim. He was paralysed by the light, which was very intense and painful, somewhat like an electric shock. It was this interaction that makes this an encounter of the second kind.

Eventually the UFO descended towards the farmhouses at Wick and passed out of sight, although the

blue light remained visible.

The next day Paul's hair and clothes continually crackled with electricity, symptoms which were described by UFOlogist Dr. Bernard Finch as the result of a very powerful magnetic field upon the human body. Dr. Finch interviewed Paul two weeks later for an article which appeared in the journal 'Flying Saucer Review'.

Other witnesses

The blue light was also observed by a friend of Paul's who lived in Shrub End, five miles north-west of Langenhoe, and a scooter rider who Paul encountered on the B1025 road.

Six days later and twenty miles away near Felixstowe,

Suffolk, there was a possible close encounter of the third kind which was also down a remote country lane. Coincidence, or something more? Both cases remain unsolved to this day, almost thirty years later.

Strange spot

The Langenhoe area is today known as a site of potentially supernatural activity, with accounts of cars floating several inches off the ground, strange lights and big black cats roaming the countryside.

The Yellow Advertiser would like to hear details of this UFO sighting from Mr. Paul Green and other witnesses personally, and additionally any more unusual experiences in this area.

Something spooky?

If you've got a strange tale to tell the Y Files get in contact with David Southwell, Features Editor, Yellow Advertiser, Acorn House, Great Oaks, Basildon, SS14 1AH.

EVENING NEWS, Scarborough, England - March 29, 1995

IT'S official — UFOs pose no threat to Switzerland. The Swiss defence ministry has taken the unusual step of denying the existence of flying saucers following media speculation the army had set up a special unit to monitor UFOs. A spokesman said: "There is no reason to believe in the existence of UFOs or to assume that they pose a danger to security."

ADVERTISER, Teignmouth, England - Feb. 3, 1995

UFO sightings lead her to write book

AN Ashburton woman, whose sighting of three UFOs on Dartmoor as a schoolgirl has never left her, is planning to write a book on Devon 'flying saucer' observations.

Ruth Sutherland — now a trained calligrapher and part-time care assistant — spotted a trio of objects over Poundsgate at 9pm on August 19, 1980, and wants to hear from people with similar experiences.

She was with a friend when they saw the three 'huge' objects travelling west towards Dartmoor.

Their report — detailed in this paper at the time — said the first UFO was cigar-shaped with flashing lights around its perimeter,

the second was like an inverted letter T, lit blue and red, and the third was saucer-shaped, lighted and spinning like a Catherine wheel.

"It was the most spectacular and yet the most frightening experience I have ever encountered," she said this week.

Spate of sightings

"I had not really thought anything about their existence before this."

The episode was logged by the British UFO Society at the time — one of a spate of UFO sightings in South Devon in 1979 and 1980.

Anyone wanting to contact Miss Sutherland can do so, care of 12 West Street, Ashburton.

Space Aliens re-programmed my brain

Fact or imagination? Millions of people from every culture and profession have one thing in common... "abduction" by an alien race. Now scientists are using a converted motorcycle helmet in an effort to explain the phenomenon...

Over five million people in the US have reported being "captured" by alien spacecraft and subjected to ordeals ranging from cranial surgery to rape. In the last ten years, up to one thousand Europeans have also reported abduction. Such claims are easily dismissed, but the fact that almost all of the "victims" are intelligent and dependable suggests a mystery which cannot be explained away so easily.

A thin, bug-eyed alien race known as "The Greys" have been conducting breeding experiments with captured earth-women, say the abductees. Many men say they have had electronic implants inserted into their brains, and describe long needle-like devices used for the purpose. While these claims might make a great science-fiction script, certain gaps in logic prevent these wild stories from being readily dismissed.

For example, most of the abductees' descriptions of their capture and the sequence of events which follows are remarkably similar.

Many describe eerie lights and furniture which glows from the inside. Another element of intrigue

arises from the fact that the people who making these claims are not prone to flights of imagination or dishonesty.

Bud Hopkins has been investigating stories of alien contact for over 20 years, and was astonished by the cross-section of abductees he discovered. "These people are police officers, NASA scientists, performers, children, adults, and just plain ordinary people", he says. "And they have come to me from all races, religions and creeds. Over the years I've probably done about 450 in-depth investigations of these cases, and all of the accounts are remarkably plausible."

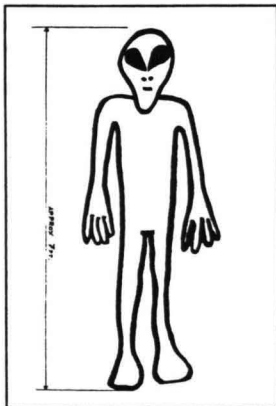
In almost all the stories, the aliens are reported to be over 6 ft tall with large, dark eyes and pear-shaped heads.

They are also said to be extremely thin and grey-coloured. While most Americans are unafraid to report their experiences, the majority of Europeans are far more reluctant to speak up. Steve Benssen, an insurance dealer in Belgium, came forward only after seeing a television documentary in which other abductees gave very similar accounts.

"For about three weeks I considered seeing a psychiatrist", he says. "I thought perhaps I was going mad, and kept the whole thing to myself. But now at least I know that if I am mad, I am not alone."

A night with the creatures

Steve's descriptions match those of millions like him. "I remember lying in bed and feeling paralysed, as if I



Have you been abducted by this creature lately?

was asleep with my eyes open. I couldn't move, and then there was a light at the end of my bed. It was so bright that it became painful, and the next thing I remember is lying on a sort of metallic slab. There were four of these creatures standing around me, they were all extremely tall, and had huge teardrop-shaped eyes. When I looked into their eyes, I felt an amazing surge of emotion. I felt different things from each one, but it was as if I was wide open to their thoughts. It was the strangest thing I have ever felt, a feeling of being

helpless, but psychologically so as well as physically." When Steve woke up again, he was back in bed and any hope that he had dreamed the experience quickly disappeared. "It was certainly not a dream", he says; "that is one thing I am sure of. I had very unusual stains on my nightshirt, an intense headache and two puncture-wounds on my neck, like syringe marks. I don't take drugs, I rarely drink and I have never even dreamed of anything as strange as this. I only wish I did have an imagination that good."

Scientists to the rescue

In Ontario, Canada, a group of scientists are now trying to explain the abductions by bombarding the brain with electrical neutron charges to the temporal lobes. Using a converted motorcycle helmet, Professor Michael Persinger hopes to induce a brain-state which, he believes, may cause the subjects to hallucinate their uncanny experiences. Professor Persinger and his team are not sure how or why the reports are so similar, but many of the abductees have volunteered to try the treatment.

As the tests continue, several subjects have reported flashing lights in the test room...not surprising, perhaps, when your brain is being flooded with electro-neutrons. Some have even reported "a presence" in the test room. But the mystery remains - not one of the test subjects has reported anything remotely close to "an abduction" experience. More volts please, nurse!

EVENING NEWS, Edinburgh, Scotland - Jan. 13, 1995

Expert investigates UFO sightings over Lothian

A UFO expert is probing a series of strange sightings in the sky over Lothian.

Ron Halliday, the chairman of Scottish Earth Mysteries Research, is investigating separate reports from various parts of the region.

■ A Muirhouse woman told him she had seen a "huge ball of fire" moving from Granton to Leith.

- A motorist spotted a "strange disc shaped object" over Saughton Park.
- A Livingston woman saw a "bright bulb shaped object" over St John's Hospital.
- Four people in a car saw a strange red lights in the sky over East Calder.

"I found all these reports most interesting and I certainly plan to make further inquiries into them,"

said Mr Halliday.

"They were all recent incidents and they certainly merit further investigation."

"I don't think there is any doubt these people saw something strange."

I am keeping an open mind about them and I would welcome any further reports from members of the public."

He added: "These sightings fit into a particular pattern of reports from the Edinburgh area."

"I would be very interested to hear from any other witnesses or from people who have seen anything strange in the sky over Edinburgh or the Lothians."

Mr Halliday can be contacted on 0786 832480.

NOT OF THIS PLANET, JANET!



● Janet and cousin Irenna see the light

THE fading lights of Morecambe received an extra-terrestrial boost this week - from a UFO!

The illuminating experience was enough to cause a stir in one household where Janet O'Brien's boyfriend thought she'd lost her marbles when she claimed the close encounter. But now he's seen it himself, he too claims "it was a UFO".

Janet, of Halton Court, Westgate, thought she'd seen a craft which looked like a "Christmas tree" hovering above her house.

But boyfriend Bernie Smith thought she was spaced out.

But on Tuesday night at 11.30pm, Bernie woke up his girlfriend Janet and cousin Irenna after seeing something bright outside his window.

Now, all three claim they saw something with red and blue lights which stayed in the same position for about an hour and then disappeared.

Bernie, who works at Goffs foods in Morecambe, said: "I thought it was nonsense until I saw it for myself."

"Standing at my bedroom window, I looked at the lighted craft for about an hour and I'm certain it wasn't a helicopter, balloon or plane - it was something I couldn't identify - a UFO."

He added: "I suggested going to the police or neighbours but it was a bit late to wake up people and I didn't want them to think I was loopy."

"If I saw anything again, I would definitely contact people so that they could see for

themselves. I've never believed in anything like this before but, after what I've seen, I'm definitely converted."

Officials at British Aerospace, Blackpool Airport and Border Air Training in Carlisle, told the CITIZEN that they sent out NO aircraft in the area at the time stated.

Sightings

Kerry Philpott, who works for the Ministry of Defence, also said that there weren't given any reports of sightings in that area.

She said: "If there was something, our RAF defence radar would have picked it up but we're open-minded about what people see."

"An aircraft could be mistaken as a UFO from some angles."

Close encounter lights up the lives of resort couple

Did anyone else see this bright light?

AT ABOUT 1pm on Tuesday December 13, as I was waiting at traffic lights at the junction of Magdalen Street, I looked upward in the general direction of Constitution Hill area and saw what appeared to be a ball of very bright light, completely stationary in the sky.

It seemed quite large and had a framework/body but this was obscured by the bright light it was emitting.

I observed this for about 40 seconds, then it completely vanished.

If anybody else saw this I would be interested to hear from them on Norwich 667554.

C M Spencer, Norwich.

Mystery of UFOs hits new heights

by Simon Ritchie

MORE sightings have been reported of mysterious silver ball-shaped objects flying over York.

The Evening Press has been contacted by a number of people who witnessed UFOs above the city on Wednesday.

Robyne Fletcher, 17, and Paul Reynolds, 21, saw a silver-coloured object hover then dart very quickly behind a cloud before disappearing.

It happened about 3pm while they were driving to York along Heslington Road.

Earlier, at about 11.15am, production worker Tony Marshall, 32, saw three silver ball-shaped objects high in the sky.

"I saw one bright light going really slowly, a second one then came alongside it and a third came from nowhere. All three then seemed to merge and then they just disappeared."

"They definitely were not planes. I told the lads at work but they just took the mickey out of me until they read the piece in the Evening Press."

Margaret Coyle and her family from Pocklington saw a very bright light in the sky at about 4.15pm as they drove along Tadcaster Road.

"It was very bright but it was not a star. It was there one minute, then gone the next," said Mrs Coyle.

Vida Candler, 75, of Huntington, believes she saw a similar UFO a month ago.

She said: "I was looking out of my kitchen window when my eye caught this bright ball of light in the sky."

"It went straight up like a lift into a small cloud. It did not come out and the cloud slowly moved away."

A spokesman for RAF Linton on Ouse said they were not aware of any unexplained objects in the sky on Wednesday.

Martians replace Marx as Hungary seeks new beliefs

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BUDAPEST

Aliens have surveyed Szolnok and one of their ships has been spotted hovering above the Hungarian city.

The vehicle flew several hundred feet above ground before its bright light dimmed and it changed shape, apparently due to advanced technology not yet available on Earth. "There was a light ten times as bright as Venus, 300 metres high, with an unbelievable flight path, tracing zeds in the sky," *UFO Magazine* said.

Mock this news about a close encounter of the Hungarian kind at your peril because the story's author, Gyorgy Keleti, is now Hungary's Defence Minister.

His brief also encompasses the negotiation of Hungary's entry into Nato under the auspices of the Partnership for Peace programme as well as monitoring more esoteric threats to Hungarian security.

UFO Magazine is one of many manifestations of Eastern Europe's growing interest in the paranormal. Witchcraft, unidentified flying objects and the occult are growth industries in a region where many people are dazed and confused by the transition from communism to capitalism.

The old certainties of Marx and Lenin have been replaced with new beliefs. Every main Hungarian city has a UFO society and this year the country hosted an international UFO conference.

"People don't care about political parties shouting at each other, they are fed up with politics. But these phenomena are interesting

because they are unexplainable and they are miracles," said Sandor Pusztay, the editor of *UFO Magazine*.

Many Hungarians in search of such miracles can be found at the Red Raven witchcraft studio in Pest. The studio's waiting room is full every day with people seeking answers to life's problems from Jozsef Meszaros, Hungary's chief witch, for a price. Red Raven offers ritual magic, love spells, curse removal and reincarnation hypnosis at prices ranging from 2,000 forints to 10,000 forints (£12 to £60).

Mr Meszaros says he has 8,000 members in his "church", which is registered as a religion in Hungary although his more established rivals frown on it.

"The Bishop of Esztergom told his congregation to have nothing to do with us. The same night the cathedral roof caught fire and they have not identified a cause," the chief witch said.

Profits from the studio, set up in 1991, will go towards the witch's temple. "It is not necessary to have a church, witches can work out of the room, but it is a matter of prestige. Professional witchcraft rituals are difficult to organise in small east European flats," said Mr Meszaros.

The studio also sells 72 kinds of polarised water, each of which, it is claimed, can cure a different disease. However, the Ministry of Health said the water was identical to normal water and brought legal proceedings against the studio.

Abduction by aliens 'true'

A TELEPHONE call out of the blue gave Eric Morris the chance he needed to prove to the public once and for all, he hopes, that his pronouncements on unidentified flying objects are genuine.

The mature, professional woman at the other end of the line had heard Mr Morris, a director of the British UFO Studies Centre, interviewed on the radio, and was convinced he could help her.

For some time she had felt something strange had happened to her, but was not able to define it.

That was in September. Between then and now, the woman, given the pseudonym Rebecca, has spent 60 hours being analysed by Mr Morris, a psychiatric nurse, and his colleagues.

Rather than use a hypnotherapist, who he feared might traumatise 39-year-old Rebecca or distort what she claimed to have seen through the power of suggestion, he employed his own method.

Using an image as a trigger, Mr Morris began to build an overall picture of Rebecca's story.

The results, according to Mr Morris, are astounding.

He claims to have stimulated her subconscious by showing video footage of familiar objects to recreate her darkest memories.

"She remembered from very early childhood seeing something in the sky and throughout her teenage years being taken away by alien beings," he said.

"She was more or less in the same place when she was taken, walking through a field surrounded by trees and hedges until she was led to a caravan or train carriage.

"Then she floated up very, very slowly to a platform eight or nine feet above ground.

"After that she recalls going along long, black tunnels sometimes spiralling down them until all of a sudden she found

TWILIGHT ZONE

How would you react if you suspected that since childhood you had been the victim of a series of alien abductions?

One Chester woman, who is remaining nameless, called in the experts from the British UFO Studies Centre and JAYNE DODGSON was given an extra-terrestrial insight into their findings in the Twilight Zone.

herself in a dark room like an aircraft hangar.

Two distinct descriptions appear in Rebecca's accounts of eight or nine close encounters.

One group were tall, thin, males with long, blond hair, wearing a body suit.

Facially this entity had high cheekbones and eyebrows stretching as far as the ears.

By contrast their companions were short and grey with ugly features and both types communicated telepathically.

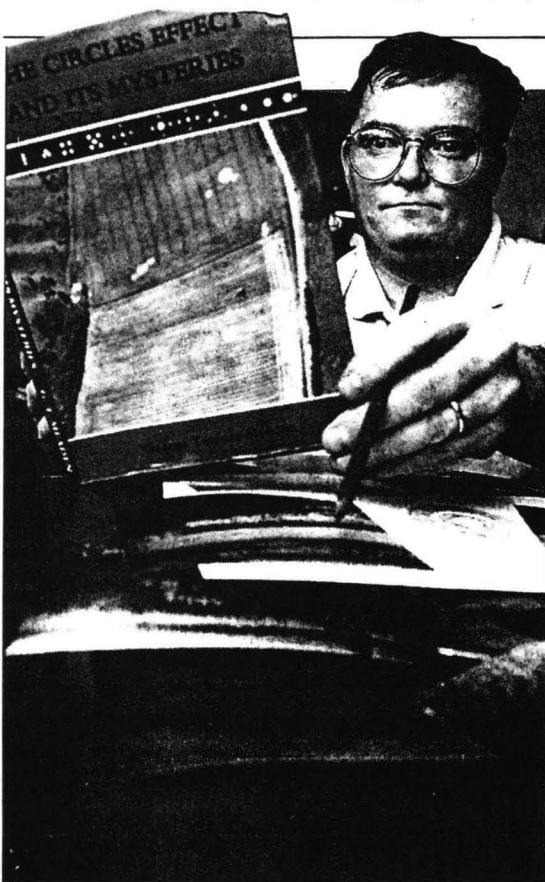
This is as far as Mr Morris is prepared to go with the case of Rebecca - suffice to say that says he has submitted evidence of animal mutilation to the Bristol University veterinary department.

And he is now hoping to present his research, accompanied by reporting of crop circles and sightings of bright lights in the skies above Chester, Littleton and Wrexham, to the Ministry of Defence next year.

He said: "I have investigated hoaxes before and several genuine cases, but this is the most definite one because Rebecca's mental state of mind is sane.

"She continues to hold down a responsible job in a high pressure environment, with which she copes very well."

● The British UFO Studies Centre can be contacted on 0606 553116.



EYE ON THE SKY: Eric Morris, of the British UFO Studies Centre. 4457H14

COASTAL EXPRESS, Colchester, England - Jan. 12, 1995

UFO sighted

A CLACTON couple claim to have seen a UFO near their back garden.

At 2am on New Year's Eve Linda Britton of Page Road found the kitchen lit up by a large, round object hovering just above her house.

She called her husband, Eddie, and they looked at it for ten minutes before the object, which they said made a booming sound, shot off towards the town centre.

EASTWOOD & KIMBERLEY ADVERTISER, England - Dec. 23, 1994

MINISTER SPOTS UFO

CHURCH minister Ray Graham and his wife Doreen had a close encounter of the third kind on Tuesday night when they spotted an unidentified flying object hovering high in the night sky from their bedroom window.

Pastor Graham was startled from his slumber by his spouse who shook him and told him she'd spotted a flying saucer.

Unable to believe his ears Pastor Graham leapt out of bed and flew to the window where what the couple witnessed they will never forget for the rest of their lives.

Hovering around 500ft above the Coach Drive estate and illuminated from beneath by the glow from the street lights, was a silver disc-

like craft, slightly belled underneath with 12 symmetrically spaced white lights around its circumference.

Arc

The couple claim it came up from behind the houses and rose slowly in an arc above the estate before levelling off and vanishing in a north westerly direction towards Ashbourne.

Said the Assemblies of God minister: "I was so excited I couldn't sleep for about an hour afterwards. It moved very slowly. It wasn't spinning at all but the eeriest thing of all was that it made no noise. You could still hear the roar of the traffic from the road as normal but the craft itself was totally silent.

'Believer'

"It had two white lights at the back and one red light like a beacon flashing on and off every two to three sec-

onds. It was about the same size as an aircraft but we could see it very clearly and it definitely wasn't a plane. It was circular and it had no wings. No other aircraft I've seen could hover that slowly.

"I am a firm believer in these kind of things. I've always wanted to see one and now I have. I just wish I'd had a camcorder or a camera handy so I could have taken some photographs. It was perfectly designed and engineered and must have

been constructed by some intelligent life form.

"We were enthralled but the same time absolutely incredulous and a little afraid."

Pastor Graham and his wife claim they saw the UFO between 11.15 and 11.30pm on Tuesday night and are anxious to know if anyone else saw it as well.

Anyone with any information is asked to call the Advertiser editorial department on Langley Mill 760444.

The Eastwood inci-

dent is particularly significant in view of the recent sightings at Stanley Common and the Cotmanhay area of Ilkeston.

A number of sightings in the Eastwood area were reported some 16 years ago.

Some eye-witnesses even claimed one of the craft had landed in Aysworth and the Ministry of Defence was called in to investigate after a circular scorch mark was discovered in a field near the village.

TELEGRAPH, Belfast, Ireland

Feb. 17, 1995

UFO's are big brother in the sky

SO much for the little green men.

Belfast-born writer, Allen Harbison isn't convinced they exist. He believes there's something even more sinister behind the seemingly high incidence of UFO infiltration of our skies.

Spies in the sky. His book, *Projekt UFO, the Case for Man Made Flying Saucers* will be published on April 13 by Bantam (£15.99).

Harbison claims to have produced the definitive UFO book which proves that flying saucers, if they exist at all, aren't extra-terrestrial in origin but man-made spy machines. He has been



Allen Harbison: Man-made

researching his tome for 10 years.

The first UFO sighting was in 1947 and ever since people have been claiming they've been abducted by aliens.

Allen Harbison was in the Royal Australian Air Force and then chief associate editor of Paul Raymond's *Men Only and Club International*. He's written a number of successful novels including 'Genesis' and 'Revelation'.

GUARDIAN, Warrington, England - Dec. 30, 1994

Riddle of pensioner's cold encounter with UFO

PENSIONER Joe Mundry has filmed what he believes is a UFO circling his house.

Joe, aged 69, filmed the mysterious ball of light as it hovered above his Richmond Avenue home. And he was so transfixed by the spectacle that he stood outside in his underwear for more than an hour filming it.

The film shows a slow moving, silver coloured sphere crossing the Latchford skyline.

Mr Mundry was woken by his wife in the early hours after she spotted the glowing ball of light from the kitchen window.

Joe said: "It was bigger than a star and I could tell it was not in our atmosphere."

But as dawn broke, the object suddenly vanished, leaving Joe convinced that it was not of this earth: "I was not scared by it, I was fascinated - it was definitely not a plane or a balloon," he said.

The incident follows the sighting of a similar UFO in Thelwall earlier this month.

David's crop of circle stories

ON THE night last summer when crop circles appeared in the field at Sutton Poyntz, 12 reports of unexplained lights in the sky over the area were received.

Similar reports came when other formations in South Dorset appeared - and they have been seen in the areas of Maiden Castle, Winterborne Herrington, Bincombe, Langton Hering and Knights-in-the-Bottom.

Not only that, but the outlines of the formations remain in the soil after the crops have gone.

Members of the Sutton Poyntz Society learned this during a fascinating evening when they were addressed by David Kingston, of the Centre for Crop Circle Studies.

With the help of many slides of formations from all over the world, he related how his own interest in phenomena such as UFOs developed from his



Dorset mystery: this crop circle appeared at Knights-in-the-Bottom, off the Weymouth to Abbotsbury Road.

days in the Royal Air Force

He recounted how, in this country, there have been recordings of crop formations since 1944, with a surge of reports from Dorset since 1979, after many sightings in the Warminster area in 1977.

The so-called Wessex Triangle, within an area bounded by Wantage, Warminster and Winchester, has experienced a lot of activity with formations, and many of them seem to be associated with prehis-

Preston & Sutton Poyntz

toric and ancient sacred sites.

Many people are convinced that it is all a hoax, with the crop circles (and other shapes as well) formed by human hand; yet, with many of the formations, there is no evidence of human activity.

Experiments have also shown that in 'genuine' formations, there is a change of cell structure in the crop, which is not evident when the crop is flattened by humans.

There is a build-up of an electro-static field in 'genuine' formations, said Mr Kingston, causing digital watches and equipment to 'blip', and the crops are laid down in beautiful swirled formations around the circles.

There seems to be no point in hoaxers operating in places where the general public would not see their work and many of the for-

mations have been in remote places that would not be seen from nearby roads or paths.

The 50 or so members and friends buzzed with conversation and speculation during the refreshment break, and afterwards David Kingston showed with photographs how crop circles are becoming more elaborate.

MYSTIC

People are attracted to their mystic qualities and some like to meditate within a formation.

There is a claim that people come out of a formation in a healthier state than when they went in, and medical research is under way.

There does seem to be a relationship between the designs of the crop circles and ancient Celtic designs.

So, the Sutton Poyntz members left with much to think about

UFO sighting

A UFO expert is investigating a sighting in Falkirk District on Saturday night. A couple were driving on the B803 towards Slamannan between 8.30 pm.m. and 9.00 p.m. when they were startled by two bright, white objects descending towards them. The objects at first glided parallel to each other about half a mile away in front of the moving car and then zoomed away in opposite directions into the evening sky. Malcolm Robinson, founder of Strange Phenomena Investigations, would like anyone else who witnessed the event to contact him on 01259 724033. Since 1992 Falkirk District has become a hot spot for UFO investigators and documentary film makers, with many sightings in the so-called Bonnybridge Triangle.

FALKIRK HERALD, Stirling, Scotland - March 23, 1995

Mum tells of UFO sighting

A mother has told of how she and her 13-year-old-daughter spotted a flying saucer near Uttoxeter.

Mrs Elaine Murphy of Mowbray, Church Leigh, near Uttoxeter, said she and daughter Letitia spotted a saucer-shaped craft flying across the face of the moon at 6.30am on Wednesday.

They watched in disbelief as the UFO suddenly vanished leaving behind a large cloud of smoke.

Mrs Murphy said: "I caught sight of it for just a second - it was round with a dome on the top and had bright windows."

She said: "You never think you are going to see one yourself. Your imagination starts to ask, who's there?"

Mrs Murphy said Letitia saw the spaceship first.

"She was frightened to go to bed last night."

Staffordshire police are investigating the sighting.

UFO: MORE SIGHTINGS

by Deborah Boyce

MORE witnesses say they have spotted the strange, bright ball which one UFO expert claimed was an extra terrestrial spaceship on a friendly visit to north Bucks.

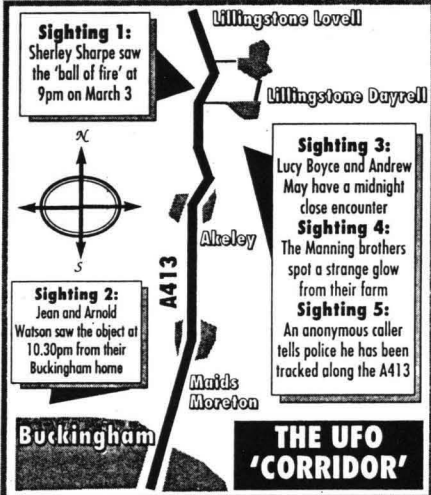
The new sightings indicate the fiery, orange object was in the Buckingham area for several hours, making more than one appearance on a 'corridor' alongside the A413.

Sherley Sharpe spotted what she described as 'circular ball of fire' from her kitchen window at Lillingstone Dayrell at around 9pm on Saturday, March 3. It hovered, disappeared, returned 10 minutes later and vanished.

Jean and Arnold Watson, of Overn Avenue, Buckingham, were terrified by the silent, spinning ball which lit up the sky as they left a friend's home in Grenville Road at around 10.30pm. It then dropped down behind the houses into farmland.

"We have never seen anything like it, it was giving out rays of light," said Mrs Watson. "It frightened me to death."

At around midnight, Lucy Boyce and Andrew May had a close encounter with the object in Lillingstone Dayrell and brothers Mark and John Man-



ning spotted a bright orange glow in the direction of Stowe from their Lillingstone Lovell farm.

Soon afterwards, a motorist rang Buckingham police claiming he had been 'tracked' along the main road from Akeley to Lillingstone Lovell.

Experts are divided. Biochemist Dr John Morton, of Buckingham University, reckons it was typical of a meteor which flared and burned itself out.

The British UFO Society's Jenny Randle said it was likely there was a down-to-earth answer as only a tiny minority of UFO sightings cannot be explained.

Military cadets at Stowe School believe it was their parachute flares used on a night exercise.

But Dr Richard Lawrence of the Aetherius Society is certain it was a visitor from outer space on a gentle, friendly tour of the area.

THE UFO 'CORRIDOR'

Chinese probe sightings

More than 5,000 UFO sightings have been recorded in China since the first report in 1978.

Numerous sightings have been reported in the last year from north eastern Heilongjiang province, the capital Peking, Shanghai, the southern city of Guiyang and other locations.

A flying object that reportedly transformed from a spiny shape to a round one and from yellow to red caused a 737 passenger plane to take evasive steps on February 9 as it prepared to land at Guiyang on a domestic flight from Canton.

Some Chinese scientists are sceptical about claims UFOs are from extra-terrestrial civilisations, the Wen Wei Po newspaper said.

Some of them think the sightings involve phenomena that cannot be currently explained, and some think they are tests of aircraft by advanced nations.

Chinese research of UFOs has been well received overseas.

EXPRESS & STAR, Birmingham, England - March 30, 1995

UFO spotted at West Ashling

A pair of friends from West Ashling have been left mystified by a bright green light in the sky that appeared in front of them.

Sue Harper and Carol Bleach were travelling along the Funtington Road on their way home from an exercise class in Chichester when they spotted the UFO.

When they got to East Ashling a ball of bright green light appeared in front of them - then vanished just as quickly.

Sue, a nursery school worker, said: "We were just talking and we had two children in the back of the car."

"All of a sudden we saw a green flash come across the trees in front of us. It had a tail of smoke following it and when it disappeared the whole thing

just vanished leaving no trace.

"It was a very clear night so it didn't go behind a cloud," she said.

Carol, a 33-year-old auxiliary nurse, said: "There is a row of trees and above it was a luminous ball."

"It just appeared then flashed out like a light - it wasn't there for long at all - it just seemed to go."

"We just looked at each other and said: 'What was that?'"

Sue said: "It did shake us up a little bit but we weren't close enough to be frightened."

"I'm not suggesting it was a spaceship but it would be nice to have an explanation," she said.

And a Selsey man has come forward as another witness to another set of mysterious

lights seen in the Witterings area.

The 45-year-old man, who did not want to be named for fear of ridicule, says he too has seen strange bright lights high in the sky.

He decided to speak out after the Observer revealed how Peter Norris, from Birdham, spotted the weird lights in the sky after waking up in the middle of the night.

The latest witness said: "It was exactly the same position as Mr Norris described it - going away from Selsey towards the east."

He says he saw the lights three times during January and February while he was walking his dog early in the morning at 6 am.

"The lights were very bright and disappeared up into the sky very rapidly."

But lorry driver Geoffrey Langley, from Almodington Lane, in Earnley, has his own theory about the bright Selsey lights.

He says the lights are due to birds flying over illuminated greenhouses in the area. Mr Langley (41) said the greenhouses use special lamps to keep the plants warm - creating a dome of light over the area.

Mr Langley said: "As soon as the birds fly over they are lit up."

"The first time I saw it I was fooled - and there is no noise. The light hits the underside of the birds and reflects off them."



SEARCHING: Sue Harper (left) and Carol Bleach who saw a UFO on their way home to West Ashling. Printed by Whitby's, Chichester. Photo sales no. 8303-2

Reporter NICK BOURNE reports on UFO sightings in Clwyd

TOP BOFFINS PROBE 'ALIENS ON THE A5'

Air force base reports rise in UFO sightings

UFO boffins are to meet government defence experts following reports of close encounters, including one from a man who claims to have been abducted by aliens.

The Ministry of Defence has agreed to consider the information of several sightings over Wrexham as the Government is "concerned about the security of the country".

Ten days ago, a woman from Johnstown reported sighting an unidentified flying object in the skies above her village, which she passed on to investigators at the British UFO Studies Centre, at Winsford, Cheshire.

And official sources at the RAF base at Valley, on Anglesey, confirmed a rise in the number of reported UFO cases in the area over the last few months from members of the public.

But the most startling case to date is a close encounter which has just been revealed that an 18-year-old Chirk man claims he froze with fear after being confronted by two aliens.

The abductee cannot account for almost two hours he lost along the A5, Llangollen to Corwen road, as he was cycling home from his girlfriend's house.

Interviewed

He claims he was forced to stop due to massive vibrations on the road and spotted two UFOs in the sky, one of which slowly approached him.

The man, still shaken, said extraterrestrials spoke to him after climbing down from their alien craft.

He is being interviewed by investigator Eric Morris, a trained psychiatric nurse, who counsels such victims.

His team are still combing the area around the Berwyn mountains for clues. So far, they have



Eric Morris at the entrance to the forest

discovered that more than 20 trees in a small wood at the side of the road appear to have been broken in two at various points along their length, some as much as 20 feet off the ground.

Mr Morris said: "The man was spoken to by the entities, but cannot remember them leaving. The

next thing he recalled was finding himself much further down the road than when he met them.

"We are to present this evidence, and other sightings in Clwyd and the rest of the country, to the MoD."

When the *Evening Leader* telephoned the MoD, a spokesman

neither confirmed nor denied plans to meet Mr Morris and his colleagues from the British UFO Studies Centre.

But letters, apparently sent on official MoD-headed paper to Mr Morris, said they would "take such information away to be staffed by our air defence experts".

WREXHAM has become a major centre of activity for UFO sightings, with an increase in calls from residents to an air base.

In the last few months, officials at the RAF Valley base, Anglesey, said they had received numerous calls from the public from North Wales reporting unidentified flying objects.

RAF Valley community liaison officer John Philips said: "The amount of calls we receive rises and falls over a period of time. But there has been a number of calls over the last few months from people in North Wales."

He said: "If people had wanted to hoax, you may expect them to talk about silver saucers flying around, but they have not. In fact, they have mentioned shapes including balloon-like objects."

But people have also seen triangular-shaped objects above their homes.

Mr Eric Morris, of the British UFO Studies Centre, said: "Our investigations have led us to a series of strange sightings around the Chirk, Caego and Johnstown areas. People speak about a triangular-shaped object with lights at each point, which has also been seen in other areas of the country."

And he urged other members of the public who had witnessed unusual sights to come forward.

He said: "If other people have observed things, then it will add more weight to our cause when we meet the MoD to discuss all these cases in the Wrexham area."

Contact the British UFO Studies Centre, 52 Dart Walk, Wharton, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 3JE. Tel 0606 553116.

SHROPSHIRE STAR,
Wellington, England
March 25, 1995

UFO sighting alert

Shropshire may have had a close encounter with the unknown today as police received a report of an UFO. Officers were called by a man at Morville near Bridgnorth just after midnight who was adamant he had spotted a large black object in the skies.

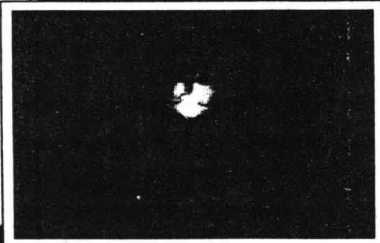
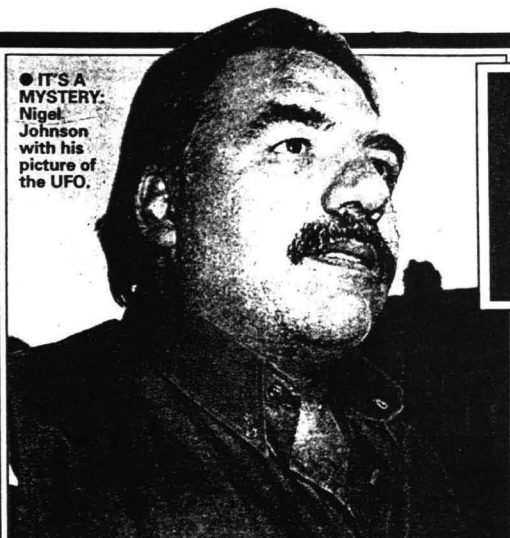
Air traffic controllers were put on standby after the craft was seen to speed off towards Church Stretton and Craven Arms.

Constable Rodger Norman, of Bridgnorth police, said today: "He said he saw a large black object which went off at high speed. It had no distinguishing markings."

"We are keeping a totally open mind," he added. The man, who did not wish to be named, said the craft moved very fast. There was only one reported sighting.

NEWS

● IT'S A MYSTERY: Nigel Johnson with his picture of the UFO.



Ex-RAF man grabs camera to film UFO

LIGHT IN THE SKY IS TAPED

RECENT CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

● FOUR people claimed to have seen a triangular-shaped UFO hovering above Penge Road in Mackworth Derby, on February 22;

● Sisters Pauline and Margaret Cooper spotted a mystery craft through the patio window of Pauline's home in Derward Close, Allenton, on February 13;

● Shirley Cawdon, of Alvaston, thought she saw a triangular UFO when she was driving in Mickleover on January 18;

● David Wainwright and Shirley Hitchcock, of Bramfield Avenue, saw a craft hovering above Broadhome Cemetery on the A6 near Belper on New Year's Day.

FORMER RAF engineer Nigel Johnson today claimed he has captured dramatic video footage of a UFO hovering outside his home.

He rushed inside to grab his camera when he saw a mysterious luminous object in the sky.

Mr Johnson (41), of Uplands Avenue, Littleover, said: "I've been in the RAF for 23 years and I know a plane when I see one. This definitely wasn't one."

"It hovered for half-an-hour before gradually moving away. I caught it on camera but I still have no idea what it could be."

Mr Johnson, who retired from the air force last year, has ruled out normal explanations for the peculiar set of lights.

"It wasn't a helicopter and it could not be a star either — the

by Daniel Foggo

lights were too close for that.

"The air force has always come up with an answer for UFOs in the past and I am sceptical about them too."

"But I will be on the lookout for this one again."

UFO expert Omar Fowler, of the Phenomena Research Association, said: "This is better than Star Trek — I'd say he has filmed UFO activity."

"We have been inundated with UFO sightings recently. They are coming in over the east coast and over Nottingham, Mansfield and Belper."

"To the naked eye they look like extremely bright lights but through binoculars it's possible to see the different lights."

"We don't know what type of aliens are in these crafts but they are definitely alien-controlled."

They came from outer space (...or did they?)

By LYNETTE PINCHES

SOMETHING strange is going on in the skies above Notts — if the number of UFO reports is anything to go by.

While there is no suggestion that the Martians are about to land, people are turning to the experts for help with a string of unexplained sightings.

Anthony James of the East Midlands UFO Research Association said only a tenth of all sightings were ever reported.

He checks sightings with East Midlands Airport, the Ministry of Defence, Watnall weather centre and microlight flying clubs to see if they can explain what has been seen.

Balloon

Earlier this week, callers bombarded Worksop police station claiming to have seen a UFO — it was an off-course hot air balloon.

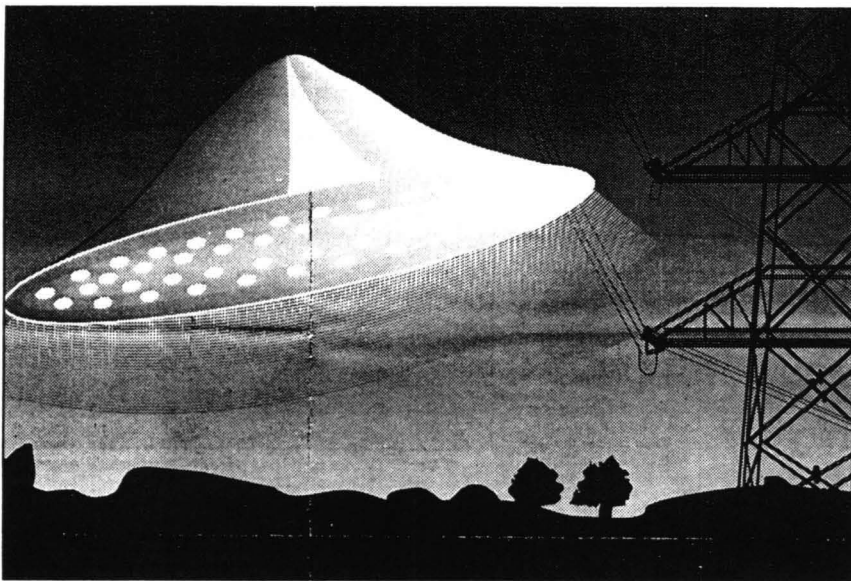
Retired secretary Brenda Hadley and her husband Bernard had seen a round object over Gedling colliery.

Mrs Hadley, of Digby Avenue, Mapperley, said: "It had red and green flashing lights and seems to move within a small area."

"I am sceptical about UFOs but I would like an expert to tell me what it is."

Several people reported two objects resembling a pair of headlights in the sky over Nuthall in February.

Businessman Steve Clarke saw the objects during a power cut. He said that after ten minutes one set of lights flew off to the south, followed by the other ten minutes later.



● An artist's impression of a UFO which was spotted over Nottinghamshire in January last year

Amazement

"They behaved like nothing I've seen before," said Mr Clarke.

Ten days later Mavis Sargent, of Arnold, watched in amazement as a cigar-shaped object with two rows of lights along the side cruised overhead. She said it was travelling at a tremendous speed.

Later that night finance clerk Richard Carnill, from Lambley, was drawn to his window by a loud roaring noise. He saw a huge dark triangular craft flying towards Arnold.

There have also been an influx of sightings in Ilkeston, Heanor, Mansfield and around Center Parcs in north Notts.

● Anyone wishing to report a sighting can contact Mr James on 927 5623.

COURIER & ADVERTISER, Dundee, Scotland - Feb. 25, 1995

Object spotted in sky

AN ABERNETHY man and his son have become the latest people to have a close encounter after spotting a strange object in the skies over their house.

The pair were standing outside their home shortly before 6 pm on Thursday night when they noticed a "strange black line" high in the sky.

"We watched it for about four or five minutes—it was moving very slowly," claimed the man. "It was just this strange black line—thick at one end and a bit thinner at the other."

"I've seen some strange things but never anything like this and after me and my son talked about it for a while I decided to phone the police and a short time after somebody from RAF Leuchars contacted me and asked me some questions."

"About 20 minutes after the thing had disappeared out of sight an RAF Hercules flew over."

The object apparently travelled in a straight line from south-west to north-east and the man and his son are convinced it was not an ordinary aircraft. "It left no vapour trail and it definitely was not a commercial aircraft or an RAF plane as they would travel much faster," he said.

"This thing seemed to slow down as it went along and there were no lights—it is like nothing I have ever seen before. I called my girl friend to tell her what happened and she just ridiculed me and I phoned my best friend to tell him and he just said that there was no such thing as UFOs and the police only humour people like me."

A spokesman at RAF Leuchars yesterday confirmed they had been notified of the sighting and that a report was being prepared.

INDEPENDENT, London, England - March 17, 1995

Close encounters of an intimate kind

PEKING DAYS

At a military industrial compound in western Peking, the soldier at the gate stood with his bayonet at the ready. Such weaponry would have been of little use against the woman from Jupiter, who recently hijacked a Chinese farmer into her spaceship and repeatedly had her wicked way with him. But for a mere terrestrial, it was good enough reason to wait patiently for admission to see Wang Changting, chairman of the committee of directors of the China UFO Research Society.

The society, with 3,000 members, is China's only state-sanctioned organisation investigating UFOs and possible contacts with extra-terrestrials. As for mysteries closer to home, such as why the society is currently based within a compound owned by the military, Mr Wang was disarmingly vague. The society, he declared, was an "independent, unofficial, civil, academic body". It was simply "through private connections" that its headquarters were temporarily housed in the Military Weapons Industry Academic Department of the state China North Industries Group.

Over the next couple of hours, with the help of photographs and videos, Mr Wang demonstrated that there were more urgent questions to be answered. How to explain, for instance, the strange visitation recently in Guizhou province which sheared off a field of pine trees? Or the large, dark, cylindrical spaceship that materialised during Chinese air force training exercises in June 1982, and wiped out all communications equipment?

Since its creation in 1980, the society has collected details of more than 5,000 UFO sightings over Chinese airspace. Mr Wang said: "We also study the application of UFO phenomena to the national economy... such as new materials and new technologies."

Mr Wang, a founder member, whose degree is in architecture, usually leaves the fieldwork to his colleague, Chen Yanchun, who holds an MSc in aerodynamics from the Peking Aviation and Space University. It was Mr Chen who, last October, conducted exhaustive interviews with Meng Zhaoqun, the worker at the Red Flag Tree Farm, in Heilongjiang, about his close encounters of an intimate kind with the insatiable creature from Jupiter.

On 7 June, a large white object landed on the tree farm. Two days later, when workers went

'I had a similar feeling... when I had my appendix out and they used a catheter'

to investigate, Mr Meng was struck down by a strong beam of light. As his companions carried him to a nearby shed, Mr Meng screamed at the sight of a tall, humanoid monster, standing by a tree. His friends thought him mad and put him on a timber wagon, where the female ET forced herself upon him. Then on 17 July, the sleeping Mr Meng disappeared from his locked house and was transported to a spaceship. The lady from Jupiter showed him pictures of her home planet, before, once again, taking full sexual advantage of him. "Mr Meng said the first time he was forced to have sex he felt pain. The second time he felt much better, because he just submitted," explained Mr Chen.

The UFO Research Society cites the Heilongjiang case as the strongest example of possible di-

rect contact with an extra-terrestrial. "As for the sexual contact, since this is done in private, it is impossible to confirm," said Mr Chen. In his opinion, however, Mr Meng was telling the truth. "I had a similar feeling to what Mr Meng described when I had my appendix out and they used a catheter," he said.

Until the visit from Jupiter, the 1982 air force incident was regarded as the most convincing evidence of a visiting spaceship. Surely, in those Cold War days, it could have been the work of the Soviet Union or the US? "No, no, no," insisted Mr Chen. "They do not have such advanced equipment."

Another case occurred on 1 December in Guizhou province, when farmers were woken by a roaring sound and bright lights. At dawn they discovered an area of forest where trees had been snapped about six feet from the ground, but telephone poles left untouched. On a nearby building, iron roofing sheets had disappeared, but tiles had been left intact. Could it not have been a tornado? "No, no, no," said Mr Chen, citing meteorologists.

What of the personal testimony of these two UFO experts? "When I was 10 years old, I saw a cigarette-shaped flying saucer," said Mr Wang. How many UFOs has Mr Chen seen? "None." As luck would have it, he was off investigating the Heilongjiang case at a time when it was difficult to avoid UFOs in the skies above Peking. Around 5 October, there were 26 sightings, including one man in the Nankou Locomotive Vehicle Factory, who said he saw five flying saucers in a V-formation. "I really regretted that I was not in Peking," admitted Mr Chen.

Teresa Poole

NEWS & ADVERTISER, Lynn, England - Feb. 10, 1995

More readers report odd sightings

MORE Lynn News readers — and even our deputy editor — have reported strange sightings in the West Norfolk night sky.

● Two rocket-shaped objects hovering in the night-time sky gave a Terrington St Clement family a fright on Wednesday last week.

Alan Munden, his wife Stephanie and their seven-year-old son, Thomas, of Manor Road, were watching television between 7 and 8pm when what they saw outside made them jump out of their seats and run to the window.

Said Mrs Munden: "There was a long rocket shape hovering about the height of a house — and it was silent. Along its side there were three lights which were bright cherry red — they were not like an aeroplane's lights. Then to our amazement the object was joined by another one and they were moving along in what I would call a 'lengthwise' way."

"They seemed very close to our house. We did not hear anything — it was as if they had no engines. They gradually disappeared out of our vision. The whole episode only lasted for seconds."

"We have never seen anything like this before."

At about the same time, also in Terrington St Clement, Lynn News deputy editor Andrew Malkin saw a single cherry red light glowing in the dark about 15 to 20 feet above the ground in a field between the old A17 and the newer road.

Mr Malkin, who was travelling into the village on the old A17, said he at first thought it was a light on a piece of agricultural machinery working



late in the field.

"As I got closer I thought it odd that I could see no headlight shining across the field, as you sometimes do. Because I was travelling towards it I could not judge whether the light was moving or not. When I got alongside it I realised there was no outline of a machine around or beneath the light."

"I stopped and could see the light was moving, maintaining its height from the ground — it was very low. It began to rise into the sky, still travelling quite slowly, turned towards the new road and then disappeared in the direction of Tilney."

"There was a lot of air activity that night — I heard and saw military jets in the sky later on. I'm not saying I saw a UFO. I saw a bright red light that travelled for a distance, parallel with the ground at a height of 15 to 20 feet."

"If it had been an aircraft or a helicopter I am sure I would have heard some engine noise. As Sherlock Holmes said: 'When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.'"

● And at around 6am on Friday, while it was still dark, Marshland Smeeth man Ronald Hood saw odd lights over a field in Tilney St Lawrence.

"I was driving a van with a gang of five women in the back and we all saw it. There were two white lights and a red one flashing. It was very low and hardly moving — probably doing only ten miles per hour. It hovered for a while and then just hovered away," said Mr Hood.

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UFO hides in cloud over York

A COUPLE returning from work say they spotted a silver-coloured UFO flying high over York.

The circular object was seen to hover and then dart very quickly behind a cloud before disappearing.

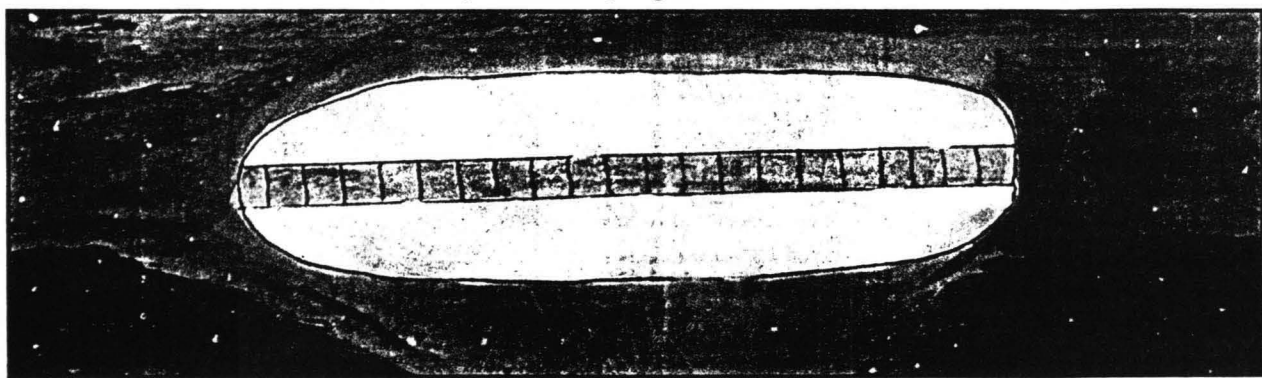
Robyne Fletcher, 17, of Stockton-on-the-Forest, was travelling in a car along Wigginton Road, York, when she spotted the UFO.

"I could not believe it. It definitely was not a plane. It was silver in colour and round in shape. It seemed to hide behind a cloud and then disappear."

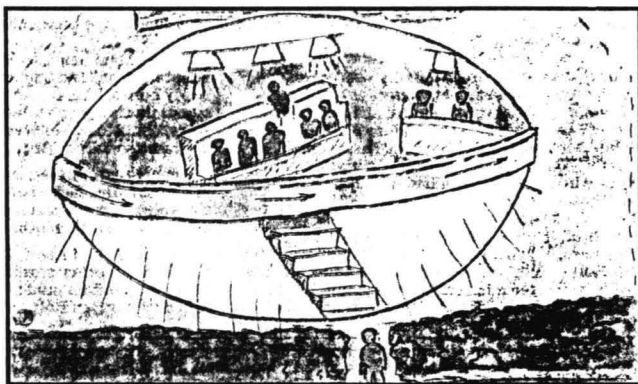
Paul Reynolds, 21, who was driving the car, said: "It was moving very slowly at first and then it increased in speed. It was quite high up in the sky."

The UFO was spotted at about 3pm yesterday when the pair were returning from Melrose House nursing home, in Shipton-by-Beningbrough.

OBSERVER, Chichester, England - March 2, 1995



NIGHT VISITOR: Ted's impression of a massive silver spaceship spotted hovering near Selsey at 2.30am in August 1968.



ALIEN ALERT: An artist's impression of aliens who rendered a post office driver unconscious at Chilgrove in 1967.

Witnesses will be at alien talks

Ted Richards is giving an illustrated talk on South Coast UFOs at the Fishbourne Club next month.

The talks will be on Wednesday March 15 starting at 7.30pm at the Black Boy Lane venue, and then repeated the following week at the same time - the first talk is sold out, but there are a few tickets available for the second.

He will include sightings over Bognor Regis, Chichester, Fishbourne, Emsworth, Haslemere, the Isle of Wight, Midhurst, Portsmouth and further afield.

He will also discuss the full range of UFOs from balls of light and spheres

to discs and domes, from cigars and canisters and helmets and saucers to massive craft and strobe craft.

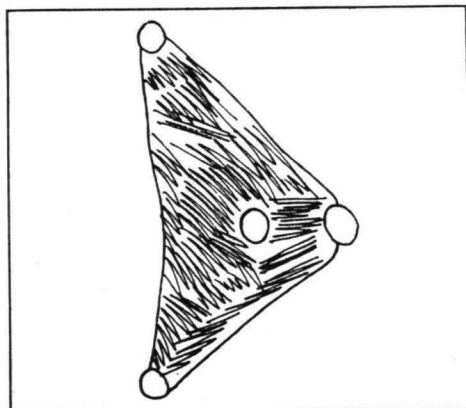
Mr Richards has never seen a UFO himself, but he promises many of his witnesses will be present at the talks which will also include accounts as recent as January and February 1995.

Additional display material will be available during the interval. Admission is by ticket only, priced at £2 available from the Fishbourne Club or the Tourist Information Centre.

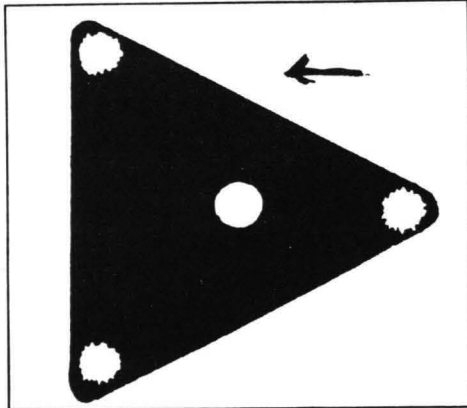
Anyone with any sightings to pass on to Mr Richards should contact him on Chichester 781820.

EXPRESS, Derby, England - April 6, 1995

THE SINFIN TRIANGLE!



● As seen - a reproduction of the drawing of the suspected UFO.



● Identical - the suspected UFO reported in Belgium.

By OLIVER NIESEWAND

THESE two UFO 'sightings' look remarkably similar.

Yet one was made in Belgium last year, the other by an eight year old Sinfín girl only a few weeks ago.



UFO investigators are convinced that what was seen, was an alien craft and describe the parallel between the drawings as "fantastic."

The Sinfín girl witnessed the flying triangle

at Stenson Fields and later drew what she saw for a local UFO researcher.

But almost a year ago, a Belgian man who saw a UFO over Heusy drew an identical sketch for the UFO research group SO-BEPS.

There were reports of over 300 flying triangle sightings in Belgium over two years. The Belgian government actually scrambled two F16 fighters on one occasion.

The girl and her mother, who did not wish to be identified, say they saw the object on March 16 at 7.15pm. They were in a car when they spotted the triangular shape ahead of them, moving slowly across the road.

PLANE

The mother was interviewed by researcher Peter Edwards and produced her daughter's drawings.

He told the Express: "I've been on this earth 39

years and I've never seen anything like it before. It wasn't a plane."

Neither of them were scared, in fact the woman described herself as "elated" by the sight.

The triangle had a dark shape with a definite outline. The lights on it were coloured in different hues, rosy and yellow white.

It began to move very rapidly and turned slowly onto its side. They tried to follow it down a side street but lost it behind some houses.

Mr Edwards said: "I do believe this is a genuine sighting because of the way she came across - excited and truthful. She

WHAT do you think? Are we being spied on from outer space or are these mistaken sightings of planes or tricks of the light?

Send your views to Express Yourself, Express Series of Newspapers, Northcliffe House, Meadow Road, Derby DE1 2DW.

UFO sightings

Local sightings, as described by Mr Richards

■ October 1992 at Fishbourne.

"A young lad phoned me up. He was gabbling away. He father was trying to restrain him from talking to me."

"He was 12 then and he gave me a very detailed description of what he saw with a friend."

"These two lads had been in a corner of a large field which was being cleared after ploughing. It was a good place for them to play."

"Suddenly they were aware of an enormous UFO above them, conical in shape. I took photographs of them at the site and individually I got them both to draw a picture of what they saw."

"The height of the UFO I calculated to be 200 foot and 140 foot across. It was poised about 200 foot above them."

"It stayed for about a minute. They were scared stiff. The thing was humming away. In my view there was quite a strong possibility that they may have been abducted."

■ 1968 near Selsey.

"A Chichester taxi driver was taking a passenger back home to Selsey in the early hours of the morning. He was returning from dropping his client off."

"He said he was aware of a light coming from the sea coast at low level. It got larger and larger. Suddenly his car stopped. It was a brand-new car. He couldn't work out why it had stopped."

"Then he realised that this space ship was hovering. The profile was rather like a hamburger with a row of windows from extreme to extreme."

"From calculations it turns out it was 500 metres in diameter and about 34 metres tall - the equivalent of an office block the size of Chichester city centre."

GAZETTE, Clacton, England
April 7, 1995

Huge increase in UFO sightings

IT must be something in the air.

The Essex UFO Research Group has reported its biggest number of sightings since it took off ten years ago.

Since the end of November there have been 400 strange sightings in Essex.

Ron West, chairman of the UFO group, said: "All of my investigators are fully occupied investigating at the moment."

Among the latest mysteries have been one sighting at the Oakwood Business Park in Clacton

by three men who spotted something odd at 1am.

Mr West said the men stood outside a factory and saw three lights in a triangle-shaped object which became oval-shaped as it drew nearer.

Then on Frinton sea-front at 10.25pm on March 14 three people saw two white oval shapes.

And four days before in Holland-on-sea at 4.30am Mr West said seven people saw a triangle-shaped object the size of a football field with red or white balls of light.

SOMEBODY'S OUT THERE

UFOlogist says local sightings reported

By KENNEDY GORDON
Star Staff Writer

It's one of those coincidences that make skeptics and debunkers take notice. An informal discussion group of UFO seekers gathers to look into recent flying saucer sightings in the Long Lake area. During the meeting, taking place in Whitefish, the group spots an unidentified flying object high above them.

"It was too high to be a helicopter," says Michel Deschamps, one of those who made the sighting last November.

"The lights were flashing too fast to be a plane. In the time a normal plane's lights flash, this one would flash six or seven times, and in a repeating color cycle: red, white, blue."

Then, as if in confirmation of many UFO theories, a military jet appeared.

"The lights crossed the sky, and then we saw the jet."

Deschamps won't go as far as to say the jet was pursuing or escorting the object, but does point out that many reports of saucer sightings include military escort vehicles.

No military sources could be reached for comment.

Deschamps also won't say the object was a space vehicle from another world. The "unidentified" in UFO comes into play here, he says.

Jack DeCorby of the Environment Canada Weather Office says the object could very well have been a weather balloon.

"A weather balloon is launched every 12 hours from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan," says DeCorby.

"They're big, and some have lights, so it could have been that."

Deschamps is the provincial section director of MUFON, The Mutual UFO Network. The Texas-based organization collects and compiles sighting data, and investigates reports of alien encounters.

He dismisses the idea that he and other UFO researchers are crackpots, and that the Whitefish sighting was a product of wishful thinking.

"Anyone who thinks that (UFOs are not real) is just fooling themselves. They don't want to face the truth."

Operating out of his Hanmer home, Deschamps gathers



KENNEDY GORDON/Sudbury Star
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Mystery lights over Dease Lake

WHEN FOUR upstanding citizens spot something pulsating in the northern winter sky, you've got to take it seriously.

That was the case last Wednesday night when two Dease Lake RCMP officers, a parks branch employee and a social worker saw flashing lights to the north, over the lake itself.

"It wasn't moving. It was flashing red and green and then white," said Constable Kent Langley.

Follow officer Cst. Dean Childs said he had been alerted to the strange lights by an 11:30 p.m. phone call.

When he went outside to investigate, he saw what looked like a low star. Except, that is, for the red and blue lights.

"It was almost like a plane flying with landing lights," Childs said, but this object was station-

ary and "seemed to be vibrating there."

He said the lights were steady rather than flashing and clearly defined, not fuzzy. "They were as bright as the North Star, or Venus," Childs added.

"I don't know what to make of it," he admitted, "I saw something I've never seen before."

However, when he checked the skies again between 11:30 p.m. Thursday night and 3:30 a.m. Friday morning, the lights were nowhere to be seen.

Langley theorizes the lights may have been a variation of the northern lights.

He said the object didn't move although others reported that it did.

There are also unconfirmed reports that something similar was spotted recently in Watson Lake.

WESTERN DAILY PRESS, Bristol, England - Jan. 31, 1995

Experts to probe beauty spot UFO

FOUR reported sightings of a UFO above a country beauty spot were last night being probed by experts.

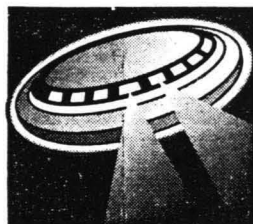
Witnesses said a mysterious brightly-lit craft hovered above 600-foot high Backbury Hill, near Hereford.

It is claimed helicopters approached the UFO, but veered away from it.

Mr John White, aged 22, said he saw a dazzling light through the window of his home when he got up to tend his baby son Ben.

He said: "The light was pulsing, as if it was getting brighter and darker. A cloud went behind it at one point, so I can be really be positive it was not a star, and it was some sort of object hovering above the hill."

"It split in two. One moved after the other, and that was



the last I saw."

The incident happened two weeks ago. Baffled Mr White, a trainee cabinet-maker, said he saw a similar light above the hill a week later, although this time it was surrounded by smaller lights.

A strange light has also been reported as zig-zagging above the nearby River Lugg Meadows.

The sightings were last

night being probed by Hereford-based UFO investigator Ray Moore who said he had seen a silver glob-shaped light above Backbury, site of an Iron Age fort, before Christmas.

He said the sightings could be connected with local ley lines - "invisible energy lines" which some paranormal writers believe cross the globe, linking such sites as Stonehenge and the pyramids.

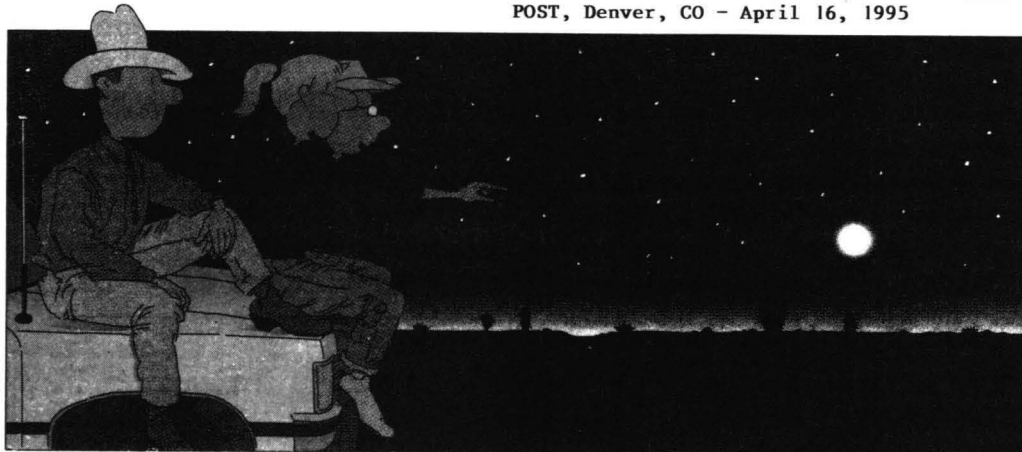
Mr Moore said Backbury Hill was a junction of ley lines, which could make it a focal point for paranormal activity.

Last night it was thought one explanation of the sightings could lie with the Hereford-based SAS.

The hush-hush regiment never comments on operational matters, but helicopters constantly fly in and out of its city HQ.



POST, Denver, CO - April 16, 1995



The Denver Post / Cindy Enright

Eerie Marfa Lights glow with aura of supernatural

By Richard A. Lovett
Special to The Denver Post

MARFA, Texas — Something strange — some might say ghostly — is going on near the small town of Marfa on the high plains of West Texas.

By day it's a typically sleepy ranch town of 2,400 inhabitants. But by night, the pancake-flat plain east of town is home to one of North America's great mysteries, the Marfa Lights, or "ghost lights," which have baffled viewers for more than 110 years.

Stories of the lights range from odd to downright spooky. By most accounts, they are mysterious points of light, usually white but sometimes colored, that appear in places where lights have no reason to be. In many accounts they move erratically, rise into the air, change color, or split into multiple lights that veer off at separate angles.

Other sightings sound more like something from the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

One local resident, for example, reported being pursued by a cantaloupe-sized globe of light that hovered just outside the window of his pickup truck, chasing him for nearly 2 miles as he sped home, late at night, frightened.

And a pair of visiting geologists once reported two similar spheres of light that sprang into view, darted around, then hovered at a distance of several hundred feet before winking out as mysteriously as they'd appeared.

Stories like these have turned Marfa and its lights into a mystery-hunter's paradise that seems to be the Texan answer to Scotland's Loch Ness monster.

Even for the skeptical, it's an intriguing place for an overnight stop, simply to find out what all the excitement is about.

It was with cautious skepticism that my friend Dave and I stopped in Marfa one night as we were passing through the area on an early spring hiking and backpacking vacation.

I'd heard enough accounts of the lights to believe that something unusual was occurring here in the West Texas desert, but I figured that our chances of seeing anything on a one-day visit were slim.

Since there was no sense in looking for ghost lights during daylight, we pulled into town late, checking into a motel not long before midnight.

The night clerk was a font of information about the lights.

The best place to watch, she told us, was 9 miles east of town on U.S. 90, where there was a good view across desolate Mitchell Flat, site of a World War II air base where there is little competition from the lights of civilization.

If we looked south, she indicated, almost any intermittent light we saw

would be a Marfa Light.

The viewing site, she added, is easy to find.

"They had to build a roadside park," she said. "Too many people were lining the highway."

Her next remark made me forget much of my skepticism.

"You can see something almost every night," she said.

The legend was born

Although Apache Indian stories of strange lights date back for generations, the first Marfa Light report to reach the outside world came in 1883, when a 16-year-old boy named Robert Ellison was driving a herd of cattle through a pass, 12 miles east of town.

Camping on or near the flat, Ellison and other members of his party saw lights flickering in the distance. Fearing that they might be Apache campfires, they scouted the area the next day, looking for signs of an encampment. They found nothing, leaving them baffled enough to tell stories about the ghost lights when they returned to civilization.

Since then, the Marfa Lights have been observed so often that it's clear they weren't merely a figment of Ellison's imagination. They have been photographed, videotaped and shown on TV.

Viewed from above

They've even been seen from the air, by aviators who initially thought they were seeing beacons in places where no beacon has ever been constructed. More recently, the lights have been the subject of an episode of television's "Unsolved Mysteries."

When the classic Western movie "Giant" was being filmed near Marfa in 1955, actor James Dean, who starred in the film, reportedly kept a telescope handy so he would be ready to view any lights that might appear. If he saw anything strange, however, he apparently kept the sighting to himself.

As soon as we'd unloaded our baggage, Dave and I drove with mounting excitement to the "official" Marfa Light viewing site.

Mitchell Flat proved to be merely an ordinary piece of scrub desert, but our knowledge of its history made it feel eerie, and stepping outside of the protection of the car set my pulse to racing. It was as though I expected a UFO to suddenly swoop down out of the sky or an Apache warrior's ghost to materialize in front of me.

It was midnight, but we weren't alone. To one side of us was a car with Georgia plates, occupied by a 30-year-old woman and her mother who'd read about the lights and, like us, had arranged their trip to pass through Marfa. To the other side was a group of local teenagers, clustered around a heavily chromed pickup truck. For generations of Marfa residents, ghost-light viewing has been a favorite pastime.

Light show begins

Although I was tense with excitement, I still didn't really expect to see anything — until the first light winked on. Dave and I saw it simulta-

neously, gleaming steadily, almost due south of the rest stop. I looked at it through binoculars, but it was too far away to show as anything other than a pinpoint.

Then, just as I blinked, a second light appeared, close to the first, this one green. Had the two lights divided and moved apart? We weren't sure. But now they appeared to be suspended slightly above the ground, perhaps 2 miles away.

At first I thought they were moving, but I later decided this was an illusion, resulting from the fact that I was staring intently at tiny dots of light against a featureless background. The tendency of such objects to appear to drift is a phenomenon well known to astronomers and sky-watchers, and Marfa Light watching seemed to be similar.

But the next light we saw was definitely moving. A white gleam, bigger than the first two, it blinked into sight near the horizon, just below the crest of a distant mountain range. Over the course of several minutes it slowly moved down and to the right, occasionally disappearing only to reappear a few seconds later until eventually it vanished for the last time. A second light repeated the same course, and then another, and another and another.

To the Indians, the ghost lights were the spirits of lost lovers or warriors, doomed to endless, restless roaming. Modern scientific explanations for the lights are legion — and undoubtedly mostly concocted during the cold light of day, rather than the excitement of the moment.

Most sightings aren't really "ghost lights" at all. Such, I eventually concluded, was the case with Dave's and mine.

When I returned the next morning to look in the direction where we'd seen our two original lights, for example, my binoculars quickly revealed a pair of buildings out on the flat in exactly the right direction.

Why their lights hadn't come on until midnight may have been a mystery, but clearly, these were the sources of the lights we'd seen.

Any illusions of movement or of one light splitting into two had been the results of our keyed-up imaginations, fed by the motel clerk's prediction that we'd be almost certain to see something eerie.

Erroneous sightings

The lights that Dave and I had seen descending from the distant mountains were more dramatic, but equally ordinary.

Even as I'd watched, their regular pattern had made me suspicious; they always blinked on and off at exactly the same places. They were car headlights cresting a pass 24 miles south of town — the lights appearing and disappearing as they passed behind hillsides or road cuts.

This, I later learned, is the most frequent source of erroneous Marfa Light sightings.

But not all sightings are so easily dismissed. Marfa Light hunters have seen and photographed events that could not possibly be headlights on the highway — either because they

are seen in the wrong direction or because the lights darted in circles or moved in up-and-down patterns that no automobile could repeat.

Scientific reasoning

Scientists have offered a number of hypotheses, but none is conclusive. It has been suggested, for example, that the lights are ball lightning which, for some reason, repeatedly appears in this one remote location.

Or, they could be lights that have been refracted by the atmosphere from distant sources to appear mysteriously here, in one of the darkest and least populated places in the lower 48 states.

IF YOU GO TO WEST TEXAS

Getting there: Marfa is about 200 miles southeast of El Paso, at the junction of U.S. 90 and 67. Ghost-light viewing is best attempted from the rest stop 9 miles east of town on U.S. 90.

At the site: The rest stop may or may not be marked by a highway marker. Signs have been placed there periodically over the years, only to be stolen by souvenir hunters. Respect private land by viewing the lights from the rest stop and not attempting to hike onto the flat.

Ghost light festival: Marfa celebrates the ghost lights with an annual Marfa Lights Festival, now in its ninth year. Last year's festival drew 115 vendors and 7,000 participants. The 1995 festival is scheduled Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-3. In addition to the usual small-town festival offerings, there will be music from nationally known recording stars and a free, round-table discussion of the lights at 2 p.m. Sunday in the county courthouse. The round table is a good place to hear firsthand stories of close encounters with the lights. And, of course, there will be lots of company for evening ghost-light viewings.

The remainder of the year, Marfa's chief daylight-hours attraction is a municipal golf course, which, at an elevation of 4,688 feet, boasts that it's the highest in Texas.

Other attractions: Marfa isn't a tourist town, although there is plenty to see, including three national parks within a day's drive. Big Bend National Park is 110 miles to the southeast, and Carlsbad Caverns and Guadalupe Mountains national parks are about 150 miles in the opposite direction. Closer at hand lie the Davis Mountains, site of McDonald Observatory (open for tours), Davis Mountains State Park and Fort Davis National Historic Site.

What's in a name? The name "Marfa," incidentally, isn't a misspelling of "Martha." Instead, according to local lore, it was the name of a Russian character in a novel that the wife of the town's founder just happened to be

reading at the right time. "Giant" town: In 1955, the movie "Giant" was filmed in and around Marfa. The 40th anniversary of that event will be celebrated this year with a "Giant" reunion and special screening of the movie on May 27. Members of the cast and crew will be present for a post-screening question-and-answer session. Tickets are \$12. Charge by phone at the Marfa Chamber of Commerce (1-915-729-4942).

Literature: Persons interested in more information about the Marfa Lights may want to pick up either of two booklets, available in Marfa and neighboring communities.

■ "The Marfa Lights: Being a Collection of First-Hand Accounts by People Who Have Seen the Lights Close-Up or in Unusual Circumstances, and Related Material," by Judith M. Brueske, Ph.D. (\$6.95), is precisely what the title indicates. It's a well-researched compilation of several dozen Marfa Lights stories collected from Marfa-area residents. The 50-page booklet compares these stories to several theories of the lights' origins, ranging from ball lightning and mirage effects to phosphorescent minerals. It concludes that no single theory can explain them all.

■ "The Marfa Lights: A Viewer's Guide," by Dennis Stacy (12 pages, \$2.95), also recounts the history of the lights, as well as helping the reader keep from mistaking simple day-to-day phenomena for the mysterious lights.

Where to stay and eat: Marfa has several motels, RV parks and restaurants, many of them catering to the ghost-light trade. There's even a B&B. If you plan to attend the festival, make reservations at least two months in advance, or you'll be commuting from at least as far away as Van Horn, 73 miles to the northwest.

Details: More information about the town and lights is available from the Marfa Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 635, Marfa, Texas 79843; 1-915-729-4942.

— Richard A. Lovett

Focus on Asia

Nessie's ugly Chinese cousin

SCOTLAND'S Loch Ness monster has a Chinese cousin, a giant vapor-breathing creature that lives at the bottom of a gorge in a remote mountain area in central China's Hubei province.

The shui gual, or water monster, has only revealed itself to frightened peasant fishermen who nicknamed it, Chan, or toad, because of its amphibious appearance.

Authorities from a town near Shennongjia National Forest, where the water monster has been seen, swear it exists but they have not rushed to cash-in on the sighting by selling Chan T-shirts and souvenirs.

They, too, are scared of the creature that lurks at the bottom of their gorge and fear offending the gods by recreating its image.

According to sightings, Chan is not as pretty as cousin Nessie.

By LOUISE EVANS
in Beijing

Chan looks like a giant toad, has red hair across its shoulders, a flat head and protruding eyes as big as lanterns. It also has a metre-wide mouth that breathes long plumes of white vapor, fat human-shaped webbed hands with long fingernails, and webbed feet as big as a bathtub.

The first recorded sighting of Chan came in 1962 from peasants fishing in the gorge by throwing explosives into the deep dark water.

Aroused by the noise, Chan allegedly emerged and chased the fishermen about 30 metres into thick surrounding forest.

A spate of sightings over the past 30 years attracted the interest of Professor Lui Min-

zhuang, from the Shanghai East China University.

He laments he never saw Chan, but strongly believes in its existence and published a book on his findings revealing there had been sightings of a water dragon in the area from the third century AD.

Prof. Lui believes Chan is a relic from the palaeolithic era or Stone Age, when Shennongjia was submerged, and could be related to Nessie.

Prof. Lui, the country's leading expert on the water monster, has since suffered a stroke and scientists are concerned he may take the mystery to his grave.

But all is not lost. Next month, a team from the Chinese Academy of Science will lead a two-month expedition to Shennongjia to investigate the existence of "rare and strange creatures".

- AAP



Monster hits: lonely Nessie has a vapor-breathing cousin in China.

BURTON MAIL, Staffordshire, England - April 7, 1995 CR: T. Good

Search is on for mystery creature

In the 1970s the UFO phenomena took a new twist. A possible connection between strange nocturnal lights and the creature known as "Bigfoot" or "Sasquatch" began to emerge.

It began in Rochdale, Indiana, when a family named Rogers, who lived in a trailer home, began to be plagued by a hairy, man-like beast.

The family had watched a luminous object hovering over a nearby cornfield and shortly afterwards they began to hear noises in their yard at night. One of the men went outside to investigate and saw a large, heavily-built creature parting the corn stalks. On another occasion Mrs Rogers saw the creature looking in through the trailer window and observed that it stood like a man but ran on all fours. The creature was covered in black hair and had an odour like 'dead animals, or garbage'.

These creatures have been reported from all over the world where they are given different names - Bigfoot (N America), Yowie (Australia), Yeti (Himalayas), Almas (Russia), and Maracoxi (S America), but what about the UK?

I decided to do some research starting with legends that could relate to this mysterious creature.

It emerged that Great Britain did indeed have legends of a hairy, foul-smelling wild man of the woods known as the Wodehouse or Woodhouse and, in fact, some places such as Woodhouse Eaves are named after it.

I spoke to one of my friends about this latest line of research and he seemed quite surprised that I didn't already know about the British Bigfoot. He belonged to a historical society and invited me along on one of their field trips where he told me I would see some evidence of this creature.

I went along and saw the evidence. It was carved in stone on a church wall alongside gargoyles and images of the Green Man. The society was studying churches that dated back to the time when Christianity and paganism blended and the carved stonework recorded legends that were part of the daily life of those ancient people. I



• Bigfoot ... is there a UFO link? Inset: an alleged Yeti footprint found in the Himalayas.

stared at the stony feature of the wild man of the woods, it really did look like a sasquatch.

Further research indicated that the Wodehouse was accepted right up to the 17th century as a normal part of the fauna of the British Isles and there had even been a few attempts to domesticate them.

So, do people in this country still see the mysterious Wodehouse? Well, perhaps, although in a very eerie form. Here's a case that seems to come close.

Dr Anne Ross, a respected Celtic scholar and archaeologist, was asked to examine two stone heads that appeared to have a supernatural presence attached to them. This is what happened while they were in her care.

She woke suddenly at about 2am deeply frightened and very cold. She looked

towards the bedroom door and by the corridor light glimpsed a tall figure slipping out of the room. It appeared to be half animal and half man. She heard it going down the stairs and then saw it again moving along the corridor that led to the kitchen.

A few days later she came home to find her teenage daughter in a state of shock. When she had come home from school she had seen something huge, dark and inhuman on the stairs. It rushed towards her, vaulted the bannisters and landed with a soft thud that made her think that it had padded feet.

It seems that a little known legend from our distant past still manifests itself occasionally and scares the wits out of people far removed from our forest dwelling ancestors. — KF

GASTON GAZETTE, Gastonia, NC - April 25, 1995 CR: G. Fawcett

Blue ice surprises Vale man

By Leslie Weaver
Gazette Staff Reporter

VALE — A Vale man was taken by surprise this weekend when a blob of blue ice — likely waste from a commercial plane — fell from the sky and crashed into the roof of his workshop.

The blob fell through Wayne DeVenny's workshop about 10 a.m. Saturday, leaving a hole about a foot in diameter, said Bill Ward, Lincoln County fire marshal.

"We are talking about a volleyball-size block of ice that went through the roof and floor

and ended up in the dirt underneath the workshop," Ward said. "If it was strong enough to go through the ceiling and the floor, it could have been fatal had someone taken a direct hit from it."

The frozen blob likely came from a commercial airplane, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

"It was probably a small leak from the lavatory on the airplane," said Don Gardner, a safety inspector for the FAA. "During flight, the waste can make an ice ball because of temperatures and altitude."

"During descent it breaks

loose and falls away."

FAA officials are conducting an investigation to locate the plane and correct the problem.

"It's very possible that this was a one-time occurrence and that the problem has corrected itself," Gardner said. "We are glad it was limited to property damage and no one was hurt."

Gardner said this type of incident is rare.

"Right now we are not sure what airplane this came off of," Gardner said. "It's not supposed to leak. It is supposed to stay within the confines of the airplane until a truck takes it away when it lands."

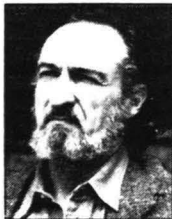
SINO TRIANGLE

A poisonous cloud produced by rotting plants is the force behind the mysterious disappearance of hundreds of people in the area known as "China's Bermuda Triangle," according to a scientific survey. Decaying plants around Black Bamboo Ravine, in Sichuan province, produce a "poisonous miasma" that accumulates in the air, "suffocating people and making them fall into the abyss," the Xinhua news agency reported, citing the findings of 50 unnamed scientists. The ravine, located in a remote, cold and mountainous area, is said to exert a strong magnetic force capable of disabling compasses and causing plane crashes. The most famous disappearance was in 1950 when 100 Nationalist soldiers fighting the Communists vanished at the ravine.



DAILY NEWS, Anchorage, AK - April 16, 1995
CR: J. & L. Nicholson

W. C. JAMESON'S ARKANSAS



Jonesboro's cemetery ghost light

Some nights near Jonesboro, a mysterious red, pulsating glow is occasionally seen hovering just above a lone monument in a small cemetery.

For years, area residents have spoken in hushed tones about the phenomenon, for it is associated with the final resting place of a well-known prostitute who died mysteriously during the 1880s.

The cemetery is seldom visited these days, and save for the occasional efforts of a few caring individuals, it is seldom maintained. Few visitors come to this lonely place any more, and most of the monuments are quite old.

Rising from the grassy lawn and the ordered rows of modest, crumbling, and moss-covered headstones is a tall obelisk expertly fashioned from white marble. This tapered and pointed marker seems to draw the attention of any first-time visitor to the cemetery, for it appears somewhat out of place compared to the other, smaller stones. It marks the burial site of the prostitute.

The few nearby residents who care to speak of it at all express resentment for the fine monument, and, though more than a century has passed since her death, they describe the buried prostitute as one who certainly deserved no such recognition. A woman who lives a quarter-mile from the cemetery and professes a strong fundamentalist orientation referred to the grave and the marker as a "desecration to God's sainted ground." For years she has tried in vain to have the marker removed. One senses there is a compelling and complex story behind this hostility toward the marker, but no more is said.

Some nights, usually beginning around two hours past sundown, a red glow is sometimes seen near the top of the white obelisk. The light is sometimes distinct, other times faded and obscure. Some claim the light hovers over the gravesite, moving slowly back and forth. Others who have watched it for as long as an hour maintain it is stationary.

Sometimes the light does not appear at all, and other times it gleams throughout the entire night. Some who have attempted to approach the red glow report that it disappears when anyone gets within 20 feet of it. Others claim that it moves away from them when they walk toward it.

For many years, carloads of students from area high schools and the local college would arrive at the cemetery around midnight to observe the mysterious light. It is said that, years ago, a college fraternity conducted initiations in the cemetery. During one such initiation, a young student who had been tied securely to the obelisk became so frightened at the sudden appearance of the ghost light that he suffered emotional problems so severe he had to be institutionalized. The initiation practice was discontinued shortly afterward.

Several Jonesboro residents respond to the tale of the red ghost light with derisive laughter. It is all a hoax, they maintain. Some who claim to have viewed the light are often made the butt of jokes. The light that is sometimes seen in the cemetery, the detractors state, is merely the reflection of a red warning light from a nearby radio transmitting tower! Perhaps.

Perhaps not. This explanation for the red ghost light unraveled during the mid-1970s when, for a period of a full week, the strange glow was seen by dozens of people and appeared to pulsate brighter than ever before. On the day prior to this rash of sightings, the

red light on the radio tower had blown out and was not replaced until 10 days later!

Today, this curious ghost light is not reported as often as in the past, but now and then an occasional sighting serves to remind us the ghost is still there.

(W. C. Jameson is compiling a book of tales about Arkansas ghosts, spirits, hauntings, and monsters. If you would like to contribute to this collection, please write to him in care of this newspaper.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Carl Jameson is an associate professor of geography at the University of Central Arkansas and an author. His column appears on Mondays and Thursdays in the Log Cabin Democrat.)

ORANGE CO. REGISTER, Santa Ana, CA - April 20, 1995 CR: A. Snow

SUPERNATURAL SHOWCASE

PROGRAMS: More and more shows on the paranormal and paranoid are touching down on TV channels across the dial.

By FREDERIC M. BIDDLE
The Boston Globe

The Truth Is Out There," according to the slogan that begins each episode of Fox's hip "The X-Files." But the show had better come up with a new one. The truth about almost everything — no matter how bizarre — suddenly is on TV.

From angels to crop circles, spontaneous human combustion to premonitions galore — and, oh, those ubiquitous UFOs! — television is cornering an end-of-millennium bull market on unexplained phenomena. No Stonehenge is left unturned in the spooky, overwhelmingly kooky orgy of speculation that is achieving its apotheosis as the season ends.

Just as daytime talk shows have ritualized the dissection of personal woes before millions into a humiliating routine, the World's Most Powerful Medium is normalizing the discussion of paranormal and paranoid phenomena.

"People kind of walk circles around you and avoid you," Vickie Flowers, a housewife and reluctant clairvoyant who was a guest on "The Other Side," said of her gift on NBC's daytime



'THE X-FILES': David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson.

paranormal talk show.

What "The Other Side" and more than a dozen other new shows on the air prove is that the otherworldly hype about such prime-time hits as "The X-Files" and Showtime's recent revival of "The Outer Limits" misses the point. In barely more than one TV season, television has spawned a supernatural subculture in which the aforementioned shows are just the high-quality tip of an iceberg bobbing all over most TV genres (except the game show and the soap opera, which had its turn with "Dark Shadows" decades ago).

If shows like Fox's new virtual-reality thriller "VR.5" and CBS' on-hiatus melodrama "Touched by an Angel" are the

prime-time dramatizations of paranormal/paranoid TV, then "Sightings," "Encounters: The Hidden Truth" and "The Extraordinary" are its news-magazines, its "Current Affair."

Even cable's classy A&E channel has gotten into the act with its "Ancient Mysteries" series. That's not to be confused with NBC's Friday night "Unsolved Mysteries," which explores spooky disappearances by murderers and their victims as enthusiastically as it recently looked up a savant-syndrome genius from Sao Paulo, Brazil, who channels the masters by flailing his hands and produces a sketchpad facsimile of Manet in minutes.

"Look at Dionne Warwick's 'Psychic Friends.' ... It's the most successful 'infomercial' of all time," says Robert Greenblatt, the executive behind the Fox network's recent scheduling of "VR.5" at 8 p.m. Friday, preceding "The X-Files," and "Sliders," Fox's new adventure series about four wormhole surfers who visit parallel dimensions in which their hometown, San Francisco, is a very scary place.

The ratings for most of the genre, "The X-Files" excepted, aren't exactly out of this world. But look for more so-called PTV as civilization's great big odometer turns over to 2000.

"The interest in the dark side is pretty powerful as we approach the millennium," Greenblatt says.

VANCE ORCHARD: Touchet Valley Ramblings

Two interesting bits of local historical trivia came to light the other day when I called Gordon Bateman to check out the identity of an old house at Huntsville.

Faithful and steady readers of these lines will recall my mentioning the 1900 sighting of a Bigfoot by Bateman's mother when she was a 12-year-old girl living at Huntsville. Her father had come West to buy the old flour mill for many years a fixture of the former town. A part of the mill stands yet in the shape of the warehouse building one sees on the right as you zip along U.S. Highway 12 going east through Huntsville. The old "down-

town" part of Huntsville was located to the north of the highway at this point. I drove over there the other day to see if the post office was standing but couldn't find it.

Anyway, Bateman had told me about the Bigfoot sighting by his mother as she went out to the garden behind the house. She came running back to the house when she saw the thing at the gate. It turned and ran toward the nearby Touchet River and the foothills, Bateman said.

Anyway, I see this old house standing near the warehouse building as I drive east to Dayton and points beyond, so have wondered if

this was the house in which Bateman's mother once lived.

The phone call revealed this was a correct assumption, so on my next trip east I stopped to take some photographs.

Picturing as I did so a young girl, frightened out of her wits, as she scampered back to the safety of her home!

In a sidebar, but one a true Bigfoot researcher would relish, Bateman gave me another bit of the 1900 Bigfoot story.

"When the story came out in the Times," he told me, "I sent the clipping to an aunt, Phyllis Hanel of Escondido, Calif. She was in her

90s but recalled that the family for many years told of the Bigfoot experience."

Talking with Bateman was to recall the photographs taken of the old Corbett Mill, the site of which is now owned by Linda Ras of Dayton, a cousin of Gordon Bateman. If memory serves me, I took the several photographs prior to the mill's being razed, or a portion of it, at least. The negatives are now part of the resources given Whitman College's library, but can be accessed by researchers with a prior request notification by phone or letter.

Bateman, incidentally, has been for many years an avid collector of

material about Gen. George Custer and his debacle at Little Big Horn. It was this interest that first drew us together several years ago. He likely would be interested in a book I noted in a catalog recently: "Wooden Leg: A Warrior Who Fought Custer." Sounds intriguing, Gordon.

Vance Orchard, a retired daily newspaper reporter, has written several books about southeastern Washington and its communities and their people.

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TIMES, Waitsburg, WA - April 6, 1995

Woman mystified by odd caller IDs

Dead presidents' names keep cropping up on gadget in Wright home.

By MIKE FUHRMAN
Daily News Staff Writer

Deadra Wilson thought she was losing it. When the Wright woman picked up her caller ID box Wednesday night to see who was calling, the screen was filled with eights. A few seconds later, while her husband, Skip, chatted with a friend, Abraham Lincoln's name popped up on the small screen.

"I said, 'Wait a minute. Somebody's joking,'" Wilson recalled later in the



Daily News/TRACEY STEELE

Deadra Wilson of Wright calls a telephone number that appeared on her caller ID as being listed to Abraham Lincoln Wednesday night.

evening.

Before she was done scrolling through the device's memory, the names of a dozen more dead presidents, three living ones and a handful of other names had flashed across the screen. A long distance telephone number, date and time accompanied each name.

Ulysses S. Grant called the evening of Sept. 15, Harry S. Truman phoned Nov. 11 and John F. Kennedy wanted to chat Jan. 31, according to her box.

"When I went through the whole list I was freaking out — I need to get a hold of 20/20 and 60 Minutes," she said. "People are going to think I'm crazy."

The 41-year-old woman wondered

out loud if she needed a Catholic priest to exorcise the dead presidents from her home. Instead, she notified the folks at Sprint/Centel.

"I'd hate to speculate, but ... it would sound to me like we are dealing with a computer hacker," Tom Flanagan, the company's spokesman in Tallahassee, said Thursday afternoon.

Sprint/Centel's security division will investigate Wilson's complaint.

About 3 percent of businesses and homes in the Fort Walton Beach area are caller ID subscribers, according to Sprint/Centel estimates. Actual figures were not available Thursday.

Wilson's caller ID box was apparently the first one targeted statewide, according to Flanagan.

Local law enforcement authorities say they have not received any similar reports.

"We've not had any (complaints) of harassing phone calls from dead presidents," Okaloosa County sheriff's spokesman Rick Hord said.

George Schenck, supervisor of the FBI's field office in Pensacola, said agents there had not received similar reports either. He was unsure if any federal laws had been violated.

But caller ID owners across the country have experienced the phenomenon, according to Ryan Biermann, a 22-year-old Madison, Wis., man who has handled hundreds of calls. His phone number has mysteriously appeared under Honest Abe's name on caller ID boxes.

An elderly woman in Hickory, N.C., whose phone number is listed as the Civil War general-turned president, has been inconvenienced by the bug as well.

"I called Ulysses S. Grant and it was a woman on the other end that wasn't feeling too well," Wilson said of the North Carolina woman. "Why would they do that?"

The last name to appear on the boxes is that of Paul Locklin, the president of CIDCO, a California company that manufactures caller ID.

A spokeswoman at the company said Thursday evening that the company's engineers included Locklin's name and the names of two other executives at the company as a demo program.

She could not explain why the names and numbers don't appear in every unit and why they didn't pop up on Wilson's device until eight months after she bought the unit. The company's chief engineer could not be reached for comment.

Wilson, coordinator of Okaloosa County's Headstart program, said she's not convinced the company is responsible.

"It's still suspicious to me and I'm probably going to call Unsolved Mysteries," Wilson said.

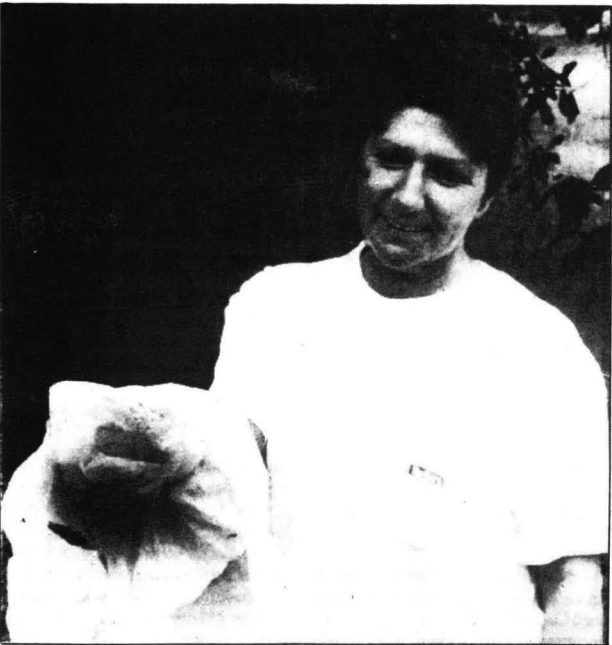
CR: B. Reid

The Harold



"If it's news, it's news to me."

First Harold, now Bigfoot - Not only may North Kitsap be visited by the King and Queen of Norway this fall, it may already have been visited by another celebrity - Bigfoot. A sighting of the legendary creature was reported in the Lincoln Road area north of Poulsbo March 2. Though Peter Burn, director of the national Bigfoot Project, could not say who made the report, he did say investigators will look into it. Anybody who may know more can call 1-800-BIG-FOOT.



More Blue Ice (T-N photo by Dellinger)

Vata Leonhardt holds a chunk of blue ice that fell Thursday near her home on Grier Street. The baseball-size object landed across the street while she was working outside around 4 p.m. It's the second time in two weeks that blue ice has been reported in Lincoln County. A chunk the size of a volleyball crashed through a workshop in Vale on April 22. The phenomenon is blamed on leaky plumbing on commercial aircraft.

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Why the legend of Bigfoot fails to stand up

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THE existence of "Bigfoot", a yeti-type humanoid creature whose giant footprints were said to have been found in America, was probably an elaborate hoax according to new research presented in London yesterday.

The tracks, measuring 16 inches by seven inches, could have been made by a "foot" carved from wood, suspended from cables and pressed deeply into soft mud.

The Bigfoot phenomenon, which has since spawned a commercial culture in America, including Bigfoot pizzas and special snow skis, began in October 1958 when members of a road construction gang took a plaster cast of a footprint they claimed was found at "Bluff Creek", 20 miles north of Klamath, California.

Photographs of the cast were published around the world, and several crypto-zoologists, people dedicated to researching the possibility of the existence of such creatures as the Abominable Snowman, began detailed investigations.

But, claims Professor Loren Coleman, Bigfoot was a prank, played on the construction gang by its boss, Mr Ray Wallace. In a paper, presented to the Forrean Times UnConvention 1995 at the University of London yesterday, he said previously unpublished letters from researchers threw doubt on the theory that a Bigfoot had ever walked through the aptly-named "Bluff Creek".

Professor Coleman, 47, a professor of child welfare at the University of Southern Maine, in Portland, said the circumstances of the actual discovery of the footprint had never been seriously examined before.

He added that the

respected zoologist Ivan T Sanderson, who spent much time researching Bigfoot, had interviewed all parties concerned in the find. He never expressed doubts about the authenticity of the footprints in public, but did express concerns in private letters, only recently discovered, to other zoologists at the time.

The Bigfoot legend was born when one construction worker, Mr Jerry Crew, building the road, discovered the footprint and took a plaster cast to his local newspaper office.

The photograph of church-going Mr Crew holding the cast, which stretched from his collar bone to his belt, immediately elicited stories of previous footprint discoveries.

Photographs were produced, allegedly showing shady figures of a large, shambling creature identified as Bigfoot. Men working at nearby Mad River said that they too had seen prints.

Later, it was discovered these workers were also in the employ of Mr Wallace. Hair and droppings were supplied to researchers purporting to be from Bigfoot. Tests later proved they were, in fact, from moose.

Professor Coleman said he had drawn his conclusion after studying interviews with Mr Wallace and other members of the gang, and after reading Mr Sanderson's private letters.

He believed that Mr Wallace, who was sub-contracted to work for Federal projects, may have used the pranks to "keep some control of his Indian workers, who told tales of hairy forest cannibals and Indian-devils".

Then Mr Crew took the matter seriously and obtained "proof".

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Chinese set out in hunt for 'Bigfoot'

BEIJING — Chinese scientists are setting off on a yearlong expedition to investigate reports of a 7-foot "Bigfoot" wandering the wilderness. The 30-member team will set off next month for the Shennongjia Nature Reserve in central China, where for centuries residents have reported sightings of a creature that is half man and half ape, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Wednesday. Some scientists expect to find an undiscovered species of ape men, the report said. "The most satisfactory thing would be to get a picture or even a videotape of the creature," said Wang Fangchen, the scientist heading the expedition.