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## Don't get carried away, Harvard warns

### UFO researcher escapes censure

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Harvard Medical School has decided not to censure a Pulitzer Prize-winning professor who studies people who say space aliens abducted them for sexual experiments.

However, psychiatrist Dr. John Mack received an unusual public warning from the dean not to let his enthusiasm for UFO research steer him from the path of professionalism.

The decision disclosed Thursday followed a one-year investigation that Mack's lawyer called a challenge to academic freedom.

"This is the type of thing that almost by its existence can be intimidating," Roderick MacLeish said.

Mack's fellow professors supported him for fear that they might be next in line for scrutiny, MacLeish said. All members of the faculty contacted by The Associated Press during the investigation refused to speak for the record.

The review began after Mack appeared on "Unsolved Mysteries" and other TV programs to promote his 1994 book "Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens," about his patients, including a man who remembers an alien female extracting a sperm



Associated Press

**ALIEN SEX TALES** — Dr. John Mack, a professor at Harvard Medical School, seen here April 12, received word he will not be censured after the medical school ended its investigation of his work, including a best-selling book about patients who said they had sex with aliens.

sample from him, a woman who says she gave birth to a human-alien hybrid and a man who says he had an alien wife in a parallel universe.

The faculty committee investigated whether Mack's work met professional standards and whether it could be considered research on human subjects, which requires special permission.

Medical school representative Keren McGinity declined to say how often such investigations are conducted. The school would not

release the findings, and McGinity refused to answer questions.

Mack, 65, was traveling Thursday and could not be contacted, an assistant said. In an interview last year, he said that he does not necessarily believe in space aliens but thinks that some unknown traumatic experience explains his patients' memories.

"All that he was basically saying was that there were some mysteries in life," MacLeish said. "He was not vouching for the kind of testimony these people have been making, just that they did not ap-

pear to be mentally ill."

Mack founded the psychiatry department at Cambridge Hospital, one of Harvard's teaching hospitals, and is director of the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research at the Harvard-affiliated Center for Psychology and Social Research. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1977 for his biography of Lawrence of Arabia.

Some colleagues were reportedly unhappy that Harvard's name became associated with Mack's study of 120 patients who say aliens took them away in flying saucers for sexual experiments.

Mack said last year that his colleagues were too quick to dismiss his work.

"We don't have room in our culture for this," Mack said. "It's the elite people, my colleagues, who decide what we're supposed to believe, and to them this isn't supposed to be."

## Film of supposed alien autopsy puzzles scientists

By Robin McKie  
London Observer Service

LONDON — It is either the "science story of the century" or "the greatest hoax since Piltdown Man." Either way, television footage of the dissection of two aliens — to be screened worldwide next month — is expected to stir considerable controversy.

The film was allegedly made in the wake of the "Roswell incident," an event famed among ufologists, who believe extraterrestrials were found after a flying saucer crashed at Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

It now "transpires" that a film was made of their autopsies and a copy kept by the cameraman, without the U.S. Air Force's knowledge. That footage forms the core of the programs to be shown on August 28 by Channel 4 in the UK, Fox in America and TF1 in France.

Advance screenings of the dissection have been given to leading UK scientists. None believe they watched real aliens being cut up but, equally, none could spot how the film was faked.

For example, the film's stock

number suggests it was made in 1927, 1947 or 1967, providing some corroboration for the claims made.

"It was very hard to know what to make of it," said palaeontologist Chris Stringer, of London's Natural History Museum. "The figures certainly looked human like, but equally were not human."

In his report of the film, Dr. C. M. Milroy, senior lecturer in forensic pathology at Sheffield University, states that "overall the appearances were those of a white adolescent female with a humanoid body. However, there was no breast development and no pubic hair was visible. The head was disproportionately large. No head hair was present. The abdomen was distended. There were six digits to each hand and foot. The eyes appeared larger than normal and the globes were covered with a black material which was shown being removed.

"While the examination had features of a medically conducted examination, aspects suggested it was not conducted by an experienced autopsy pathologist, but by a surgeon," adds Dr. Milroy.

This point was picked up by another expert viewer, anatomist Dr. Paul O'Higgins, of University College, London. "To judge from the film, the autopsy was carried out in a couple of hours. Yet these were alien creatures. They represented an unparalleled opportunity to science. We are expected to believe we casually cut them up in an afternoon. I would have taken weeks to do such an autopsy."

Similarly, all shots of internal organs are out of focus and there were no signs of injuries to account for the aliens' deaths.

Most suspicious of all, says Dr. O'Higgins, is the startlingly human-like qualities of the aliens. "They look like ET. I would think the chances that an alien which evolved on another world would look so like us would be astronomically remote.

"Yes, it has six fingers and a very large head, but both conditions afflict humans with chromosomal abnormalities. But just how the makers could have got two such similar corpses I do not know."

The film's owner is convinced of its authenticity. "I bought the footage from an old cameraman who had worked for the army, air force and special forces," said Ray Santilli, who runs his own company, Merlin Productions, based in London. "My impression is that the cameraman is genuine. He is an ordinary person who never made much money in his life, has been married to the same woman for over 50 years and seems as stable as you could wish."

John Purdey, the producer of the Channel 4 film, who has been given access to the footage, is more cautious. "Either we have the most sensational of scientific stories or have been handed the greatest fake since Piltdown Man," an advanced hominid postulated from fossil bones found in England in 1912, but later revealed as a hoax. "The film stock, the lack of umbilical cord marks and the strange half-human nature of the creatures, all suggest we are dealing with real aliens — or that someone has gone to extraordinary efforts to create a forgery."

ISLANDER, Pensacola

Beach, FL - June 28, 1995

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### UFO OVER GARCON POINT

By Carole Baker

Two regular skywatchers at Shoreline Park. Ray and Elise Pollock, experienced a sighting on their way to the park on Wednesday, June 7.

Driving over the three-mile bridge between Pensacola and Gulf Breeze they noticed something in the sky to the east northeast. They had reached the "hump" of the bridge and had just lost sight of two planes in the sky. They noticed a "swirling multiplicity of lights" which were small and close together and were a bright orange/amber color. They did not appear to move and the configuration appeared about 5 degrees above the horizon over the Garcon Point area. This configuration disappeared to be replaced by three orange/amber lights forming the points of a very large triangle. This formation then also disappeared and was replaced by a "huge round ball of light," which flared up very brightly before also disappearing. As they watched, the single light blossomed up and disappeared again. At arm's length, Ray estimates that the configuration of lights they initially viewed "appeared to be somewhat bigger than the width of your thumb."

No further activity was observed and Ray and Elise reported the sighting to the skywatch group at Shoreline Park as soon as they arrived there. The sighting lasted between 2-1/2 to 3 minutes, occurring between approximately 8:27 and 8:30 p.m. Elise told me, "it just kept coming and going." Ray and Elise both feel that this is the biggest UFO they have ever witnessed. They have been skywatching for many years and have had many sightings.

To report a sighting, please call the Pensacola/Gulf Breeze MUFON Hotline at 432-3261. For information on the Project Awareness 1995 Gulf Breeze UFO Conference to be held October 20-22, call Project Awareness at 904-432-8888.

Keep Looking Up!

# Close encounters

This photo from Steven Greer's collection shows a UFO spotted in Costa Rica in September 1971.

Photos courtesy of CSETI

## N.C. physician out to prove existence of extraterrestrials

By Mark St. John Erickson  
Daily Press

**S**teven M. Greer doesn't trust government studies debunking the existence of flying saucers. He puts no faith in tabloid accounts of aliens abducting humans, either.

What the North Carolina physician does believe is the sight that passed before his eyes only a few weeks ago, when he stood on a desolate Mexican plateau and peered into the heavens.

That made him forget the arduous climb, the freezing January temperatures and the gun-happy campesinos taking potshots in the fields.

There, hovering only a few hundred yards away, a large, disk-shaped object seemed to respond to his team's efforts at communication. Its lights blinked in concert with their signals for nearly five minutes, Greer says, before it disappeared.

None of the group's video cameras recorded the encounter. Greer thinks they were disabled by the same inexplicable burst of electrostatic energy that stood everyone's hair on end. But he still believes these attempts to seek out an interstellar handshake offer the best chance of proving that humankind is not alone.

"It's not as easy as sitting in an armchair reading reports, but it's what has to be done," he says, talking by phone from his Asheville office.

"We've got to get off our butts, get out of our armchairs and get out there where these things are happening."

Greer's no-nonsense, hands-on approach will make up a crucial part of his argument later this week when he steps before audiences at the Virginia Air and Space Center.

As the founder and head of the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, he has become internationally known for assembling a provocative collection of videotapes, photographs and other research materials supporting the possibility of visitors from other planets.

While the 39-year-old, emergency-room doctor has believed in the existence of alien life since seeing a UFO as a child, he dismisses "99 percent" of what people hear and see about the subject as "rubbish."

"Of the two, I don't know which is the most irrational — the U.S. scientific community or the UFO subculture," he says.

"I'm very skeptical of the data you see. Most of it is bogus."

Most government officials know little of real value either, Greer insists, though certain agencies harbor secrets that make the recently revealed radiation experiments conducted after World War II look like schoolyard intrigue.

While most astronomers agree on the likelihood of extraterrestrial life, they, too, miss the boat, he says, when they argue that Earth and its nearest neighbors lie too far apart for any kind of spacecraft to visit.

"You can't predict how an advanced, interstellar civilization might present itself," the doctor reasons.

"These are very anthropocentric views, very arrogant views — and they deny the potential for nonlinear travel."

Most misleading of all, Greer says, are the flagrant fantasies of what he describes as UFO zealots. From cattle mutilations to abduction accounts, virtually all of their reports spring from anecdotes that have no verifiable, corroborating evidence.

"Not everything that goes bump in the night is an extraterrestrial," he explains.

"But the enthusiastic UFO buffs want to believe it. So they fit square pegs into round holes."

That overheated body of second-, third- and fourth-hand information — sometimes complicated by outright hoaxes, Greer says — is one reason why he founded CSETI four years ago.

Encouraged by the end of the Cold War, which he believes tainted previous UFO investigations with secrecy and fear, the rational doctor is trying to use science to answer the question of extraterrestrial life once and for all.

CSETI's research effort began in 1990, following a surge of UFO reports in Belgium that included hundreds of visual and radar sightings. Assembling teams of trained observers that could respond quickly to similar waves of activity, the group's goal was not merely to observe such phenomena but to initiate contact.

Using lasers, halogen lights, telemetry devices, radio waves and mental-imaging exercises known as "coherent thought sequencing," the five-person teams have succeeded on more than half-a-dozen occasions, Greer claims.

Some of the encounters, which the observers attempt to document through a detailed research protocol, have lasted more than 10 minutes.

The January expedition in Poecatepetl, Mexico, southeast of Mexico City, attempted to exchange signals with a hovering, dish-shaped object several times, he says.

"It's exciting — but I've never been frightened," the doctor adds.

"None of it has been frightening — except that we're dealing with something that is unknown and powerful."

Such mysteries apparently proved to be too much for one team member, who "freaked out" during an encounter and later resigned from CSETI's research group, Greer says.

Making his case before the public has had its costs, too.

Though the earnest, down-to-earth UFO hunter has appeared on "Larry King Live," BBC Radio,

Japanese TV and a recent National Geographic Special examining the possibility of extraterrestrial life, he and his wife, Emily, a fellow CSETI worker, have endured a great deal of unwanted recognition from other sources.

Some of that attention has taken the form of crank calls from detractors, while others seek to share stories and experiences that Greer finds both ridiculous and depressing.

"Carl Sagan is correct when he says, 'Where we have extraordinary claims, we need extraordinary evidence,'" he says.

"Here, there are no witnesses. No nothing."

Most aggravating of all are the saber-rattling militarists who view any possibility of alien contact with apprehension. Greer compares them to the fear-mongers who saw enemies under every rock during the Cold War.

"Some people have said, 'Oh my

god! Are you crazy? You're going to be eaten for lunch,'" he says.

"That's just nonsense." Cynics, zealots and xenophobes aside, Greer is convinced that his day will come sooner than anyone has expected.

Judging from the recent experiences of CSETI's research teams, he says, living proof may be just around the interplanetary corner.

Until then, the unflappable physician will continue to speak, hoping to prepare the world for what he believes is an inevitable meeting.

He'll stake out the heavens from remote plateaus, using his laser light, his radio beacon, even his mind to beam a message of welcome into the dark.

"They laughed at Edison," he says, "but now we all use light bulbs."

"You have to have your own internal gyroscope."

### DEFINITIONS

"Close encounters of the third kind," a description coined by pioneering UFO hunter J. Allen Hynek, became a household term after the 1977 Steven Spielberg film of the same name. Steven M. Greer, an Asheville, N.C., physician who heads the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, offers these updated definitions of close encounters (CEs) between human and alien life forms:

- CE-1 — Visual sighting of a UFO.
- CE-2 — Discovery of a physical trace of a landing.
- CE-3 — Visual sighting of an extraterrestrial being.
- CE-4 — A "taking" or abduction of a human being by an extraterrestrial.
- CE-5 — Human-initiated contact with an extraterrestrial life form.

Greer's organization, which boasts numerous figures within the scientific community as well as more than 500 trained volunteers across the country, has labored to establish low-level contacts with UFOs for the past five years.

In addition to collecting what its members hope will be the best physical evidence available, the group has launched an extensive education campaign aimed at preparing both civic leaders and the public for formal contact with extraterrestrials. Greer expects this event to happen by the end of the century.

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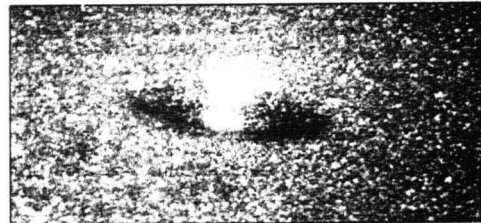


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Above: An arrow points to a UFO seen over Vancouver Island Oct. 8, 1981.

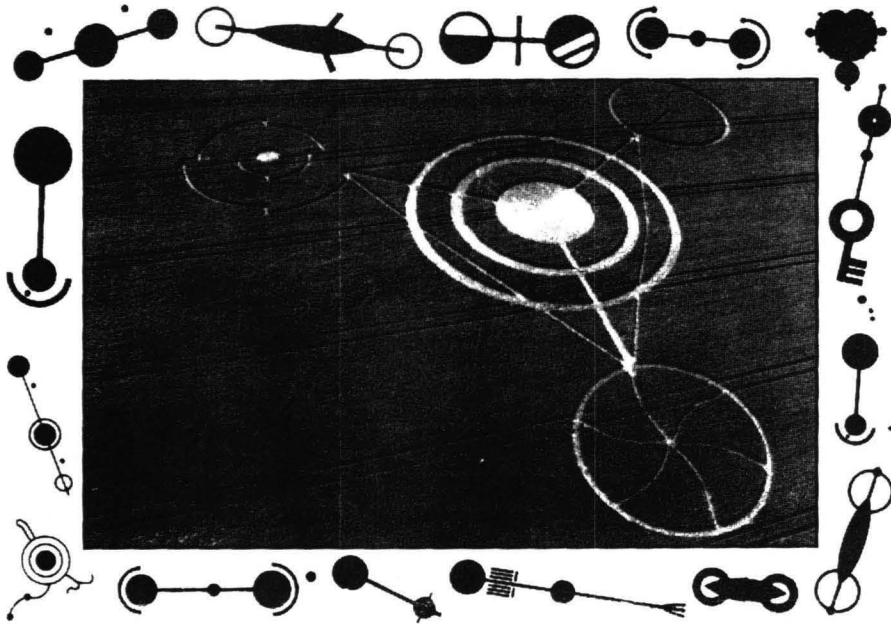
Right: A closeup view of the object.



This unidentified object was spotted in the Pyrenees Mountains, France, in 1972. Courtesy of CSETI



## PA woman studies circle of life



Busty Taylor

After seeing this picture of a crop circle near the Barbary Castle in 1991, ilyes she was so drawn to the image that she went to England to check out the phenomenon herself.

# Mysterious crop circles have drawn PA woman

**Circles:** Former nurse now coordinates national center for study.

By Christina Camara  
Peninsula Daily News

PORT ANGELES — ilyes first read about crop circles in a newspaper story with a tiny photograph of a ring of flattened grain that mysteriously appeared in a farmer's field.

She didn't think much about the

enigma of crop circles then. She didn't even cut out the story. "I sort of filed it in the back of my head."

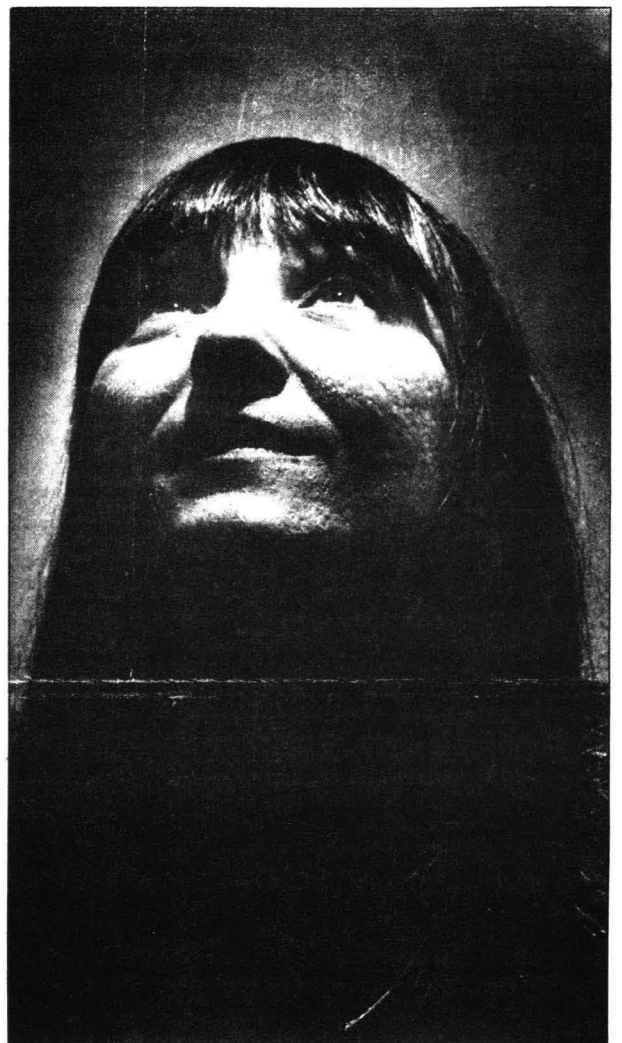
But when she found a picture of an intricate formation that appeared near the Barbary Castle in England in 1991, she felt so drawn to the extraordinary pattern of rings, triangles and spirals that she had to go to England to check out the crop circle phenomenon herself.

"It was my calling card," she said.

Now ilyes, who spells her name

with a lower-case "i" and has no last name, is the national coordinator for the Centre for Crop Circle Studies. She gives talks on her theories about how crop circles are formed, shows crop circle photographs, takes samples of the swirled grain and attends conferences in England every year to share information about the formations appearing each spring and summer.

ilyes believes the symbols arrive mystically and leave gifts behind for those who are receptive.



Tom Thompson

ilyes has a mystic quality about her as she contemplates the gifts crop circles bring as she examines the questions: 'Are we alone here? Are we the only ones?'

"The formations talk directly to us," she said.

Crop formations can be found in the shape of simple geometric circles or a complex web shape. Flattened and swirled grain and other crops make the formations, which are best

seen from above.

ilyes said there are probably no more than 300 crop circle researchers in the world, and each one would have a different theory on how the shapes are formed.

Skeptics say crop circles are formed by nothing more mysterious than a group of people having fun in the fields of England after a night in the pub.

"They couldn't be more wrong," ilyes said.

She believes crop circles are formed by a combination of sound, heat and wind. She said the heat holds the formation in place and warms the joints of the grain to bend the stalks into a 90-degree angle. The wind sweeps around and lays the grain into

a pattern that can be simple or complicated.

It wasn't long after her first visit to England that she became active in the Centre for Crop Circle Studies.

She volunteered to become the Pacific Northwest coordinator in late 1993, and just a few months later she took on the job of disseminating information at the national level.

Trained as an emergency medical technician, ilyes worked in Hawaii before coming to Port Angeles 11 years ago to work as a nurse in a medical clinic.

ilyes is now dedicating all of her time to study crop circles. She makes a living only through donations of those interested in her research.

She is giving a presentation in Sequim Friday night, but it is sold out. A Saturday presentation is set for 7 p.m. at Port Book and News on First Street, Port Angeles.

Although North Olympic Peninsula farm fields have not seen a crop circle formation, ilyes thinks there's great potential in the Sequim area.

Crop formations are found mainly in England but also in Canada, Australia and as close by as Kennewick and Chehalis.

She said a forked dowsing rod, traditionally used to find underground water supplies, responds to the energy in the crop circles. The rod didn't move when she entered a crop circle that was admittedly manmade.

"There is a very definite difference," she said.

ilyes said the gift that crop circles leave is a starting point to examine the question: "Are we alone here? Are we the only ones?" She calls the circle makers angels of sorts, who are using crop circles as a way to bring people together and work cooperatively.

ilyes recalled the first small, snail-shaped crop circle she walked through in England. She drank in the experience, trying to notice every detail in the flattened grain.

She's leaving for England at the end of this month for more exploration.

"It's a passion. I think it's the most important phenomenon in the world."

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LOCAL FAMILY EXPERIENCES SIGHTING NEAR GARCON POINT

By Carole Baker

A local family became amazed and threw skepticism out the window after their experience driving home on Friday, June 16. Driving east on I-10 at 9:50 p.m. just crossing the

Escambia Bay Bridge, their son drew their attention to "fire-works" in the sky ahead.

They could see a large configuration of lights ahead that were amber colored and were individually either round, oval, triangular or rectangular in shape and did not appear to move around in the sky. They formed a loose configuration "like when you throw jacks in a scattered pattern" and appeared to be "very far away."

The witnesses counted twenty-seven clearly visible individual lights. "You could definitely see the shapes of the lights clearly," the father told me. The lights appeared to flicker when they were lit. The witnesses were fascinated by the

way the lights came on. "It was like they started coming on at one point and would progress in a counter-clockwise pattern until they were all lit." Once lit, the lights stayed on for a few seconds then all faded out together. This pattern repeated itself six or seven times. "The whole configuration, when it was lit, would fit inside my fist if I stretched my arm out," the father stated.

"Each individual light was about the size of a Reese's Pieces, though." The configuration while appearing, did not move around in the sky, but the witnesses state that they feel that the individual lights did not come on again in the same position that they were in when they went out. The configuration

appeared at a twenty degree (approx.) elevation to the east-southeast, between I-10 and Garcon Point. "A lot of cars were slowing to watch the lights," the father told me (if you are reading this report and also witnessed this event, please call the hotline number below). The witnesses stated that the lights "just stopped," not appearing again. The sighting lasted over two minutes.

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# Flying saucers?

## Believers

The Scripps Howard News Service-Ohio University national survey on attitudes toward the federal government asked, "Some Americans feel that flying saucers are real and that the federal government is hiding the truth about them from us. Do you think this is very likely, somewhat likely or unlikely?"

Here is a breakdown in the percentage who answered "very likely" or "somewhat likely" by various groups:

Entire Sample	50 percent
Male	52
Female	48
18-24 years old	56
25-34	56
35-44	53
45-54	54
55-64	37
65 or more	34
High school graduate	55
Some college	55
College graduate	48
Postgraduate studies	39
Income below \$10,000	57
\$10,000 to \$25,000	53
\$25,000 to \$40,000	51
\$40,000 to \$60,000	45
Above \$60,000	46
Attended church recently	45
Did not attend church recently	54
Northeast	54
South	49
Midwest	47
West	52
Major urban area	55
Small city	45
Suburb of city	51
Rural area	50
Strong Democrat	48
Leaning Democrat	55
Politically independent	53
Leaning Republican	52
Strong Republican	38
White	48
African American	56
Hispanic	54
All other races	55

This survey was conducted June 12-26 by telephone among 1,006 American adults by Scripps Howard News Service and the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University.

## More than half of us think they're real

By THOMAS HARGROVE and GUIDO H. STEMPER III  
Scripps Howard News Service

Half of America's adults believe flying saucers could be real and that the federal government is covering up what it knows about extra-terrestrial beings.

And, no, they are not kidding. Neither is the General Accounting Office, which at the request of a member of Congress released a report on whether the Air Force has withheld documents about the internationally famous allegation that a UFO crashed in Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

A national survey of 1,006 adults conducted by Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University found that the growing mistrust in government and Hollywood's routine television and film portrayal of space aliens have combined in a remarkable way. Many Americans say it is possible Uncle Sam does not want the world to know that Martians, or Vulcans, or "E.T." may really exist.

"This really is nothing new," said UFO enthusiast Larry W. Bryant, a retired Pentagon spokesman in the Army's Office of Public Affairs.

He said the Gallup Poll for more than 20 years has consistently found that about half of Americans say they believe UFOs are "something real" rather than people's imagination.

"Hollywood's popularizing of mysteries has certainly played a role in raising consciousness about what the government knows about the UFO reality," Bryant said.

The notion that the federal government has clandestine knowledge about alien beings was a central theme in some of the most commercially successful films of all time, including "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "E.T. — the Extra Terrestrial" and "Starman."

It is also a common theme on the popular television series "The X-Files."

Participants in the Scripps Howard-Ohio University survey were told, "Some Americans feel that flying saucers are real and that the federal government is hiding the truth about them from us. Do you think this is very likely, somewhat likely or unlikely?"

Only 43 percent said they believe this is unlikely. Nineteen percent said they believe a UFO cover-up is very likely. 31 percent said somewhat likely and 7 percent were uncertain.

### Age, education are factors

The poll found belief in such a government conspiracy varies considerably according to age. A slight majority of people who grew up in the television era say they believe in it, while an overwhelming majority of their parents' generation do not.

The poll found well-educated people less likely to believe in UFOs than are adults who

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James Cornell,  
Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

have only a high school education. But there are people from every educational and economic group who do believe.

But scientists and professional sky watchers remain skeptical.

"We do have several projects related to the search for extraterrestrial intelligence," said James Cornell, spokesman for the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass.

"But in all our years of searching the skies, we have never picked up any indication of extraterrestrial vehicles."

"And, believe me, any astronomer would love to be able to report that he saw a flying saucer land in his backyard."

Professional pilots, however, are less unified on the question.

"A poll of pilots on this would probably end up the same way as the poll of the general public. About half of them believe in UFOs," said Manton "Fearless" Fain, a 40-year-veteran airline pilot living in Dallas.

"I've never seen a UFO, but I have known pilots who have. They said they've seen lights that were moving too fast or turning too sharp, things like that."

A group called Operation Right to Know is preparing a petition to the United Nations calling for "disclosure of all officially maintained UFO secrets" worldwide.

"All we are really doing is asking journalists and scientists to simply investigate the matter on their own," said Mike Jamieson of Napa, Calif., one of the group's founders. "These events are all too often pegged as something that is not credible."

### Congressman's support enlisted

Members of his group are particularly interested in disclosure of Air Force documents from the alleged New Mexico

crash site.

They won support from Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M., who asked the GAO to make a study of "records management procedures dealing with weather balloon, unknown aircraft and similar crash incidents." (The Air Force for years has maintained the device that fell or crashed at Roswell was a weather balloon.)

Last year, the Pentagon released a report in response to the GAO investigation that said the crash was actually part of a secret intelligence-gathering program called "Project Mogul." That report also reviewed the history of UFO government conspiracy theories.

"My question about the Air Force report is whether it provides a complete accounting of all records dealing with the Roswell incident, regardless of their content," Schiff said.

He bristles at Pentagon hints that he is hunting Martians.

"At no time did I or the GAO state that my intent was to search for UFOs," the congressman said.

This survey was conducted June 12-26 by telephone to all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It was conducted at the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University in a study jointly sponsored by the school and Scripps Howard News Service. The survey has a margin of error of 4 percent at a 95 percent confidence level. That means that 95 times out of 100, a survey of this type will be within 4 percent of the results if every resident of the United States were interviewed.

The error margin is somewhat higher for statistics derived from subgroups within the total survey sample.

Thomas Hargrove is a reporter for Scripps Howard News Service. Guido H. Stempel III is the distinguished professor of journalism at Ohio University.

## Documents on crash destroyed decades ago

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Key military documents on the so-called Roswell Incident, cited by UFO buffs as an alien crash, were apparently destroyed without authorization decades ago, a congressman said Saturday.

Rep. Steve Schiff of New Mexico said a General Accounting Office report shed no new light on the 1947 crash and showed that important documents are missing.

"Documents that should have provided more information were destroyed," Schiff said. "The military cannot explain who destroyed them or why."

Schiff said the GAO estimates the information was destroyed more than 40 years ago.

The Air Force has said that the wreckage was probably a balloon launched as part of a classified government project to detect Soviet nuclear weapons.

The GAO report, released Friday, said that two govern-

ment documents are the only official records remaining of the crash near what was then the Roswell Army Air Force Base.

For nearly half a century, the mysterious crash has fueled speculation about aliens in the New Mexico desert, Cold War secrecy and a government cover-up.

"The debate on what crashed at Roswell continues," the GAO report said.

It said the Roswell base's administrative records from March 1945 through December 1949 and its outgoing messages from October 1946 through December 1949 were destroyed.

Those messages, internal military communications, would have shown how military officials in Roswell explained what happened to their superiors, the Republican congressman said.

"My understanding is that these were permanent records which should not have been destroyed," Schiff said.

Scientists and Pentagon officials have said an experimental aerial surveillance balloon crashed northwest of Roswell in 1947, but UFO buffs have contended that was a cover up for the crash of an alien space ship.

The GAO report includes an FBI teletype and a reference to a "radar tracking device," or weather balloon.

The weather balloon story has since been discredited by the Air Force itself, which last year said the wreckage was probably a balloon launched as part Project Mogul. The project was a highly classified effort to detect Soviet nuclear weapons using balloons that carried radar reflectors and acoustic sensors, the GAO report said.

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"Blue Light Sighted from National Seashore"

By Carole Baker

A young Pensacola resident was enjoying the sun and surf with her husband at Pensacola Beach on the morning of Saturday, May 20. It was a clear morning with bright sunshine and north east winds at eleven miles per hour (National Weather Service, Pensacola).

From the beach just at the eastern entrance of the Gulf Islands National Seashore at the east end of Pensacola Beach, the witness was in the water facing south out over the Gulf of Mexico. She had not noticed any air traffic in the sky within her view. At approximately 10:45 a.m. She saw what she described to me as a "straight blue light" in the sky to the south. It was pretty high up the wit-

ness stated (estimated at about thirty degrees from the horizon) and she thought that it was about three hundred feet out from her. The "light" which she described as being "blue metallic" in color and a thin flat shape was about an inch long at arm's length. As she watched, it traveled from west to east at an inclining angle for a distance equivalent to the span of three hands. This took about five seconds. There was no noise associated with this traverse. While still watching the "light" which she called to her husband "Hey! What's that?!" But by the time he responded the object had "just disappeared" as she watched it.

This sighting is similar to others that have been reported in our area recently and is being investigated by the Pensacola/Gulf Breeze MUFON Research Team.

It seems that sightings are continuing here in our area with some regularity and we thank all those who come forward to report what they have seen and would like to encourage anyone who sees anything unusual in our skies to call the MUFON Hotline at 438-3261. Keep Looking Up!



# Schiff Probing 'Alien Autopsy'

## Film Allegedly Of Roswell Crash

By LESLIE LINTHICUM  
Journal Staff Writer

It is either the scoop of the century or a very gruesome hoax.

After watching a grainy 15-minute film purporting to show the autopsy of a space alien captured in the "Roswell Incident" in 1947, U.S. Rep. Steve Schiff is unsure.

The New Mexico Republican isn't endorsing the footage, reportedly taken by a U.S. Army photographer on the Roswell Army Air Field in 1947. But he isn't dismissing it as bunk, either.

"There is one thing for sure," Schiff said Tuesday from Washington. "If this is a hoax, it was certainly elaborately done. It looked real to me."

If the footage is verifiable, it would be the first hard evidence that it was a UFO, not an Air Force experiment gone awry as the government contends, that crashed on the range between Corona and Roswell during a thunderstorm in 1947. If the film is a gory hoax, as some UFOlogists say, it would be another blow to the credibility of researchers who believe aliens landed on the Lincoln County plains.

Schiff, who has become Congress' point man on extraterrestrials — "You've got to be known for something," he says, "but I'd rather it be the crime bill" — was contacted last month by one of the partners who



Schiff: Congress' point man on UFOs

owns the film and invited to a private showing.

They popped a videotaped copy of the 16-millimeter film into the VCR in Schiff's office and showed a 15-minute segment.

Lying on a table was a short, stocky figure that appeared to be a female, Schiff said. It was bow-legged and had a distended abdomen, swollen legs and a large head. The figure had six digits on its hands and feet and large eyes covered by black membranes, according to others who have seen the film. Schiff said he did not remember those features.

"It appeared hairless," Schiff said. "And (the footage) was in black and white, but it appeared to be light gray or green in color. It had two arms and two legs. It was humanoid, as they say in the science fiction movies."

The cutting was done with surgical instruments by two people cloaked in protective covering, Schiff said. Schiff, a former Bernalillo County district attorney who has witnessed autopsies, said the cutting, from throat to groin, appeared legitimate although not as deep as he has seen in pathology labs.

The cloaked people removed several organs, which were not identifiable as human, Schiff said.

"I am, in general, skeptical of these things," Schiff said. "This could well be a hoax, but if it was a hoax it was put together with a great deal of thought. It wasn't a couple of people at a party saying why don't we fake an autopsy of aliens."

According to an article in the MUFON UFO Journal last month, Ray Santilli, owner of a London-based film production company, claims to have bought the film — 15 canisters totaling 150 minutes — from an Army photographer who was assigned to film the crash site and the autopsy. The man, now in his 80s, claims to have stolen the film.

The film's owner and a television producer who plans to use footage from the film in a documentary set to air in London next month, sought Schiff's counsel for help in verifying the film's authenticity, Schiff said. They told him they had confirmed the film stock dates from the 1940s but had been unable to verify whether the images were decades old or new.

Schiff said he is looking into government technology that might accomplish that.

"I would like to think that this film

could be authenticated or debunked based on our technology," he said.

Debate over the authenticity of the footage has raged in UFO publications and in UFO newsgroups on the Internet. "Roswell Incident" researcher Kent Jeffrey, who wrote the MUFON article, says the film is obviously faked, with the autopsy being performed on a doctored human corpse.

Schiff said the subject didn't appear to be a mutilated corpse, although he acknowledged it could have been constructed of "various objects" that resembled tissue on film.

Schiff, who sits on the Science, Space and Technology Committee and is a member of the congressional space caucus, entered the UFO fray two years ago. After hearing from frustrated constituents who wanted answers from the Pentagon about the "Roswell Incident," Schiff asked the Air Force to declassify and provide him with all its relevant material. When the Pentagon referred the congressman to the National Archives instead, Schiff smelled a cover-up and called in the General Accounting Office to look for documents and investigate whether the Air Force kept adequate records relating to the incident.

Almost immediately, the Air Force issued a short report claiming the debris was part of Project Mogul, an experiment that used airborne balloons and sensors to detect future Soviet nuclear blasts by monitoring sound waves in the atmosphere.

Schiff said he expects the GAO report, which is overdue, to be released soon.

Meanwhile, the Fox television network has purchased the American rights to the purported autopsy reels and is bringing them to Roswell next week for a private viewing.

Walter Haut, the public relations man who wrote the original "flying disks" news release for the 509th Bomb Group and now heads the UFO Museum in downtown Roswell, will watch the film in a viewing room at the museum on Monday, he said.

Haut says he's open to viewing anything, although he doubts he can make any definitive conclusions.

"I don't endorse anything," Haut said. And, he says, that in years of viewing purported footage of alien spacecraft and aliens, "I haven't seen any film that is not challengeable."

HERALD, Mt. Shasta, CA - July 26, 1995 CR: B. Gaede

## 'Ship Clouds'

Dear Editor:

For years I have heard people refer to the clouds that appear over and around Mt. Shasta as Lenticular clouds. They may look similar to lenticulars but they are not the same.

As a commercial pilot and ex-flight instructor, I was required to study and teach meteorology, with a major focus on cloud formations. Each particular cloud formation is formed by a specific air flow. This is important to a pilot in order to avoid turbulence and dangerous down-drafts.

The airflow that forms lenticular clouds is one that flows over mountain ranges or ridges, not mountain peaks such as Mt. Shasta. As moisture laden air flows up the windward slope of a mountain range, the air becomes saturated with moisture due to the change in atmospheric pressure and temperature. As it flows over the mountain ridge, it follows the leeward slope downward forming a cloud that looks much like a lens, a lenticular cloud.

With a mountain peak like Mt. Shasta, the air flows over and around the peak making it quite rare to form a lenticular cloud. Also lenticular clouds only form over the leeward slope.

The clouds over Mt. Shasta that people refer to as lenticular have been witnessed over the peak, on the windward side as well as everywhere else around the mountain. They are not lenticular clouds.

There are extraterrestrial ships in other dimensions that cause these clouds to be formed when they are doing inter dimensional work. They are what many call "Ship Clouds". Even if you don't believe in other dimensions or ET's, it doesn't change the fact that the clouds over Mt. Shasta are Not lenticular clouds.

For those who may be wondering why ET's would want to hang out over Mt. Shasta, it is because this mountain is the highest source of spiritual light on the planet. They are doing work to assist this planet and us. They represent the Gods of the light, Jesus included. The next time you see the clouds, you may want to say hello to the Ascended Masters in the ships, they may answer you.

In love and service to God,  
PREM RAJA BABA  
Mount Shasta

REPUBLIC, Fairfield, CA - June 13, 1995

# UFO buffs: Watch for more local sightings

By Rowena Lugtu-Shaddox  
of the Daily Republic

FAIRFIELD — Orange streaking lights and strange circular objects hovering over Fairfield have UFO buffs predicting an active summer for sightings in Solano County.

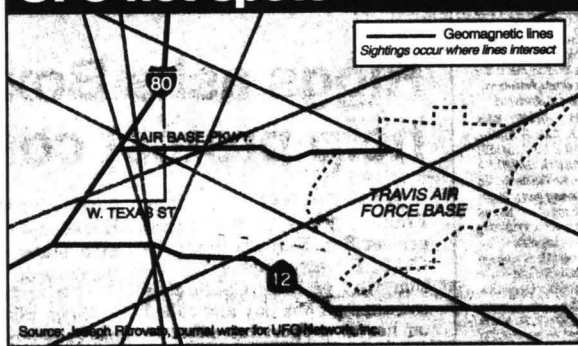
Since September, numerous people in Fairfield have reported sightings to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seat-

tle, the center's director, Peter B. Davenport, said Monday.

"We've had a lot of calls from the Fairfield area," he said. "They've reported an orange point of light and streaking in the valley. Something is clearly taking place."

Between Friday and Monday, the center was "swamped" with calls from California and surrounding states. Callers

## UFO hot spots



Source: Joseph Ritrovato, journal writer for UFO Network Inc.  
Daily Republic/KIM DURBIN

included people from the San Francisco Bay Area who reported hovering and streaking lights.

Carolyn, a Fairfield woman who didn't want her last name used, saw something Sunday.

She and her husband were driving on Interstate 680 at about 9:45 p.m. when they saw a bright light in the sky.

"I was scared, but my husband tried to think of more logical stuff," she said. "We were near Red Top when we saw this perfect round circle, like a sun. There were big clouds of purple and blue around it. The source rose up and there were three spurts of flashes."

"It was extremely intense," said Carolyn's husband, 37. He didn't want his name used. "It was extremely bright."

"I'm not at all surprised that they saw something," Davenport said. Since midnight on Friday, Davenport has received several calls from Northern California reporting strange hovering and streaking lights, he said.

Solano County is prime for unidentified flying object activity this summer, according to Steve Moreno, field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, an international organization. UFO watchers should be alert this week when many sightings are expected, he said.

Joseph Ritrovato, a journal writer for Mutual UFO Network, correlated time cycles with existing data in past sightings and created grids on maps that show where presumed sightings have occurred in Fairfield.

The grids reveal potential "ley mines" showing high concentration in the Fairfield area base on past California sightings.

"Regarding geomagnetic lines that pass through an area, all lines intersect in the Fairfield area," Moreno said.

The intersecting lines mean the Fairfield/Suisun area is "hot" for UFO sightings, Moreno said in a reference letter.

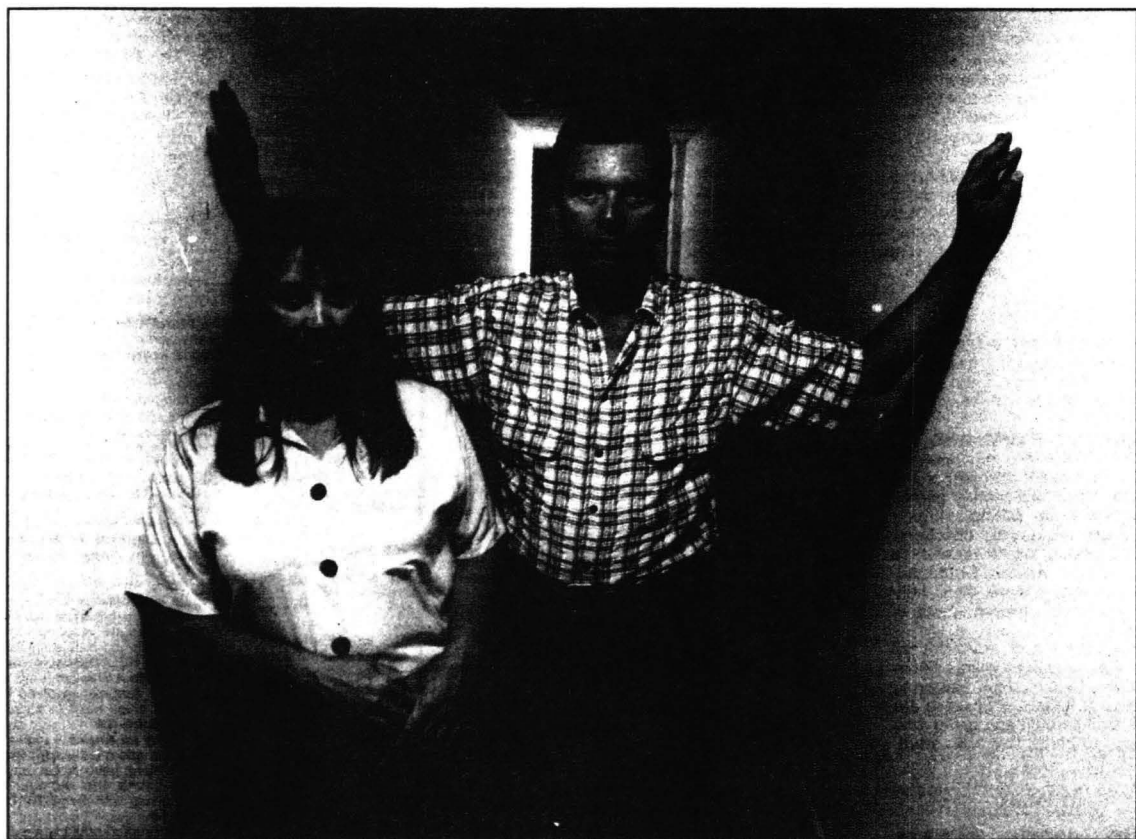
Moreno, 38, of Suisun City, said he has spent

years researching incidents, logging thousands of hours of computer time poring through declassified files and chatting with professional parapsychologists and fellow UFO buffs.

He has seen what he believes are UFOs in Solano County over the past 13 years, starting with an incident near the south gate of Travis Air Force Base in 1982, he said.

He investigated a number of sightings reported in January that Travis AFB officials claimed were a blimp.

To report sightings, call Moreno at 425-4382, or the National UFO Reporting Center's 24-hour hotline at (206) 722-3000.



Paula Fasbender claims to have contact with three extraterrestrials, while her companion George Wolkind says he saw UFOs around a mother ship.

# ALIENATED ON THE FRINGE

By GARY SOULSMAN  
Staff reporter

It is no surprise that Delawareans are cautious about telling friends they've had contact with space aliens and UFOs. How much credence would you give someone who said they'd been aboard an alien craft, had their semen harvested or watched a flying saucer as large as a football field hovering over the car at night?

Not much, you say?

Maybe you understand why a half-dozen people in New Castle County formed an E.T. Contact Support Group two years ago to share the frightening experiences that others might only pooh-pooh. Now as many as 60 people come to the group's monthly meetings the third Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. The meetings are at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark, 420 Willa Road.

What's curious is that members go beyond the emotional support that comes with most self-help groups. The E.T. Contact Support Group has become a spiritual haven and a doorway into dimensions closer to the Twilight Zone than everyday reality.

Even among those who believe in UFOs, some channels of inquiry seem too spacey.

Support group members say their experiences speak of God, the sacredness of all life and the need to heal the Earth. The alien message is that earthlings are screwing up the planet. It's a message, group members believe, God wants everyone to hear.

"Most of us have found that neither religion nor science have supported what we're dealing with," says Paula Fasbender of Wilmington. "So we support our own personal truth. That's led us to find a common spiritual thread in our experiences."

It has also led to controversy. At the monthly meetings, Fasbender, 45, goes into a trance and channels a collection of three extraterrestrials who call them-

selves the Ring of Timerius. Fasbender says the name is strange to her and she can't explain it.

She also does not insist on calling the entity an E.T. "You can say it's the higher self, group soul or psychic energy," says Fasbender, who works as a psychic in her everyday life. "I don't care so much about the label because it's an energy that's been loving, accurate and supportive."

The channeled alien, which is supposedly in another dimension, is offering information about the hidden visitors among us. But aside from personal advice the channeled alien offers — and he can speak to your assets and flaws — the UFO data is seldom verifiable.

And that's the rub for people, who believe in UFOs but insist on sticking to observable facts. Of course, everything about UFOs is far-out to skeptics. But within the accepting UFO community the E.T. Contact Support Group sometimes looks like it has gone over the edge.

"I would call them an extreme group in what they think and feel," says Hugh Horning, former president of the Mutual

foreign to the MUFON board — not a legitimate area of inquiry.

As head of MUFON, Andrus says, he can accept that aliens and their craft exist. (MUFON has recorded more than 10,000 sightings.) Andrus can also accept that abductions exist. On many days, MUFON has more reports of abductions on its hot line than craft sightings.

But why aliens, like the "greys" or "reptoids," would abduct people at night and harvest their eggs and sperm is a matter of speculation, Andrus says. He believes the aliens are creating alien-human hybrids to sustain their own species.

Harvard psychiatrist John Mack is one of those who has given credence to the abduction thesis. He's hypnotized 80 abductees and has been impressed by the seriousness of their trauma, finding evidence in their stories of "an intelligence reaching out to us in some way. The hybrid program may have something to do with the state of the Earth at this time."

Mack's abductees also tend to agree the message from the aliens is that our planet is headed for ecological disaster unless we change our ways.

"Obviously this is heavy stuff," Andrus says. "It raises important religious questions people must come to terms with."

"But new agers want to take it a step further into channeling. That makes the ET experience into a kind of religion where the channeled information is always different, except for the message that God is love. This information cannot be checked and has no part in a scientific study."

Andrus does believe abductees are traumatized by their experience. That's why MUFON has its own abduction support groups for people coming to terms with fear and a sense of social isolation.

George Wolkind, a Wilmington contactee, says he never found that support at the Delaware chapter of MUFON. On the contrary, he felt humiliated when he tried to share his experiences. Other members of the E.T. Contact Support Group agree that personal stories were criticized rather than accepted by at meetings of the Delaware chapter of MUFON. That's why they formed their own group in May 1993.

"Most of us have had some kind of experience that changed our lives," says Wolkind. "We needed to share it. Seeing something like this shakes you up and makes you start asking questions: What am I doing here? What do I need to be doing?"

"It starts you on a spiritual journey. We're not a flying saucer club. We're a doorway into the fourth dimension."

The 50-year-old Marxist-Leninist painting contractor says he's spent much of life being a macho jerk. He describes himself as a former drinker and smoker who once discredited the spiritual world.

Then he visited Clarks Summit, Pa., in the winter of 1992 during three weeks of intense UFO activity. Wolkind says he got within 150 feet of one craft and witnessed several UFOs hovering around a mother ship.

"I know how your belly can turn to jelly," he wrote after the experience. "It's awesome, scary, wonderful and frightening all at the same time."

He came home and heard a buzzing in his head. He thought he also saw aliens in his home. That's why he consulted Fasbender, whom he knew to be a psychic. Later she became his housemate and partner.

Wolkind asked her to use her psychic abilities so he could talk to the aliens. Though reluctant at first, Fasbender agreed. And while channeling, she told Wolkind the aliens implanted a tracking device in his body.

But all in all the UFO contact has been a positive experience that caused him to reach out to others and made the spiritual world more real.

Wolkind now believes most space aliens are here to help and may even be family to those they visit. "Somehow they've entered into our reincarnation cycle," he says. "When you die maybe you become an E.T."



DONALD WARE

"We have a spirit of consciousness that transcends our physical bodies. The beings on alien vehicles also have spirits, unless some are androids. So, in the spirit world we are also connected to the aliens."

— DONALD WARE

## IF YOU GO

**What:** "UFO's Are Here," talk by retired Air Force Col. Don Ware  
**When:** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today  
**Where:** Claymont Fire Hall, 3223 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont  
**Information:** 764-8446  
**Admission:** \$10 advance and \$15 at the door

UFO Network's Delaware chapter.

In part, Fasbender agrees. "What we're doing makes us a gathering of outlaws," she says. "When you're ahead of your time you're not accepted. Science will catch up with us."

The local rift mirrors a national debate on the practices that are acceptable for studying the bizarre phenomenon of UFOs. It's a debate the E.T. Contact Support Group is acknowledging in its first seminar today at the Claymont Fire Hall.

The speaker is retired Air Force Col. Donald Ware, a fighter pilot and nuclear engineer from Fort Walton Beach, Fla. He's been fascinated by UFOs since a 1952 personal sighting. And for decades, Ware was a big deal in MUFON, the world's largest UFO research organization with 5,300 members and chapters in every state, though the Delaware chapter has been inactive for several months.

At one time, Ware was on MUFON's board of directors. He also headed MUFON's investigation of the hundreds of sightings in Gulf

Breeze, Fla. But three years ago Ware was asked to step down from the board.

"He became an embarrassment," says Walter H. Andrus Jr., international director of MUFON. Ware made the mistake of telling people that the "normal means of communication among more evolved intelligence is telepathy." In doing so, he was going beyond accepted investigation standards which are part of MUFON's mandate.

He also disseminated information from UFO channelers. And

he admitted he was looking into automatic writing, Ouija boards and out-of-body experiences.

"We have a spirit of consciousness that transcends our physical bodies," he wrote in a recent issue of International UFO Magazine. "I think we are all connected in some way to a universal consciousness. The beings on alien vehicles also have spirits, unless some are androids. So in the spirit world we are also connected to the aliens."

For Ware, this was a natural evolution in thinking. But it was



# Harvard Clears Best-Selling UFO Author

By Christopher B. Daly  
Special to The Washington Post

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Aug. 3—After more than a year of closed-door hearings, Harvard officials disclosed today they will not discipline psychiatrist John Mack, who has gained notoriety for taking seriously people who say they have been abducted by space aliens.

Instead, the dean of the Harvard Medical School, Daniel Tosteson, met with Mack and reminded him of the standards expected of a Harvard professor. At the same time, however, the dean reaffirmed Mack's right to study whatever he wishes.

The outcome was a relief to Mack, his lawyer said, but it hardly made up for the stress, lost time and \$100,000 in legal expenses the psychiatrist incurred in defending his right to investigate controversial subjects—which, in the case of Mack's latest book, include UFOs, little gray aliens and reports of insemination of humans by space creatures.

The question of academic freedom raised by the Mack case made the dean's investigation a hotly debated issue, on the Harvard campus and beyond. Ironically, the affair provided additional publicity for Mack, who made the talk-show circuit last year to discuss his book "Abduction," which is about alien encounters with humans.

In an unsigned statement, the medical school announced that its review by a three-member panel had been completed. It said Tosteson had met with Mack and "urged Dr. Mack . . . not, in any way, to violate the high standards for the conduct of clinical practice and clinical investigation that have been the hallmarks of this faculty." The dean also "reaffirmed Dr. Mack's academic freedom" and noted he remains a "member in good standing" of the faculty. "No further comment will be made," the statement concluded. Mack and his supporters said they welcomed the outcome.

"This proceeding never should have taken place," said Eric MacLeish, the attorney for Mack, who is vacationing. "It has been an extraordinary experience for someone who has done nothing wrong." The lawyer emphasized the issue was never medical malpractice. In fact, MacLeish said, Mack presented the Harvard committee with witnesses and affidavits testifying to his clinical success in treating patients who claim they were abducted by aliens.

Until last year, Mack was a respected senior psychiatrist with a number of impressive accomplishments who was known for his enthusiasm for such unorthodox movements as Erhard Seminar Training (est), a motivational therapy popular in the 1970s.

Author of a Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of T.E. Lawrence (popularly known as Lawrence of Arabia), Mack was also the founder of the psychiatry department at Cambridge Hospital. In the early 1990s, he became interested in alien abduction. Soon, dozens of alleged victims were flocking to him for treatment. Mack wrote that he gradually became convinced they were not mentally ill and had symptoms similar to those of trauma victims. Eventually, he published his findings in a book that became a bestseller.

At some points in the book, Mack is careful to hedge. He wrote, for example, "We do not know if any of [these] phenomena exist literally on the purely material plane of reality." But at other points, Mack seemed to accept existence of aliens.

The medical school's investigation of Mack's research was initiated in May 1994 by Tosteson, who has refused to speak with reporters about the matter. He never indicated what possible penalties Mack faced.

# GAO says UFO info 'wrong'

SANTA FE — National columnist Jack Anderson says General Accounting Office investigators have determined that information given by the Air Force to U.S. Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M., about the Roswell Incident was "very wrong"



Jay Miller  
Inside the Capitol

but they may not call it that way.

Schiff says he understands the GAO report will be released later this month, but he doesn't want to speculate about what it will say.

A possible UFO coverup is a very unusual probe for an accounting office to undertake, Schiff says, but it seemed like the best approach at the time. He says he told the GAO he realized such an investigation would not be a priority so he didn't give it any time limit for completing the task.

So what happens if Ander-

son is correct that the GAO won't go public with its suspicion that the Air Force tried to lead everyone astray about what happened at Roswell in early July 1947? Schiff doesn't seem anxious to continue being known as the only member of Congress willing to look into a possible UFO coverup. He is now chairman of the Basic Research Subcommittee of the House Science Committee and doesn't want to jeopardize his credibility in that position, which is so important to New Mexico's national laboratories.

Since he requested the GAO investigation, Schiff says several members of Congress have told him they also have requested information from the Air Force on the Roswell Incident. They all were referred to the National Archives, as was Schiff, only to learn that no one has ever sent anything on UFOs to the archives.

None of those congressmen took their inquiries any farther at the time, but Schiff hopes they will come forward once the GAO report is released. One of those members of Congress sits on the House Intelligence Committee and has indicated he may be willing to ask for hearings on the matter.

Schiff says the GAO probe

has caught the interest of the media more than other initiatives to which he has directed more energy. Besides network TV stations he has been interviewed by British television and recently turned down a request by French TV to fly him to Paris for an interview.

No one from the Pentagon has asked Schiff to back off his inquiry into why the Air Force has no record of something that was rather remarkable at the time. And the Air Force isn't beyond applying pressure to head off scrutiny.

Immediately after two U.S. helicopters were shot down by friendly fire near the Iraqi border, Schiff says he called for congressional hearings into how so many safety procedures could break down.

He said he had a visit from Pentagon officials, who expressed complete agreement that the massive failure was shocking and that it would be fully investigated — making congressional hearings unnecessary.

Schiff withdrew his request but assured the military officials he would be watching the situation closely since he had flown in an AWACS surveillance plane in that same area during his National Guard ser-

vice and was aware of all the safety procedures.

When the Air Force ended up deciding the entire tragedy could be blamed on a captain in charge of radar monitoring, he knew the Pentagon had not fulfilled its promise of a full investigation in order to head off congressional scrutiny.

"It's impossible for one captain to cause that much of a breakdown in safety procedures," Schiff says. "He just doesn't have that kind of authority."

So Schiff has renewed his call for congressional hearings by the Government Reform and Oversight Committee's subcommittee on National Security, on which he serves. Schiff has asked that the hearings begin as soon as the captain's court martial trial has ended.

We'll soon know whether Anderson's speculation about the GAO report on the Air Force's handling of the Roswell Incident is accurate.

The GAO is intended to be a government watchdog. A clean bill of health, as Anderson says the Air Force is predicting, will make conspiracy theorists even angrier.

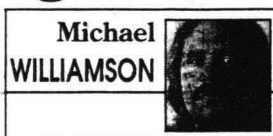
# UFO sightings abound in '60s

The 1960s proved to be as volatile as they were memorable, a decade of social transformation and unrest. Birth of the "Pop" culture coincided with racial strife and political rebellion by a middle American youth who refused to accept the values of a bygone generation. But, within that period of turmoil came some of the most extraordinary UFO sightings as well as waves of reports concentrated in specific regions called "Raps."

The year 1960 sees the inauguration of popular young President John F. Kennedy; however, the public is unaware of unseen developments in our refuted experience with extraterrestrial interaction in human affairs. Jubilation over the first successful missile tracking television is short-lived when the film footage reveals an elliptical object pacing the Atlas rocket that would send many Mercury program astronauts aloft. Some witnesses in the control room at the time claimed that a ray was emitted by the UFO striking the booster rocket shortly before it veered off course. Air Force officers quickly confiscated the film and warned all NASA personnel involved not to talk about the incident.

The year 1961 unveils the abduction experience of Betty and Barney Hill. Pease Air Force Base admits that a UFO is tracked at the time of their alleged kidnapping by aliens, and hypnotherapist Benjamin Simon verifies the reality of their ordeal as the two undergo extensive regression to the time of their alleged encounter with the strange beings. Betty draws a star map of an as yet undiscovered constellation, the location of which is revealed to her by her alien captors. Astronomers will later confirm the existence of the previously uncharted Zeta Reticuli system.

In this same year U.S. Rep. Joseph Karth of Minnesota directs a congressional subcommittee hearing on UFO secrecy, which is opposed by the Air Force. His appointee to head the public hearings is U.S. Rep. Brooks of the Science and Aeronautics Committee. However, Brooks will



never live to fulfill his obligations. Like so many who have fallen into the abyss of the UFO's tragic legacy, the Congressman is taken ill and dies prior to the proceedings.

The year 1962 sees a major triumph for NASA as astronaut John Glen is the first American to orbit the earth, and Telstar, the first telecommunications satellite, is successfully launched. But, the mysterious element of the UFO continues to haunt human affairs. Two prominent Air Force officers come forward and publicly add fuel to the question of UFO reality.

Maj. C.R. Hart admits that large numbers of intelligence personnel, scientists and government contractors are involved in UFO research. Maj. Edwin A. Jerome speaks out against government secrecy and strongly suggests a campaign to educate the public about UFOs. An X-15 test pilot, Joseph Walker, reports seeing UFOs during his high altitude flights into the upper atmosphere and space.

Camba Punta Airport in Argentina is approached by an unidentified aerial object, and Luis Harvey orders the runways cleared for a possible meeting with aliens, but as the round craft begins to land, excited witnesses race toward it. The vehicle from the unknown soars away perhaps frightened away by the gathering crowd. Ezeiza International Airport in Buenos Aires is the scene of a UFO landing causing a DC-8 to abort its landing to avoid colliding with it, but the craft from a realm beyond lifts off, disappearing into the sky. Abductions of both farm animals and people alike flourish all over South America in the year of 1962.

The year 1964 is the year of the Gemini space program, and yet another close encounter. New Mexican patrolman Lonnie Zamora sees a hovering silverish craft as he

conducts a high speed chase. Compelled to approach, he sees two white suited figures standing outside the bizarre vehicle. They quickly retreat into the vessel once they realize the officer has been watching. Zamora is frightened by the deafening roar of the space ship as it becomes airborne. Studies by the Air Force, NASA and the CIA reveal a definite landing by an unknown object.

The year 1965 is a year of shocking revelations as massive power outages in major cities in the United States are linked to UFOs. From New York to El Paso thousands of residents are left in darkness, and hundreds are stranded in subways and elevators. Authorities cannot account for the sudden and inexplicable power grid failures, while several witnesses report luminous objects chased by Air Force interceptors just before the blackouts.

In Exeter, N.H., huge globes of orange light are seen by police officers and citizens alike, kicking off a wave of reports in the area and several books documenting the sightings. Rancher James Flynn of Fort Myers, Fla., is struck by a ray from a UFO and knocked unconscious, but Homestead Air Base denies ever interviewing the man after sending intelligence officers to the scene. Texas newscaster Robert Campbell photographs a UFO and the Christian Monitor calls the picture the most convincing evidence yet of the phenomena.

Under pressure by the Air Force to derail public outcry over a wave of UFO sightings, Dr. J. Allen Hynek concocts one of the most famous — if not the most preposterous — of explanations, blaming "marsh gas" for a large number of the UFO sightings.

The 1960s demonstrated a concerted effort at contact with the human race by someone from an origin we can only speculate about, but whose overtures we would be foolish to ignore.

Michael Williamson lives in Plano, where he operates his own business. He can be contacted at P.O. Box 940143, Plano, Texas 75094.

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# UFOs unite couple

EXtraterrestrial  
encounters not  
alien to authors

By Nan Tucker

Lifestyles writer

Most married couples are brought together by a common thread, a common bond.

For authors Leah Haley and Marc Davenport, the bond is a common interest — UFOs.

Since moving to Murfreesboro earlier this year, Leah and Marc have started a UFO interest group, hoping to meet other people interested in the subject.

They have moved their business, Greenleaf Publications, here. They chose Murfreesboro as their home because of its proximity to a major airport, they explain. They often travel across the country speaking about extraterrestrial phenomena.

Leah and Marc met for the first time in 1991 in Eureka Springs, Ark., where she was telling a conference audience about her abduction by aliens. She has written a book on the experience, "Lost Was the Key."

Although Leah and Marc had never met before that day, both had formulated the same theories on the subject of extraterrestrial travels.

And he was in the audience that day listening to her story.

Something in Leah's speech sparked his interest.

Elated that he had found someone with the same theory on the subject of alien travel, Marc called out to Leah from the crowd.

"I liked your book," he recalls shouting from the sea of people. "I think you ought to read mine."

Their first brief meeting was not to be their last.

A few months later at another UFO conference, they met again.

Perhaps fate, or some other force, had purposely brought them together again — their book signing tables were side by side. However, they were unable to talk much with each other at the symposium because both were busy autograph-

ing books.

At first, Leah was uninterested in Marc because she thought he was merely pushing the sale of his book on her, she says. Little did she know that her own theory and experience, along with Marc's own beliefs, would bring the two closer together.

Leah and Marc both believe that alien spacecraft are able to "warp time," traveling faster than the speed of light to reach earth.

"Space and time are interdependent. They come together to form a four-dimensional continuum called 'space time,'" Marc explains.

Leah believes aliens warped time to abduct her back in the '70s.

In 1990, she says she began having flashbacks and nightmares about the abduction.

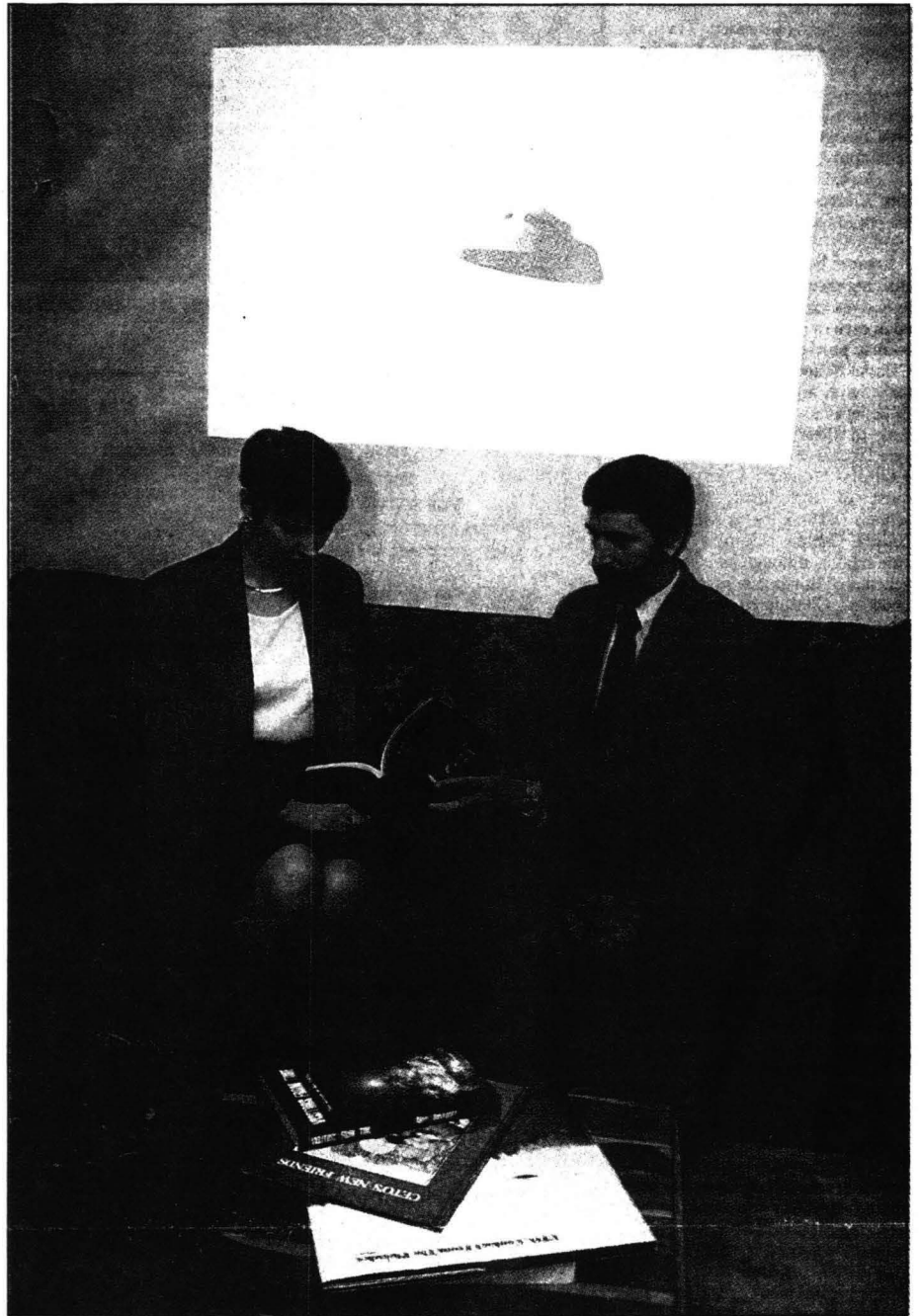
Leah recalls being taken into a spacecraft where medical experiments were performed on her, but she doesn't remember all the details.

She does remember that her abductors looked much like the aliens portrayed in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" — pale skin, oversized heads, large eyes and skinny bodies. Their enormous eyes were the most vivid physical characteristic she remembers about the aliens.

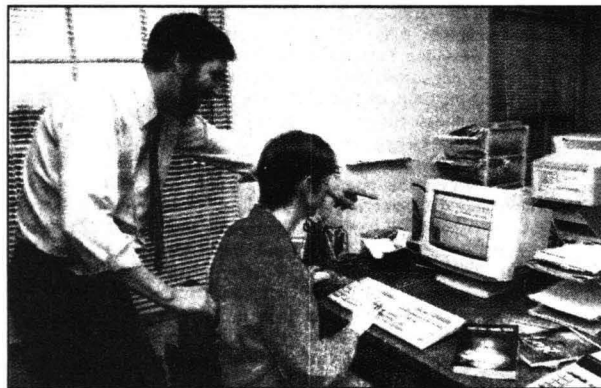
For many years, she pushed the trauma out of her mind, subconsciously passing it off as a dream, she says. But this caused mental anguish, and she eventually sought the help of a psychologist to determine the source of her troubles.

"I thought I was going crazy," Leah remembers. "But the psychologists diagnosed me with post-traumatic stress disorder — a disorder that occurs from a very real traumatic experience, not fake."

Soon after the diagnosis, Leah began to openly talk of her belief that she had been abducted by aliens. Her first husband did not



PROJECTED BEHIND LEAH HALEY AND MARC DAVENPORT IS A SLIDE OF A UFO



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AUTHORS AND MARRIED COUPLE LEAH HALEY AND MARC DAVENPORT ALSO OWN GREENLEAF PUBLICATIONS

share in her openness, she says, and soon, their relationship ended.

"I think my (first) husband thought that once I had written my book, I would quit talking about the subject," recalls Leah. "He was afraid people would judge him and the rest of the family unfavorably because of what I was talking about."

Leah, a certified public accountant, lost her job, her family and her marriage.

Marc, an engineer, also lost his job and first marriage for speaking out about his own beliefs and encounters with UFOs, he says. Although Marc says he has no memory of being abducted by aliens, he does recall seeing a UFO when he was a child.

Despite the costs to their personal and professional lives, the two continued to speak at conferences.

And eventually, Leah and Marc's paths became intertwined.

They explain that their alien encounters compelled them to write books on the subject...and to continue to inform people about extraterrestrial phenomena. They also are adamant in their belief that the government is covering up facts about UFO encounters.

"Our government has been covering this up since 1946," Marc says, explaining that he believes it was in that year that a UFO crashed in the New Mexico desert and the remains of the craft were recovered by the Army, which kept the incident quiet to the public. "What they found out was that the craft was far more advanced than anything we had. Our government realized that this craft had tremendous capability and didn't want other countries to be able to duplicate this kind of technology before us," he says.

Marc also explains that in other countries, extraterrestrial phenomena are not hushed by the government. In Mexico City, the newspapers have a designated space on their front page highlighting the number of UFO sightings for the day, he points out, adding that Mexico City is a prime location for such sightings.

In their home, the couple has

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stacks of books, slides, videotapes and pictures documenting UFO sightings and other unexplainable phenomena. Both authors have copies of their books spread across the coffee table. They explain that at each conference they go to, they purchase more videotapes concerning UFOs and related phenomena.

Leah and Marc believe that alien encounters have occurred for thousands of years and even point to the Bible as evidence.

Marc lifts the Bible from the coffee table and turns to the first chapter of Ezekiel and begins to read. The passage describes a craft that emerges from the sky, "a whirlwind from the north...and out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures..." Marc interprets this whole passage as a description of an alien encounter.

"The Bible is full of these kinds of occurrences," he says.

But skeptics will be skeptical, and there are those people who sometimes do stretch the truth about UFO sightings or alien abductions.

However, Leah and Marc claim they know how to discern between truth and fiction.

"I know if they're telling the truth because I can see the pain in their eyes," says Leah of people who have been abducted by aliens.

Marc has devised a 21-question screening process in his book, "Visitors From Time: The Secret of the UFOs."

"We think people should be educated about aliens," says Leah. "We think they are coming to warn us that we are destroying the earth. The earth is a part of a system...whatever we do will have an affect on the entire planetary system."

Their UFO interest group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Shoney's Restaurant on Broad Street. There is no cost to attend the meetings, which are a forum for discussion [and learning about extraterrestrial encounters.

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - July 5, 1995

## UFO

### Second Sighting Reported on June 7th

By Carole Baker

A second sighting was reported on the MUFON Hotline on June 7th. A Gulf Breeze resident gave the following description of what he saw.

Ben and his friends were enjoying a quiet evening at home when their dog began barking excitedly outside. Ben went to investigate. As he turned to go back inside he noticed a bright orange light through the trees to the east. Going back into the yard to get a better view, he saw that there were two lights, very close together. He called to his friends and got his camcorder. Ben was disturbed when it would not record, even when plugged direct-

ly into a wall socket. As they watched, the two lights separated, one to the north and one over the Sound. Keeping the lights in sight, they decided to drive and see if they could get a closer look. Driving east on Hwy 98 they watched as each light split into three lights, forming two triangular configurations. They parked near the ZOO and saw that others had parked there to watch the lights also. The triangular configurations were steady in the sky and pulsing on and off in ten to fifteen second cycles. Ben estimates that each configuration was approximately a mile from his viewing point and appeared to be low, above the tree line. The lights in the configurations appeared to "bobble up and down," Ben told me. The friends watched until the lights pulsed out and did not reappear. The sighting lasted a total of approximately ten minutes and the triangular configuration pulsed six or seven times. Were you also watching these lights that night? If so, please call the hotline number below.

To report a sighting please call the Pensacola/Gulf Breeze MUFON Hotline at 432-3261. For information on the Project Awareness 1995 Gulf Breeze UFO Conference to be held October 20-22, call (904) 432-8888. Keep Looking Up!

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - July 20, 1995

# Scientist says famed UFO 'crash' was his research balloon

BY LAWRENCE SPOHN  
The Albuquerque Tribune

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — It didn't come from outer space.

It came from Alamogordo, N.M. That's the conclusion of a Socorro physicist, who says the strange object that crashed near Roswell in 1947 was not an alien craft, as some believe, but an Air Force research balloon that he launched.

Charles B. Moore says the description of debris in "The Roswell Incident" fits perfectly with a balloon he launched a few days earlier as part of a secret government program in summer 1947.

He says he only recently learned details about the Roswell UFO incident that led him to conclude the debris was from the 600-foot-long balloon he launched.

The Roswell incident grew out of an official Air Force news release written and released July 8, 1947, by Walter Haut, now a proponent for the alien crash explanation.

The release reported the recovery of a "flying disc" and made its way into various news media around the world before it was withdrawn by the Air Force.

The release followed the discov-

ery of unusual debris by rancher Mac Brazel several weeks earlier and his reports on it to local media. Several books and two Roswell museums are devoted to it.

Moore and other scientists say enough's enough.

The 76-year-old physicist and professor emeritus directed the Langmuir Lightning Laboratory at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

But in an earlier life, as a 26-year-old graduate student at New York University, he built and launched balloons for the government in a classified project aimed at monitoring nuclear developments in the Soviet Union. Most were put aloft from the former Alamogordo Army Air Field.

Moore says the debris recovered by rancher Brazel on a neighbor's land was from a 600-foot-long balloon apparatus that was the only one he and his crew didn't recover that summer.

Last year, the Air Force officially claimed ownership of the Roswell crash debris, saying it was one of its Project Mogul balloons. That was the project Moore worked on.

The Air Force draft report, an 800-page document investigating the incident, is expected to be issued in its final version later this summer, said Lt. James McAndrew, who was assigned the job of searching out documents related to the incident.

"I'm a hundred percent sure it was the (Moore) balloon," McAndrew said.

The Air Force report also says that its document search — prompted by a request from Rep. Steve Schiff, R-N.M. — uncovered "no records (that) indicated or even hinted at the recovery of 'alien' bodies or extraterrestrial materials."

The flying-saucer proponents have discounted the Air Force report as the latest evidence of a massive cover-up. Some insist that alien bodies and materials were spirited away.

"The closer we're getting to getting actual materials, the stronger the case is becoming that it was something extraterrestrial," said Haut, now president of the International UFO Museum in Roswell.

TIMES, New York, NY - June 5, 1995 CR: V. White

#### BOOKS OF THE TIMES

## Giving the U.F.O. Group A Shot at Persuasion

By CHRISTOPHER LEHMANN-HAUPT

Alfred A. Knopf, the publisher of "Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind," is about as mainstream and respectable as a publisher can be. The author, C. D. B. Bryan, has written estimable histories of the National Air and Space Museum and the National Geographic Society. The book's main event is the so-called abduction study conference from June 13-17, 1992, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology under the direction of David E. Pritchard, a physicist there, and John E. Mack, the Harvard psychiatrist.

So even a complete skeptic is inclined at least to consider what Mr. Bryan has to report. While the very notion of the book remains incredible, more trustworthy circumstances under which to entertain it are hard to imagine.

As Mr. Bryan reports, he attended the five-day conference, took extensive notes, talked to the participants during breaks and over meals, and followed up with "postconference interviews," some of which involved sitting in on hypnosis sessions with witnesses who claim to have been abducted by aliens.

If one boils down their testimonies to a single archetypal event, what they experienced involved first a sense of foreboding, the sighting of bright lights in the sky and the stalling of the cars they happened to be driving; then an awareness of missing time, a feeling of acute anxiety and the discovery of cuts or gouges on their bodies. Later, under hypnotic regression, they recalled being wafted into spaceships by small gray beings who communicated telepathically with them and performed medical experiments, often involving sex.

Understandably enough, the reader's mind boggles at these reports, and one feels some sympathy for the committee at Harvard Medical School that recently criticized Dr. Mack, the co-chairman of the conference, for his research on subjects claiming to have been abducted.

You naturally reject the logic of their testimony: that creatures could appear out of nowhere in craft that defy the laws of matter. You wonder why these aliens show up more in

English-speaking countries than in the rest of the world, and why, if they are clever enough to travel through different dimensions of time, they would want to breed with humans or perform countless experiments on them. And you look for flaws in the witnesses, presuming them to be publicity-seeking nuts who are likely to be repressing some sort of childhood sexual trauma.

But Mr. Bryan's report anticipates these objections. Perhaps the case for the believers is best summed up in what Dr. Mack calls the "five basic dimensions" of the abduction phenomenon, which he summarizes this way:

"1. The high degree of consistency of detailed abduction accounts, reported with emotion appropriate to actual experiences, told by apparently reliable observers.

"2. The absence of psychiatric illness or other apparent psychological or emotional factors that could account for what is being reported.

"3. The physical changes and lesions affecting the bodies of the experiencers, which follow no evident psychodynamic pattern.

"4. The association with U.F.O.'s witnessed independently by others while abductions are taking place (which the abductee may not see).

"5. The reports of abductions by children as young as two or three years of age."

The effect of reading Mr. Bryan's book is far from enlightening. Rather one experiences it with the outlook of someone reporting an abduction: although one senses it is happening, one still doesn't believe it. Nor does it help that Mr. Bryan's text is disorganized and repetitive, and shows signs that it was written hurriedly ("Budd Hopkins has arranged for Carol and Alice and I to attend one of his support group meetings after dinner that Friday"). And once you've read a couple of abduction accounts, you might as well have read them all.

So you race to Mr. Bryan's final chapter, titled "Various Theories." Here you are not much reassured to learn that some theorists consider alien abductions a phenomenon to



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**CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FOURTH KIND**  
Alien Abduction, U.F.O.'s and the Conference at M.I.T.

By C. D. B. Bryan  
476 pages. Alfred A. Knopf. \$25.

make us aware of "other realities; further, that it is during, or within, some sort of overlapping of these realities that alien abductions occur." Others believe alien abductions to be a program to raise human consciousness of the earth's ecological needs, taught us by creatures from another dimension.

Still others support the speculation of C. G. Jung in his old age that U.F.O.'s might be "materialized psychisms," or, as Mr. Bryan puts it, "actual physical or parapsychical objects created by the collective unconscious." Finally, the closest approach to a rationally acceptable explanation is a theory that physical abuse in childhood somehow makes people sensitive to electrical disturbances in the brain's temporal lobe. Such disturbances can produce "dream states" or "psychical seizures" in which people mistake fantasies for reality. Yet believers insist that memories of sexual abuse are more likely to be a screen for abduction than the other way around.

Mr. Bryan himself comes away from his experiences benignly skeptical. He writes that he "would like to believe" in some of the creatures he heard described, but that "I cannot honestly say I have come across any hard evidence of their presence." With his somewhat rambling report, he persuades you in the end that something very odd may be happening and that, as believers like to say, the absence of evidence is not the evidence of absence. But that's about the sum of what you get from this strange and disturbing book.

# '95 Mutual UFO Network, Inc.

## 'We are a serious group'

SeaTac to host scientific-based annual symposium

By MIKE ARCHBOLD  
Valley Daily News

SEATAC - On June 24, 1947, at 2:59 on a sunny Tuesday afternoon above Mount Rainier, Kenneth Arnold became the father of modern-day UFO sightings.

What he said he saw that day, and how he described it, helped coin the phrase "flying saucer." The skies overhead and the supermarket tabloids have never been the same.

His account of that experience when he was 32 made him world-famous, said his daughter Kim Arnold - but also turned him into a reclusive person for the rest of his life. He was investigated by the government and poked fun at by the media.

But many believed him then, and more do now.

Next month at the SeaTac Red Lion Inn, an estimated 900 to 1,000 true believers from around the world will gather for the annual symposium of the 26-year-old Mutual UFO Network, Inc. The worldwide organization bills itself as a "global organization dedicated to the scientific investigation of UFO sightings and related phenomena."

No wackos need apply. Membership is by invitation. According to symposium director Marilyn Henry Childs of Seattle, MUFON members are mostly professional scientists, engineers and researchers in some 45 fields, from physics and medicine to communications and photo analysis. Most have advanced degrees, added Childs, who is a professional astronomer and an adjunct professor at Seattle Pacific University.

"We are a serious group," Childs said. "We are strictly into scientific investigation." The theme of this year's symposium is "Ufology: A Scientific Paradigm."

Thirteen speakers will try to make a case for treating UFO investigations as a real science. They will outline the latest research on a variety of UFO-related phenomena, including alien abductions, animal mutilations, sightings and other dimensions. One of the speakers, Katharine Wilson from Portland, Ore., will talk about her claim of being an abductee. All presentations are open to the public at \$15 per session.

Childs said the Red Lion Inn is a fitting site. The mountain where Arnold claimed he saw UFOs will be visible from the hotel, weather permitting.

Arnold, who died in 1984, would be among friends.

Kim Arnold, who lives in Meridian, Idaho, does not plan to attend the symposium. But she already has heard first-hand the story that helped frame UFO discussions.

Her father was flying his airplane from Chehalis to Yakima past Mount Rainier that fateful day, she recalled. He planned to spend an hour searching for the wreck of a C-46 that had crashed into the mountain a year before with 32 men aboard.

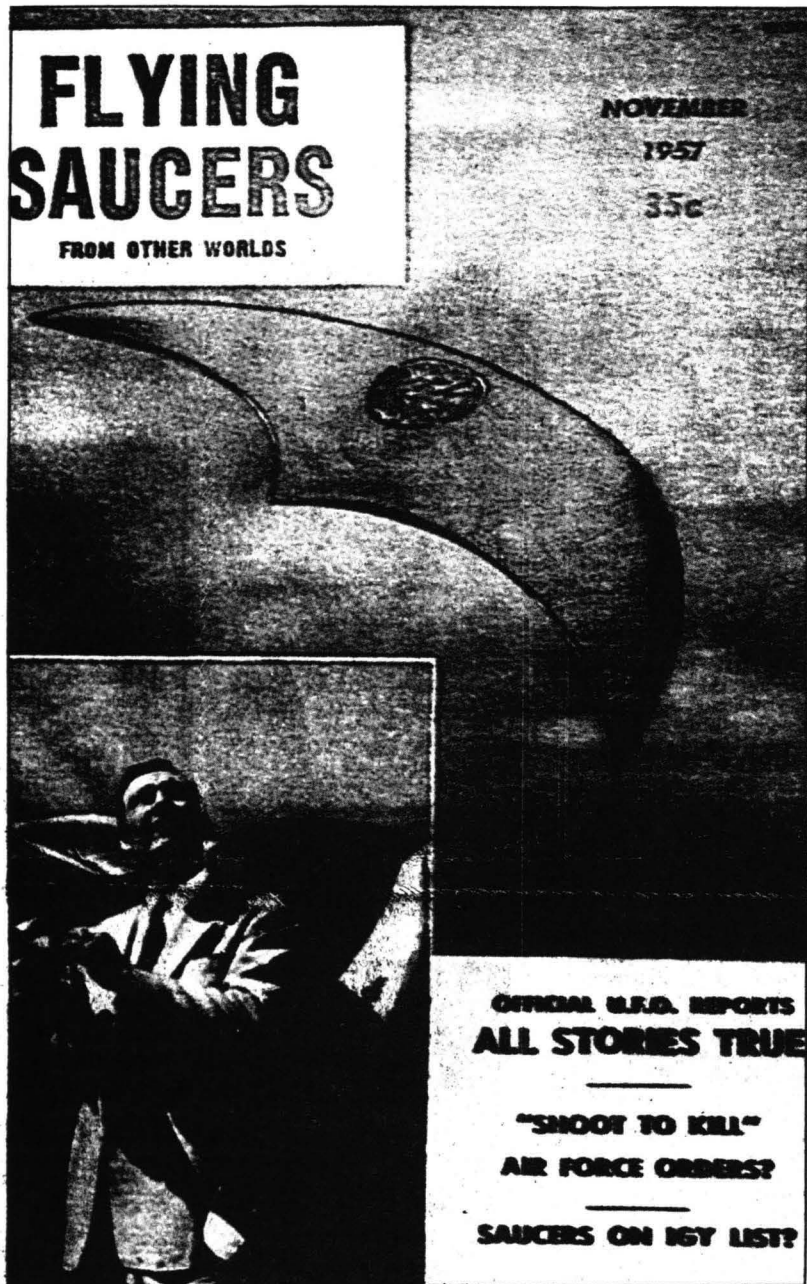
He told her that while he was making a turn over Mineral, Wash., at an altitude of about 9,200 feet, a tremendous flash of light lit up his single-engine craft, followed by a second flash of light like a reflection off a highly polished wing.

Then, far to the left toward Mount Baker, he said he observed a formation of very bright objects coming south, close to the tops of the mountains, at a great speed. He thought they were jets until he noticed they had no tails.

He described nine boomerang-shaped objects in a line at least five

miles long and traveling at more than 1,200 miles per hour. The objects emitted bright blue flashes from their skin, he told his daughter, and pulsed like a heartbeat. The sighting lasted about three minutes before the lights disappeared upward over Mount Adams.

To a group of reporters later he



Marilyn Childs of Seattle, left, is an organizer of the annual symposium of the Mutual UFO Network, which will be held this year in SeaTac. Above, the cover of an issue of Flying Saucers magazine.

Photos by  
ANTHONY P. BOLANTE

described the craft's forward movement like a speedboat on water, and that they flew "like a saucer would if you flipped it across the water." In 1952, he co-wrote a book now out of print called *The Coming of the Saucers*.

Where did he think they came from? Kim Arnold said her father never thought they were spacecraft from another planet. "He believed that they were alive rather than machines," she said. "They were some kind of living entity..."

She said her father truly believed that he was allowed to see into another dimension, and that he considered the sighting "as a spiritual experience."

Joe Lewels, a MUFON consultant and a presenter at the symposium, probably wouldn't disagree with Arnold's interpretation. Other dimensions and parallel universes interest the former journalism professor at the University of Texas at El Paso. His symposium topic is, "Over the Rainbow: Quantum Physics Discovers the Holographic Universe."

Now a businessman in Texas, he prefers to keep a low profile about his interest in UFOs. Like Arnold, he knows that claiming to have seen a UFO or talking about one is risky.

"Let's face it," he said, "there is still a curtain of ridicule imposed on this topic by society, by government, by the media, by the scientific communities. It really is the forbidden science."

But he said he thinks the topic needs investigation. "It's very important that people know the truth about the subject," he said.

Like Arnold, Lewels had his own encounter with a UFO. While flying at night with another Army pilot in 1973 over Alabama, he said he saw "a strange glowing orange ball of light" at 30,000 to 40,000 feet above them. He said they flew past it and then it appeared again in front of them.

"I couldn't tell you what it was," he said. UFO sightings by pilots are common, he added, but few report them for fear of being thought loony.

He said the government, through the military and its intelligence agencies, has fostered that fear among citizens. Lewels is convinced the government has been involved in a coverup of UFO phenomenon since the mid-1940s.

Why the coverup? Lewels said the answer is probably complex, but he said he believes it began during the Cold War when the military actually recovered parts of alien craft and have been using them in top secret research.

If there is nothing to fear from UFOs because they do not exist, Lewels asks, why has the government locked up as classified reams of documents relating to UFOs?

He said he has read all he can find on UFO experiences in an effort to explain scientifically the abnormal things people are reporting all over the world. Often those reports seem to defy the laws of physics.

But, he pointed out, research into subatomic particles reveals that accepted laws of physics don't apply uniformly even at that level.

"Realities can be very subjective," he said. "A hundred years from now, the views of today's scientists are going to appear very naive, laughable."

## 'We're not into aliens sucking faces'

Network operator seeks hard facts about coverups

SEATTLE - Dale Goudie plans to attend the UFO symposium at the SeaTac Red Lion Inn but not to hear the speakers talk about ufology or alien abductions.

The Seattle advertising man finds those subjects all rather silly stuff. "We're not into aliens sucking faces," he said.

He'll be there to talk in the hallway to people who attend, hoping to pick up a tidbit of information that might help in his pursuit of the truth

about UFOs.

Goudie's target is the U.S. government: specifically the military, the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency. He is after documents that prove the government knows a lot about UFOs and has been covering up that intelligence for decades.

His main tool is the Freedom of Information Act, which he uses to try to wrest documents from the feds so he can disseminate them to the

public free of charge on his Computer UFO Network.

Since 1973, CUFON has compiled thousands of documents which anyone with a computer and modem can access. Users can download the information or request it copies in writing. And it's all free.

"I just think people have to have the truth," he said.

The documents he has obtained reveal the government has been involved in UFO investigation at the

highest level - at the same time the government says it is not involved.

There is no one smoking gun that points to a coverup but the body of evidence is overwhelming, he said.

Getting documents isn't easy however, he said. Requests can take years to be answered; many are unavailable because of "national security."

"The good ones take a long time," he said.

To access CUFON, computer users can set up their modems to dial 776-0382, using 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity.



## UFO Sightings

### Recent 1995 sightings

Compiled by the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle: Tel. 722-3000

**March 14:** 9:10 p.m. MUFON member witnesses flash, blue streak north of Seattle. 9:08 p.m. Man and son in Seattle witness blue-green light streak south to north in eastern sky; son frightened by observation. 9:08 p.m. Seattle man witnesses bright blue-green light streak south to north in eastern sky. Bigger than a star and very fast. 9:07 p.m. Man in Seattle reports a bright blue object that streaked north below the overcast. Very bright and very fast.

**March 22:** Three Boeing employees in Everett on break at 8:30 p.m. see low star move, change color, become green triangle in southwest sky.

**April 16:** In Tacoma at 10:10 p.m., a man reports seeing two "grayish-white" disks flying south to north apparently above the clouds. Flight was steady, not erratic.

**April 22:** Two university students in Seattle at 10:32 p.m. see dramatic "meteor" in southern sky, then witness a chevron of lights like "a kite" in same area of sky. They zig zag off.

**March 25:** Auburn man and wife witness vertical streak of white light descend from sky very fast south of Auburn.

**March 25:** Woman reports daylight sighting of bright silver helmet-shaped object in eastern sky; second similar object approached it then streaked east.

**March 31:** Ballard area woman and housemate see bizarre flashing lights in western sky, projects light patterns on wall of bedroom.

**May 14:** Amateur astronomer in Tacoma reports sighting peculiar blinking object in eastern sky with his telescope at about 9 p.m.

**May 15:** Woman reports getting a very good view of bizarre objects moving across sky very fast at 4:15 p.m. Display lasts 30 seconds.

### Major UFO Sightings/Events in U.S.

(Supplied by the Mutual UFO Network Inc.)

**June 24, 1947:** Pilot Kenneth Arnold reports seeing nine boomerang-shaped objects flying near Mount Rainier.

**July 1947:** Report that something crashed on a ranch near

Roswell, N.M., and was widely thought to be an alien spacecraft complete with dead aliens. U.S. Air Force first acknowledged story, then denied it, claiming it was a crashed weather balloon. Last year, the Air Force issued another report, saying the object really was an experimental spy craft similar to a weather balloon. A New Mexico congressman launched a Congressional investigation. A report is due this summer.

**Summer 1952:** Numerous sightings of UFOs over Washington, D.C. Military jets were sent up to chase, but were unsuccessful. The Air Force blamed the display on an air inversion.

**Aug. 1-5, 1965:** Sightings reported over Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas for five days and nights. There were so many calls that police couldn't keep up with them. One craft reportedly hovered for five hours over Bells, Texas. The display was seen on radar at two Air Force bases, but later the military said people were seeing nothing more than the three stars of Orion, and radar was picking up a skyscraper in Oklahoma City. The city had no skyscraper.

**Late Spring, 1968:** In Central Michigan, there was a rash of sightings including the report of a hovering UFO near the town of Dexter. Official explanation was that they were due to swamp gas or static electricity.

**Fall, 1967:** First animal mutilation allegedly done by aliens involving two horses, Snippy and Lady, owned by Nellie Lewis, near Alamosa, Colo. The horses were mutilated and their organs and fluids removed.

**1975:** In Northwest Arizona, Travis Walton claimed to have been abducted by an alien ship and held for five days before being returned. The craft was witnessed by half a dozen other woodcutters. His story was made into the 1994 movie, *Fire in the Sky*.

**Nov. 1987:** Sightings begin near Gulf Breeze, Fla., and have continued to the present. MUFON has a local field investigation crew that goes out on most clear nights to search the sky. The crew has put together 5 hours of videotape of sightings.

## Pompous rhetoric is a poor attempt to trivialize an important subject

Your June 3 editorial "Flying saucers at Harvard!" was arrogant and condescending. Healthy skepticism about UFOs all too often becomes haughty disdain, and this was clearly evident in the tone of your editorial.

Some people who claim to have had an alien encounter are undoubtedly mistaken or even lying, and some believers cross the line into fanaticism. But the basic idea of extraterrestrial visitors and all those who accept it should not be hastily denounced as an element of the lunatic fringe. Instead, the matter should be seriously examined — by scientists, theologians and the general public — as an issue that pertains to all aspects of our worldview and culture.

Although I have never seen an otherworldly craft or being, many normal members of society believe they have.

Considering the immense and

mysterious universe we live in, the only sensible attitude toward the UFO question is curiosity and an open mind. After all, people throughout history have believed in higher beings from the heavens, calling them gods, angels, demons, etc.

Your editorial derisively mocks the many UFO enthusiasts of today who claim "the chariots have swung low and taken them for a ride"; but perhaps a more astute perspective is in order, for the Bible describes numerous aerial craft as fiery chariots, shining clouds and strange pillars of light in which God and His angels descend to earth. Might there be more to the subject than most people, including the majority of UFO believers, would care to realize?

Mr. Mack and all others struggling against the establishment should not only have the right to study and speak their views, they

should be encouraged to do so — as should all those on the skeptical side — in the hope that Hollywood stereotypes and hot air will yield to thoughtful inquiry and eventually some real answers. "While everybody else was worrying about balanced budgets and mad bombers," you sarcastically inform your readers, attendees of the recent Washington-area UFO convention "had their eyes on the important stuff."

Such pompous rhetoric is a poor attempt to trivialize the subject. It is time for all of us to come down from our pedestal of human arrogance and open our minds to the larger world, to a universe that cannot be neatly placed in a test tube for analysis and must not be comfortably defined by prevailing cultural bias.

ERIC STETSON  
Burke

HI-DESERT STAR, Yucca Valley, CA - June 21, 1995

## UFOs over Yucca Valley?

By JAY LYMAN

Hi-Desert Star Staff Writer

**YUCCA VALLEY** — At least two local residents reported seeing strange lights and movements over the town's skies Friday night.

The cause of the lights may be linked to the big screen, as the Cineplex theater shot moving spotlights into the air Friday night for a special midnight showing.

The theater's spotlights illuminated Yucca Valley's skies at approximately the same time of the strange sightings, but clouds may have prevented eyewitnesses from realizing the source.

Joshua Tree resident Maurice Lewis Jr. said the sighting started when he saw unusual lights in a cloud east toward Yucca Valley from his home on Mountain View Circle in Joshua Tree. He said he first saw the lights at approximately 9:30 p.m. Friday.

"I didn't know what it was," Lewis said. "I couldn't explain it, but it was definitely strange."

Lewis said he watched the lights for 20 or 30 minutes before calling a local radio station. However, there were no similar reports, Lewis said.

But when Lewis went into his home for awhile and came back out to see the lights, he said they were still there.

"We did see it and apparently it lasted for several hours," Lewis said. The "we" refers to Lewis and Tony Zube, who also saw the lights after a phone call from Lewis.

"I saw it at 10 p.m. (and) for an hour-and-a-half (after)," Zube said of the lights. "I know what I'm talking about. I know something."

Zube, who lives on Avalon Avenue in the Yucca Mesa area, said the lights were south of him toward the center of Yucca Valley. "They were like explosions in the air and they moved," Zube said. "These were moving. They were in formation, going fast."

While Lewis was unsure of what he saw, Zube is convinced the lights came from extra terrestrial aircraft.

"They have to be alien," Zube said. "Of course, there are all different kinds. Some could be good, some could be bad."

Zube, who has lived in Yucca Valley 20 years, said he has been following "flying saucers" for 40 years. The last time he saw a UFO was two or three months ago when he said a craft shot through the sky.

He talked about the 1960s when there was a flying saucer club in the area, also referring to the Integratron in Landers, where workshops on rejuvenation and UFOs have been held.

Giant Rock in Landers has also been associated with UFO activities and space conventions.

While Zube and Lewis agree on what they saw Friday, Lewis is less certain about the cause of the illuminated cloud.

"I couldn't see how anything could stay in a cloud for two to three hours," Lewis said. "I'm just saying it was very unusual. It was pretty bizarre."

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David Wecker

## Hot on the trail of unexplained

More unexplained phenomena from the Association for Scientific Knowledge — ASK, for short:

There was an alleged (a serious UFO investigator is always careful to say "alleged" until such time as proof becomes available) sighting (as opposed to an "incident" or "encounter") in Mariemont recently. Three local ASK investigators — Kenny Young, 26, of Norwood; George Clappison, 36, of Franklin; and Charles Stuart, 43, of West Chester — offer the following report, which arrived on my desk in both written and video formats the other day.

A 22-year-old guy who worked at McDonald's was driving home on Plainville Road early one morning after work when he looked up and saw a square-shaped thing with five green and orange lights floating at treetop level. He said the thing abruptly dipped to a point about 10 feet off the ground, then zipped away lickety-split.

The guy told the Mariemont police dispatcher that the thing was "about the size of a Toyota Corolla," which would give it considerably more legroom than a Tercel.

The ASK investigators say they got the guy's first name from the tape they obtained from the Hamilton County Dispatch Center. The rest of it they put together using old-fashioned shoe leather. They also tracked down the guy's sister, who said she saw the square thing too.

On the taped segment the ASK investigators produced for "UFO Update: Live," a program they help put together on Warner public access, there's a clip of George saying the witnesses fell well within his credibility parameters.

"Both said they'd be willing to take a lie-detector test, and neither wanted any publicity," he said. (Kenny informed me verbally that ASK doesn't have access to a polygraph machine — but that, if it did, a lie-detector test would have been administered and the results carefully noted.)

At one point while the three investigators were knocking on doors in an

attempt to ferret out additional information, something transpired that, metaphorically, caused their hearts to stop. In fact, they refer to it as "a heart-stopping confrontation." Kenny's written report describes it thisaway:

"We were suddenly accosted by a mysterious stranger who came 'booming' out of nowhere in a blue 1995 Cadillac Seville.

"The *Inexplicable Gentleman* (as we call him) cut us off as we were headed back to our cars from a routine survey of the area and demanded to see our identification, stating that he had the authority to make the request or the grounds to do so, and implied that he had the power to procure from us whatever he wanted. He was perhaps 55 to 60 years old.

"In a move of unwitting stupidity, I produced and surrendered my business card to the stranger, who then sped away with a hellish grin on his face."

One week later, they encountered the *Inexplicable Gentleman* again. They were driving by the Frisch's Mainliner and saw his car in the parking lot. This time they had a video camera, which they used to shoot some suspenseful cinema-verite-type footage. The scary music tracks that Kenny laid down in the studio enhance the drama of the moment.

You hear the investigators react to discovery of the *Inexplicable Gentleman's* car. "There he is! That's his car!"

one of them says.

Then Kenny picks up the narration:

"The gentleman was absorbed in consuming food at the time... he disappeared before investigators could approach him."

Cut to George, who allows as how perhaps the *Inexplicable Gentleman* was merely a concerned citizen who merely noticed three strangers in his neighborhood and wondered just what they thought they were doing there.

Kenny later told me that, actually, the ASK investigators were not all that eager to approach the *Inexplicable Gentleman*, which is how the latter was able to disappear — although "disappear" could be too strong a word — before they could confront him.

The thing is, the ASK investigators aren't hard-boiled types. They're working stiffs like you and me who are trying the best way they know how to get to the bottom of all kinds of unexplained phenomena. They keep a map of the Greater Cincinnati megalopolis that has 22 pins on it, each pin denoting a UFO investigation they've conducted over the past couple of years. And they're convinced there's something out there.

Who knows? Soon, they may be looking into something in a neighborhood near you.

Post columnist David Wecker writes Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

# It wasn't a bird...it wasn't a plane...What was it?



MARY GEIGER

By AMY GIANCOLI

Staff writer

WAYNESBORO — Did anyone see an unidentifiable flying object in the sky just after midnight Monday?

Mary Geiger did — and she's wondering what it was.

It was hot and humid, and Geiger had woken up hot and sweaty and decided to sit outside to cool off. The sky was clear and there were a few stars out.

Geiger, 79, of Clayton Avenue, was sitting on her porch around midnight when she saw what looked like two headlights and what appeared to be a tail of lights behind it. It looked strange, she said.

The object didn't look like it was moving, but it was — very slowly. Geiger said she used the downspouting on the corner of her porch as a gauge, and after an hour, the object had moved across part of the sky.

The object also seemed to turn in different

directions because it looked different from time to time, as if it were facing west and then facing north. "It would present a different picture in the sky," Geiger explained.

"It looked to me as if it were taking reconnaissance of the area," she said.

Geiger tried to get someone to verify what she was seeing, so she called the police department, hoping they would at least send a squad car by to get a look at it. They told her it probably was a cluster of stars.

Geiger said she knows it wasn't a cluster of stars — one can't detect star movement in the sky.

"I just wanted verification," Geiger said.

She is positive she saw something. It was southeast in the night sky and looked like it may have been over Dulles or Washington International airports. Dulles is only 50 miles away, Geiger said, and 50 miles as the crow flies isn't very far.

The object was about as high as a plane would be, but there were no flashing red lights where the

wings or tail would be, she said. The lights were white and steady.

At first, she thought it was a helicopter, the kind that makes traffic reports, but she said a craft like that wouldn't be out at that time of the night.

"I was concerned it was a foreign agent doing reconnaissance," she explained.

Geiger said she's not the kind of person who ignores things that go on around her; if she feels it's important, she reports it and follows through.

Geiger doesn't know what she saw. She even concedes it could have been a UFO. "It didn't look like anything I could compare it to," she said. But one thing is certain, Geiger is positive she saw something.

When the police didn't do anything about it, she called The Record Herald later that morning. "I didn't know what else to do," she said.

It bothered her a little that there wasn't a formal report of the object, but she feels better knowing she told someone about it; they can take it from there, she said. Someone else may have seen it, too.

"There definitely was something there, and it was not moving very fast," Geiger said. "I'm not accustomed to seeing strange things."

A spokeswoman for the Washington County Regional Airport in Hagerstown said her description sounds like there might have been something going on at Camp David. "Things can be going on there at any time," the spokeswoman said.

Washington County Airport's tower closes at 10 p.m., she said, and Geiger saw the object around midnight.

Neither the flight center in Leesburg, Va. nor Fort Ritchie had any unusual activity overnight Sunday, according to spokesmen.

DAILY RECORD, Roswell, NM - June 5, 1995

## Video setups good, and bad

SANTA FE — Video recreations for TV docu-dramas are becoming quite popular viewing fare. Some do it right.

Others reach too far to make a good story.

Examples of both have been in New Mexico news recently. On Feb. 14, a "Geraldo"

Cruces Sun-News quickly became suspicious. Soon several Las Cruces began to tell of their phony "Geraldo" appearances.

That's the bad news on TV docu-dramas filmed in New Mexico. The good news took place in Socorro late last month.

For a week, "Unsolved Mysteries," NBC-TV's prime time docu-drama, visited Socorro to faithfully recreate the reported landing of a UFO southwest of town.

A West Coast production crew spent a week researching the report by city patrolman Lonnie Zamora, hiring 60 local extras, and renting vintage automobiles for the 1964 recreation. When they left, the community was \$10,000 richer.

The episode, which will be aired sometime in the fall, recounts Zamora's pursuit of a speeding vehicle south of town when he heard a brief roar and saw flame in the sky to his right. He abandoned his chase and swung onto a dirt road to investigate.

He located a saucer-shaped object and two small people in white coveralls. As he radioed for backup, the figures noticed him and quickly blasted off.

City and state police officers, a deputy sheriff and an FBI agent who was in Socorro on another case, soon were on the scene. They reported burning brush, four burn marks, four depressions in a diamond pattern around the burns, and five smaller marks they labeled as "footprints." The Air Force sent an investigator, who originally thought it was a Lunar Exploration Module, which was then

in the development stage.

After deciding it wasn't a LEM, the government suggested that the Socorro mayor had perpetrated a hoax to attract tourists.

If it was a tourist promotion hoax, it worked. While visiting the two UFO museums in Roswell last fall, I was surprised at the number of visitors I interviewed who had just come from checking out the Socorro story.

Perhaps Socorro's current mayor or Chamber of Commerce would be wise to continue the promotion effort by developing a brochure about the UFO story to distribute at Roswell's UFO Festival on July 1-2.

Regardless of what you may think about the reported Socorro sighting, Zamora, who is still a city employee, says he is pleased with the way his story is portrayed by "Unsolved Mysteries."



Jay Miller

Inside the Capitol

show aired a video of a carjacking that supposedly took place in Las Cruces.

Mayor Ruben Smith, the Police Department and the Las

PALLADIUM-ITEM, Richmond, IN - June 26, 1995 CR: D. Worley

## UFOs quiet in Indiana

Indiana has been quiet UFO-wise, but in western Canada, Hungary, Costa Rica, England and Scotland the elusive aerofoms have been busy. The vast, secret, human abduction project of the bio-etheric-like beings also continues.

I now have investigated 93 cases.

A Georgia abductee is disturbed since she causes street lights to go out temporarily when passing by. In Idaho, the person is discombobulated for she wakes up with her clothes on backward, inside out, or she's in somebody else's undies. She'd like to know what the devil is going on. Her husband, made comotose beside her, is no help.

Some persons have reported huge craft with many persons on tables inside getting the table procedures. Can this intensity be causing the clothing mixups we hear about? We also have ominous reports of sperm/egg taking, fetus theft, and scenes of many semi-human hybrid babies in transparent fluid containers. Something of momentous importance is happening and unsuspecting (thanks to global government secrecy) humanity sleeps on.

It's a secret so awesome it makes past human events pale in comparison.

Sometimes the aliens say they must do this, and project scenes of dreadful destruction suggesting they are

on a rescue mission to a dying planet. Can we believe this or is their real motive something else too terrible to contemplate?

I am doing a data study of the human-like blonde Nordic type aliens who seem to be the overseers of all this. Information that has about blown me away has surfaced. There exists a large religious group in which many of the brethren have had Nordic incidents. My informant, a respected Ph.D. and leader in this group, has experienced some 300 episodes in 45 years with about 100 entities.

Now a quick look at prophecy and predictions of the future. One source has been right about some early warning signs of coming earth axis realignment and its cataclysmic results.

The predicted low level hum is being heard by many. Mysterious flu-like symptoms and deadly viruses are here. The weather pattern is erratic with extremes trending toward warm. In Antarctica, a vast section of ice the size of Rhode Island 1,000 feet thick in places broke off and is melting. Regional warming began in the 1940s and continues. The loss of even a tenth of the continent's ice could raise sea level 12 to 30 feet. Already rising tides are causing alarm in the Polynesian Islands of the South Pacific and some islanders are going to be adrift.

This same source was right about the previous strong California and Japanese quakes. It now predicts megquakes in California and Mexico. Mt. Rainer erupting as quakes hit Washington and Oregon, massive solar flares, the economy fails and riots sweep major American cities. Meanwhile a growing number of people, driven by unknown inner urgings, are moving west, often to New Mexico.

All my statements about the UFO enigma are personal 30-year researched truths. When it comes to prophecy I do not know if any of this will happen. I am only a neutral data collector and writer.

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ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - July 26, 1995

## UFO

### CAMPER AT FT. PICKENS SIGHTS UFO

By Carole Baker

It had been a restless night for Beverly Pilcher of Mobile. While camping at Ft. Pickens recently, she had been awakened often by the stirring of a small animal in the vicinity of her campsite. She had finally taken to laying outside beneath the stars and had seen several meteors streak across the sky. At approximately 4:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 8th, she caught sight of a "meteor" that was behaving strangely. It streaked across the sky, then slowed and began descending straight down. It then made a sharp right turn and continued slowly west. It then stopped completely and Beverly could see that it was extremely bright and appeared to be two

lights, one on top of the other. The lights were changing from blue to green to a pale yellow in sequence, then zig-zagging around in short bursts in a small sector of the sky. Beverly noticed "flashes of light around it, like beams were coming from it." Beverly told me "it looked like beams were coming from it and connecting it with some other object in the sky, but I could not see the other object." She estimates that the object was out over the Sound and was visible in her field of view, high above the trees. "It began to rise in a jerky motion from left to right" Beverly states, "we watched it between thirty and forty-five minutes before the sunlight washed it out of the sky." There was no sound associated with this sighting. Beverly's experience was shared by five of the teenagers with whom she was camping. Two others remained asleep during the event.

To report a sighting call the Pensacola/Gulf Breeze MUFON Hotline at 438-3261. For information on the 1995 Project Awareness Conference to be held October 20-22, please call (904)432-8888. Keep Looking Up!





## FOREIGN NEWS

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# Alien window opens over Langley

Erin McKay  
Staff Reporter

If human beings are to survive, we must learn to advance our spirits as well as our technologies.

That is the message extra terrestrials are trying to give us through sightings, crop circles, and abductions, according to UFO researcher George Crystal.

"They are letting us know we are not alone," said Crystal, a self-proclaimed psychic and director of UFO-Europe-North American Study Group, a telephone hotline where people can report UFO activity and abduc-

tions.

Born in Czechoslovakia in 1957, Crystal is now a Vancouver-based contractor whose goal is to educate people about extra terrestrials and their reason for visiting Earth.

The ETs may even be visiting the planet via Langley, according to Crystal, who said this area is a "window" through which the alien craft can travel through as a "short-cut."

Crystal said there are a number of different dimensions which effect time and space, and harmonic dimensions can result in a variety

of realities. When people enter them, "your reality changes slightly [and] just plays little tricks on you," Crystal said.

Such a phenomenon is occurring in Langley, he believes, but cautions residents not to be alarmed: "There is not a Bermuda Triangle in Langley," he said, only a "weaker fabric of time and space."

Crystal said he has received two separate reports of people driving in one direction near their Langley homes, then "Bang, find themselves going north, five miles from where they were."

Crystal said he himself experienced such a shifting of space and time when he drove into Langley to pick up parts for his car.

Because the vortex is a "shortcut between time and space," Crystal said alien aircraft could materialize and dematerialize through the window over Langley.

But those who spot UFOs should not be scared, said Crystal, who saw a UFO himself as a teenager. "They should always be taken as big brothers and sisters," he said. "They are here to assist in our spiritual development."

According to Crystal, "All sightings are planned events" meant to trigger remembrances of past lives and to assist human beings spiritually.

"If our society means to survive the next 50 years, we have to advance our soul level or we perish. It's that simple," Crystal said.

But surface changes such as switching political parties aren't enough, said Crystal. He advises each individual to "change yourself and elevate yourself" by overcoming fears, reading, and filling the mind with scientific and religious thought.

Although there is very little physical evidence to support the existence of UFOs, Crystal believes "we have to come to new scientific ways" and accept ideas without needing concrete

proof.

In the meantime, Crystal predicts there will be increased UFO sightings in the next year, which should be taken as a sign of "encouragement that other cultures made it."

"People should be told to watch their skies," he said.

### ▼ CLOVERDALE

## UFO sighting reported

By Tom Zytaruk  
STAFF REPORTER

Have little green men landed in Cloverdale?

Surrey's first substantial UFO sighting of the year was logged at 10 p.m. Sunday by four Whalley residents driving home from a fishing trip. They were heading along Highway 10 in their pickup truck, somewhere between Cloverdale and Newton, when they noticed two bright lights in the sky, hovering to the south.

The objects stayed about 75 to 100 feet from the ground.

"They were soccer-ball sized, maybe a little smaller," said a female witness, who

asked not to be named. "We don't want our friends to think we're weird," she explained.

The quartet watched the UFOs for about 15 minutes, passing a set of binoculars between them.

"I was scared," said the woman. "It was like a halogen light. When they flew away, they'd be blinking red and blue. "Then I turned around, and there was one over our truck," she said. It zipped away when she screamed.

The area, also known as the "Surrey-Delta UFO corridor," is a hotbed for sighting strange craft.

Dozens of sightings and UFO abduction reports have been logged here over the past 20 years.

MID-DEVON ADVERTISER, 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 Dartmeet.

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.

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Derby, England - Feb. 21, 1995

## Sixth sighting of UFO

UFO experts have launched an investigation after a sixth report of an unidentified triangular craft over Derby.

Pauline Cooper ((28) and her sister Margaret (22) were in Pauline's house on Derward Close, Allenton, when they saw the craft through the patio window.

They watched it for about six minutes as it hovered low over the house before whizzing away. It had flashing coloured lights in a diamond pattern

and made a humming sound.

Pauline said: "When I first saw the glowing lights I thought - it's one of them. It was definitely a UFO."

Retired aeronautical engineer Omar Fowler of the Phenomena Research Association, Ilkeston, said he was convinced by the sighting - which occurred at 6.30pm on February 13.

He said: "We are currently interviewing witnesses and gathering data."

## Mystery lights seen in the sky at night

MORE sightings of UFOs have been reported over Humberside.

The latest UFO was seen by at least six people as they surveyed the sky between 12.19am and 12.30am on Tuesday.

At first Geoffrey Ford of Victoria Avenue, Hull, thought the strange lights were helicopters.

"I played the devil's advocate with myself trying to prove that it couldn't possibly be a UFO, but when I tried to think of what it could be I came unstuck."

When his wife returned from her nursing job at Castle Hill Hospital she said a colleague had seen a similar sight.

The third sighting was at the same time on Cradley Road, off Priory Road. The woman UFO spotter, who wants to remain anonymous, was exercising her dogs in the garden.

"The lights seemed to hover in the distance but there was absolutely no sound," she said.

The most unusual sighting was by Mrs Carol Kennedy Cooper of Laughton Road, Beverley.

"It was long object with a row of lights along its side and was moving very slowly. There was no sound and after passing in front of me and my husband it moved away," she said.

Debbie Rushton from Orchard Road, Skidby, spotted two bright lights moving towards her house at 12.19am - seven minutes later they disappeared.

Mr Chris Lawson, a member of the British UFO Research Association, said these are classic sightings.

"There is absolutely no connection between these people and yet they all made sightings of UFOs," he said.

"It's getting very interesting over Humberside at the moment with the increase in sightings, it could be leading to something." Humberside Airport and RAF Leconfield reported no flights from their bases on Tuesday night.

MAIL, Oxford, England - Jan. 30, 1995

# Strange sightings leave folk baffled

STRANGE objects travelling at incredible speeds have been seen in the skies over Oxfordshire.

D-Day veteran Mr Patrick Churchill was driving his son back to Oxford when he noticed a dazzling green sphere racing across the sky.

Mr Churchill, 70, from Newland, Witney was travelling along Farmoor Road when they were astounded to see a fiery green, round shaped object with a long tail tearing across the sky in the direction of Oxford.

Mr Churchill, who describes himself as sceptical, said: "Although the sky was hazy I could see this incredible object travelling much faster than any aeroplane, it was certainly no meteor."

"I have usually given the unexplained a sci-

By JUSTIN COLLEDGE

entific explanation but in this case I have no answers."

After dropping his son off in Oxford, Mr Churchill drove to Kidlington police station to tell the duty officer what he saw last Tuesday evening.

He said: "I told the police that I was a born sceptic but nevertheless I wanted them to record what I had seen."

On Friday morning, an Oxford secretary who wishes to remain anonymous, said she saw a long thin grey object with two flashing lights hovering motionless, high above Becket Street near Oxford railway station.

"I could see the object clearly, it looked like a thick grey line. It was just hovering without any obvious means.

"I turned away for a couple of seconds to check my rear mirror and when I looked back the object had changed shape slightly, with a bulge towards one end.

"I was so engrossed by the sight of this thing that I almost had an accident. I feel slightly ridiculous talking about what I saw but it certainly was not a helicopter."

Air traffic controllers at RAF West Drayton, Middlesex, who cover the Oxford area, said their radar systems had reported nothing out of the ordinary.

ITV's documentary series Network First recently highlighted an incident involving a camera crew who were making a film at Enstone, near Chipping Norton.

They filmed what was believed to be a UFO travelling at great speed, suddenly stopping, hovering and then disappearing altogether.

## Corn circle researcher Busty goes Dutch

ANDOVER'S leading corn circle and UFO researcher, Busty Taylor, is widening his horizons, using his skills as a private pilot.

With two passengers on board he flew a privately-owned light aircraft to a conference on these puzzling phenomena 60 miles east of Amsterdam.

Last year 20 corn circles were reported in Holland and links with Dutch researchers will be maintained. In addition, Busty hopes to fly into Germany to make important connections with enthusiasts.

Press coverage of the corn circles nationally is increasing with Busty appearing on television and cable shows.

Interest has grown with the confessed enthusiasm of Reg Presley, lead singer with the famous Troggs, to unlock the mystery of the circles.

Locally, catch up with all developments at Cricklade Theatre at a UFO lecture on 27 May and a second event at the end of July.

Circle spotting, in fields of rape, has already started with Busty warning amateur searchers always to respect farmers' wishes on access to land.

And if you made any sightings of a possible UFO over Goodworth Clatford about a fortnight ago do get him touch with him with descriptions, telephone 01264 324496.

NELSON LEADER, Burnley, England - Jan. 20, 1995

## CRAIG SPOTS UFO ABOVE GOLF COURSE

HEAVENS above! Sky-watching school-boy Craig Shoebridge saw a UFO hovering over Marsden Park golf course.

Craig 14, of Linkside Avenue, Nelson, had the "close encounter" on Wednesday - a day after ITV stunned viewers with a "Network First" documentary on alien visitations.

He caught sight of the strange lights at 8 p.m.

Transfixed, he kept vigil for an hour before the object disappeared into the night.

Said Park High School pupil Craig: "I just saw it from my bedroom window, it struck me as unusual, so I kept watching."

"It was an oval shape with red and green lights.



Craig Shoebridge

It was still but seemed to be turning round.

"Then it slowly went higher and higher and dis-

appeared. It wasn't a plane - they were flying past at speed while this hovered.

"I have never seen anything like it before in my life, and my mum thought it was amazing. The lights were so bright."

Craig's aunt, Mrs Christine Smith, who lives just a few doors away, also saw the mystery craft.

Manchester Airport had no reports of strange airborne objects that night.

Airport Watch Manager, Mr John White, said: "We get UFO reports about four or five times a year, 95% are explainable."

"I suppose there must be some intelligence out there. I've had no UFO experiences myself, and I'll be sceptical until a little green man knocks on my door."

## Great balls of fire!

### UFOs theory as huge light spheres hover over village

AN EERIE light which lit up a village in the early hours of a March morning has been captured on film.

It is the latest of a series of potential UFO sightings in the county.

Humbleton man Mr Dave Ombler saw two large white lights in the sky as he returned home at 1am.

As the luminous balls approached, he ran for his camera and caught them hovering over his home before they moved off noiselessly towards Aldbrough and the coast.

The resulting photograph is a little fuzzy but it clearly shows the white balls and a brilliant white light illuminating the back of Mr Ombler's home.

"Other people have told me they have seen similar things but nobody can tell me what they are," said Mr Ombler (47), a fabricator with BP Chemicals at Saltend.

"I came home and saw



LIGHT YEARS AHEAD? Dave Ombler's mysterious photograph.

these lights, thinking they were helicopter search lights.

"As they got closer and closer and I saw how much light they were throwing out, I ran for my camera." In January the Hull Daily Mail reported how photographs of "allens" taken at Sproatley had attracted interest from authorities on UFOs.

Witnesses reported seeing giant orange balls hovering

in the sky. Mr Ombler said: "I work in a hi-tech environment and I don't see how we can be the only ones," he said.

"The lack of any noise was what shook me the most." The pictures have been examined by Hull UFO expert Chris Lawson who said: "They are very interesting."

Mr Lawson is a member of the British UFO Research Association

REPORTER, Wigan, England - April 20, 1995

## Tales of the unexpected

WELCOME to the Wigan Reporter's new column. Following on from the success of the number of UFO articles published earlier this year we have decided to continue the stories and incorporate ghosts, ghouls and poltergeists - basically anything bizarre, but true!

To elaborate, this new column is open to anyone who wishes to contact us from the area who has seen or heard of anything supernatural.

If you have seen a UFO, ring in and tell us, if you have spotted a ghost - tell us, if you have seen anything that defies explanation, let us know.

The Reporter will be working in conjunction with a local expert on paranormal activities to try and offer you an insight into some of the things that seem unexplainable.

This week's

account is perhaps the most frightening of the UFO sightings we have had between the pages of the Reporter.

It comes from a young lady from Pemberton who hasn't been able to sleep since last Sunday when together with four friends she saw something that defies explanation.

Even on the telephone, days later the woman's voice was still clearly quivering. Something had most definitely shook her up.

The five women were returning from a night out in Southport in the early hours of Sunday morning. They were travelling along a dual carriageway near



to Parbold when one of them spotted a bright light behind some trees in a field.

As they got closer, the light became clearer and they were soon able to make out some kind of craft hovering in the centre of the field. Their description of the craft was that it was sort of translucent and it had the most amazing lights coming from it. They compared its size to that of the roof of a house.

Frightened by what they had seen, the women were more shocked when the craft seemingly began to follow their car.

It followed them

closely for about three minutes and then shot up into the sky at a pace (comparable to a quarter of a second) the women had never seen before.

After a brief time in the sky it rocketed back down to earth and once again took up its position next to the car.

The craft was only a matter of yards away - there was no mistake - it was not like anything they'd ever seen before.

The following day, one of the women telephoned Manchester Airport to see if anyone else had reported seeing the craft in the area, they drew a blank.

Said the woman: "I've never really believed in UFOs in the past, but what I saw that morning has made me and my friends think."

"Until you see something with your own eyes you will never believe that there are such things as UFOs, but having been that close to something that certainly was not a plane or a helicopter makes you sit up and take notice."

"You hear stories of people being abducted and things like that and after this experience I wouldn't ignore them."

"We still don't know what it was and maybe we never will."

If you saw anything in the vicinity at the time or have seen anything else that might be described as extraordinary, please contact Jon Peake on 01942 228000.

BRIDGNORTH JOURNAL, Shropshire, England - March 31, 1995

## Mystery of 'lights in the sky'

DRIVING back to Much Wenlock last Friday night a young Special Constable and his two friends were spellbound by a strange object hanging just 100 feet above them in the sky over Morville.

It was midnight and Darren Rymer, 19, from Callaughton, said the sky was clear apart from a black object speckled with red and white lights.

"It was huge and about the width of the roadway. It hung in the air for a while and then sped off in the direction of Craven Arms," said Darren.

He was driving two friends, who had been drinking, home to Wenlock and they had just pulled out of the lay-by by Morville School when they stopped behind another car.

"After the sighting we tried to get this car to stop by flashing our lights - I think it was a woman driver and

she did not want to stop but I know she must have seen it."

"I thought twice about not saying anything, but it was an amazing thing - it seemed so touchable, so solid, as if you could reach out and touch it."

They drove back to Wenlock where they found the police station closed, so they telephoned Malinsgate to report the encounter.

"When I told my friend's mum about it I was shaking like a leaf, she thought it was the drink but I hadn't touched any that night."

No other sightings of the craft were reported that night, but Darren said a student from Homer later told him he had seen a triangular-shaped craft about the same time in the sky over Wenlock Edge.

Explanations for the UFO can only be speculative: was it an alien spacecraft, or something from closer to home like an airship or the new breed of 'stealth' spy-planes trying to duck beneath radar?

Darren Rymer has no answers - but as he watched the red rear light of the black craft's rounded back end disappear low over the Shropshire countryside he was left to wonder, and he is still wondering if anyone else saw it.



## SKY SHOW

# Streaker has folks freaking

By WENDY LEVANT and ANDREA SCHAFFELER  
Toronto Sun

The X-Files was still beaming out of TV screens across Metro on Friday night when a flash in the sky startled Deyberth Rivera, 14, and Krishton Little, 12.

But they weren't the only ones who caught sight of an unidentified flying object about 9:45 p.m.

Sun reporter Joe Warrington was on the 401 headed for Kingston when he saw a green streak hurtling across the sky.

"It moved extremely fast and looked like something with a tail," Warrington said.

"I have never seen anything like it," said Barb Rushworth, who was staying at Lake Loughborough, near Kingston. "It was so big and it looked like it was going to land in the lake."

## 'Spectacular flash'

Norm Crawford, 33, a TTC driver, also saw "a pretty spectacular flash" in the sky.

"It's definitely something I've never seen before," he said, describing the bright white flash he saw at about the same time at Victoria Park and Lawrence.

Rivera, who saw the strange object from his balcony at Lawrence and Orton Rd., said: "All of a sudden I saw an orange light coming out of the sky at an angle going down. Suddenly it took a sharp turn, went straight up, swung back and fizzled out of the sky."

But the Canadian Forces Base in Trenton didn't seem too alarmed. Capt. Yvon LaRose said it was likely just a meteorite.

Robert Garrison, a professor of astronomy at University of Toronto, agreed with LaRose's assessment. "The described observations are consistent with that of a meteorite," Garrison said, although he didn't know what to make of the gyrations.

"A piece of rock the size of my fist could have created a fireball and it would appear greenish or orange."

He described the occurrence as "very common."

SHROPSHIRE STAR, Wellington, England - June 6, 1995

## Secrets of UFOs

Regarding W. Woolley's letter concerning UFO sightings, I was surprised to see that one of the sightings was in Church Stretton.

One dark night myself and a friend were sitting in the car on top of the beautiful hills of the Longmynd listening to the CB Radio, when I heard a faint humming which, over a period of time, got increasingly louder. I thought it could have been the radio, so I turned it off, but still the humming persisted. Intrigued I stepped out of the car in bewilderment scratching my head, when like a bolt of lightning, a large oval shaped object shot from behind me heading towards the valley overlooking Church Stretton.

The object then did, in my opinion, a spin before shooting left diagonally back towards my position and then once again going through the valley.

The object made a triangular shaped manoeuvre it seems and in a right angle hovering over Church Stretton itself, as if surveying the features or layout of the land.

What amazed me was the speed of the object and the way it manoeuvred, stopping and, with bursts of lightning speed, making a 180 degree turn before shooting off again.

A jet takes an average seven miles to make a turn while this object made almost instantaneous turns.

Before witnessing this object I was a confirmed sceptic into UFO phenomena but one thing I must make clear is that I feel the government and armed forces know more about UFO phenomena than they dare to disclose.

Aidan Hughes  
Minsterley

CONGLETON CHRONICLE, Cheshire, England - Feb. 3, 1995

# Fright for families as mystery plane buzzes rooftops

AFTER two British Airways pilots reported passing "an alien craft" over Congleton recently, Alsager residents have spoken of another plane taking evasive action and flying perilously close to the rooftops of homes.

A man who lives in Station Road, Alsager, who preferred not to give his name, told the "Chronicle" that the residents rushed into the streets when they heard a jet plane skimming over the tops of their houses on Thursday.

Said the eye-witness: "It was about 7 p.m. and a jet aeroplane looked as if the pilot was trying to come down on top of us. We all ran outside and had a look. The aircraft had a large jet engine, throttling back.

"It was pretty frightening and alarming. It was so loud that the whole house vibrated. A major disaster was averted by a hair's breath".

The previous incident was said to have occurred on 6th January, and was reported in a tabloid newspaper.

The pilots of a British Airways Boeing 737 reported coming into contact with a "bright, lighted mystery craft" as they approached Manchester Airport at 6.43 p.m. They were travelling from Milan to Manchester at a height of 4,000 feet.

There has not yet been an official explanation for that sighting.

A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Authority said he believed that the aircraft witnessed flying low over Alsager was probably of military origin, possibly an R.A.F. or American transport plane.

"It is difficult to specify what type of plane it was from the information we have. The bigger the aircraft, the lower it looks. It is almost impossible to judge heights," said the spokesman.

The C.A.A. contacted Manchester Airport regarding the incident, and were told that there was no record of any aircraft flying over there at that

period of time, and that it was outside controlled airspace.

It confirmed the C.A.A.'s belief that the plane sighted must have been a military aircraft.

Mr. Dale Donovan, of the R.A.F.'s Strike Command at High Wycombe, told the "Chronicle" that he had tracked the planes down as three Tornado strike aircraft.

They were flying from R.A.F. Cottesmore in Leicestershire on a routine training sortie.

"We have Harriers, Tornados and Jaguars, which are twin-jet aeroplanes like the one described. The rules for low flying restrict aircraft flying at night to 500 feet.

"The crews are briefed to avoid built-up areas, but they cannot avoid everyone, for there are people everywhere. Low flying is an essential part of training for air crews.

"Air crews need frequent practice involving low flying, which was illustrated in the Gulf War, when our pilots were required to fly as low as 30 feet during their strikes.

"It is inevitable that you are going to cause some disturbance at low level.

We try not to fly in the same areas too much in order to spread the disturbance around".

Mr. Doug Pickford, in his book "Staffordshire: Its Magic and Mystery" wrote that the North Staffordshire area could be a "window" for U.F.O.s, and also quoted a businessman's strange encounter near the Bridesstones.

CHRONICLE &amp; ECHO, Northampton, England - March 14, 1995

■ Research Centre issues invitation for weekend lesson on sightings

# Man watches 'UFO' head for Far Cotton

LIGHTS in the sky caught the attention of a Northampton man who is convinced he has seen extra-terrestrial activity.

John Franks, of Kingsthorpe, spotted the strange hovering sphere from the window of his Eastern Avenue home on Sunday at around 1pm.

He said: "There was a white light going across the sky in Kingsthorpe and it was heading towards Far Cotton."

"It was definitely not a plane

or a helicopter but it was circular like a disc and travelling quite fast but not very high."

This UFO experience did not frighten Mr Franks, who has seen this sort of thing before in 1964 when he lived in Westbridge.

"It was about 5pm on a November evening and I saw an object in the sky which was round with a dome on the top," he said.

"This time I wasn't worried about what I saw but I just wondered if anyone else had seen it. There is definitely something out there," he said.

Sue Pollock, secretary of Northamptonshire UFO Research Centre (NUFORC), said there had been several sightings in the county in the past month.

"A man in Rushden saw something which matches Mr Franks' description about three weeks ago.

"We have also had other sightings on the A45 towards Wellingborough," she added.

The group is keen to hear from anyone who thinks they may have seen a UFO. Contact Sue Pollock on Northampton 785637.

NUFORC is holding a special training afternoon on Saturday for anyone interested in learning how to distinguish between a UFO and a satellite. The meeting is being held on March 18 at the Friends Meeting House, Wellington Street from 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

HERALD-SUN, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

July 24, 1995 CR: P. Norman

## Residents spy UFOs

A SPACESHIP straight out of the movies and strange lights were among a series of UFO sightings reported by Melbourne residents at the weekend.

The Chamoun family, of Templestowe, claim they saw a UFO bigger than a jet airliner hovering just metres above their Shaun Crt house on Friday night.

Mrs Perry Chamoun said she heard a loud whirring noise at 8.45pm and looked outside to see a "flying saucer".

"It sounds outrageous to say that, but that's what it looked like," Mrs Chamoun said.

Mr Ross Dowse, of the National UFO Report and Sighting Hotline, said six calls were received from Templestowe on Friday night.

OAK BAY NEWS, Victoria, B.C., Canada - May 19, 1995 CR: G. Conway

## REGIONAL NEWS

# It's a bird, it's a plane, oh, just another UFO

Human beings and extraterrestrial are on a crash course that's bound to end in collision, says the director of the Vancouver Island Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

Frances Ellis, a retired American psychology professor who recently moved to Greater Victoria, says the number of UFO sightings worldwide has increased at an unprecedented rate over the past few years, a sign she takes as UFOs "doing everything they can to attract our attention." There are 5,400 MUFON members worldwide and six in Greater Victoria.

"There is some sort of climax in our relationship approaching," claims Ellis, citing crop circle burns, which UFO experts now believe to be some sort of advanced mathematics, cattle mutilations that are apparently so precise no human could do them and more reports of abductions by aliens as proof of her concern. No fan of the beings from outer space, Ellis says she wishes they would just

go away. "I don't feel at all friendly towards them."

The U.S., Canadian and British governments do their best to cover up anything to do with UFO sightings, she believes, adding other countries, such as France, have their own intelligence units dedicated to UFO activity.

Originally from Washington, D.C., Ellis says she lived between three military air bases — the most popular area for UFO activity.

And while the subject of UFOs challenges Hollywood sex scandals as one of the most common features on the front pages of tabloid newspapers, Ellis refutes the claim that only uneducated people believe in them. The highest percentage of believers is actually among university graduates, she claims. Asked how she weeds out respondents whose stories of UFOs and abductions exist mainly in their own imaginations, Ellis says she has certain questions she asks as "hidden validators" to discern who's lying. But, she

adds, few people call her with invented stories since MUFON neither certifies nor publicizes their stories.

The intensity of emotion when recounting stories of abductions and certain common elements related to being taken aboard a ship for medical exams are other indicators, she says.

Her only Vancouver Island sighting so far has been in Nanaimo at the tip of Newcastle Island, when a woman called her at 3:30 a.m. to report that a yellow-orange UFO had landed on the beach. Ellis would like others with way out there reports of UFO sightings or abductions to call her at 388-0194.



Frances Ellis



Bestselling academic: Mack and his controversial book

# Harvard heretic gives visiting aliens earth cred

ELIZABETH HIBBS was reading in bed at her home in Kentucky when she suddenly found herself being beamed up into a spaceship. Surrounded by alien beings known in extraterrestrial circles as Little Greys, she was asked telepathically if she would like to donate some blood, writes James Adams. When she replied she was afraid of needles, the aliens, each about 5ft tall with pointed heads, large almond eyes and a polite, clinical manner, returned her to her bed. Hibbs found it difficult, even in America, to find anyone to listen and not laugh. Then along came John Mack, a Pulitzer prize-winning Har-

*“The Little Greys are scientists and their mission is research”*

vard psychiatrist and founder of the Center for Psychology and Social Change at the Harvard Medical School. He has made the aliens and their sexual habits the subject of a sympathetic investigation in a bestselling volume that has caused a sensation in American academe. The book is at the centre of a bitter row that has divided the hallowed institution of Harvard, which some accuse Mack of bringing into disrepute by dignifying the absurd with academic research.

It was in 1990 that Mack first came into contact with people who claimed they had been abducted. Their tales were extraordinary. There was Dave, a Pennsylvania healthcare worker, who was levitated into a spaceship, had a long probe inserted in his anus and was forced to donate sperm to the aliens. Other males provided identical accounts and females described having their eggs removed. “These people suffered from no psychiatric disorder and were reporting with powerful emotion what to them were utterly real experiences,” Mack wrote. “I was dealing with a phenomenon that I felt could not be explained psychiatrically, yet was simply not possible within the framework of the western scientific world view.” Mack discovered that those abducted by aliens believe that there is a parallel world of people with a different agenda from humans. As well as the Little Greys, who are alien “scientists”, there are the Pleiadiens, who look like

humans (Terrins), except they have silver eyes. “The Little Greys are basically scientists and their mission is research,” explained Hibbs, a retired journalist, whose experiences led her to establish the Society for Universal Thought, a support group for those who have had contact with aliens. Mack found such accounts compelling and became sufficiently convinced of their veracity to engage in protracted research. The result was *Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens*, which became a bestseller. Apart from making Mack rich, he has become an icon to the growing “I was abducted by a space alien” community, and has made regular appearances on television chat shows. Harvard was astounded that one of its respected professors could take such a bizarre subject so seriously. Perhaps, too, some were jealous of the fame and riches his research earned him. Daniel Tosteson, dean of the Harvard Medical School, set up a committee to investigate whether Mack had conducted his investigation to Harvard’s exacting scholarly standards and whether he was exploiting his subjects. The committee conducted more than 30 interviews, including several with Mack. Its draft report acknowledged Mack’s right to investigate anything he wanted but attacked his methods. The report said Mack should have tried to get his work published in an academic journal after it had been reviewed by his peers. Mack says his work was reviewed but no responsible journal would publish his findings.

The dean has to decide what to do about Mack: his options range from ending Mack’s tenure at Harvard to praising his courage for investigating such a controversial subject. Mack’s colleagues want blood and the dean will have to take action. That is one reason why the professor has hired two lawyers. “This case will define the parameters for discussion of ideas at universities,” said Roderick MacLeish, one of Mack’s lawyers. “If John Mack can be suppressed, what’s next? There’s no empirical proof that God exists, so why should all the professors in the theology department be able to talk about God?” Whatever the dean’s decision, Mack has provided thousands of Americans who believe in aliens with the one thing they have been searching for: credibility.

# Getting set for another UFO blitz

By KIRSTY SENIOR

FLYING saucer experts are bracing themselves for a summer of sightings equal to that in 1994 when Taunton earned itself a reputation as a ‘UFO hotspot’.

The calls have already started trickling in to the Stoke St Gregory based UFO Research and Investigation Network and spokesman Sue Hembury-Kellow reckons it could be the start of something big.

Last year Taunton became a Mecca for UFO enthusiasts when more than 300 people claiming to have seen strange lights in the sky called the network’s 24-hour hotline.

Sue said that although most of the sightings were later found to be astrological phenomenon, military exercises or genuine misinterpretations, no less than 70 defied explanation.

And more than 40 of those

occurred in Taunton and Wellington.

This week Sue received a call from a man who lives on the Quantock Hills, who awoke at 4 am during the hot, muggy night of May 2. As he opened a window he saw a strange triangular-shaped body of light hovering in the sky.

He grabbed his binoculars and has even taken a photo of the object, which he watched for some time.

The following night a couple in Norton Fitzwarren claim to have made a similar sighting — again, it was triangular and it changed colours before shooting off very fast.

Sue said: “Something certainly appears to be happen-

ing. We have had quite a lull for some time — April is a notoriously bad month — but things have started to pick up again.”

Last year’s sightings peak came in June when 27 calls remained unexplained.

Now the network wants to gather statistics to find out a few extra-terrestrial facts.

And it will be holding street surveys throughout the county during the summer, starting in Taunton on Saturday, to see if British people hold with the view of 80 per cent of Americans that bizarre, unexplained objects exist.

□ THE network’s 24-hour hotline is on Taunton (01823) 491068.

# More sightings of Sinfon UFO?

By OLIVER NIESEWAND

IS the ‘Sinfon triangle’ a new type of aeroplane? Could it be influenced by the energy fields known as ley-lines?

The Express front page story on the mysterious object invited an enthusiastic response.

Mr S rang in to tell us he saw a triangle four years ago near Spondon.

He said: “I saw it one winter evening just as it had got dark. A group of lights in a triangular formation passed low at a very low speed over my house.”

“There was a definite impression of shape — the stars were obscured between the lights so it must have been solid.

The lights were not spectacular but they were bright. It did not relate to

anything I’d seen before.”

One witness saw the triangle hovering above Spider Bridge, Allenton, on March 16 — the same day the mother and child in our report witnessed the object.

The eye witness said: “Hovering high over the bridge was the triangle with lights.”

“There were cars behind me and one vehicle to the right of me. I couldn’t possibly be the only person to have seen it.”

“I waited to see if anyone had reported a sighting, but no joy.”

“So when the report of the sighting was in the Express, it confirmed to my family and friends that I’d seen what I said I’d seen.”

Mr A.S. wrote to say that Sinfon is believed to be on a ley-line, which was once marked by a stone circle and asks if there might be “a link between the possible UFO sighting and the ‘earth power’ from the site where the stone circle was.”

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He is interested to know whether the Belgian triangle, as seen in Heusy, was also sighted near a stone circle site.

Mr H had a very close encounter on March 16 when a large triangular craft flew overhead.

He was returning from holiday on the road from Willington to Swarkeston bridge when he saw “what looked like a delta-winged aircraft”, at 5.15am.

He and his passenger got out and watched it for three or four minutes. It

had nine or ten lozenge shaped lights which were slightly triangular in a V-shape along its underside.

He said: “There were no bulbs, just panels like light-boxes.”

“The light was ordinary and straightforward like you might see inside the cabin of the plane. They illuminated the plane itself, rather than anything exterior like the ground.”

“The light was surprisingly bright — enough to obscure the outline of the plane. There were no navigation or landing lights that I could see.”

“I didn’t think it so peculiar, but if it was an airliner it wasn’t like one I’ve ever seen before.”

“You could hear a jet noise, but it was very loud and powerful sounding.”

“We saw another aircraft, possibly the same one, a little later, circling in towards East Midlands airport. It was much further away this time and had ordinary navigation lights.”

# Haunting the highways and byways

A CURIOUS new guide out next week puts Oldham well up among the leaders in at least one field: UFOs.

Peter Hough, for years a Warrington-based equivalent of those two investigators on TV’s “The X-Files”, has written many books on hauntings and UFOs and his latest is a layman’s touring guide to the haunted bits of Britain, (“Supernatural

Britain”, Piatkus Books, £13).

In the chapter on South-West England (don’t ask me why) he suggests that Oldham is one of a number of top “window areas” for sightings of things that shine brightly in the night.

He cites the Seventies “phantom helicopter”, a silent but highly manoeuvrable object seen

- over the Pennines, and three local examples:
- On Hartshead Pike in May, 1973, a young couple saw a flying dome-shaped object emitting red, green and white lights before disappearing off.
  - In January, 1975, a group of children playing in Upper mill noted a “disc of yellow light with a red light on top.

It swooped quite low and made a humming sound”.

- And in Lees a few days later a glider pilot (glider pilot? Lees?) saw a light surrounded by other diffused lights, moving below the horizon, which disappeared suddenly.

Spooky stuff indeed. If it makes you scared to go out at night, you could stay in with a good book. A different one.

# UFO encounter for pensioner

by PAT BRAY

A CLOSE encounter with two unidentified flying objects has strengthened a Sudbury pensioner’s conviction that there is life on other planets.

Seventy-three-year-old Ron Herbert saw one object which he later admitted could have been an aircraft — but this sighting was followed immediately by another in-

explicable shape which suddenly zipped across his line of sight at phenomenal speed.

Mr Herbert described how he was walking down Cats Lane, Sudbury, towards Cornard Road at about 6.35pm on Thursday when he noticed a noiseless, brilliant white light moving very slowly

from south to north.

As he stopped at the junction with Elm Road and the object receded into the distance he noticed it was displaying flashing red and green lights in addition to the white light.

He watched what he agreed could have been an airplane disappear ... but was suddenly startled by a hazy blue spherical shape which shot past him below rooftop

level travelling from east to west.

“It was so fast that by the time I turned my head it was just a pinpoint of light in the distance,” he said.

“Despite the lack of sound and the brilliant white light I could be persuaded the first object was an aircraft.”

“But the second was no figment of my imagination or an excess of the hard stuff — I’d only had a cup

of tea! I’m a student of modern aircraft and there is no logical explanation for it.”

“If the Ministry of Defence is hiding details of some exotic flying object capable of such incredible speed in complete silence perhaps they should tell us all.”

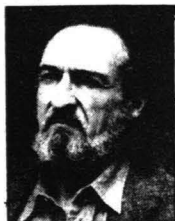
“I wasn’t scared, but it just confirmed my belief in the existence of some form of life ‘out there’, which is capable of what we can

only dream of.

“To me, the denial of any life anywhere else in the universe and beyond it is monumental arrogance.”

“It had been raining only minutes before and was very cloudy, so what I saw had nothing to do with a recent explanation of lights seen by people in the Bures Road caravan park — namely that they were aircraft on refuelling exercises over the North Sea.”





## The Texarkana ghost light

Folks in Texarkana tell a story of a mysterious ghost light that has been observed for well over a century, a light that appears at a second-floor window of an old Civil War-era home. The current residents of the house, it is said, have seen the light on numerous occasions, but never been bothered by the ghost.

The story surrounding the ghost light has its origins in the War Between the States. While serving in a fighting unit in Tennessee, a young Confederate soldier from Texarkana received a message that his family's homestead had been attacked by jayhawkers who killed his mother and father. When the soldier's request for leave to return home was refused, he simply deserted his infantry company one night and walked the entire distance home.

The two-story frame house was one of only a few of its type that existed in this area at the time and was considered quite distinctive. It was nearly midnight when the soldier arrived at the home where he was born and raised. He entered the dark, quiet structure, lit a lantern and began to search about. He found nothing amiss until he reached his parents' bedroom, a second-floor room facing the road.

There, splattered across the hardwood floor, were bloodstains.

Realizing at once that his mother and father had indeed been killed, the soldier, still holding the lantern, withdrew his belt knife and plunged it deep into his own heart, killing himself instantly.

Several days later, a neighbor chanced to be passing by the house late one night. Glancing up at the second-floor window, he spotted what he described as the dim glow of a lantern, suggesting someone was moving about inside. On investigating, he found the body of the dead soldier with the lantern lying nearby. Curiously, the lantern was cold and had not been lit in several days.

Believing that the room was haunted, the neighbor fled from the house and reported the incident to authorities.

Three months later, Amon Sandefur and his young wife were returning along the road to their home late one night when they happened to pass by the two-story house. Glancing up at the second floor window, Sandefur saw a pulsating glow as if from a dying lantern. Recalling the house had been empty for some time, Sandefur stopped the wagon,

pulled his rifle from the back, and went to investigate.

On arriving at the second-floor room from which the light had shone, Sandefur was greeted by an eerie silence and a darkness broken slightly by the light of the half moon shining in the window. Calling out, he received no response. Glancing down at the floor, Sandefur could see the blood-splattered floor in the moon's light.

Since that time, the mysterious ghost light has been observed in the second-floor window hundreds of times by people passing by on the nearby road. The light has appeared on clear nights as well as cloudy, and is seen only around midnight.

(Columnist Jameson is compiling a book on tales of Arkansas ghosts, spirits, hauntings, and monsters. If you have a story you would like to contribute please send it to W.C. Jameson 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.)

GLOBE, Boston, MA - July 26, 1995 CR: R. Dumas

## London confronts a Cornish cat - or canard

By William Miller  
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

LONDON - In Cornwall, the jagged leg of England that juts out into the Atlantic, myths die hard.

Apart from the legend of King Arthur and his knights of Camelot, none die harder than the myth of the Beast of Bodmin.

For years, a mysterious creature has roamed the wilderness of Bodmin Moor in North Cornwall, mutilating sheep and leaving giant pawprints as evidence of its presence.

Farmers say the killer is a big cat - possibly a puma or a panther. They have seen it, they say, and have taped it from a distance.

Some say it is a cousin of the Beast of Exmoor in neighboring Devon - a creature so cunning that it evaded a detachment of Royal Marine commandos that had been sent to

capture it in 1983.

In all, 77 sightings, livestock kills and injuries have been reported since 1994, a total high enough to rouse the concern of the Ministry of Agriculture, which launched an investigation early this year into the occurrences.

By all accounts, the six-month investigation was as exhaustive as the title of its final report: "The Evidence for the Presence of Large Exotic Cats in the Bodmin Area and Their Possible Impact on Livestock."

The conclusion?

Observing a bureaucratic tradition, the men from the ministry were unable to prove things one way or another.

While they indicated that the four sheep killings they had investigated had been carried out by a less-than-friendly Tiddles the Cat or Rover the Dog rather than a giant predator, they could not quite disprove the

existence of the Beast.

The report, issued last week, met with undiluted Cornish scorn.

"This report is an expensive joke," said Rosemary Rhodes of Ninestones Farm, who sold all her sheep after 12 were killed in four years. "Of course the Beast of Bodmin exists. I've seen it and videoed it. These people are office workers who know nothing."

John Goodenough, who runs Goodaver Farm with his son Robert and who has lost 12 sheep and three calves to predators, was equally dismissive.

"We know of two big cats in two different areas," he said. "I'd like to catch one and release it in the ministry's office. See how they like that for proof."

Paul Tyler, the local member of Parliament who lives on the edge of the moor, said, "If the Sherlock Holmes team from the minis-

try think they have dispelled the mystery, they have another thing coming. They have only deepened it."

Even the Times newspaper added its weight to the controversy.

"No cat!" the Times said. "The ministry must be joking."

In an editorial that rang with resonances of the American "Yes, Virginia" column about Santa Claus, the paper said, "If the Beast of Bodmin Moor did not exist, it would have to be invented."

Recalling the Loch Ness monster, the Abominable Snowman, flying saucers and the werewolf, the Times said that the world "needs wonders quite as much as it needs scientific proofs that wonders do not exist."

"The real Beasts of Bodmin are the men from the ministry who declare that there is no such creature."

COLUMBIAN, Vancouver, WA - July 13, 1995

## Bigfoot tale walks into bookstores

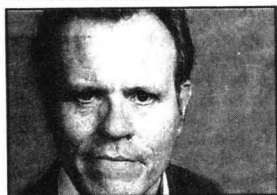
Also watch for a novelist's sad story of a family tragedy

TWO NEW BOOKS of special interest to local readers should be hitting bookstores this month.

"Where Bigfoot Walks: Crossing the Dark Divide" (ISBN 0395441145 \$22.95) by Grays Harbor resident Robert Michael Pyle is a well-written, rational account of his own search for the elusive beast.

Mr. Pyle, an eminent naturalist, biologist and butterfly expert, seeks answers for this ancient mystery by hiking across the mountains of Washington and Northern California; by talking with Indians about the creature that has become so

### BOOKMARKS



By ROGER SULLIVAN  
for The Columbian

much a part of their legends; and by attending Bigfoot conferences held by hunters determined to be the first to kill what they see only as the prize of prizes.

Mr. Pyle has some encounters with the hairy humanoid but none

of the third kind. Although his evidence remains inconclusive, he does provide a good read for both believers and non believers.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Aug. 5, 1995

## Chinese mission fails to find 'Bigfoot'

BELJING - Chinese scientists on a publicized two-month expedition to find "Bigfoot" have failed to capture it, photograph it or find a single footprint, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Friday.

Using luminous compasses, night vision scopes and satellite orientation gear, the 30-member delegation obtained "some slim scientific evidence," including what it claims are hair samples of the creature, the report said. The hunt took place in the Shennongjia forest reserve in central China's Hubei province, where Bigfoot sightings have been reported.

In the past 70 years, China has recorded 114 sightings of Bigfoot in Shennongjia and more than 360 people claim to have seen the elusive creature, the report said. (AP)



**Big shoes to fill**  
A plaster cast of an alleged Bigfoot print, with possible bone structure drawn on it, dwarfs a skeleton of a human foot.  
Below, a frame from footage of a 1967 sighting in Del Norte County, California.

Tribune photo illustration (above) of an AP file photo; images are to scale but not actual size.



AP file photo

### Name: Sasquatch (a.k.a. Bigfoot)

#### Physical characteristics:

- Six to 11 feet tall, with a slightly stooped back, a human-like face and brown or black hair.
- Weighs between 500 and 2,500 pounds.
- Is either a primitive man or a Gigantopithecus, a large primate which, according to most scientists, vanished from the earth more than 300,000 years ago.
- Smells awful. Bigfoot's stench has been pegged somewhere between that of an unbathe human and a dead skunk.
- Often emits a high-pitched scream that is inaudible to humans, but scary enough to make animals quiver with fear.
- Habitat:**
  - Has been spotted in nearly every state, but is seen most frequently in the Northwest.
  - May migrate north, from California and Oregon to British Columbia, just before the hot months of summer.
- Habits:**
  - Nocturnal.
  - Omnivorous, but doesn't eat roots unless they are washed.
  - May cover its tracks.

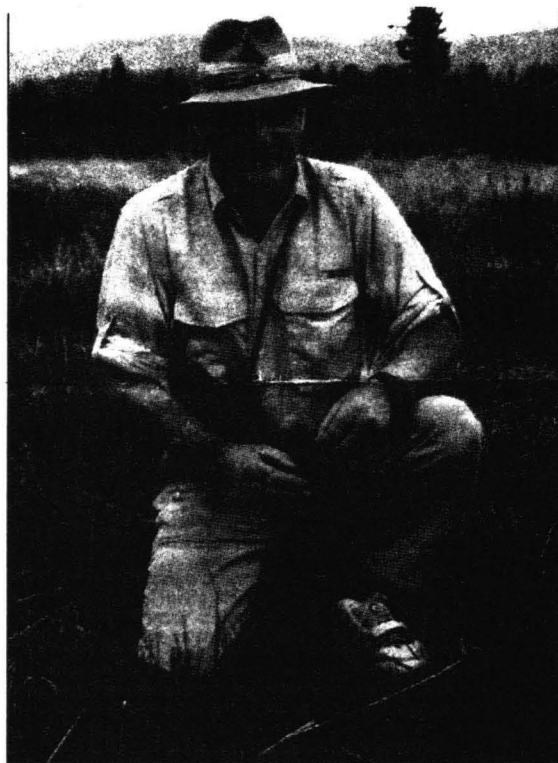


Photo by Richard Cockle

### Name: Peter C. Byrne, 69

#### Achievements:

- Opened Nepal's first tiger hunting concession; subsequently turned his into a wildlife preserve.
- Has searched for Sasquatch for more than three decades.
- Has written two books, "The Search for Bigfoot" (Simon and Schuster, 1975) and "Tula Hatti: The Last Great Elephant" (Faber and Faber, 1990).
- Current position:** Byrne is the director of the Bigfoot Research Project, an Oregon outfit that is conducting the world's most high-tech monster search.
- What keeps him going:** "The challenge of cracking a mystery. [Seeing Bigfoot] would be the fulfillment of dreams, of hopes, the culmination of a life's work."
- To tell him about a sighting:** Call 800-BIG-FOOT.

# On the trail of Bigfoot

Peter Byrne is trying to make his lifelong dream come true: He wants to find Sasquatch

By Bill Donahue  
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

**Y**ou feel the moment you enter Peter Byrne's home in the woods of Oregon, that you have stepped onto a BBC film set.

Here is Byrne, 69 and thoroughly Anglo-Saxon, dashing about in a khaki shirt appointed, at the neck, with a gold ascot. Here is the book Byrne wrote about a grand elephant he discovered in the wilds of Asia. And all about you—evident in the whirl of computers and the quick bustle of underlings—is a great sense of mission.

"We want to find a Bigfoot," Byrne says, taking a seat in the kitchen. As he stares at you, his windbeaten brow wrinkles above his blue eyes. "Ideally, you could walk toward it and,

there was nothing definitive.

So in 1960, he turned his sights to America; he spent much of three decades pursuing Sasquatch through the Northwest. And again, he attained no absolute proof. The best he had on his 65th birthday was a plaster cast of a very large footprint.

Time was running out.

But then, in 1992, good luck struck. Byrne received from Boston's Academy of Applied Science a very generous five-year grant. It provided enough money to found the Bigfoot Research Project, and to hire two assistants to help him launch the most high-tech monster search the world has ever seen—a search that relies on police gear, wildlife research equipment, a Jeep, a video camera, and, above all, a phone line.

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holding your hand out, shout, "Good morning!" I wouldn't want to hurt it, you know. I'd simply like to communicate.

"If I could do that," Byrne adds quietly, "it would be the fulfillment of dreams, of hopes, the culmination of a life's work."

Yes, you may think Sasquatch is just another fake Elvis in a monkey suit, but Peter Byrne most decidedly does not. He believes—believes the mystery is out there just waiting for a good man to crack it. He has believed ever since he was an imaginative youth in Ireland and his father told him stories of an "abominable snowman" that haunted Nepal, eluding humans and exuding a terrible stench.

"My father," he recalls, "always said that he and I would hike up there, to search. We never did, though, so in 1947 I went with a friend, straight into the Himalayas."

Byrne opened Nepal's first tiger hunting concession and, whenever he could, he trailed the snowman. He found some footprints and even an odd hairy track, but



Byrne has a toll-free number, 1-800-BIGFOOT, and a dozen or so people call in every month to report sightings. The old hunter takes notes and then, if a sighting sounds promising, he rushes off to investigate—to peruse the crushed twigs or watch witnesses imitate the horrible scream.

Every detail is logged onto computers. Eventually, if all goes as planned, Sasquatch's migrational patterns will become clear, and Byrne can jump into a helicopter.

There are, on standby, two Bell 206 choppers equipped with the infrared sensors used to track prison escapees. These would zero in on the beast, and Byrne would shoot a small dart. The dart would loop into the Sasquatch's flesh, extracting a small bit of tissue—enough to fill up, say, one tiny test tube—and ultimately the creature would lope off, unharmed.

And the cameras would whirl: You know the tabloids would be there. Indeed, they can't wait.

Last year, the crew of "Unsolved Mysteries," an independent syndicated TV show, spent a week with Byrne filming a mock Bigfoot hunt that was replete with a Hollywood stunt man wearing oversized shoes.

Byrne has also been covered by "Ancient Mysteries," "Sightings," and the Australian Broadcast Corporation, and newspapers ranging from The Hood River News to The New York Times.

#### The critics are out there

With all the fame has come criticism. For instance, Grover Krantz, a Bigfoot believer who

teaches anthropology at Washington State University, argues that Byrne is "a sham, a fake."

Krantz takes issue mainly with Byrne's opposition to killing, which evolved after decades of watching bumbling tourists murder Nepalese tigers.

"I argue for humane treatment too," says Krantz. "But in order to attain protection for the Sasquatch, we have to prove they exist. And Peter knows that the only way we can do that is by bringing in a body."

John Green, a retired Canadian journalist who has written several books on Bigfoot, is even more critical.

"Peter Byrne is a fraud," Green says. "He tells the public that Sasquatch is near human because that's what they like to hear."

Green is certain that, "if Sasquatch is real, he's just an animal."

But Byrne feels the truth is far more complex: He likes to think of the creature as a convict.

"As a child," he explains, "we played a game called Convict 99. One person was the fugitive. Others were the police; they tried to put themselves in the mind of a fugitive. Now we're trying to do the same thing. Bigfoot is out there, but where? Where is he hiding?"

It's a vast question and, trying to answer it, Byrne has forded an icy, chest-deep stream on snowshoes and slept out on winter nights with nothing but a small fire to warm him.

He says, "It's like we're trying to find a needle in a haystack and the needle is moving and it

doesn't want to be found."

Byrne pauses, so again you look into those eyes—those piercing blue eyes that have seen the slopes of Mt. Everest, the roiling waters of the Indian Ocean, the charge of the tiger.

"You know," he says, "we have a theory—and it's only a theory—that he covers his tracks."

#### Not this time

After a while, the phone rings. Some guy has heard weird screams in the woods. Byrne has said, earlier in the day, that 98 percent of the reports he gets turn out to be "rubbish." But still you start hoping... Maybe this time.

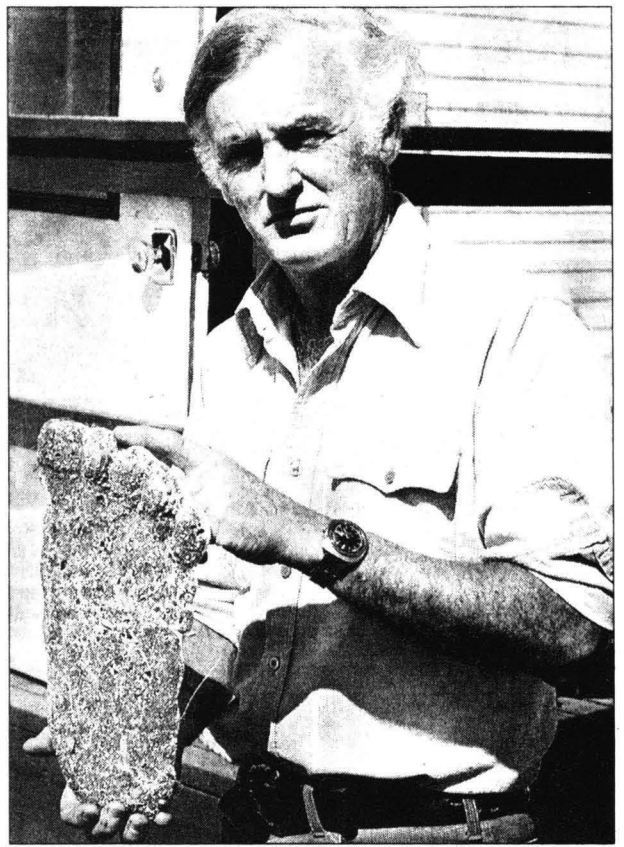
"And what did it sound like?" Byrne asks, wandering about the kitchen. "Could you pinpoint where the screams came from?"

(In the back of one's mind, there is the sound of the chopper revving. The blades are twirling and a beam of light shines down on the trees. Wait, something is moving...)

"I see," Byrne continues. "So you can't be any more specific than that?"

This report, sadly, will supply nothing new. So, in his courteous way, Byrne signs off.

It's a portable phone that he's using, and he sets it down very close at hand. The next call could, of course, come in five minutes' time.



AP file photo

In a 1975 photo, Peter Byrne shows off a plaster cast of what he says may be a Bigfoot footprint. "Bigfoot is out there, but where? Where is he hiding?" Byrne says.

NEWS ["Surrey Scene"], Mt. Airy, NC  
May 23, 1995 CR: G. Fawcett

### Strange Creatures

I am calling in hopes of obtaining additional eyewitnesses to encounters with a number of strange creatures seen by two persons and reported to me at around 2:45 a.m. from Surry County, on May 10. No UFO sightings were reported in conjunction with the appearances of the creatures, but I am seeking any other observers who may have had similar experiences on this early morning event. The reports will remain confidential, if so required. You may call 704-735-5725, no collect calls accepted, or write to me, George Fawcett, at 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton, N.C. 28092.

PROVINCE, Vancouver, B.C., Canada  
July 13, 1995 CR: G. Conway

## CULT KILLS LOCAL CATS

By John Colebourn  
Staff Reporter

A bizarre cult is killing cats on Vancouver's west side.

Mutilated cats are turning up between Dunbar and Arbutus from 16th Avenue to 31st Avenue.

They have been cut in half and the blood's been drained from them.

"Some sort of Satanic group is doing these mutilations," said Vic Warren of the city pound.

Said cat home-finder Dorris Orr: "There's got to be drugs behind it."



Officials hope you'll come to Crookston to see this creature.

## What's the big idea? In Crookston, it's Bigfoot

By Rob Hotakainen  
Staff Writer

Bigfoot may never have been sighted in Crookston, but that's not stopping the northern Minnesota town from opening a museum in honor of the legendary half-man, half-beast to woo tourists.

"What the kids will like is that we're going to create a lifelike rendition of the hairy thing," said Don Holbrook, executive director of the Crookston Economic Development Authority.

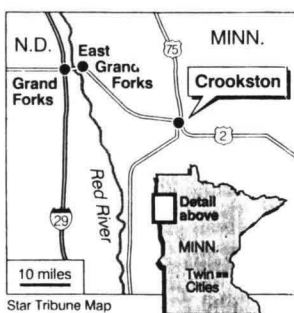
And this is economic development?

"We're not sitting in exactly what I would call a tourist hotbed," said Holbrook. "We're trying to create

some alternative means of tourism. This is one of the things that we literally stumbled across, quite honestly."

Holbrook, who cooked up the idea while surfing through the Internet, was in hot demand Wednesday as the media got wind of his plans.

"I'm amazed at how many people have called about this," he said. "We've gotten calls from all over the country... We're having a lot of fun with it, and we're having a lot of naysayers. Our job is to raise awareness of Crookston, Minnesota. It has done that."



The project, which will be part of the Polk County Museum in Crookston, is expected to cost \$10,000.

The legendary creatures reportedly have been sighted throughout the world, especially the Pacific Northwest. However, solid proof — such as bodies or skeletal remains — never has been found.

City officials are unaware of any other Bigfoot museums in the United States, but they believe there's a big market for this sort of thing: Their research has shown that there are more than 450,000 Sasquatch watchers in the United States alone.

"We're not just doing it as a hoax," Holbrook said.

Holbrook said he is working with a professor at the University of Washington who has been researching Big-

foot sightings.

"We're going to do some more research on Minnesota sightings, in particular," he said. However, he is not aware of any specific locations where Bigfoot may have been seen in the state.

Not even in Crookston?

If there have been, joked Holbrook, "we're denying any."

"You know the government: We deny everything," he said. "We are a government agency. The police are at a heightened awareness. That's what I'll tell you."

## Tracking a legend

Some highlights of the Bigfoot phenomenon:

■ 1924—The modern Sasquatch legend is born as five miners report that their Kelso, Wash., cabin was attacked by giant apes. According to the miners, the creatures pounded on the structure, threw rocks at the miners and, at one point, a hairy arm reached through a crack in the walls. The Bigfeet probably attacked because, hours before, one miner had shot at a Sasquatch, causing it to tumble over a precipice.

■ 1967—Sasquatch stars in a movie. Bigfoot researcher Roger Patterson shoots a short, vivid film of a gorilla-like female on California's Bluff Creek. The footage becomes the subject of worldwide controversy and Patterson tours the nation, hosting screenings. "We didn't want to shoot her," he says. "She was just too human."

■ 1982—Self-proclaimed Bigfoot "atheist" Paul Freeman becomes, in one horrifying moment, a believer. Freeman, a U.S. Forest Service patrolman, sees a brown-haired giant step toward him in Oregon's Blue Mountains. He says, "The hair on its neck and head just went forward like the hair on a wild

dog's back," and he will not recant his story. In 1983, after being constantly ridiculed, Freeman resigned from the Forest Service. "I know what I saw," he explains, "and I'm not going to change my mind on it."

■ 1982—Eighty-six-year-old Rant Mullen reveals that he has spent a lifetime creating false Bigfoot tracks. Mullen, a retired Washington logger, explains that he has whittled several sets of large "feet" out of green alder. "I have to laugh," he says. "All these experts are saying, 'The prints show Bigfoot was 900 pounds.' These higher educated guys are dumber than anybody. Anybody who'd believe the Bigfoot stuff [would] have to be pretty damned hollow between the ears."

■ 1992—The legend continues as a Seattle secretary, Katie Martin, tells a tabloid, The Weekly World News, that Bigfoot sired her 4-year-old, furry-faced son. The couple communicated "through some sort of telepathic link," Martin claimed. Bigfoot brought her flowers, berries and fresh fish while she camped. And then? "I really don't want to get into that," Martin said.

STAR TRIBUNE, Minneapolis, MN  
July 6, 1995

# Brunswick tale of ghostly light still grabs 'em

By PAIGE WILLIAMS  
Staff Writer

MACO — Before Wilmington became such a swanky place, with cafes and movie studios and such, one of the more popular things to do on summer evenings was to drive over to Brunswick County and look for old Joe Baldwin.



Teenage boys and girls, and more than a few grown-ups, would caravan out to the country, pull off the road and set off into the woods. In the lonely silence of those moonless nights, where the swamp fumes rose up in a dense, putrid fog, their hearts pounded harder with each step through the blinding blackness.

At the railroad track, they would stop, and wait.

Those who found Joe Baldwin were usually sorry they did.

"I promised God I weren't going back no more and so far I ain't done it," says Linston Robinson, 76, who



Associated Press

**Eyewitness:** Linston Robinson of Leland saw the Maco light as a young man and never went back. "It ain't no automobile light," he says. For more than a century, coastal North Carolinians have grown up hearing of the mystery of the Maco light that allegedly appears along the railway where Joe Baldwin was killed.

was a strapping young shipyard worker when he saw the light in 1947. "I liked to get scared to death."

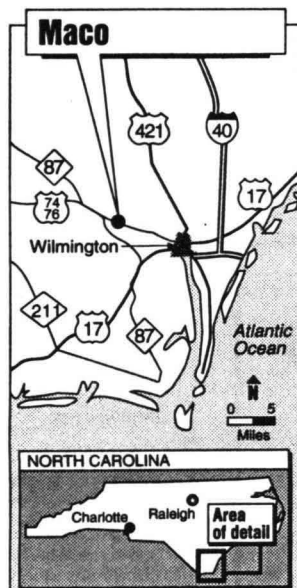
Poor Joe Baldwin. Nobody paid him a bit of attention when he was a lowly railroad flagman back in 1867. It took a train wreck, decapitation and a story passed down through the generations to make a legend of him and his lantern. On top of that, Joe is most remembered not for being the hero who tried to avert the wreck, but for the ghoulishness of losing his head and haunting the track forever afterward.

For 128 years, coastal North Carolinians have grown up on the tale of the Maco light, a mysterious glow that was said to bob along the railway where Joe Baldwin was killed.

Believers say the light was Joe's ghost carrying his lantern, searching for his head.

Disbelievers attribute the sightings (and supposedly there've been multitudes) to overactive imaginations or the glare of automobile lights or the phosphorescent work of swamp gas.

Countless newspapers and ghost books and even an off-Broadway play have told the story of Joe Baldwin and the Maco light. A celebrated New York ghost hunter came south to investigate. Fort Bragg even sent a machine gun detachment to hunt the thing down. There was a time when the community of Maco was so inundated with curiosity seekers, state troopers had to direct traffic.



CATHERINE FOLEY/Staff

Whatever was out there seems to be gone now.

The Maco light hasn't been seen since 1977, when the railroad cut costs and took up the track.

## The story of Joe's valor

The story has been handed down so many times for so long, some of the details contradict each other. One account has Joe Baldwin as a railroad brakeman, another as a flagman, another as a conductor. Whichever it was, Joe worked for the Manchester and Augusta Railroad.

The route from Florence, S.C., to Wilmington cut through miles and miles of field and swamp. One of

its stops was a community about 15 miles west of Wilmington now called Maco.

One spring night in 1867, Joe's train was chugging toward Wilmington when he heard a terrific pop. In those days, railroad cars were joined by links and pins. Joe knew by the sound that his car, the rear one, had come uncoupled from the rest of the train.

And he knew that not far behind was an express train.

As his car coasted to a stop, Joe raced to the rear platform with his lantern, waving a furious warning to the oncoming train. But the express barreled on, its single eye growing brighter, brighter...

When the train hit the wild car, Joe was decapitated; his lantern flew from his hand in a mad arc.

As some tell it, the lantern landed upright, went out, then sputtered back to life. Others say it was never found, and neither was Joe's noggin.

Soon after the wreck, an eerie light started appearing on the track after dark, floating near the trestle where Joe died. When anyone approached it, the light vanished, though some witnesses reported getting close enough to see the lantern guard.

The word around Maco was that Joe was back, and looking for his head.

The light appeared regularly, in all seasons, but most often on moonless, dewy nights following warm days. It vanished for a while after the great earthquake of 1886, but returned.

One balmy night in 1889, President Grover Cleveland's train stopped at Maco to take on wood and water. The president left his coach to stroll up the tracks and

saw a signalman carrying one green lantern, one red.

"Tell me," the president said, "what is the purpose of carrying two signal lanterns?"

Railroad hands told him the story of Joe Baldwin and explained the lanterns were to avoid confusion.

Conductors had been seeing the Maco light and braking, mistaking it for a warning.

## A firsthand account

As it became fashionable in New Hanover and Brunswick counties to drive out to see the Maco light, the desolate track over Hood's Creek turned into a hangout for dating, and for taking in spirits of another sort. The sight of cars lined up along the dirt road became common to the community as the story spread beyond Brunswick and the Carolinas.

"It wasn't no little thing, it was a big something," says Linston Robinson, who grew up in nearby Leland and first heard of the Maco light from his daddy. "People asking about that light in New York, Washington, California..."

Linston Robinson never believed the story. He figured the light came from cars on U.S. 74/76. He and a buddy decided to go see for themselves. They walked up the track one misty night.

"When we got halfway out there it bust up over our heads and lit up the whole swamp. We started back and got halfway and it lit up again. It was humming, this humming. ... No sir," Linston Robinson says, "I ain't going back with nobody down there. If you got any sense you ain't going neither."

A host of sleuths attempted to solve the mystery of Joe Baldwin and the Maco light.

A group of Charlotte engineers tried. Smithsonian researchers tried. Fort Bragg soldiers, apparently intending to ambush Joe Baldwin, staked out the tracks and came up with nothing.

In 1964, locals invited the famous Hanz Holzer to try. Holzer was a New York writer who'd just published the book "Ghost Hunter." His agreement to come investigate the Maco light touched off a wave of publicity worldwide.

"The Ghost Hunter will be accompanied to Wilmington," one newspaper reported, "by his attractive 25-year-old wife, an Austrian countess who shares her husband's interest in ghostlore" and was supposedly the great-great-granddaughter of Catherine the Great.

This was big news indeed.

Holzer arrived at the airport to find a horde of locals waiting, including county commissioners and all the mayors in Brunswick and New Hanover counties — and 1,000 high school students carrying lanterns.

Joe Baldwin, he didn't show.

# Bigfoot ballyhoo erupts after plans for info center

By KEVIN BONHAM  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — The whole nation, it seems, wants to find out what Bigfoot is doing in Crookston, Minn.

Newspapers, television and radio stations from all across the country have called since news spread that the city plans to create a Great Plains Sasquatch information center and build a life-size likeness of the 8-foot human-animal.

The calls started as soon as a story about the city's plans was picked up by wire services, according to Don Holbrook, executive director of the Crookston Development Authority.

"We've had a phenomenal response," he said. He has heard from about 50 radio stations, more than 20 newspapers and several television stations. He has been interviewed on several morning radio programs.

"Initially, they think it's a spoof," he said. "We really are creating an information center that will track information on Bigfoot nationally."

"The only thing fictitious," he said, is the life-size

**"We really are creating an information center that will track information on Bigfoot nationally."**

— Don Holbrook, executive director, Crookston, Minn., Development Authority

rendering. There will be a statue of Bigfoot, using taxidermy to recreate the human-animal that researchers are studying, according to Holbrook.

Sasquatch will be part of the indoor display, but signs outside would alert tourists and passersby to the display.

The information center also will have casts made of Sasquatch footprints that have been found in other areas of the country. Holbrook does not know of any Bigfoot sightings in the Crookston area.

"We've always had the ox cart as a mascot," he said. "But we're not unique. We don't have lakes and that kind of thing, that other cities in northern Minnesota have. We just decided to create something."

The idea struck the locals while cruising the Internet. They read about all of the research being done on Bigfoot sightings throughout North America and the world.

They also learned that there are more than 450,000 Sasquatch watchers in the United States alone.

Although Bigfoot sightings most often have come from mountainous areas of the Pacific Northwest or north of the Canadian border, there have been some from the Great Plains, Holbrook said.

The idea became a proposal for a tourist attraction. The city plans to spend fewer than \$10,000 for the information center, which likely will be placed in the existing county museum.

"We're kind of becoming the Bigfoot clearing-house," Holbrook said. "We're finding out we're the only one with this kind of thing. It's been a very positive response."