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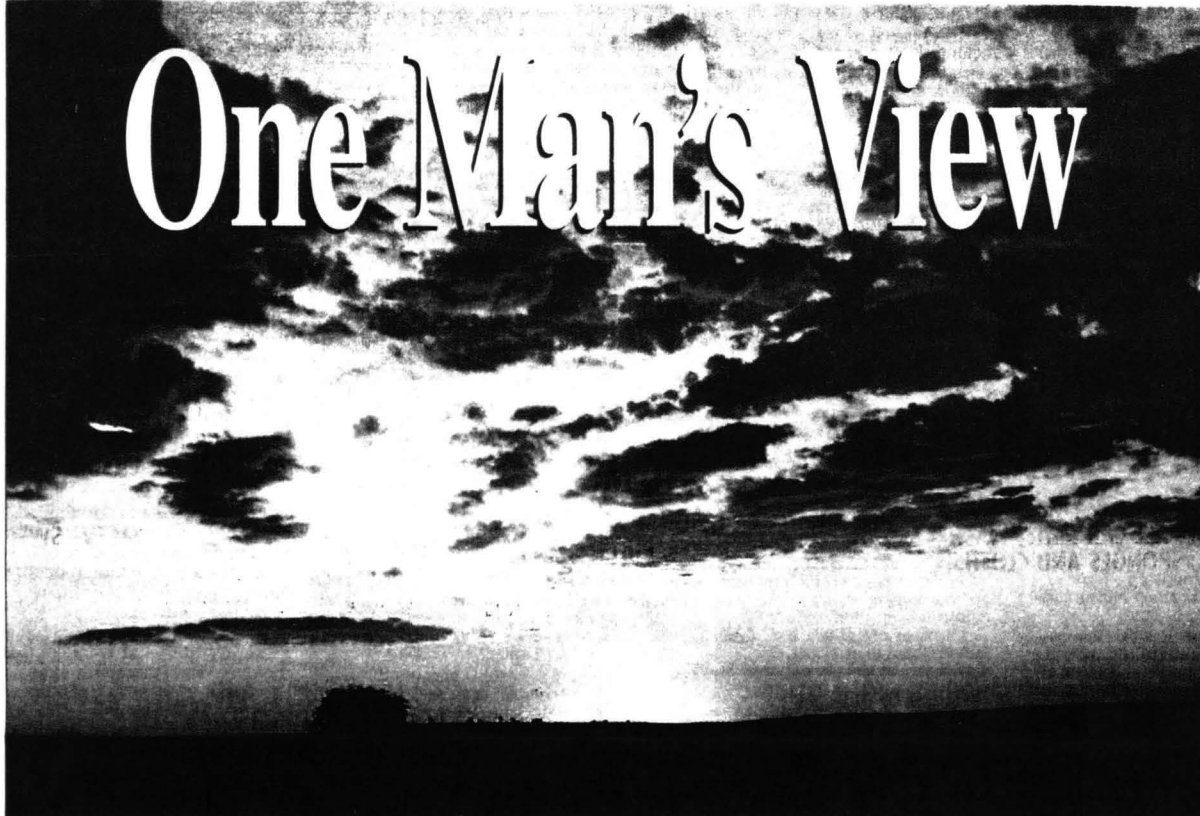
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## One Man's View



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The sun sets in the desert just outside of Roswell, N.M., near one of the alleged 1947 UFO crash sites. In his book, 'The Day After Roswell,' Col. Philip J. Corso claims he saw remnants of the crash.

### Book Review

By PATRICK DeFRANCISCO  
Of The Morning Call

Flying saucers are real! They're out to get us. The military, however, beat them back into a black hole while we were watching our favorite TV shows.

We can all sleep soundly now. Well, maybe not.

Col. Philip J. Corso, retired Army intelligence officer who was a national security adviser to President Dwight Eisenhower, has written a book about what he claims is the truth about flying saucers, "The Day After Roswell" (with William J. Birnes; Pocket Books; \$24, 341 pp.).

Corso says that after the end of World War II, the United States was not only fighting the U.S.S.R. in a Cold War, it was fighting invading extraterrestrial biological entities (EBEs) in a Hot War.

The book features a foreword by Sen. Strom Thurmond, who Corso worked for as a national security specialist during the 1960s and '70s. However, anyone reading the foreword can deduce that it and the book don't quite match up.

Thurmond has issued a press release saying he was under the impression the foreword was for a book about Corso's wartime activities and the recollections of a retired Army officer.

Thurmond adds that he did not, and would not, pen a foreword for a book suggesting the United States won the Cold War because it had UFO technology. The senator also says that he does not believe in UFOs, or that the United States is in possession of UFO vehicles or that there has been any government coverup of a UFO crash.

The colonel claims the 1947 landing in Roswell, N.M., was no fantasy. "It was real, the military wasn't able to prevent it, there was a desperate need to keep the story quiet ..."

Corso claims he first crossed paths with an EBE in 1947, shortly after the Roswell crash. According to Corso, the remnants from the crash were being shipped to the Air Material Command at Wright Field in Ohio,

### Retired Army intelligence officer reveals his close encounters

with a stopover at Fort Riley, Kan., when he happened to peak into one of the shipping crates. He describes a bizarre four-foot humanoid creature submerged in a thick light blue liquid inside a glass container.

Following this incident, which Corso says he tried to put out of his mind, he served in Korea under Gen. MacArthur, returned to the United States to serve on the National Security Council at the White House under President Eisenhower, and in 1961, began service under Gen. Arthur Trudeau as head of the "foreign" technology desk of Army Research and Development.

Corso says he was given pieces of Roswell wreckage with orders to figure out

whether any of the material could be used as a weapon. Corso said his mission was to harvest UFO technology and farm it out to U.S. corporations.

Everybody wanted in on the Army's Roswell technology, according to Corso. The Air Force wanted it, the CIA wanted it, and the Navy wanted it.

A red-faced Stalin wanted it too, since, Corso says, the question was asked by the Russians, " ... what would they [the U.S.] do with it?"

Corso's book is as interesting in the intelligence arena as it is in the realm of flying saucers. For example, he claims: "The CIA and KGB were working together ... information is power to be used. You don't just hand it over to governments because they tell you to, whether it's Republicans, the Tories or Communists."

Corso says it was a sinister time full of paranoia, double crosses and propaganda.

While the military denied the existence of UFOs, says Corso, the military ran coverups such as Project Blue Book, and encouraged Hollywood screenwriters and film-makers to

make movies such as "The Man from Planet X," to relieve some of the public's curiosity about UFOs. Corso said the government reasoned that "if people could enjoy the phenomenon as entertainment, get duly frightened, and follow trails to nowhere, then they'd be less likely to stumble over what we were really doing."

All through the so-called Hot War with the EBEs, Cold War intrigues continued, among which was the budding war in Vietnam, which Corso says "... was going to be a political war, run by the CIA and fought under a cloud of unknowing."

Corso and company kept pushing for more advanced weaponry: "We needed a moon base and we needed SDI ('Star Wars'). Little did we know that when Reagan and Gorbachev decided to end the Cold War, it was because they both decided it was best to join in the fight against the EBEs."

In 1975 and early 1976, Air Force nuclear repositories at Loring Air Base in Maine, the SAC facility in North Dakota and other places in Montana and Michigan, had been visited by UFOs, according to Corso. He says: "They weren't just random sightings, they resulted in alerts and classified reports to Washington."

Forget the movies "E.T." and "Contact." These visitors weren't benevolent alien beings who had come to enlighten mankind, they were genetically altered automatons, cloned biological entities, who were taunting our military and harvesting specimens for their experiments, according to Corso.

The tables began to turn in 1974, when the United States had its first shoot-down of an alien craft over Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany, says Corso, adding that advanced lasers helped turn the tide.

The book provides interesting reading. Corso's version of events is convincing, although specious. Unfortunately, Project Blue Book and Hollywood have done their job all too well. It seems that Corso has been hoisted on his own petard.

Why would Corso, a retired member of Army Intelligence who is a former adviser to President Eisenhower and an apparently reputable man, reveal what he claims is the truth about UFOs when it's unlikely anybody will take him seriously?

Then, too, there is the problem of why Corso, an experienced intelligence officer, would discredit himself via the Thurmond book foreword fiasco?

And why would Corso claim that integrated circuits are a product of Roswell when there's too much history to the contrary?

Finally, along with the other Cold War intrigues, why is there no mention of Eisenhower's famous 1961 farewell address remark, warning about the excesses of the military industrial complex?



Models of alien heads were part of last month's UFO Encounter '97 festival in Roswell.

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# Former MSU student looks at UFO info at a distance

By Chuck Klosterman  
The Forum

When most people hear the words "UFO researcher," they usually assume it's a euphemism for "conspiracy-obsessed wackmobile."

That's precisely why Jerome Clark is so refreshing. Clark is the author of "The UFO Book:

An Encyclopedia of the Extraterrestrial." It's an incredibly comprehensive and thick book (702 pages), but the key is the tone: It stays away from personal speculation and sticks to tangible facts and academic analysis.

Clark attended Moorhead State University in the late 1960s and early '70s. He became editor of the Chicago-based UFO magazine "Fate" in the mid-1970s and was vice president of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies. (In case you're wondering, Hynek was the U.S. Air Force's chief consultant on UFOs for 20 years).

Now back in his hometown of Canby, Minn., the 51-year-old Clark continues to work as a writer and extraterrestrial pundit. I spoke to him over the phone last week ...

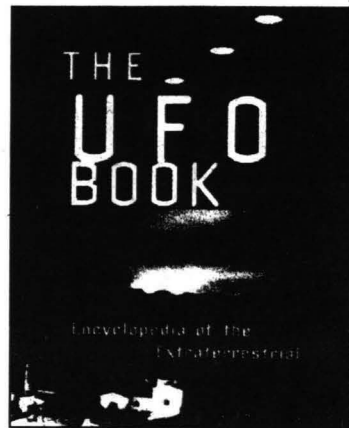
**There's been a glut of information about UFOs in the past few years. How is your book different?**

What people need to understand is that most of the information they hear about UFOs is false. That applies to both pro-UFO people and anti-UFO people.

Personally, I have never had a UFO sighting, nor do I care to have one. I prefer to look at this issue with a certain degree of intellectual distance. I think a lot of people who have had experiences get too emotional about what they believe. I'm trying to be dispassionate about it.

**Your encyclopedia is billed as a "UFO guide for the intelligently curious." Is it safe to say that "intelligently curious" people are the exception when it comes to UFO research?**

This subject has become completely marginalized. I think it's clear that scientists don't want to deal with it; the elite opinion is that this is a ridiculous subject without any substance. It's out there on the margins, so it's going to attract



Jerome Clark's UFO encyclopedia.

the people on the margins — paranoids, gullible people, people looking for some kind of spiritual comfort in the idea of kindly beings from outer space, and just people who aren't educated in weighing evidence accurately.

**Are you a believer?**

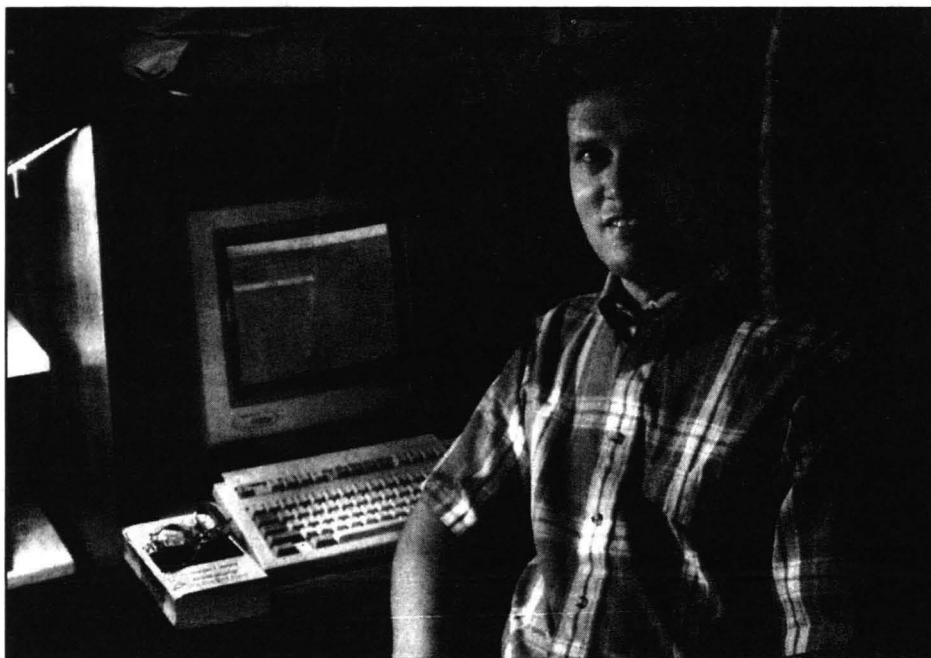
I would not call myself a believer. My views have nothing to do with belief. I'm more analytically inclined. To answer your question — yes, I do think there is something to this. But that view does not come from belief. It comes from weighing and examining a lot of evidence over a long period of time.

**So what's the best evidence?**

Like I said, I don't believe indisputably that our planet has been visited by UFOs. This is a provisional hypothesis. The best evidence does not come from the scariest or most spectacular stories, either. The best evidence comes from cases where you actually have something to take into a laboratory. For example, if there's a report of a UFO that's landed on the ground and affected the plant life, you can take those plants into a lab and build a case.

**But isn't that the biggest problem with UFO research: that there isn't any tangible stuff to study?**

No, there is stuff like this. There are several cases where UFOs have landed on the ground and left traces in the soil and in the plant life. There have been cases where UFOs have been tracked by military and weather instruments. The problem is that this kind of work is expensive and time-consuming, and you have to have scientists who are willing to do this kind of work. It's a Catch 22: There is evidence out there, but nobody wants to study it. The problem is with the structure of science.



Jerome Clark, former editor of Chicago-based UFO magazine "Fate," attended Moorhead State University.

**Are you suggesting that the lack of hard information about UFOs has more to do with time and money than it has to do with a governmental conspiracy?**

There are some conspiracy theories, and I write about them in my book. But I don't put any stock in conspiracy theories. I think "conspiracy" is often the wrong term to use in this situation. Certainly, no one disputes that the government has the right to withhold information on issues of national security.

The kinds of cases we don't hear about are not stories of people who see UFOs while they're walking down the street. The government doesn't care about that stuff. The ones they withhold are

the cases that happen over military bases or the ones that were intercepted by military tracking systems.

**Most people who claim they've been abducted by UFOs tell strikingly similar stories about the experience. Does this validate their claims, or does this simply mean people know what they're expected to hallucinate when they're "abducted"?**

The interesting aspect of the abduction stories are the similarities of the subtle details. On one level, you can say that everyone in 1997 has heard an abduction story and knows what's supposed to happen. But when people start repeating obscure details that

even most UFO researchers don't notice — that's when things get interesting.

**Give me an example.**

OK, here's one: People never remember entering a UFO. It's a phenomenon called "doorway amnesia." This was first realized by a researcher in 1987. The abduction "victims" always remember coming up to the craft, and they also remember being inside — but they never recall passing through the door. It's strange that so many people share this obscure detail. Another is that most abductees always say there are no lamps or lighting fixtures on the craft; they always say the light seemed to "come out

from the walls."

Obviously, neither of these examples are hard evidence. But they are intriguing.

**But isn't this similar to the way people used to describe demonic possession 2,000 years ago? Those stories also shared weird details. Some would argue that tales of alien abduction are just a modern adaptations of the traditional "freaky story." Might this all be a similar chemical imbalance among people raised in the same culture?**

I don't think so. I have heard this argument a lot, and the examples people use don't work. In 19th century Ireland, people claimed they were kidnapped by fairies. Skeptics try to compare those tales with present-day alien abductions. But when you look at these stories in a broader context, they just don't match up. I'm completely agnostic about the reality of abductions, but I do think they're unique to this era.

**Do you think the evidence for abductions is reasonable?**

(pause) The evidence for abductions, in a broad context, is soft. All you can say is that the evidence suggests that it's worthwhile to research. But the alternative theory — that these are all psychological disorders and hallucinations — doesn't work, either.

**Shows like "The X-Files" and movies like "Independence Day" keep people interested in UFOs, but do they ultimately hurt the possibility for legitimate research on the subject?**

That's a good question, and I think the answer is yes. Those programs trivialize the issue, and they make it seem like it's only fit for pop culture addicts and comic book readers. If the only exposure someone has to this stuff is a special on the FOX network where doctors conduct an "alien autopsy," why would any rational person believe this is science?

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# Bill wanted UFO probe: Hubbell book

By DEBORAH ORIN  
Washington Bureau Chief

President Clinton was intrigued by UFOs and wanted to know if they really existed, says a new book by his golfing pal, disgraced Justice Department official Webb Hubbell.

Hubbell says finding out about UFOs was one of the top priorities Clinton gave him in sending him over to a job as one of Attorney General Janet Reno's top deputies.

"Webb, [Clinton] had said, 'if I put you over at Justice I want you to find the answers to two questions for me,'" Hubbell recounts.

"One, who killed JFK. And two, are there UFOs."

"[Clinton] was dead serious. I had looked into both, but wasn't satisfied with the answers I was getting," Hubbell adds.

Hubbell describes his failure to find out about JFK and UFOs as a big regret when he had to resign as associate attorney general and pleaded guilty to bilking law clients of \$482,000.

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**President can help UFO inquiry**

The president's appointment of an independent oversight board to monitor and guide the Defense Department's redress for the victims of the Gulf War syndrome leads me to ask him to appoint another oversight board.

This one would monitor and guide the executive branch's "full, final, and complete" disclosure of all information and artifacts derived from the U.S. military's retrieval, analysis and exploitation of alien spacecraft wreckage at Roswell, N.M., in 1947, near Del Rio, Texas, in December 1950, and at other crash sites worldwide.

By taking this action, he would help fulfill former President Jimmy Carter's pre-election promise to release to the public all federally maintained UFO data.

According to an Oct. 29, 1969, memo by Air Force Brig. Gen. C.H.

Bolender, certain "national-security-implicated" UFO reports never were intended to be included in those collected by the now defunct Project Blue Book. Such a diversion and suppression of UFO data constitutes a breach of public trust — and qualifies for appraisal and remedy by a blue-ribbon panel of scientists, legal specialists and academics.

Their oversight function should include the summoning of testimony and other evidence available from a growing pool of UFO-cover-up whistleblowers awaiting a waiver of their secrecy oaths.

Will the president seize the opportunity to do the right thing in defense of the public's right to know (and the government's duty to tell)?

LARRY W. BRYANT  
Alexandria



# E.T. strikes again? Utah gets another crop circle

By Zack Van Eyck  
Deseret News staff writer

RICHMOND — You don't see crop circles that often. Unless you live in Cache County.

For the second time this week and the third time in 11 months, local residents were stopping by the side of the road and even renting small planes to view an unusual formation of flattened barley.

Three men found the latest crop design in Calvin and Carol Funk's field, a mile north of Crow Hill, about noon Friday after hearing that a California-based pilot saw the figure from the air earlier in the week. The man spotted the crop circle in Funk's field while observing a similar design four miles to the south in Smithfield.

That design was discovered Sunday morning by farmer Gary Hansen. Several hundred passers-by have stopped to take a look since then.

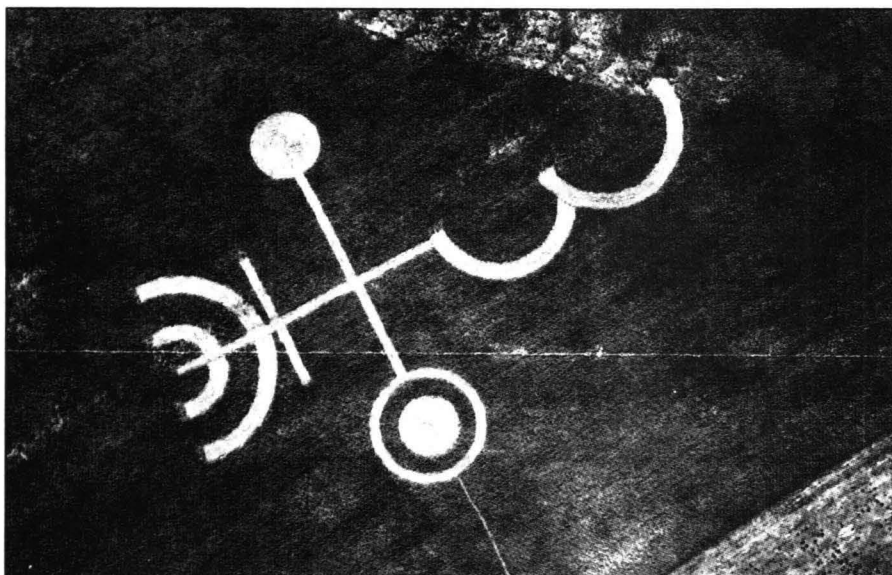
"It's getting more annoying to me every day," Hansen, 42, said Friday.

To others, it's getting more interesting.

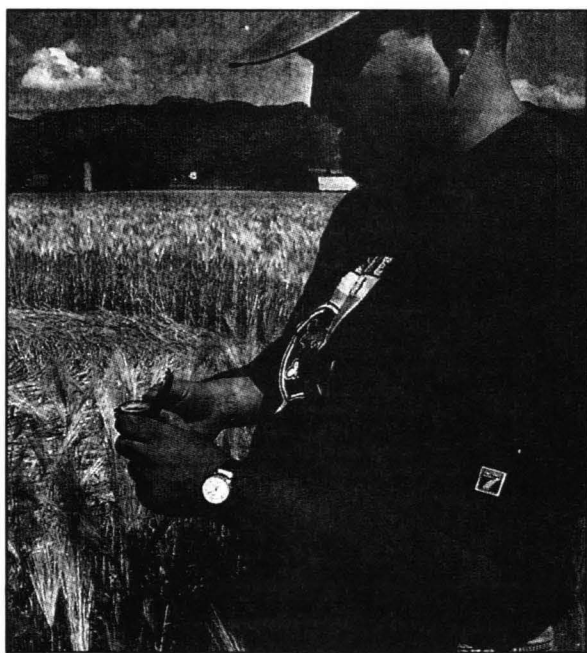
The formation found on Funk's Springside Farm is larger and slightly more complex than the Hansen crop circle. And it is unusual, in the United States at least, for more than one crop circle to appear in the same vicinity in such a short time span.

The first Cache County crop circle was discovered last August in Providence, about nine miles south of the Hansen formation.

"We knew there'd be more," said Con Olsen, 39, of Wellsville, one of the first to step inside the Funk formation Friday. "I think there's going to be more and more. I feel there's something



The latest crop circle discovered in Utah, above, was found in a field north of Logan Friday. The three men who located the design were acting on a tip from a California-based pilot who reported seeing the figure from the air earlier in the week. Con Olsen, right, checks the inconsistent behavior of his compass while standing inside the mysterious corn circle.



coming — earth changes, something.

"Pictures are the universal language, and they're here for us to figure out."

Some have suggested crop circles are nothing more than a hoax or a prank, and two Brits did confess to making numerous "fake" crop circles in England several years ago. Hansen figured last year's Providence formation was probably just a joke.

But then it happened to him.

"It's mind-boggling," he said as he explored the Funk formation along with his son and daughter

Friday afternoon. "It's almost too perfect to be a piece of ground equipment or a human because there aren't any tracks."

Hansen was relieved to learn he wasn't the only Cache County farmer with a mysterious design woven into his barley.

"I feel better now. I was starting to wonder, 'Why are they picking on me?' It's a relief in one way, but I'd still like to know what caused it."

Olsen, Tres Dixon and Ryan Layton said there were no trails leading into Funk's field Friday before they entered to examine the design, which features a trident-like symbol, a circle inside a circle and a W-shaped tail.

"It was kind of neat, I've got to tell you, to walk in there for the first time," said Layton, who will collect plant samples from the Funk formation and send them to former University of Michigan professor W.C. Levegood.

Levegood and his associates studied samples Layton took from last year's Providence crop circle and determined it was "authentic," meaning it was not likely created by human pranksters. Levegood's analysis showed the barley within that circle had undergone structural changes created by some kind of high-heat energy, as has been the case with other crop circles he's studied.

His theory is that crop circles, especially prevalent in southern England, are formed by a natural weather phenomenon — an energy vortex that emits microwave-like radiation.

Layton, Hansen and others observed Friday that the nodes on the flattened plants inside the Funk formation appeared darker than those on the neighboring stalks outside the design.

Layton said he spoke with Levegood's assistant, Nancy Talbott, and she said the research team has been inundated with samples from six fresh crop designs in the past few weeks.

"This is going on all over the country," Layton said.

Everywhere the Hansens have gone this week, people have made jokes about extraterrestrial visitors.

Maegan Hansen, a 15-year-old sophomore at Sky View High School, said she can't say for sure what created the crop circle — and \$500 worth of crop damage — in the field just across U.S. 91 from her home. But she does know she heard strange noises about 12:30 a.m. Sunday — sounds she now thinks may have had something to do with the crop circle's creation.

"It was like two beeps or a buzz," said Maegan, who was in the basement watching TV at the time. "It was like if you put a beep and a hum tone together. It was weird. It wasn't like anything I'd heard before."

Janet Funk, who lives a few hundred yards away from the most recently discovered crop design, wasn't worried about what she might hear. She was more concerned about what she might see — like dozens of people trampling her father-in-law's barley.

Two newspaper photographers took to the air Friday, and Funk was afraid the curious would show up in droves Saturday. Layton, who asked the Funks' permission before entering the field, was afraid his sample collecting would be hampered by human visitors.

Todd and Lisa Weakland, of Ogden, spent two days this week taking samples from the Hansen formation and will send them on to Levegood. The Weaklands measured the formation's circles at 74 and 31 feet in diameter.

Layton had yet to take measurements of the Funk design, but said it could be 300 feet from end to end — longer than the 258-foot Providence formation.

The Cache County Sheriff's Office was not investigating either of the crop circles Friday. Deputies briefly looked into the Providence formation last year and determined pranksters, and possibly gophers, were probably to blame.

Neither humans nor rodents were apprehended.

# Stargate Lenawee

## County a popular target for UFOs, researcher says

By PAUL WETTER  
Daily Telegram Staff Writer

ADRIAN — A "blimp" hanging above the intersection of Treat Highway and U.S. 223 drew Connie O'Very's attention.

"I saw this cigar-shaped, silver object in the sky," she said, recalling the scene from 1964. "I was really excited because I thought it was a blimp, so I sped up."

But as she approached the intersection in her car, the craft disappeared.

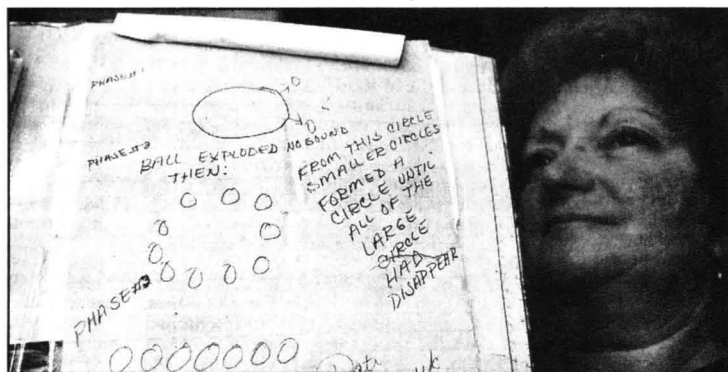
Such sightings in Lenawee County are not rare, according to O'Very, who has spent about 25 years as a UFO researcher in the Midwest, and in particular, Lenawee County. O'Very also serves as a field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network.

She realized what she had seen that day only after viewing a blimp up close. The inflatable object was quite different from the smooth-shaped object she had seen floating about the intersection.

Lenawee County is a hotbed of UFO activity, according to O'Very. People have viewed them for many years but have always been reluctant to talk about it for fear of public ridicule. Attitudes are changing though, prompting more people to talk about what they've seen, O'Very said.

Many sightings in the county revolve around triangle-shaped objects with different colored lights that travel at a high rate of speed and make no audible sound, she said.

The most recent sighting reported to her was during the daytime in Onsted, where people reported seeing a dark-colored craft with a silver object beside it. Another couple along Deerfield Highway reported different colored lights that approached their car and sped off.



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Connie O'Very, owner of Enchanted Treasures and a UFO investigator, displays files of cases of UFO sightings in Lenawee County. For the past 25 years she has taken on the strange and unusual unexplained sightings.

O'Very said she documents the stories and investigates the location, if the sighting is recent. She keeps files on the reports, which includes statements from the eyewitnesses, weather conditions, and aircraft in the area.

The sightings are often sporadic and sometimes people come to her weeks or months after the incident. Their stories are intense, and O'Very says it's difficult to remain objective.

"It's hard not to get caught up in the moment with them, but you need to be objective," O'Very said. "The people you talk to need to be respected because they have had an unusual experience."

A mix of people have observed UFO's in the past, but O'Very says a pattern has developed among some county residents who have spotted UFO's at different parts of their lives. The pattern has appeared in some families, she said.

O'Very approaches all reported sightings with an open mind and is careful to not label eyewitnesses as credible or not.

"If you go by who is credible and who is not, you're limited to bankers, lawyers and doctors," O'Very said. "On the other hand, if you happen to enjoy a beer every once and a while or live an alternative lifestyle, you automatically are labeled as not credible."

O'Very speculates that UFO's travel through time and dimensions to an opening in Lenawee County. It sounds farfetched, but O'Very says the stuff Hollywood describes as make-believe is often tinged with strong elements of truth.

"We used to think the speed of sound was impossible," she said. "If you think about it though, our science fiction ends up being fact at a later point."

With the continued exploration of space and other worlds, such as Mars, O'Very believes contact is possible with extraterrestrial life.

"I just can't believe that we as a race should be so arrogant to think that we're the only intelligent life in such a vast universe," she said.

# On the trail of the flying saucers

By THE "COSMIC RAY" KELLER

The summer of 1997 marks the 50th anniversary of the so-called "flying saucer phenomenon," which began on the afternoon of June 24, 1947, as bush pilot Ken Arnold was flying over Mount Rainier in Washington state searching for range fires.

While he didn't spot any fires that hot summer day, he did spot nine unidentified flying objects which he radioed in as being like "saucers skipping across water," inasmuch as they were bobbing about over the peak of the mountain. Newspaper dispatches reported the objects as "flying saucers" and the name has stuck ever since.

Mount Rainier is the highest point in Washington at a height of 14,410 feet above sea level, and officials of the then Army Air Corps tried to explain away the sighting as the misidentification of an upper atmospheric inversion layer. Nevertheless, Arnold has stuck to his story that he witnessed nine physical, disc-shaped objects moving at "fantastic speeds."

And then on July 3, 1947, a flying saucer allegedly crashed in the desert area surrounding the Army Air Corps field at Roswell, N.M. While local Army Air Corps officials were at first proud to announce to the world press that they had recovered the crashed remains of a "flying

saucer," pressure from upper-echelon commanders forced them to change their story and simply report the recouping of a downed weather balloon.

After pressure by New Mexico politicians for the real truth about the incident, especially associated reports of "alien bodies" near the crash site, the Air Force, within the last couple of weeks no less, has added to its story and now states that wooden "crash test dummies" were being dropped from the Roswell weather balloons so scientists could gauge the effect that high altitude falls would have on humans without the benefit of parachutes.

I don't know which is harder to believe, the reports of aliens crash-landing on Earth or this latest hokey tale from the Air Force. I can well recall the massive waves of UFO sightings over the Midwest in the late 1960s. Then the Air Force tried to explain it all away by saying that millions of Americans were either hallucinating or misidentifying the coronal or plasma effects induced by the electrical charging of "swamp gas" near high-tension power lines.

But here we are, 50 years later, and still no definitive answer about the UFO enigma. So to help us find the "truth that is out there," let's hit the dusty trail in search of the ever-elusive flying saucer.

## About the writer

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## The real 'Men in Black'

By RAY KELLER

A new motion picture has been released. Titled "Men in Black," it stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones as agents of a top-secret government organization dedicated to silencing UFO witnesses and fighting alien intervention here on Earth.

Some movie critics are surmising that "Men in Black" will exceed the box office tallies of last year's blockbuster, "Independence Day," which also dealt with a UFO/alien invasion scenario.

"Men in Black" or "MiBs" as they are known in UFO circles, have long been a part of the American ufology scene. Back in the early 1950s, when the first civilian UFO groups were being established, men in black would show up at the homes of UFO club members or UFO witnesses, flashing CIA or FBI credentials, confiscating UFO photos or other "evidence" of the ETs' presence on Earth, and otherwise threatening to take drastic actions against these individuals should they ever come public with their UFO knowledge or experiences.

That the influence of these men in black is still pervasive in our society is evidenced by my first attempts to gather information for this article. I called Walt Andrus, director of the Mutual UFO Network headquartered in Texas, in order to get the names and telephone numbers of officers in that organization's South Carolina affiliate that I could interview for this article.

After calling each one of them, they all declined to have their real identities made known in any article on the subject of UFOs, saying that they feared losing their jobs or having the U.S. government come after them to harass them about income taxes or otherwise begin to make life miserable for them.

One of the group's officers from Columbia said that they were even afraid to hold public meetings, for fear that their group might be infiltrated by the men in black. The officer of the Mutual UFO Network works as a scientist for a large South Carolina corporation with extensive federal government contracts. He feared that he'd end up in the unemployment line if his name were associated with this article. While he has seen numerous aerial phenomena, he isn't quite ready to attribute their presence in our skies to extraterrestrial spaceships, i.e. flying saucers, and only maintains that what he has seen is "something unidentifiable."

That's why I couldn't understand what he had to fear by talking publicly about UFOs. But the officer insisted that I keep his name out of it, and explained that back in 1948, following the Arnold sighting and the Roswell Crash, the Air Force began to be inundated with thousands of UFO reports from all over the country. Since each of these reports was required to be investigated as to any threat which might be posed to national security, analysts at the CIA were fearful that this rash of UFO reports might serve to clog up our nation's military response to a real threat from a Soviet air strike.

Therefore, a special CIA group known as the "Robertson Panel" allegedly issued an order for all defense installation commanders to do all they could to discourage and debunk UFO reports from the civilian population. This resulted in an effective anti-UFO propaganda blitz in the newspapers and national media which continues to this day. That's why, according to the Mutual UFO Network spokesman, most news of UFO activity has been relegated to the pages of pulp science fiction magazines or tabloid newspapers.

And apparently the men in black have been busy of late in Orangeburg. During the evening of Oct. 24, 1996, dozens of Orangeburg County residents called in to police dispatchers and The Times and Democrat to report UFO activity in the vicinity of Cannon Bridge Road. Motorists were apparently parking their vehicles along this road to step out and get a better view at what appeared to be a tiny, saucer-shaped object with a single, bright red light in its center that was streaking across the northern sky around 7 p.m.

Reports of UFO activity continued coming in to police headquarters and the newspaper office until about 11 p.m. As news of the Orangeburg "saucer invasion" spread, our county became the focus of a na-



This illustration comes from the summer 1995 cover of "Flying Saucer Digest," a flier distributed in Cleveland, Ohio.

tional media circus, complete with television crews and self-proclaimed UFO experts, or "ufologists," staking out the hinterlands for alleged UFO "hot spots."

While representatives of the UFO Welcome Center in Bowman (829-2311) were gearing up to greet the first ambassadors from an extraterrestrial civilization, however, it should be noted that Lt. Christa Baker of the North Auxiliary Air Field was out assuring TV, radio and newspaper reporters that these sightings were "more than likely due to military aircraft practicing airdrops at the base."

Nonetheless, a South Carolina State University professor was among many of the UFO witnesses that night, and she told this reporter: "I have observed many things in the sky throughout my life, and I can assure you that what I saw that night, a disc-shaped object with a bright red light, did not look like any known, conventional aircraft, or anything associated with the conventional."

The professor did not wish to elaborate on why she chose to remain anonymous about her UFO report. I wondered whether the men in black had gotten to her, too. After all, she didn't claim that ETs had abducted her or that what she saw was an alien ship. All she said was that the object was unidentified and "unconventional." But her fear was obvious and overwhelming. And I believe it's rather tragic that in the world's greatest democracy so many of her citizens should be so paranoid about this subject of UFOs.

Perhaps the fact that this professor is African-American has something to do with it. After all, surveys do indicate that an exceptionally high percentage of the African-American population believes that the government is concealing what it knows about the real nature of the UFO phenomenon.

Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam, for example, has stated that huge motherships are conducting a detailed surveillance of European and American defense installations.

"These cosmic brothers," says Farrakhan, "will not allow the imperialistic powers of Earth to once again enslave peoples of color."

Said one student at South Carolina State University: "Why should I believe what this government has to say about UFOs? It's the same government that lies about everything else, including the CIA's funding to drug-trafficking in the black neighborhoods of L.A. and other big cities."



Our interview took place on the evening of June 24, the 50th anniversary of Ken Arnold's sighting. While the TV was on in the background, an ABC correspondent filed a report concerning the Roswell Incident and the Air Force's latest attempts to "whitewash" the matter.

George Fawcett expressed his opinion that it probably was an extraterrestrial craft that crashed in New Mexico, and also added that he was glad to see the media focusing on Roswell instead of the Hale-Bopp cult suicides out in California.

Said Fawcett: "The suicides were a tragic side issue to UFOs, but for the most part these have already been pushed to the background by the people who have been conducting serious and scientific investigations of this phenomenon for the past 50 years."

Fawcett detailed three scenarios for UFO contact cases:

- Authentic encounters with alien beings.
- Out-of-body or metaphysical experiences.
- Hoaxes.

The ufologist explained that the suicides were actually inspired by a hoax. After a noted astronomer indicated an apparent shadow image on the photographic plates of the Hale-Bopp comet during a CNN interview out of Atlanta, science fiction author Whitley Streiber generated a UFO web page on the Internet which stated that the tail of the comet was concealing the approach of a UFO mothership to the Earth, which would whisk away the true believers to a distant star system. The California cultists took Streiber's web page to heart as the "true sign" they had been waiting for.

But getting back to South Carolina, there is no doubt that Fawcett has amassed a UFO file on the Palmetto State that even puts the "X-Files" to shame. Here's a rundown on what I consider to be the top 10 cases in Fawcett's South Carolina files (by chronological order):

1.) 29 Dec 49, 5 p.m.: Four military pilots pursue a blimp-shaped UFO at high speeds for 10 minutes from Hamlet, N.C., to Greenwood, while scores of

ground observers monitor the event. The UFO easily outdistances the light training planes.

2.) 15 Jul 54, 8:30 p.m.: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Andrews of Surfside Beach, along with several other couples, are having a "chicken bog" cookout when they hear a "very high-pitched humming sound" coming from out over the water, and see a domed saucer that approaches them about 300 feet away. The object is steel-gray in color and emits a powerful strobe light at their parked cars, some 50 feet behind them. The paint on one of the cars literally starts to peel as the beam focuses on one particular car for about two minutes. But then two planes from the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base show up and pursue the UFO until the witnesses lose sight of both the UFO and the planes in the distant sky.

3.) 17 Nov 66, 4 a.m.: Gaffney police officers A.G. Huskey and Charles Hutchins watch a Saturn-shaped UFO (like the one in the "Starman" movie) settle within several feet of the ground and project a ladder to the ground.

10.) 30 Jul 84, 9 p.m.: Kathy Winn, 27, and her 4-year-old son, Jonathan, are pulling out of their driveway in Hopewell to go out for a burger and fries when they spot a 60-foot long cigar-shaped object hovering over a field just 50 yards away. Winn could identify some sort of wing, about 12 feet long, protruding from the side of the ship. She said the object "made a low whirring sound, like an electric motor starting up." This noise catches the attention of her husband, Rick, who comes running out of the house just in time to see the UFO take off for places unknown. Fawcett and other saucer investigators find so-called "crop circles" in the field over which the UFO hovered. They take soil samples and submit them to a private contractor for analysis. Results in-

dicating that the soil had been bleached of all nutrients, but nothing conclusive to indicate the presence of a UFO in that area.

I asked Fawcett where most UFO encounters took place in South Carolina. He responded that they "have been concentrated near military installations, test areas, geographic fault zones, nuclear power stations and power lines, substations, reservoirs and dams. The majority of reports," he added, "also occurred at night with a heavy concentration between 7 and 9 p.m."

I was stunned to see such an extensive "X-File" for South Carolina. It appears that the Palmetto State UFO sightings run the gamut of radar trackings, landings, movie films, pilot chases,

electromagnetic effects, power failures, shooting incidents, car chases, physiological effects, radiation exposures, occupant sightings, and even abductions in scout craft with transfer to orbiting motherships.

Fawcett said the variety of "high strangeness" UFO encounters in South Carolina could not be equaled by any other state, with the exception of California.

"South Carolina's UFO problem appears to reflect a concentrated mirror image of the growing and global UFO enigma," mused this professor of ufology.

He thinks it's the end of the world.

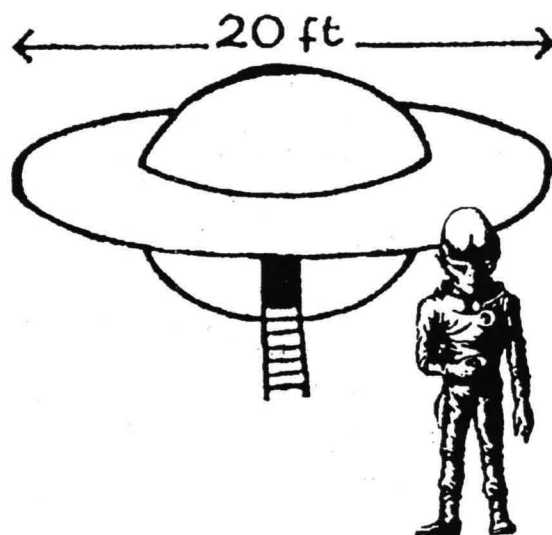
6.) 25 Feb 73, 9 p.m.: S.C. Army National Guard Supply Technician Roy P. Turner files report of overflight of a large mothership with three smaller, satellite objects with local commander and police dispatcher. Story gets in newspaper, but nothing more is heard of the supply technician, who is apparently reassigned.

7.) 28 May 73, 4:55 p.m.: Enterprising college student Bruce Derrick of Greenville, following conversations with Fawcett, builds a device to detect UFOs based upon disturbances in electromagnetic fields. When the device sounds the alarm, the student runs outside with a Polaroid camera and snaps a dark, circular UFO lurking at treetop level over his home. Men in black with credentials claiming affiliation with NORAD (North American Radar Air Defense Command) later show up at his home to confiscate the picture and the camera that took it, as well as the UFO detector.

As Fawcett was also working as an adviser to a documentary movie about UFOs being produced out of Columbia at the time, he too was approached by one of the men in black, also with NORAD credentials, offered the sum of \$12,000 in cash (tax-free), if he'd promise to drop the UFO documentary and "get out of the UFO business." Fawcett said the man in black appeared to be of Asian descent, was quite tall, and was driving a new, black Cadillac. When he inquired of NORAD concerning the man, who gave a name of only four letters, officials of that organization notified Fawcett that they were aware of these MiB impersonators and that the FBI had arrest warrants out for anyone pretending to be an official U.S. government flying saucer investigator.

8.) 22 Nov 75, 5:50 p.m.: Over Waltherboro, pilot Frank Auman Jr. and his passenger-engineer Arlan K. Andrews have close encounter with saucer while flying Auman's plane. Brilliant white saucer hovers parallel to Auman's plane for four minutes, then dodges right in front of their flight path, makes a hard left turn and accelerates out of

# X South Carolina FILES



From Fawcett's files: 18 March, 1978, 9:30 p.m.: North Charleston auto mechanic William Herrmann enters the Twilight Zone! A massive, domed saucer hovers outside his home and zaps him with a beam of green light. The next second he wakes up on an examination table inside the spaceship while three Oriental-looking individuals, each about 4-1/2 feet tall and dressed in red coverall-looking jumpsuits, pick and probe at his body with strange instruments. Two hours later the saucer touches down in a field in Summerville and dumps him out without his clothes. Herrmann doesn't hesitate to "flip the bird" at the ETs and tell them his frank opinion of their presence here on Earth as the saucer drifts off into the night.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

That's no bird, that's no plane, my God, it's a... mystery even Robert Stack couldn't solve ten years ago, when *Unsolved Mysteries* came to our area to cover the story of the now world-famous and still mysterious "Gulf Breeze UFO." November marks the tenth anniversary of the first documented sighting of this way-out Gulf Coast visitor.

Now, we all know the story: On November 11, 1987, Gulf Breeze builder/contractor Ed Walters looked out his home office window and saw a strange glowing craft hovering in the evening sky. He went outside with his Polaroid camera and snapped five crystal-clear photos of the craft. Shortly thereafter, the photos were published in the *Gulf Breeze Sentinel*, and caught the attention of the entire world. Now,

ten years and several hundred sightings later, UFOs are still haunting the Gulf Coast skies, and have prompted several books, brochures, videos, and even a hit song.

Since *Unsolved Mysteries*, other phenomenon shows like *Strange Universe*, *Sightings*, and even, "UFOs: The Best Evidence Caught on Tape" have faithfully covered the Gulf Breeze UFO story. Some have even featured Ed Walters shooting an eyewitness home video of a UFO pulling a "disappearing act" over Pensacola Beach. In addition to contracting, Ed is now a world-famous UFO author with three books to his credit: *The Gulf Breeze Sightings*, *UFO Abductions in Gulf Breeze*, and *UFOs are Real: Here's the Proof*. (I bought my copies at Hurricane Books in Gulf Breeze.)

As for the musical contribution

to Gulf Coast ufology, former Beach resident Ken Manning (yours truly) has written and recorded an original UFO song inspired by a brochure picked up at the Pensacola Beach Visitor Center last summer. Entitled, "Gulf Breeze UFO," the song is due for release in area music stores on single cassette near Veteran's Day, and is said by preview audiences to become "an instant collector's item."

Well anyway, whether you're looking from Gulf Breeze, Pensacola Beach, the Three-Mile Bridge, or even your own backyard, are you watching the skies this month? You never know if or when our local E.T. might pay us an anniversary visit.

Sincerely,  
Ken Manning  
State Member FMPTA

# World's leading UFO authority

As a young man growing up in Cleveland, Ohio, I used to be a regular reader of Ray Palmer's FLYING SAUCERS magazine, as well as of FATE, a monthly journal devoted to the study of paranormal phenomena.

And I can recall that the articles which held the most interest for me from those two publications were those written by George Fawcett of Lincolnton, N.C. His specialty was, and still is, cases where UFOs have actually landed and occupants have either been observed or interaction between the UFO occupants and witnesses actually takes place.

The United States government refers to such UFO occupants as Extraterrestrial Biological Entities or "EBEs." Fawcett, on the other hand, takes a more reasoned approach and simply refers to these occupants as "UFOonauts," since we are not actually sure that they are either "extraterrestrial" or real, physical "entities."

The Rev. Billy Graham, for example, has speculated that some of the UFO occupants may, in fact, be spiritual emissaries or "angels" sent here to Earth from the Throne of God. That might also mean that some UFOs could originate from the fallen angels, and that would bring Satan into the picture. The Book of Jude in the New Testament refers to a "War in Heaven" where one-third of the angels rebelled against God and were defeated by the Archangel Michael and the remaining celestial host. Perhaps that explains why the moon, Mars, and all of the other planets in our solar system are all pocked with craters and unable to sustain life as we know it. Earth was the prize they were fighting for, and all of their battles took place in outer space. It could be that these angelic and demonic forces are preparing for a second war in the galaxies, so we'd better follow the apostle Paul's advice to Timothy, and keep "watching the skies."

In any event, I was able to arrange an interview with George Fawcett, the author of several fine books on UFOs. He lives at 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton, N.C. 28092, in case you care to write him. He gave good directions to his home, and I knew that I had arrived when I spotted a car with the license plate "UFO PILOT" in the driveway.

George D. Fawcett and his twin bother, Garnet, were born in Mt. Airy, North Carolina (also the hometown of Andy Griffith) on July 21, 1929. He is a 1947 graduate of Mount Airy Senior High School and a 1950 graduate from Lees McRae Jr. College at Banner Elk, N.C. He obtained his B.A. degree in psychology and education from Lynchburg College in Virginia and from 1954-1956 served with the U.S. Army in the Panama Canal Zone. He's been a professional YMCA director in six states and a newspaperman. He has also tried his hand at running a sandwich shop in Lincolnton with his wife, Shirley.

But aside from all of this, Fawcett is most noted for personally investigating more than 1,200 UFO reports and publishing his findings in various magazines and journals. Fawcett has been at this a long time, and has in his possession an original tape of Ken Arnold's interview with radio reporters immediately following his most famous UFO sighting, which started the whole flying saucer craze.

But Fawcett's interest and involvement even predates the Arnold report, and goes back to 1944 when he started collecting articles and reports dealing with the so-called "Foo Fighters." He shared an article with me from the New Orleans ITEM of December 1944, which first piqued his interest. Titled "Silver Balls Floating in Air, Nazis' Newest War Device," it details reports by Allied pilots over France of "objects, silvery balls, both individually and in clusters," that trailed various aircraft. Fawcett had underlined these words from the article: "This dispatch was heavily censored at Supreme Headquarters." He's been hooked on investigating aerial phenomena ever since.

Most of all, it should be noted that Fawcett's primary area of UFO investigation is the Carolinas. He's currently writing a book on UFOs over the Carolinas, and solicits information on anyone with such knowledge, especially of UFO landing or occupant sightings. And while the South Carolina Mutual UFO Network people were not that cooperative, Fawcett gave me permission to peruse an entire file cabinet devoted to his investigations of UFOs over South Carolina.



Fawcett

# L.A. fair is out of this world

## UFO Encounters gets mixed reviews from some fairgoers

By Ann Griffith  
Daily Bulletin

**A**lien autopsies.  
Extra-terrestrial footprints.  
And deathly white faces pressed against the window.

Even the Los Angeles County Fair has jumped on the UFO bandwagon - or bandsaucer - with the new UFO Encounters tour this year.

Organizers charge \$7 above the regular fair admission price for a haunted-house-like exhibit that lasts about 15 minutes.

With videos, live narration and a set, the show teaches UFO lore, simulates alien encounters and even throws in some movie characters.

The tour got mixed reviews from the public.

"Don't forget to put that it's hokey," said Lisa Tibbitt of Pomona, who took the tour on opening day Thursday with her husband, Paul.

Tibbitt said she had already tried other rides at the fair and was looking for something new.

Renaissance Entertainment, which created UFO Encounters, is banking on the public's desire for new alien shows. The Orlando, Fla., company has long considered creating such a program.

The company decided to produce the show this year in part because of the 50th anniversary of the alleged Roswell, N.M., spaceship crash.

Recent alien movies such as "Independence Day" and "Men in Black," and the "X-Files" TV show also added to the hype.

Even the Heaven's Gate cult, whose members planned to travel in a UFO after death, has



Alien Diversity on display in the UFO Encounters at the Los Angeles County Fair are biological forms made from witness reports.

intensified interest and helped inspire the exhibit, Renaissance spokeswoman Andrea Kudlacz said.

"It felt real," said teen-ager Vanessa Vick, who was thrilled by the show. "I was just waiting for something to pop out."

What is real about the exhibit, of course, is open to interpretation.

After seeing flashing lights, a video of oozing green alien blood and walking through a rotating vertigo tube, the audience ends up at a souvenir stand.

Guests can buy silver-colored

UFO frisbees, glow-in-the dark candy suckers and pastel striped light wands.

With some fictional movie trivia thrown in, such exhibits could give impressionable young kids an inaccurate idea about aliens, said UFO aficionados.

"It sounds like somebody has a vivid imagination," Mel Podell, director of the San Diego Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network.

Inaccurate portrayals of UFOs and aliens could "lead to ridicule of something that is a very serious subject for many of us," Podell said.

# Professor: Magnetic propulsion unlikely for UFOs

By GENE SMITH  
The Capital-Journal

**D**espite successful experiments involving small objects, Dr. Thomas Armstrong, University of Kansas professor of physics and astronomy, is skeptical of a suggestion that UFOs use some sort of electromagnetic propulsion system to achieve the amazing performance with which they are credited.

If there are UFOs.

In a recently released report, "Case Closed," the U.S. Air Force claims 50 years of sightings and occasional reported crashes boil down to a then-secret postwar program of high-altitude particulate sampling with balloons, a handful of crash dummies used in ejection seat tests six or eight years later, and bad memories.

But as recently as June 18, the ABC network's Good Morning America program ran nearly a full minute of videotape of a strange, V-shaped flying thing that cruised slowly over half of Arizona on March 11 at low level. The show backed up the video with interviews of a man, his wife and two children who said it flew directly over their home.

ABC science editor Michael Guillen even displayed a computer enhancement of what could be ascer-

tained from the video, showing a large black craft vaguely like a USAF B-2 bomber but with a sharper V-shape and five brilliant white lights set into the underside. The eyewitnesses said it flew slowly directly over their home - soundlessly.

A retired colonel of Army intelligence claims the stories of a UFO crash in the desert near Roswell, N.M., on July 4, 1947, are true, and that he later was involved in seeding various types of alien technology among U.S. companies and scientists to reverse engineer into some of our most important current technologies.

Philip J. Corso claims that in the early 1960s many of the artifacts salvaged from that 1947 crash ended up in his custody, and were among the items he parceled out to industry. He describes the alien craft as triangular, with softened edges, and theorizes it flew by generating a directed magnetic field from a ship that was, in effect, a huge capacitor.

But Armstrong said he thought that scenario was very unlikely.

He said the strongest magnets yet produced were built for the big particle accelerators, a very demanding technology.

Armstrong recalled the proposed superconducting supercollider, a massive physics research project that was half built in Texas before an

alarmed Congress pulled the plug in the face of ever-rising costs - finally estimated at \$5 billion to \$10 billion.

"Probably half the cost was to build these magnets," said Armstrong. "It's not difficult at all to produce a levitating object (by magnetism.)"

"In fact, there's a picture on the World Wide Web of a frog being levitated in the throat of a magnet. But there are some unavoidable rules one has to cope with when generating large magnetic fields to support a significant weight."

One of the first, he said, is that a vessel driven by a really large magnet would produce such internal stresses it would likely rip itself apart.

"If there were such revolutionary technology and extraordinary knowledge, it would not be a secret," Armstrong summed up.

"There's nothing wrong with investigating wild and speculative things, but don't expect them all to pan out," he said. "And don't expect them to violate well-established rules of nature."

If there are strange, silent flying machines out there able to fly 7,000 mph and make instantaneous 90-degree turns, they aren't likely to be flying magnets, Armstrong concludes.

So, is the Air Force right?

Well, there are all those years of reports of livestock very selectively butchered in their pastures, perhaps by some sort of extraterrestrial biological entities bent on exploring the internal makeup of Earth creatures.

Authorities blamed them on attacks by coyotes or dog packs, or something similar. But some say the neat incisions looked more like laser cuts.

And there is Topeka UFO enthusiast Gale Wollenberg, who says a Fort Riley medic friend told him the Navy had two "silver disk craft" based at Riley's Marshall Army Air Field for joint training with USAF A-10s just

prior to Desert Storm. A check with Fort Riley officials turned up a blank. "I asked (a soldier) who's been out there for years, and he laughed at me," said post spokeswoman Deborah Skidmore. Despite the latest USAF effort, it may be that the UFO case is far from closed, 50 years on.



# SKYWATCH DIARY

By CAROLE BAKER

No further sightings to report at Shoreline Park as of writing today. We have received some interesting correspondence and also shared our skywatching evenings with some great visitors this week though.

To speak of visitors first, Sandy and Keith from Blackburn, Lancashire, England are great! (No, I'm not prejudiced just because they're Brits!) They arrived at Pensacola Beach on Monday, September 8th and did not get to skywatch until Wednesday, September 10th and were very upset when they heard that there had been sightings the last two nights and they had missed them! We had a really good visit every evening we skywatched, and talked of UFOs and England, food, beer, etc. and the difficulties of driving in a foreign land (especially on the wrong side of the road!) Sandy, who works in local government and Keith, a librarian certainly livened up our skywatching evenings even though we did not have any sightings. I also received a letter this week from another Brit planning on visiting Area 51 and Gulf Breeze in December of this year, Robert Conner from Calne, Wiltshire, England. We will be looking for Robert to come out to skywatch around Christmas time!

Also visiting this week were Ed and Ann Ridenauer from Texas. Ed is a deep space photographer and had some killer photographs from the recent Hale-Bopp comet as well as some other astounding night sky photographs. One of his pictures was particularly interesting. It is a time lapse (30 minute) picture of the constellation Orion, taken in the winter. Ed said it was twenty four degrees fahrenheit when he took the picture. Interestingly, there is a small object which shows up as a line with pulses along it in the bottom left corner of Ed's shot. This object is going along a looping course, pulsing as it goes and then suddenly stops (brighter pulse) and makes a perfect ninety degree turn and continues pulsing on its

way! Ed says people have told him that it was a plane or bug. Now really!

Don Ware visited the skywatch group this weekend. He stays so busy and is off on trips a lot of the time so we do not often see Don at Shoreline Park. He brought along some interesting information and told some interesting stories, as he usually does. He had recently had the opportunity to speak with Bill Birnes who co-authored the Philip Corso book, *The Day After Roswell*. He also gave me a flyer for an interesting Conference that will be in Atlanta, GA on October 17th, 18th and 19th. It is called "Global Unity and the Galactic Family" and is sponsored by White Dove Products. Speakers include John Anthony West, Robert Ghost Wolf, Tricia McCannon, Speaking Wind, DaEl Walker, David Adair, Jim Marrs, Glen Pruitt, Michael Ash, Caryl Dennis, Daniello Sato, Colin Tipping, Robert Perala, Jimmy Langkop, Don Ware, Jim Yellow Horse, and Brother Mackie Ruka from New Zealand. Topics include the Secrets of the Sphinx, The World Peace Prayer Society, The Crystal Skull, The Lost Hall of Records in the Yucatan and the Montauk Project. They are also have some great musical guests and will be having a Labyrinth walk on the Friday evening and an Atlantean Healing Temple on Friday evening, and Saturday and Sunday. For more information on this event contact White Dove Productions at 1-888-873-6682.

Also don't forget the Project Awareness Tampa UFO Conference to be held October 31st, November 1st and 2nd. Speakers there will be: Whitley Strieber, Michael Lindemann, Robert Ghost Wolf, Melinda Lesley, David Adair, Deborah Lindemann, Dolores Cannon, Deah Martin and they will be having a Speakers Panel and an Abductee Panel. Topics will include: Native Americans and ETs, UFO Updates, Military Involvement in Abductions, the

Millennium Prophecies and Area 51. For more information on this event contact Project Awareness at (850) 432-8888 or by e-mail at: crumbly@zebra.net. (Note that this is a new e-mail address.)

I received a letter recently which refers to the sightings back on July 30th. The writer also witnessed the events while vacationing here on the Gulf Coast. Interestingly this person is a police officer who states that: "We pulled off the road to try and see what it was. The second light appeared just east of the first about a minute later. This sequence continued with a total of eight lights appearing. All were evenly spaced except for the last light, it was a little closer to the seventh one than the rest. The sky was almost completely clear and visibility seemed unlimited. My first thought was that the lights were flares but there was no smoke trail and they all seemed to be floating evenly at the same altitude, not dropping at all. The lights were at about a thirty degree angle off the horizon. At arms length they were about the size of a pencil eraser and spaced about three fingers apart... they were probably about five miles off the coast and closer to Navarre. A cloud passed over the eighth light, causing the cloud to illuminate beautifully. The lights shined for about ten minutes before disappearing. We all stood there in awe for several minutes after the experience. Being a police officer, I've seen a lot of interesting things, but I would have to honestly say that this was the most amazing experience I've ever had. I always look forward to the time that I spend in the Pensacola area, but now it has a different meaning."

If you have a sighting or encounter to report, or wish to contact the local Experienter Support Group, I can be contacted by e-mail at Cbakswd@aol.com or at P.O. Box 17152, Pensacola FL 32522-7152, or you can call the hotline at (850) 438-3261. Keep Looking Up!

## Unusual lights in sky over Mountain Empire generate speculation

By MARK HYLER  
Bristol Herald Courier

Police and air-traffic controllers at Tri-Cities Regional Airport received reports of unusual sightings in the sky Wednesday evening, but said they are puzzled as to what area residents viewed.

But one police officer and a local astronomer said it's possible that what viewers actually saw was a planet.

A controller at TCRA, who asked not to be identified, said nothing was spotted from the flight tower and nothing unusual picked up on radar.

"We have had a few people call, some saying they saw something south of Kingsport, others from Bristol saying it was toward South Holston Lake, but we haven't seen anything," the controller said. "This happens all the time when we have a super clear night. It could have been something a thousand miles away, maybe the sun reflecting off a very high-altitude weather balloon, or some type of gases. Your guess is as good as mine."

Bristol Virginia police confirmed that they had also received reports of the sightings, but police in neighboring Bristol Tennessee said they had received no calls.

One Bristol Virginia caller vividly described seeing through binoculars what appeared to be an illuminated crystal shape in the sky toward South Holston Lake. The caller described the shape as similar to a snowflake with a dark center, and a number of red spots darting around it.

BVPD Sgt. Maynard Ratcliff said he used that same caller's binoculars to view the shape from East Bristol, and speculated it might have actually been a planet.

"It looked like a very intensely bright star with fainter looking objects around it or something red emitting from it... but I didn't see it moving, it appeared stationary," Ratcliff said. "I know that at different times of the year various planets are visible... that's what it looked like it might be to me, but I'm not sure."

The Associated Press reported that Saturn had appeared several hours earlier as a yellowish speck above the nearly full moon as the Titan 4-B rocket carrying Cassini thundered away from Cape Canaveral, Fla., just before daybreak. Forty minutes later, Cassini shot out of Earth orbit and was on its way to the ringed planet.

But Dr. Edward Burke, a retired professor from King College in Bristol, said from the school's observatory Wednesday night that Saturn wouldn't have been visible during the early evening.

"Venus would have been up and very bright about an hour and a half after the sunset, but it would have been following the same path as the sun, and not in the direction they described," Burke said. "Jupiter would have probably been in that area then, and it would have been fairly bright, so that's a possibility. But I really can't say what they saw. I was in a meeting at that time, and not looking at the sky. We have been watching Jupiter (since then), and it is pretty bright."

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## UFOs a hobby for Baton Rouge man

By RUTH FOOTE  
Special to The Advocate

LAFAYETTE—Extraterrestrial beings have probably been visiting Earth for thousands of years, according to retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Walter L. "Barney" Garner Jr.

He's been investigating unidentified flying objects for the past 12 years.

"Whatever's going on has been going on as long as man's been on earth," said the former Louisiana state director of Mutual UFO Network Inc. The international volunteer organization, which has its headquarters in Texas, investigates UFO sightings and educates the public on UFO phenomena.

By "whatever," Garner said he means he believes UFOs were originally the gods in ancient civilizations.

Or rather, the 70 year-old Baton Rouge resident added, "What they called gods is what we call UFOs."

During a slide presentation on UFOs Thursday at the Lafayette Public Library, Garner displayed several photographs of ancient cave paintings and carvings from across the world, including France, Spain

and the Saharan Desert, that date back 10,000 and more years. He said they depict UFOs in the scenes, and the depictions are similar to those drawn by UFO sighters today.

In one photograph of a 9,000-year-old cave painting in Iraq, an alien and a disc-shaped UFO are clearly depicted, he said.

"Whether we're talking about ancient times or modern times, it's an individual's religious beliefs that defines what he sees and what he reports," Garner said in an interview.

Garner was quick to say he has no proof to back his theories.

When he began his address at the library, he said that he has never seen any little green men, or been

abducted by any little gray men. Nor has he seen any spaceships from outer space.

Garner also said many recent sightings are more likely technological advancements than UFOs.

However, this has not vaporized his interest in UFOs—a fascination that he has held since he was in his teens. Later, as a ground radar controller in the military, he often tracked objects that were usually brushed off as electronic interference, which he admits they may have been.

However, during this stint, he also met pilots who were traumatized by their air encounters with UFOs.

"And I knew what they were telling me was what they really believed," he said.

In one case, he said a pilot actually had a dogfight with a UFO, which maneuvered around his aircraft before shooting out of sight.

Garner served 28 years in the U.S. Air Force and Navy and was also attached to the U.S. Army.

For 17 years, he was an LSU faculty member, where he taught counseling and guidance courses. He served as supervisor of guidance at the University Laboratory School and coordinator of research pro-



Walter L. 'Barney' Garner Jr.: Retired from Air Force

grams there.

After retirement, he became head of MUFON's Louisiana affiliate in 1988. He said he resigned last year for personal reasons.

Today as an independent UFO investigator, Garner continues to document valid Louisiana cases and stays abreast of sightings worldwide. Documentation includes both education and investigation, he said.



By Carole Baker

It has been an interesting week of skywatching, and we have had several opportunities to go to Shoreline Park, even though the sky has not been really clear, except for last Wednesday, and the weather has been very hot and humid.

Last Wednesday evening was very interesting. I was personally not out skywatching but I received two telephone calls by cellular phone from skywatchers at Shoreline Park excitedly relating the sighting of many anomalous lights (twenty-five in total) that appeared in the sky over Santa Rosa Island between approximately 9 and 10 p.m. I was very upset that I had not been able to go out that evening and witness these events for myself. It seemed particularly exciting following the event last Monday evening. The lights were described as being visible initially in a three-light formation, and subsequently individually, progressing from east to west along Santa Rosa Island. They were described as being either red or amber in color and no aircraft were visible through binoculars even though the sky was extremely clear that night. The next day, we telephoned Eglin Air Force Base to inquire if any strange lights in the sky had been reported the previous night. We initially did not want to give away the reason why we were asking. The base information office told us that they were in fact doing basic F-16 flare training between 9 and 10 p.m. on Wednesday night and

that the range of the exercise was between Eglin and Ft. Pickens (which lies at the west end of Santa Rosa Island). We were encouraged to call back the next day and speak with the watch commander for the evening before. Since the Air Force decided to "come clean" on this one, we can only conclude that what was observed was, in fact, flares.

We have had some interesting visitors this week at Shoreline Park. Lynn and Linda Taylor and their daughter Jana and her friend Amber are here from Bloomington, Indiana. Lynn is an avid UFO researcher and first came to Gulf Breeze last year. He has had a long interest in the subject of UFOs beginning many years ago. He has read much of the available literature and for the last two years has actively investigated sightings and experiences in his local area, Monroe County, IN. He had his first sighting last year as he and his wife were driving home from a nearby town around 7:30 p.m. in the evening. In a dark sky, off to his left behind some trees, Lynn observed a large red/amber light "the size of a full moon" at arm's length which suddenly just disappeared. He is working currently on a particularly interesting case involving a young man named John, who has been able to catch many unusual nocturnal lights on video tape and has many personal experiences which clearly fit into the accepted scenario of abductions. The video tape has yet to be analyzed, but is very interesting and John's story certainly rings many bells with those of us who are familiar with

the abduction phenomenon. Lynn and John have been in touch with Budd Hopkins' research team in the hope of being able to help John understand and come to terms with his experiences.

The construction at Shoreline Park is continuing and they are now paving over a lot of the remaining green areas and piling rocks up in front of the boardwalk. Almost any view of the shoreline at the east end of the park is obscured unless one stands up on the boardwalk and looks down over the edge — then you can still see the waves lapping at the sand. There seems to be the need to totally obliterate any proximity to the water at this end of the park unless you are a boater or ski-doer. I do not feel however, that those of you who read Michael Lindemann's CNI News on the net may have got a rather overly grim impression of the changes at Shoreline Park. It is changed drastically, but there is still the option of skywatching from the fishing pier or the west end of the Park, which is not as convenient, but I really do not feel that this important site is lost totally, just dismembered and rearranged somewhat. It is unsightly and a great shame, but still accessible with persistence!

If anyone has any sightings or experiences to report or they would wish to contact the local experimenter support group, please call the Pensacola/Gulf Breeze MUFON Hotline at 438-3261. Or if anyone wishes to receive information, please write to me at P.O. Box 17152, Pensacola, FL 32522-7152. Keep Looking Up!

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## Bill's UFO interest is saucer full of secrets at the White House

**W**ELCOME to the great White House UFO cover-up.

All the president's men seem quite embarrassed by the revelation — from disgraced First Pal Webb Hubbell — that President Clinton asked him to use his top Justice Department post to find out if UFOs exist.

After all, the president as UFO maven isn't exactly Clinton's dream image.

Some might even find it laughable — remember how Dems tittered over Nancy Reagan's fascination with astrology?

And so, White House spokesman Mike McCurry is doing a full stonewall — he refuses to say whether Hubbell is telling the truth. What is amazing — and appalling — is that the White House press corps is letting him get away with it.

As Hubbell tells it in his new book, Clinton sent him to Justice with this mandate as a personal priority: "I want you to find the answers to two questions for me. One, Who killed JFK? And two, Are there UFOs?"

Lest anyone think this was a jest, Hubbell adds: "He [Clinton] was dead serious. I had looked into both, but wasn't satisfied with the answers I was getting."

In fact, Hubbell conceded on CNN last weekend that he was serious enough to ask about UFOs when he met with officials at NORAD, the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado, which monitors satellites and other objects in the skies.

"They said no," Hubbell reported. Presumably, this was one of the answers that didn't satisfy him.

Hubbell ought to know if Clinton was serious. The disgraced ex-associate attorney general is Hillary Clinton's former law partner and was Bill Clinton's golfing buddy before Hubbell admitted bilking law clients out of \$482,000 and went to jail.

It's easy to see that Hubbell's revelation poses a big problem for the Clinton team.

To confirm it would be to paint Clinton as a bit of a UFO nut (and JFK conspiracy theorist) and invite ridicule from late-night comics.

But it would be dumb and dumber for Clinton aides to call Hubbell a liar. That would hand Whitewater prober Ken Starr a weapon, as he seems to be out to

prove Hubbell is lying when he denies the fat fees Clinton aides arranged for him were really hush money.

Besides, Hubbell is loyally insisting — despite a stint in jail and the risk of another one — that the Clintons did nothing at all wrong regarding Whitewater or anything else. That's not the kind of ally whom you want to tick off by calling him a liar.

So McCurry did an all-out stonewall when he was asked if Hubbell is right in saying Clinton has a UFO fascination: "I am not going to respond to the specific things in books that are written."

Huh? "A lot of people are going to write books in the course of the next several years... I'm just not going to respond to each and every thing that occurs in any of these books," McCurry insisted.

Oh, wonderful. Books are now off-limits — a kind of v-chip to screen out messy questions. Just imagine if Mayor Giuliani insisted he wouldn't answer any questions about, say, bus advertisements. The press would skewer him.

Or imagine if Ronald Reagan's spokesmen had dared refuse to answer questions on books. After all, Nancy Reagan's astrologist popped up in — what else? — a book. Written by ex-Reagan Chief of Staff Don Regan, who was a known enemy of Mrs. Reagan.

No one would have stood for the no-books nonsense if Reagan's team had tried it. But McCurry did, and only a few members of the White House press corps protested — everyone else just giggled or rolled over and played dead.

Which does show you something about the degree to which the Clinton White House has perfected the art of stonewalling.

CR: R. Horan

## SKYWATCH DIARY

BY CAROLE BAKER

A very exciting week, with reports of sightings coming in from witnesses. I received a letter from a woman in Kentucky who had a sighting of some unusual lights in the sky during her vacation on the Gulf Coast on July 30th. Since there were several other reports of sightings on that particular evening, I was particularly interested in what this woman reports. I have corresponded with this witness in order to clarify some of the details of her sighting and will provide a full report later on.

A witness in Tiger Point had a sighting on the evening of Friday, August 22nd which lasted over thirty minutes. I am still gathering information about this sighting also, and hopefully will be able to interview the witness in the next few days. I will give full details of her report at a later date.

Two witnesses saw, and took photographs of an unusual object in the sky on the evening of August 15th. The couple noticed a ring of red lights in the sky near their home just outside Navarre. It was 8:50 p.m. and the couple noticed a ring of red lights which came out from between some trees on the skyline. The configuration appeared at arm's length to be quite large. The witnesses describe it as being the size of a full moon or slightly larger. The

ring appeared to rotate and turn slightly, appearing like a coin turning on a vertical axis, sometimes showing a larger, sometimes smaller side. They watched the UFO for ten minutes, during which time two aircraft approached the object. The witnesses stated that the object appeared to be ten or fifteen times larger than the planes. The elevation at which this all took place was about thirty degrees above the horizon. The witnesses assume that the planes were quite far away, since they could not detect noise from the aircraft engines. The planes appeared to fly over and beneath the object and then the object began to move slowly away to the west getting smaller and smaller until it was no longer visible. Both witnesses report that during the sighting they could detect a sub-audible hum and there was television and radio interference. The object maintained its elevation throughout the sighting and the individual lights remained in an unchanging relationship with each other. Several times during the sighting a red glow was detected emanating from the bottom of the configuration, giving the impression of a glowing power source. One of the witnesses is a telecommunications expert and both have lived in this area for quite a long time. "It was

definitely not flares, we see enough of those out here, and it was not a meteor or anything like that either," one witness states. During the sightings one of the witnesses was able to take four photographs, one of which I have seen. The picture shows a very large, brightly lit object or configuration of lights in close proximity to each other. Adjacent to this object one can clearly see the nose light and red and green wing tip lights of an aircraft which appear far dimmer than the lights on the object. The plane also appears at least one tenth of the size of the object. The object itself, or configuration of lights appear two tiered, giving the effect of a smaller row of lights above a longer row beneath. This photograph will be studied and analyzed in the coming weeks and if any more information becomes available, I will include it here.

Remember the Pensacola/Gulf Breeze MUFON's September meeting to be held a week early on September 7th. Brit Elders will be giving a program at 2:30 p.m. that Sunday afternoon at the Recreation Center on Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze, concerning research on the Mexican UFOs. For more information you can call the hotline number shown below.

Information on the upcoming Project Awareness Tampa UFO

Conference can be obtained from Project Awareness by calling (850) 432-8888 or by e-mail at UMRB73A@prodigy.com. the conference will be held October 31st, November 1st and 2nd, 1997 at the Camberley Plaza Hotel, Sabal Palms, in Tampa, Florida. If you have a sighting or encounter to report, or wish to contact the local Experimenter Support Group, I can be contacted by e-mail at skywatchdiary@rocketmail.com or at P.O. Box 17152, Pensacola, FL 32522-7152, or you can call the hotline at (850) 438-3261. Keep looking up!



# Abducted by aliens? These people will listen

By KATE REARDON  
Herald Writer

Some people sleep with a night light on. Some require total darkness. Some people shut their closet doors before hitting the sack. Still others insist the closet doors remain open.

Ordinary bedtime rituals? Yes, says hypnotherapist Sharon Filip. But, she adds, they also may be habits used by people who believe they have been abducted by aliens.

Filip, who says she has had close encounters with aliens, said many people who believe they were abducted by aliens follow certain bedtime rituals because most abductions occur at night. She says reports of nighttime alien encounters include abductees being physically examined with exotic instruments, and communicating telepathically with their abductors.

Filip founded the UFO Abduction Studies Center in 1991 in Woodinville to provide counseling and hypnotherapy to abductees. She is state-certified, although hypnotherapists practicing in Washington state are not required to undergo special

training.

Filip has worked with more than 120 people from around the country who say they have had close encounters with aliens. She says she gets four to five calls a week about abduction activity taking place in the Puget Sound area. Hypnotherapists from across the nation call her for advice, she added.

Filip says her interest in alien abduction and UFOs began when she had a close encounter at the age of 3. She recalls her first experience involved an alien who was holding her hand.

More recently, Filip says she was awakened in the middle of the night and saw some sort of being materialize in the door frame.

"As I saw this, the researcher in me looked and started examining, but the being turned its head and stared in my eyes," she says. "Then, I had the most spiritual experience of my life."

Some of her experiences haven't been so pleasant, she says. Once, she awoke to find a face staring at her from less than 4 feet away, she says.

"I was staring at the eyes, and once my eyes met the eyes of this face, there was

nothing I could do but stare at it," she says. "There were tentacles. It was a horrible feeling. I was eventually able to close my eyes several times and it was gone."

Filip tells of one woman who had consulted her. The woman said she was awakened one night from what she thought was a nightmare to find moist grass and earth between her toes, on her feet and on the sheets. The woman told Filip her alien encounter included preparing others to board a spaceship.

Communicating with abductees and understanding what they're going through are important, Filip says.

"I help abductees and their families integrate these unusual occurrences into their daily lives," she says.

Filip doesn't recommend hypnosis for everyone. She says people have to really want to know what's back there.

"They have to be prepared and understand that this (hypnosis) may change their lives," she says.

Finding out that something is bothering someone doesn't always mean that it's related to alien abduction, she says.

"If it turns out to be related to this, then we work with it," she adds.

Filip says every close encounter is unique, although there are a lot of similarities reported by abductees.

"They all tend to have the same fears," she says. "Some of the things I have discovered is that they become vegetarians or cut back on meat eating."

Abductees are usually animal lovers, she says. They also may be introverted and very intelligent. They usually have had strange or recurring dreams through the years. Child abductees have a tendency to have nosebleeds, she says.

Hypnosis, or being in a relaxed state of mind, can help abductees cope with their feelings of powerlessness, Filip says, adding that before she treats patients, she makes it a point to find out what medications they are taking and what other medical care they have had.

When someone is in hypnosis, Filip says the therapist can guide him or her to find answers to what the person is experiencing. A therapist will ask patients to explain what they are seeing, hearing or feeling.

"It's not going to help them in any way if the therapist concocts a story," says Filip, who tapes all her sessions for patients to review. "It's not a game. It is a very serious matter."

Her patients include doctors, lawyers, housewives and children.

Clinical psychologist Tom Wall questions the validity of hypnotherapy when it comes to alleged UFO sightings.

When engaging in hypnotherapy, Wall says, there is no way to prove the person is in a hypnotic state, and there is no way to prove the truth. How do you know the information gathered through hypnosis is not wishes or fantasies, asks Wall, a former president of the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis.

Although he says he has no opinion on alien abduction, he did say that if information can't be verified by another source other than hypnosis, it can't be proven.

Wall, who has practiced in Seattle for 25 years, says he believes the most legitimate use of hypnotherapy is in medicine, dentistry and psychotherapy. These methods have long been established, he says.

"When you use hypnosis outside these perimeters, I think you are moving out on the fringe," Wall says.

## HONESTLY NOW:

# Spotted Any UFO's Lately?

## MANY LEERY TO OWN UP

### Northern Illinois Becomes Sighting Hot Spot

Something strange is becoming strangely common.

Mysterious lights and flying objects. These sightings are reported so often that investigators say northern Illinois is becoming a hot spot for the phenomena.

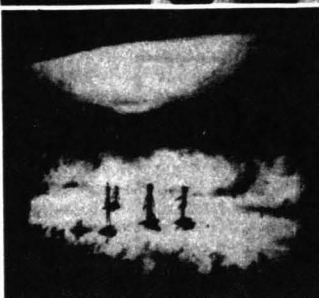
But why don't we hear more about it?

Experts say people have been told they are crazy for so long that they don't want to admit seeing something strange in the skies. Even so, Rockford Rotarians and guests listened with intense interest as Bill Heft, executive director of Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization (APRO), spoke to the downtown luncheon group of business professionals.

Heft, formerly a U.S. Air Force jet aircraft mechanic who later worked for United Airlines and also for the Howard Hughes Tool Company, is an ordained Baptist minister and retired owner of The Car Doctor in Dixon, Illinois. He has been involved since 1980 with APRO, a long-standing and widely known UFO reporting and investigating group.

APRO's volunteer investigators are from the fields of science, psychiatry, academia, law enforcement and even the military world wide. A nuclear physicist in Russia is their newest member.

"Some of this is not wild speculation," said Heft who continued "We don't know what people are seeing, but I can say



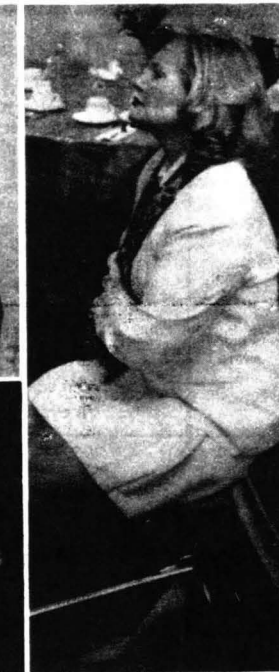
Bill Heft, (upper-left), executive director of the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization, says he doesn't know what people are seeing, but adds they are definitely seeing something.

In photo at right, is her body language saying she is skeptical or merely chilled? Former weather reporter Sue Mroz listens intently as Heft explains that at least 25% of sightings are unexplained . . . and yes, some are cloud formations.

In lower-left photo (by Bert Schultz) a saucer shape and alien silhouettes appear in an east coast UFO museum which is dedicated to the phenomenon that witnesses have apparently described.

categorically, people ARE SEEING something."

Heft commented that reaction to sighting reports has changed from 20 years ago when people were scoffed at and ridiculed. He asked: "When you were told you were crazy if you talked about such things, who were you gonna tell? The police? The military? The government?"



This need to talk about a sighting is one of the reasons APRO exists, he explained. People have to describe what happened. "It may have changed everything they were taught about logic and science, and they want validation of their own sanity," Heft says. "We don't ridicule or explain—we just say we believe they saw something."

Over the years, Bill has interviewed numbers of people he describes as not alcoholics or drug users, but credible, well-grounded citizens, including law enforcers and officials. He indicated he is now investigating a case in Lee County which involves highly credible witnesses, but anonymity is honored.

The government often dismisses reports as mass hysteria, but hundreds of witnesses saw a hovering object near Phoenix, Arizona in March of this year for 106 minutes, and Heft says films recorded the event for analysis.

What kind of reports has Heft heard from local citizens? He relates the story of a woman driving on Illinois Rte. 2 towards Dixon. The time was around 10 p.m. Suddenly she saw a number of bright lights beside the road and thought at first she must be near a football field. Then she realized there was no such field along the area.

The lights came toward her car, lit up the entire interior of the vehicle and surrounding area, and then disappeared.

After telling her story to Heft, she added, "I must have been wrong. It didn't happen." The investigator explained that this attempt to deny what happened damages a person's emotional psyche.

Will there ever be an explanation? Heft does not believe so, but he noted that APRO is gaining knowledge.

When he allowed Rotarians to ask questions, Rockford's best-known former weather girl Sue Mroz asked if some of the sightings actually turned out to be a particular cloud formation which is known to occur in mountainous regions.

During her stint as a weather columnist for the daily paper, Sue received letters from witnesses, including a sailor and radar technician, describing UFO sightings while aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CV-42 during 1958. The letter writers were told at the time to "keep a tight lip" on what they saw.

How many Rotarians at the luncheon could say they had seen unknown objects in the sky? This question from a NEWS reporter brought a showing of only two hands. Yet Heft was immediately surrounded by people after adjournment. Many had stories told to them by relatives and friends.

"My daughter and I saw a brightly lighted object over Montague Rd.," said one.

"My son saw a UFO over Candlewick Lake," said another.

Heft passed out APRO Investigation Report forms and invited them to the monthly meeting held in Dixon. For more information, he may be contacted at 284-1561.

## In strange light show's wake the truth is way out there

BY JAKE BATSELL  
Seattle Times staff reporter

More than a week after mysterious lights appeared over Northwest skies, the cosmic show continues to draw a swarm of explanations from those who saw it.

People from Oregon to British Columbia rushed to their phones Nov. 14 to report a series of glimmering lights shortly after 9 p.m.

At first, some thought the lights were part of a meteor shower. But the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) in Colorado Springs, Colo., later said pieces of debris had fallen from a Russian SL-12 rocket.

This week, several other theories have circulated:

- Cast and crew members of a Seattle science-fiction play released about 20 beach-ball-sized, helium-filled balloons covered with luminescent material as part of a publicity stunt. The balloons drifted from Bremerton, where they were released, toward Seattle.

- Some spotters suggested the lights came from a slow-moving aircraft moving across the horizon, perhaps from a nearby military base.

- And James Gutierrez of Renton, who says he was deer hunting in Eastern Washington, insists he bore witness to a "starship." Gutierrez said he watched in awe as the hulking, enigmatic craft spewed black exhaust while hovering over the Columbia River.

Dale Goudie, information director of the Seattle-based UFO Reporting and Information Service, said he fielded 66 calls as a result of the light show, most describing a pair of slow-moving, orange lights traveling eastward in formation.

Still, the accounts have been anything but conclusive.

"I have no idea what it was," Goudie said. "A nocturnal light is the most terrible thing to study, because it's still just a light."

The cast of "Plan 9 from Outer Space: The Musical," a Seattle Theatre Project production that opens next month, might have at least part of the explanation.

Lisa Glomb, the play's director, said her group released its flock of balloons near Bremerton at around 8:30 p.m. To create a glittery effect, they'd covered the balloons with shiny materials and luminescent liquid from glow-sticks, Glomb said.

"We had been planning a UFO hoax for a while," Glomb said. "We

were just hoping to create a stir."

Glomb said the group watched the balloons, some of which were tied together, as they drifted eastward.

That may explain some of the lights seen in Western Washington, but there's no way their balloons could have accounted for the sightings made hundreds of miles away in Vancouver, B.C., and Oregon.

Leo Hund of Corvallis, Ore., doesn't buy the "space junk" explanation. He said the lights he saw did not follow the straight, linear path to the Earth that rocket debris would have followed.

"It was not space junk. It traversed a hill," Hund said. "It was not falling; it paralleled the planet. It went just like a plane overhead. It flew."

Another factor apparently contributing to confusion on that Friday night was a widely circulated report, attributed to the National Weather Service, saying the space debris had fallen into the Pacific Ocean. People who saw the lights traveling west to east — away from the ocean — wondered how that could possibly be.

In fact, NORAD spokesman Scott Johnson said, it's impossible to know precisely where every piece of junk fell. The debris could have splintered, creating the perception of traveling in several directions, he added.

"Some of it could have fallen in the ocean, some could have fallen on land," Johnson said. "We have no clue."

Johnson said NORAD, which tracks some 8,000 objects orbiting the Earth, had been on the lookout for debris from the Russian rocket for several days. And all the evidence he's seen since points to space junk, he said.

Ken Henriksson, president of the Vancouver chapter of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, said he's "100 percent" certain that what he saw Nov. 14 was falling space debris.

Meanwhile, Gutierrez, who was roaming through mountains in Eastern Washington on a hunting trip at the time, says he saw some type of humongous aircraft appear near Inchelium, Ferry County. He said the vessel was surrounded by about 20 unusually intense lights.

"My eyes are still hurting from the lights," he said.

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## Aliens Abduct City's Identity

By ANNE MIDGETTE

Roswell, N.M.

When I was preparing to leave for college in the early '80s, I bought a souvenir of my hometown: a T-shirt bearing the legend "Roswell, New Mexico: Known for Absolutely Nothing."

How times have changed.

Roswell is known for something now, all right. Its citizens still aren't sure what hit them. I refer not necessarily to the object that struck the ground on July 6, 1947—although the debate rages on

about whether it was a weather balloon, Soviet weapon, or genuine UFO. I'm talking about the notoriety that has struck the small city (pop. 48,000) with surreal force. The site where the object landed, on Hub Corn's ranch north of town, has returned to earthbound normalcy—polled Herefords grazing their way toward feedlot mortality with bovine indifference toward anything alien to their alimentary calling.

But on Main Street every second shop window sports an alien; the local Arby's has a new sign proclaiming "Aliens Welcome"; and Bud's, a country dance bar, is billing itself as the "Unofficial UFO Crash Recovery Site." There are even two UFO museums: the modest, original UFO Enigma Museum in the south of town, about to relocate to larger premises, and the UFO Museum and Research Center, in an old movie theater right on Main Street, with an "Alien Cafe Espresso Bar" consisting of a few cafeteria-style plastic tables and seats. And at the UFO museum in Midway, a couple of miles south, you can view videos of hundreds of onsite UFO sightings from the past three years alone.

This is all new. No one talked about aliens when I went to high school in Roswell, and if our mascot at Goddard High School was a rocket, it was only because Robert Goddard actually did test his first rocket engines here (his workshops are preserved in the Roswell Museum and Art Center, which has nothing to do with UFOs). Now, I return home to find silver critters and flying saucers at every turn, and the town abuzz with talk of the 50th anniversary week, which drew 150,000... well, 50,000... well, maybe 25,000 visitors. The first figure was the projected attendance, the second the official one and the third the actual one, according to John Price, founder and executive director of the UFO Enigma Museum, who notes an official tendency to double figures.

Some believers would have it that the reason residents like me knew so little about the incident is that the government hushed the matter up. According to my sources, one elderly volunteer docent who

helped out at the UFO Museum during the anniversary week informed her audiences that the government told Roswellites that if anyone breathed a word, it would kill them all. The government must have undergone a remarkable change of heart, since the Roswell Incident has now appeared everywhere from the cover of Time magazine to Absolut Vodka ads, and since Roswell's UFO museums—which display mainly press clippings and signed testimonials—demonstrate that just about anyone with a claim to a story is entitled to speak his mind at length about the events

of the night in question. My two personal favorites are the funeral-home employee Glenn Dennis, who remembers

Army officers coming in the dead of night to order two child-size coffins, and the freelance cameraman who went out to film the site and saw an Army officer hit a wounded alien over the head with the butt of his rifle to loosen the creature's grasp on the object it was clutching.

These days, Roswell's local government is represented by Mayor Tom Jennings, who seems to believe that any press is good press. He does, however, bear a grudge against The Wall Street Journal for having thus far overlooked what he sees as a first-rate business story. "This is a marketing feat," he informed me at a cocktail party, having handed me a Roswell lapel pin shaped like a UFO, with a grinning alien poised atop it. "Within three years, we have created an industry in Roswell where there was none before—the tourist industry. We get 1,000 people a day through Roswell, and those people are buying airplane tickets, eating in restaurants."

Mayor Jennings sees himself as something of a visionary. "I've had this UFO stuff on my letterhead, my business cards, since I was elected in 1994. My predecessor didn't want to hear about UFOs; he said everyone would think we're kooks." Too busy basking in his 15 minutes of renown to worry about whether or not his predecessor was right, Mayor Jennings went off, after our conversation, to open a trade fair in Groeningen, Holland, leaving his secretaries to curate his office, which, with its weight of UFO memorabilia and framed newspaper clippings, could qualify as Roswell's third UFO museum.

I'm not the only one with mixed emotions about my town's new fame. While some residents hedge their bets, echoing Mayor Jennings's opinion that "it would be arrogant of our society to assume that we're the only life in the universe," others, like housewife and musician Tina Williams, dismiss the whole thing, seeing it as a waste of time and refusing point-blank to enter the UFO museums even in the cause of friendship. Some residents are merely indignant that the media portray Roswell as a hick town in the middle of nowhere, when in fact it's the population center of southeastern New Mexico and home to the nation's largest mozzarella factory.

Some people, like my stepfather, Donald B. Anderson, up and left town to avoid the crowds during anniversary week. Mr. Anderson, a resident since 1946 and therefore a first-hand witness of events in Roswell on July 6, 1947, points out that UFO sightings were a common occurrence in America during that particular period: "The only thing different about the Roswell incident is that they actually had some pieces of something."

The Enigma Museum's Mr. Price sums up the ambivalence of many locals. "I've made my wife's dream come true," he says. "We've put Roswell on the map. Everyone used to think we were part of Mexico. On the other hand, it's a circus, all this hype." Mr. Price has not contributed much to the hype, nor has he made a pile from the UFO craze; a genuine and principled believer, he is critical of the way the "other museum" publicizes every new UFO item, however spurious, thereby discrediting the whole incident in the eyes of skeptics. He recently sold his museum for a relatively modest sum, freeing himself up to pursue serious UFO research.

But regrets or no regrets, Roswell is going to be the "UFO city" for years to come. Plans for next year's July 4th UFO spectacle are in the works, and some, like Barb Sauerman at the mayor's office, are already thinking ahead to the 100th anniversary in 2047. "Wouldn't it be great," she muses, "if something else landed here before then?"

## The Summer of UFOs

ISN'T IT eerie how fresh news of a government UFO coverup breaks during the same summer as (1) the 50th anniversary of the alleged alien landing at Roswell; (2) two boffo movies about aliens; and (3) an August that is a slow news month. The "news" is a government body's apparently first-ever admission that it declined to inform the public that many sightings of unidentified flying objects in the '50s and '60s were known to involve top-secret U-2s and SR-71 spy planes. The Internet and the community of UFO conspiracy theorists are suddenly abuzz over a declassified CIA history that has been quietly available for months.

Anyone with passing knowledge of the military and intelligence understands that our government does have secrets. Whether it's a new weapon, new technology or an undercover agent, officials charged with safeguarding the secret can create a cover story or "legend" to deflect public inquiry. The dilemma facing the CIA and the Air Force since the early years of postwar UFOs has been to investigate them without scaring the public with misinformation. Official interest in UFOs has ebbed and flowed, but the phenomenon never has been central to the CIA's and Pentagon's missions. In any event, getting the internal documents for public scrutiny has been like pulling teeth.

Yet to those who believe the government to be hiding proof that aliens have visited earth, this recent official reference to a policy of misleading the public is proof enough that a host of other lies await discovery.

The study by former CIA historian Gerald K. Haines, which any parlor gamer can download from the Web, is not an exposé full of new revelations. It is solid summary of material that has been public for 20 years, according to both author and UFO skeptic Philip J. Klass and Dwayne A. Day, a George Washington University space policy analyst. The more salient question is why the government didn't spare the country some of its UFO obsessions by owning up years ago to this outdated cover story.

It's not enough to say that nobody asked for this specific information, or that the government's intelligence people had other things to do. As the author of the CIA history points out, by the mid-'70s, the matter of UFOs had become "much like the John F. Kennedy assassination issue." Given such an atmosphere of suspicion and rampant conspiracy theorizing, it's a shame that an opportunity to help reduce people's mistrust in government was lost by agencies clinging to unnecessary secrecy.





## FOREIGN NEWS

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### AIRMAN TELLS OF CLOSE ENCOUNTER OVER CITY PARK

# Pilot in flying saucer sighting

A CARLISLE pilot says he had a close encounter with a UFO while flying over Rickerby Park.

The strange object that pilot Pete Spedding spotted was also seen by parachutist Len Doran and witnesses on the ground.

Pete and Len's descriptions of the bright UFO match a mysterious triangle of sightings over Cumbria on the weekend of July 19.

The object was first seen when Pete's Cessna plane circled at 2,000ft over the Cumberland Show, as the three parachutists prepared to jump.

"My first impression was that it was flying straight and level," said Pete, a dental laboratory director from Houghton. "It was predominantly red. It was bright and not a uniform shape, like it didn't seem to have a shape at all."

"It was smaller than an aircraft, less than 10 metres long. My first reaction was to take evasive action, and to steer away from something that was near us. It

By Ben Verinder

passed underneath us. It wasn't really a near miss."

Parachutist Mr Doran, 52, of Belle Vue, said: "We knew we had seen something that was a bit different. We had a unique view of it. This object passed right by the door. It was almost directly under the aircraft."

The weekend of July 19 brought sightings of bright discs over Cockermouth, Harraby, Whitehaven, the Solway and Carlisle.

Carlisle author and astronomer David Ramshaw says the object described by Pete and Len could have been rare ball-lightning.



UFO mystery: Parachutist Len Doran who saw a strange object near the plane

## Emergency stop was out of this world

A DRIVER was forced to make an emergency stop with a difference - after what she believed was a UFO pulled out in front of her.

Jane Morse brought her car to an abrupt halt after spotting what she says was an X-Files object hovering over a North-East road.

The 22-year-old was travelling along the B6282 near West Auckland, County Durham, when the close encounter occurred.

She was returning from giving her 17-year-old friend, Kelly Dunn, a driving lesson last Wednesday when the UFO appeared 30 metres above them.

Passenger Kelly said: "It all happened in a matter of seconds. One minute it was there, the next it was gone."

At first the learner driver thought her friend was demonstrating an emergency stop until she looked skywards to see a dark looming shape.

The pair, who are both from West Auckland, described the object as being dark and round with a pointed end and a light on one side.

"It hovered without making a sound, then spun on its side and darted off behind trees. We were just gobsmacked," said Kelly.

The sighting coincides with the 50th World UFO Congress this weekend in Sheffield where paranormal experts will debate on whether aliens are really out there.

Philip Mantle, of the British UFO Research Association, said that television programmes such as the X-Files and movie blockbusters Independence Day and Men in Black are removing the stigma of admitting to an alien encounter.

But Kelly said: "I thought people would just laugh at us."

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NORTHERN ECHO, Darlington, England - Aug. 16, 1997

### Roswell Revisited

WESTERN GAZETTE, Yeovil, Somerset, England - July 31, 1997

# Family reveal their close encounter

UFO experts in London yesterday revealed the Roswell-like case of a Chard family who claim they encountered an alien.

The family, who have been given anonymity by the British UFO Research Association, say they were approaching Windwhistle Inn when they saw a huge orange light left of the road.

The light appeared to be cigar shaped and about 70 to 100 metres long and around 25 metres off the ground.

The mother became uneasy and asked her husband to put his foot down. She remembers little more and thinks she lost about ten minutes of memory.

But her son, then aged seven, remembers his father tried to drive away but the engine died and the headlights went out.

He realised there was something behind the car and put his hands over his eyes but saw a white light filtering through his fingers. When he looked up the light was everywhere.

He says: "It was like being inside lightning but it didn't hurt my eyes. My last memory is of seeing a dark shape outside the car beside the window. It was very tall and bending forwards looking in."

"The shape was mostly human but I knew it wasn't, which is why I felt so afraid. My next recollection is of seeing the orange light and then it was gone."

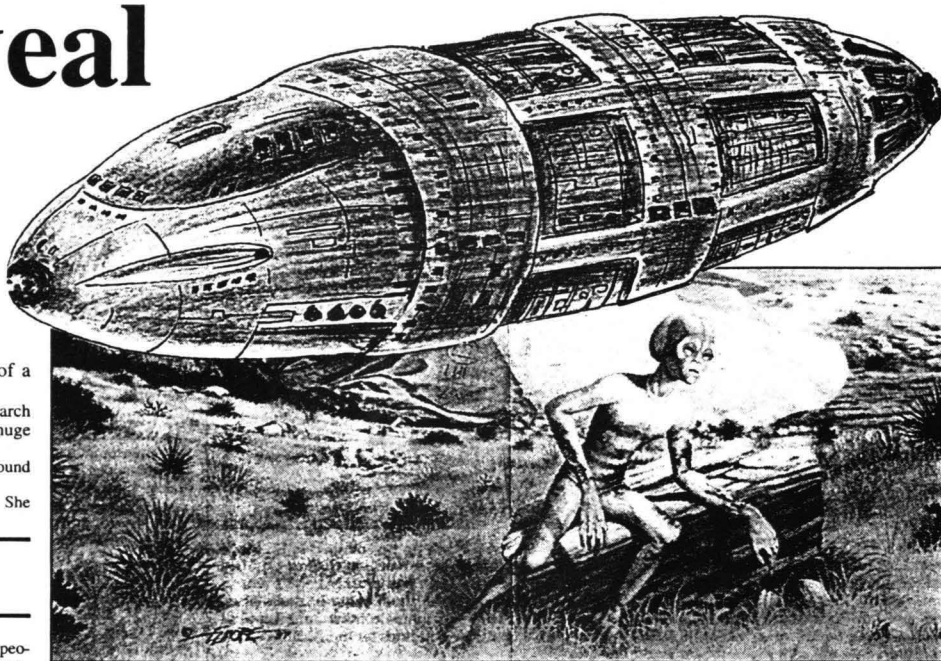
A few days later, the family were on the same road when, about 200 metres

Report by Lisa Bailey

from the first sighting, they saw two people, one who appeared to be lying down. At first they thought someone had been injured but to their horror, the standing person stepped out in front of them, leaving one foot on the grass verge and placing the other across the middle of the road.

The father swerved to avoid the figure and kept driving without looking back.

The two incidents occurred in September 1977 and the mother has since moved to Yorkshire where she admitted the experience for the first time two years ago.



● ALIEN ENCOUNTER: Artist Gary McKie's interpretation, top, of the UFO the family saw at Windwhistle Hill, between Crewkerne and Chard, and Fantasy artist Larry Elmore's painting, above, of an alien survivor from the purported incident at Roswell, New Mexico.

"I thought there would have been something in the paper about someone being injured or being taken ill up there but there was nothing," she said.

"I find it incredible, thinking about it now all these years later, that we could have dismissed what we saw so casually at the time. We never discussed it and life

went on as usual. It has been a great relief to tell someone."

BUFORA director of investigations Gloria Dixon said: "I've interviewed the family at length and have been intrigued by the detail in which they recall the two incidents. I would like to hear from anyone who remembers anything unusual from that time to write to me so I can fur-

ther my research."

Anyone who can recall an incident at Windwhistle Hill is asked to write to BM BUFORA, FAO Gloria Dixon (Somerset Case), London WC1N 3XX.

A BUFORA conference will be held on Saturday and Sunday 16-17 August at The Pennine Theatre, Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield.

● CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1

# Night of terror that left wife pregnant

THE bizarre experience of a Manchester couple forms one of the most dramatic chapters in Peter Hough and Moyshe Kalman's book, *Alien Abductions*.

Two years ago Janet, a bank executive, and Harry, a businessman, were in bed at home when she woke at 3am in "absolute terror."

She felt as though she had been taken somewhere and put back in bed. She woke Harry, who saw two pools of light which disappeared, as though through a door.

Janet told investigators she remembered lying down with bright lights all around her in what looked like an operating theatre. There were a number of faceless beings around her. "I wasn't para-

Reports by  
David Manson

lysed, but I couldn't move. I knew they were doing something and I was indignant."

Then she remembers being in another room with several people gathered round a strange man. "The funny thing was he had on this black fedora-type hat. He was small, very pale and had huge oval eyes that were very dark. When I looked into those eyes I experienced an incredible urge to be there. They seemed to contain the whole universe and I could have lost myself in them."

The man appeared to be passing

on knowledge to her. "He spoke of mankind's origins and how we had been genetically engineered."

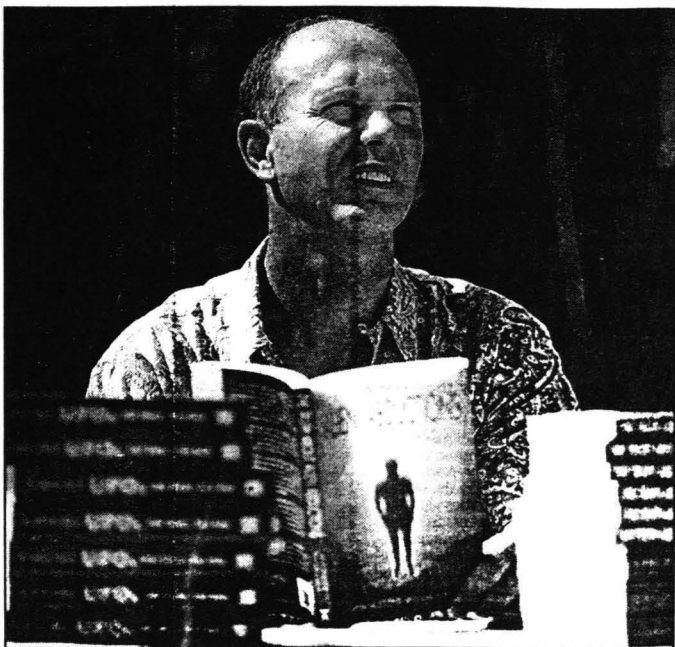
Next she saw a man who seemed to be a doctor. He told her: "We're going to have to alter you because something's not working right."

Janet remembers struggling and the next thing she knew she was back in bed.

"Despite having difficulty for many years, that night I conceived," she said.

After health problems due to the pregnancy, Janet had it terminated and three months later was again in bed with Harry when she sensed presences in the room. "They arrived with a rustling noise and I felt they were trying to pull me away from Harry. If I let go I felt I would die. I tried to scream and wake him up, but he wouldn't move."

"Then I heard them say: 'She's awake!' They didn't seem too pleased with me. I felt they were angry because the baby was no longer there."



■ PETER HOUGH (above) has written about UFOs for the past 17 years and has been a regular contributor to the magazines *TV Quick*, *Take A Break* and *The X-Factor* as well as TV shows *Strange But True* and Philip Schofield's *One In A*

Million. At his home in Lowton, Leigh, Peter has an entire shelf full of his books, which have made him one of Britain's leading authors on UFOs. His latest, *The Truth About Alien Abductions*, was written with psychoanalyst Moyshe Kalman.

## UFOs over Common

NEWS & JOURNAL, Stroud, England - March 12, 1997

A DETECTIVE Constable based at Stroud reported seeing a UFO the size of a rugby field fly over Rodborough, it was claimed this week.

The policeman witnessed the incident in May or June, 1995, but has only recently come forward.

The revelation comes in the same week that a married couple say they saw an unidentified flying object over Rodborough Common on Thursday morning.

Both sightings were reported to county-based UFO investigation group Circular Forum, which revealed details to the *News and Journal*.

The object the DC saw at 5.30am almost two years ago was H-shaped, flew silently from the Aston Down direction over Rodborough Common at a height of around 1,000ft, then stopped and went back the same way.

"The sighting lasted about three minutes, and the object was

by Tristan Cork

light tan, orangey-brown and made up of different cube-shaped sections," said Circular's Robin Cole.

The 1995 sighting took place near the scene of this week's sighting.

The most recent sighting was by a local couple walking on Rodborough Common at 10.40am last Thursday.

They saw a blue metallic sphere travel from east to west over the common, past the Nailsworth Valley and out of sight over Selsley Common.

"The whole sighting lasted 30 seconds," said Stroud's Circular Forum investigator Wendy Milner. "The object was at a height of 2,000-3,000ft and went faster than a light aircraft. We estimate its size to have been equivalent to that of a small bus."

Circular Forum would like to hear from anyone who witnessed Thursday's UFO or any other. The number is 0973 778906.

● THE INVESTIGATOR

INTELLIGENCE from another dimension is making contact with people who feel they have been abducted by aliens.

"What they experience may not be happening in a physical sense," said Peter, 43, who has chronicled more than a dozen cases of abduction for his latest paperback.

He says that alien intelligence uses a disguise in order to pass on information to the abductees.

"It's like in the Middle Ages when troupes of actors would dress up and perform plays with a message. It was the only way to educate people."

"What people who are abducted see is intelligence from another dimension dressed up for our benefit."

There used to be two kinds of aliens, one American and one European. Since the early 80s the US aliens have been dwarf-like and thin with large heads, black eyes, no nose and a slit for a mouth. European aliens,

## Peter's search for the truth about aliens

or "entities," are almost exclusively Nordic — tall and slim and wearing ski suits. But nowadays the Nordic is disappearing in favour of the American variety which is being labelled The Grey, after the visitors in the TV series, *X-Files*.

The visitors are sometimes here to help us, says Peter. "In many cases a subtle change for the better takes place in people's lives after they have been abducted. They become more caring, especially about the environment."

As chairman of the Northern Anomalies

Research Organisation he receives frequent reports of UFO sightings and close encounters which he investigates with the backing of an impressive team of experts.

"If I need analysis or opinion I only have to pick up the phone," he said. Hard evidence can be passed on to a friend, Manchester professor Ray Leonard, while Preston clinical psychologist Jim Singleton has helped him in the past by carrying out hypnotic regression on subjects.

Dr Moyshe Kalman's challenge is often to calm the fears of those who say

they have been abducted. "These cases are identical to people who have had amnesia brought on by natural causes," said Peter.

"They are blocking out something they don't want to think about. In natural cases it might be a mugging or a rape or a car crash. In our cases it might be abduction."

He will be discussing them at a one-day seminar titled *The NARO Files*, to be held at the Friends Meeting House in Mount Street, Manchester, on Saturday September 20 — call Andrew Blunn at 0161 370 5694 if you're interested in attending.

Peter believes the whole abduction phenomenon is more sinister than it might appear.

Asked why aliens visit earth he said: "Perhaps we're just their entertainment."

● *The Truth About Alien Abductions*, Peter Hough and Moyshe Kalman (Blandford, £9.99).

HOLYHEAD & ANGLESEY MAIL, Caernarvon, Wales - July 16, 1997

## Space invaders: Letter reveals possibility of 18th century aliens

# Strangers in the sky

AS newspapers, radio broadcasters and television shows scramble for the best news and views from the Pathfinder rocket now on Mars, new evidence suggests a spaceship could well have hovered above Holyhead way back in the 18th century.

While tracing the life and times of Lewis Morris — one of the Morrisiad Mon brothers and a renowned island scholar — keen historian Peter Scott Roberts came across a very unusual letter written by him and sent to a friend more than 250 years ago.

But what in the world — ours or any other you may ask — is the connection between a scholar from Anglesey and UFOs?

"In his letter, Lewis Morris mentions what he can only describe as a 'wonder' and 'a phenomenon' seen by a farmer in the sky near Holyhead," said Peter.

It was around 2pm on December 5, 1733, a dull and cloudy day that Williams John Lewis was

spending ploughing a field. "According to the letter," added Peter, "the farmer saw some sort of ship, a sailing ship about a quarter of a mile above him in the air with huge sails blowing in the wind, steering directly towards him through the clouds from the mountains of Snowdonia."

William John Lewis ran home to fetch his wife, but by the time both returned to the field the ship was heading back for the mountains. The next morning, after tales of this strange event had spread around the town, Lewis Morris went to the farmer's home in order to carry out his own investigation.

"The wife didn't want to give much away when he arrived," explained Peter, "but said that her husband had gone to fetch her incase people thought he had made the whole thing up."

When he later spoke to William John Lewis, however, the farmer went on in greater detail about the strange event, adding that nobody could be seen aboard the ship.

Writing to his friend, Lewis Morris described the farmer as "a man of very sound judgement", adding that there was nothing suspicious about him or his wife. In fact, he went on, "both are well known in the area for their honesty, and I've never heard anyone say a bad word about either of them."

Although Lewis Morris never did discover the truth of the matter and what, if it existed, the ship really was, his own personal opinion was that this strange phenomena could have been a sign from God, a sign or warning of some event to come.

"With the increase in so called sightings of UFOs in recent years," added Peter, "the average person could quite easily be forgiven for being

sceptical about the subject.

"With the aid of modern science many of yesterdays mysteries are now being solved, and, no doubt, the science of the future will explain away many of today's mysteries," he added.

"However reading Lewis Morris' letter, which was written more than 250 years ago, it's obvious that he, although a distinguished scholar, was open-minded enough to investigate this strange incident near Holyhead."



Peter Scott Thomas: Found historic letter





**Telling her story ...** Richmond resident Dorothy Izatt was on the other end of the camera last month when a crew from the U.S. television newsmagazine *Strange Universe* was here to film an interview with her. One of her films, which depicts a trio of gray, bulbous-headed beings clustered near a darkened window, will be televised next month.

# Visitors from beyond

If you think you've seen a UFO above Richmond, you're not alone

STORIES BY BOB MACKIN  
News Reporter

Heather sat with her husband outside their central Richmond house under a clear, starry sky on the evening of July 31. For almost two hours the couple debated whether intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe.

Suddenly, Heather glanced to the heavens where she saw a glowing, boomerang-shaped object streak across the sky towards the southwest.

"I said, 'What's that, an illuminated seagull?'" recalls the woman, who didn't want her last name published.

The object made no sound, but all the dogs in the neighborhood erupted in a brief fit of barking.

Heather is convinced what she saw was neither an airplane nor a meteor.

"Given a glimpse of what

there is, there has to be other life out there."

Heather is not alone in her belief that we are not alone. In fact, 78 per cent of Canadians polled in August believe there is life out of this world.

Almost 10 per cent of the 200 people randomly surveyed by UFOlogists in five Canadian cities believe they have seen an unidentified flying object. Yet, only 12.5 per cent of those people said they reported the sighting to a civilian or government organization.

Terry, a warehouse worker in Richmond, says he has told only a few people of an incident that happened to him 15 1/2 years ago.

The man, who also refused to let the *News* print his surname, was at McDonald Beach Park on a Tuesday night in April 1982. Terry and a friend were sitting on the hood of a car at 1:30 a.m.

while their girlfriends sat in the back seat.

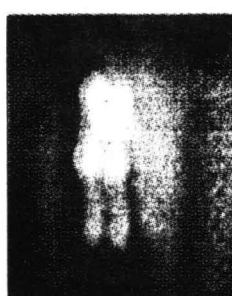
"I just opened my second beer, took my first swallow and my buddy's girlfriend, Diana was her name, screamed a blood-curdling scream," Terry says. "I'll never forget it."

Terry says he and his buddy turned around and were surprised to see a craft with three bright, multicolored lights. He estimates it measured nine metres (30 feet) across and hovered 36 metres (120 feet) above ground.

All Terry could hear was his pulse.

"Did not hear a whisper," he says. "We all realized afterwards that this thing did not only make no sound, but everything seemed deadened."

Within minutes, two identical objects joined the first one, he says. The circular lights became triangular.



**Hello spaceman...** A frame from a 1989 film by Dorothy Izatt shows what she says is an alien being on the outside of a UFO.

When the third object appeared to be less than nine metres above the ground and moving towards the car, "that was all the motivation I needed" to leave the Sea Island park.

An RCMP cruiser passed

them in the opposite direction with its lights flashing, he says.

"The only reason he's there is because somebody else saw it too."

When he contacted the RCMP the next morning, he says they denied a car was dispatched to that area. He called the Department of National Defence office at Vancouver International Airport, but a representative there asked why he didn't offer the aliens a beer.

When he told his parents, they said he must've been dreaming.

"It hurt, to be frank. That was my first lesson in anonymity."

Dorothy Izatt surrendered her anonymity long ago.

The 75-year-old Richmond woman is known internationally for her collection of more than 350 films of paranormal events. She says she has even shot footage of alien beings.

Her first experience was in November 1974 when she spotted a large, disc-shaped object darting in-and-out of the clouds above her Broadmoor house.

She had more sightings in the next three days and decided to do something. She called the control tower at the airport and the *Province* newspaper. No one believed her.

"I started thinking, who could I get in touch with that will help me?" Izatt says. "I thought of Pat Burns."

Elaine Alexander, producer for the popular, gravelly voiced CJOR Radio talkshow host, encouraged Izatt to film the incidents.

So Izatt unwrapped the 8 mm camera she planned to give husband Duncan for Christmas and went to work.

She returned to Alexander with film showing strange flashes, streaks of light and grainy objects that looked like they just might be flying saucers. Alexander put Izatt in touch with prominent UFO researcher Dr. Allen Hynek who studied the film and circulated the images to others in his field.

Izatt claims the alien craft have followed her — as far afield as Australia. She says she can communicate telepathically with aliens and — though she's reluctant to talk about it — she says she has actually met some.

One of her films, which depicts a trio of gray, bulbous-headed beings clustered near a darkened window, will be shown next month on *Strange Universe*. A crew from the syndicated TV newsmagazine, which airs daily at 1 a.m. on KSTW, was at her city centre townhouse on a Friday afternoon in late September.

Izatt says she doesn't care much for the media "hoopla," but she feels she is obliged to tell her story. For those who doubt her sanity, she points to an unreleased documentary video in which a University of B.C. psychiatrist calls Izatt an average person with a sound mind.

Izatt can't explain why she has been "visited" so often.

"Lots of people have gone out looking (for UFOs) and they may not have shown," she says. "Somehow they came straight to me. If they know you really want to see them, you'll see them."

"More people are seeing them because more people are looking upwards."

So, why would aliens be so interested in life on Earth? Izatt says they're worried about humanity's appetite for destruction.

"We're like a floating bowling ball in outer space, and that concerns them. I can't blame them."

# The truth may be out there—but is it in Romney Marsh?

TV SHOWS like *X Files* and *Dark Skies* had better watch out as a local UFO expert gets set to make his debut on the small screen.

Chris Rolfe, of Folkestone, is to appear on a children's television programme in connection with Shepway MP, Michael Howard's, encounter with the unknown.

As previously reported in the *Herald*, mysterious sightings of UFOs were spotted in the sky near the former Home Secretary's Lympne home in the early hours during March of this year.

On the ITV Programme, It's a Mystery, the dramatic events that unfolded on one particular morning, when three people claim they saw a huge triangular shaped object floating in the sky, will be recreated.

Chris has been invited along to comment on what happened and to hopefully provide some general insight into the paranormal world.

Chris, who is assistant co-ordinator at UFO Monitoring East Kent, has been a devoted follower into the research of UFOs ever

since he saw something in the sky he could not explain.

"It was in 1973," he said, "Some school friends and I looked up in the sky and saw glowing round disks being pursued by RAF planes. It was the first and only time I have ever seen a UFO."

Many theories are put across as to what these shapes in the sky really are but as Chris said:

## Glowing discs

"What they are is anyone's guess. What I am really trying to get across to people is that in one way or another there is a cover up by the MOD."

In relation to the sightings around Romney Marsh Chris has put out a plea:

"I would like to get in contact with two firemen who also reported seeing the triangular shaped object around the same time that the others claim to have seen it — it is purely for my own research and investigation." Chris is determined to find out the truth, wherever it is.



Above: Shepway's own Spooky Mulder, Chris Rolfe, monitors reports of alien craft in the skies above East Kent

## 'Saucers' sighted

UFO watchers have reported bizarre sightings of "flying saucers" above the county's cornfields.

One couple claim to have been followed from Spilsby to Freiston by an alien craft about three feet in diameter.

Skywatch member Sue Gregory said: "They were so terrified they nearly drove their car off the road."

"We have also had several reports of disc-like objects emerging from fields of ripening crops."

The couple's experience has hardened the Skywatch group's resolve to stage an open meeting later this year — probably in Mablethorpe where the group was formed four years ago.

Anyone interested in contacting Skywatch call (01790) 763534.

# The truth is out there...

**I**T was 11.30pm. The empty street echoed as Jonathan Franklin walked home along Hillsway, Littleover. The sky was clear and he glanced up, he became aware of a flying object approaching from the left. Suddenly, he was on the set of Independence Day. Jonathan (36), a carpet fitter, of Ruskin Way, said: "The object passed over my head about 20 feet up. It was about 30 feet across and I could see eight lights in an arc with two top lights illuminating part of the bodywork. "It seemed to be khaki brown and had a flat underside with a sloping pyramid shape. It hovered over me, totally silent, as I walked along. "It wasn't a helicopter or a balloon or an aircraft. I get odd looks when I tell people. I would have been the same before I saw it." That was last September. Jonathan had another, more distant, sighting of a flying triangle just a week ago on May 9. He reported both incidents to Omar Fowler, who runs the Phenomenon Research Association

from his Derby home. Mr Fowler (67), a former aeronautical engineer, took on the role 25 years ago after seeing what he believes was an alien observation aircraft. He said: "A similar object was seen over the Battle of Tobruk in the Second World War. Both sides were firing at it, thinking it was the enemy." Now Mr Fowler collates sightings and sends all his information to a massive data base in Berlin, which stores records from all over the world. He said: "There has been a spate of sightings in the United States and Japan recently. Between December 1994 and May 1995, there were 52 sightings over Derby. "In 1989-90 there were so many flying triangles over Belgium, they scrambled fighters to try and catch them, but they just accelerated away from 400mph to 800mph in seconds. It was all captured on radar. "We've had them over Rolls-Royce at Salford and last year there were 151 sightings over Sizewell nuclear power station in Suffolk."

Ufologists believe the heavy activity over Derby is due to the city falling within a supernatural path known as the Pennine Corridor. Philip Mantle of the British UFO Research Association, said: "The Derbyshire Peak District historically has a lot of UFO sightings and paranormal activities." Mr Mantle, together with German ufologist Michel Hesemann, published a book entitled Beyond Roswell, which investigates the alleged crash of a flying saucer at Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. But Tony Youens, a safety training officer at Nottingham University, who has just set up the National Sceptic Society, claims there is no evidence to back up the ufologists' claims. He said: "There's a lot of nonsense around and what worries me is that it can be harmful. Thirty-nine people killed themselves in the United States recently because they thought Hale Bopp was being followed by a UFO. "There is not one shred of evidence, no bits of UFO lying

around, to prove anything. I think they are all barmy" ● SciTec 97 will run from July 1-6 at various venues around Derby, including the Assembly Rooms, the University of Derby, Kedleston Hall, the Metro Cinema and the Museum and Art Gallery. For further information contact festival co-ordinator David Brodie on 01332 343443.

## Martians visit Huncote?

A BRIGHT crescent shaped object seen in the sky over Huncote has led to a call for witnesses by Hinckley UFO Research Team. The mysterious phenomenon was spotted by a Brighton-based pilot as he flew over the area at around 9.20pm on Sunday 6th July. And the pilot, who wishes to remain anonymous, also claims to have captured the incident on videotape. Anyone who saw the object or has any other information of UFO related matters can contact Matthew Buchan on Hinckley 633708.

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SUN, Vancouver, B.C., Canada - July 12, 1997 CR: G. Conway

## Fifty-four close encounters of a Canadian kind

**JIM BRONSKILL**  
Southam Newspapers  
OTTAWA — The space aliens were less than five feet tall, with pointed ears and almond-shaped eyes. Although the creatures had only three fingers on each hand, they wore five-fingered medical gloves as they conducted tests on the Ottawa boy aboard their grey spaceship. "They communicated to him without moving their lips, ensuring that he would be all right." The far-fetched script of a Canadian sci-fi program? No, an official report from the National Defence Operations Centre. It's just one story from the latest batch of UFO sightings filed with the federal government.

The vivid account of an eight-year-old boy's abduction is the closest encounter of the alien kind among the 54 reports made public this week — with names deleted — by the National Archives. For years, the defence and transport departments, as well as the RCMP, have received reports of glowing objects in the sky from across the country. They have duly forwarded the reports to the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics at the National Research Council.

The research council began collecting the reports decades ago to learn more about meteors that shower the Earth. In turn, the NRC bundled a stack of the reports off to the Archives each year. But it seems that for every report of a fireball, the council received a story of strange lights in the heavens. As a result, the reports — dubbed *Non-Meteoritic Sightings by the Archives* — have effectively become Canada's version of *The X-Files*, the stories chronicled in the popular TV show about two FBI agents who investigate otherworldly phenomena. The newest selection of reports, which cover late 1994 through August 1995, may be the last the Archives release: the NRC, stung by budget cuts, has stopped collecting them. The Ottawa abduction account was telephoned by the boy's mother to National Defence in March 1995, no doubt making it a memorable shift for the master corporal who typed the report to the NRC. "The ship had pinky, orange-cushion walls that smelled similar to paint chemicals," wrote the official. The creatures, six in all, wore necklaces with stars, according to pictures drawn by the boy. "He was placed on a table located on the front of the ship. He believes his head and chest were examined."

The mother, convinced her son had been swept away by aliens, physically probed and returned, told of a horse-shoe-shaped scar on his chest. The duty officer suggested the boy get a medical exam and advised the woman to contact police. An Alberta woman who told the RCMP of a fluorescent orange ball in the January night sky got a visit two days later at her Cold Lake home from a constable who interviewed her at length and looked at sketches she made of the incident. The round, glowing object emitted a light that had a strange effect on the woman.

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## Do you have to see it to believe it?

**SIGHTINGS in and around Derby include:**  
● August, 1987. Thirty drinkers at a Kegworth pub saw a shooting star that stopped dead, glowed brilliant yellow and disappeared;  
● September, 1993. Housewife Hilda Hill saw a triangular craft with flashing lights underneath near her daughter's home in Bakewell;  
● January, 1995. David Wainwright and Shirley Hitchcock of Bramfield Avenue, Derby, saw a craft hovering above Broadhome cemetery on the A6 near Belper;  
● January, 1995. Shirley Cawdron of Severn

Street, Alvaston, saw a giant black triangle while driving in Mickleover;  
● February, 1995. Four people saw a flying triangle above Penge Road, Macclesworth;  
● March, 1995. Former RAF engineer Nigel Johnson captured UFO on video hovering outside his Derby home;  
● December, 1995. A multi-coloured object was seen hovering over Chaddesden in the early hours;  
● February, 1996. People were baffled by a mysterious mushroom-shaped light over Derby.

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Peterborough, England - July 22, 1997

**CLOSE ENCOUNTER:** Experience changed man's attitude to alien life

# 'Until now I didn't believe in UFOs'

by **NEIL SHAW**  
NEWS REPORTER

**THE motorist at the centre of a close encounter with a UFO says it has changed his attitude towards the existence of aliens.** The 26-year-old man has been forced to rethink his beliefs after his vehicle was buzzed by a dark shape as he made his way along the A47 between Peterborough and Wisbech. The student, from Wisbech, who did not wish to be named, contacted *The Evening Telegraph* after we exclusively revealed yesterday how a top UFO investigator is examining his X-file. The man explained he was returning from the Wirral with his girlfriend, also a student, a friend and his girlfriend's 56-year-old mother during the early hours. He said: "Until that night I didn't believe in UFOs — but I'm not so sure now." The triangular object, about twice the size of an aeroplane, had lights on each point and was surrounded

## Hampton workers spot white light

**CONSTRUCTION workers in Peterborough have told how they watched a bright white circle in the skies above the new southern township early on Monday morning.** The three men have told how they watched a UFO sweep over the Hanson Land sight in Hampton at about 12.15am. Site worker Ian Cooper said: "It was brighter than any of the stars, and as we watched it started to move, by a pinkish, purplish haze. He claims it was hovering about 150 feet above the fence. He said: "There was a full moon that night and I could see it clearly as it followed the car. "I then stopped at the roundabout with my window rolled down and it stopped too. "It was the most bizarre thing that has ever happened to me. It was dead

silent, you could hear a pin drop." He denied he had been drinking and added: "I have seen the stealth bombers at Mildenhall air show and this didn't look like one of those. RAF bases have confirmed there were no aeroplanes flying in the skies the night the craft was spotted. A Ministry of Defence spokesman suggested it may have been a private plane from a nearby airfield.



**FLASHBACK:** In yesterday's *Evening Telegraph* it was revealed a UFO expert is investigating sightings near Wisbech.



STANDARD, London, England - Aug. 5, 1997

# Stars tell of close encounters with alien space craft

by IAN MARKHAM-SMITH in Los Angeles and GERAINT SMITH

**H**OLLYWOOD stars are rather closer to space than the rest of us, according to a new book in which some of the best known claim to have had close encounters with UFOs.

Celebrities including X-Files star David Duchovny, Charlie Sheen, Cliff Robertson and Olivia Newton-John are claiming firsthand experiences with men from outer space in a new book called *Hollywood and the Supernatural*. Author Brad Steiger said: "Their reports are highly credible and represent additions to the UFO literature."

Their revelations are published only a couple of days after the CIA revealed that the explanations of UFOs, explanations which fostered American belief in alien visitors simply because they were themselves implausible nonsense, were, in fact, to cover-up their spy-plane flights.

Duchovny says he was jogging along a beach in Orange City, New Jersey, in 1993 when he saw a triangular UFO overhead that was definitely not a plane. "I don't know what it was," he says "I don't think I'll ever know."

Charlie Sheen, the star of the science fiction thriller *The Arrival*, saw a UFO in the skies over Malibu, California, in 1976.

It carried out complex manoeuvres, then accelerated from a standstill to "an indescribable speed" and disappeared.

"I witnessed an aircraft doing things acrobatically that I really don't believe are possible with anything we've created," he says.

Actor Cliff Robertson, who won an Oscar for the movie *Charly*, was standing on an observation platform in Pacific Park, California, in 1963 when he saw something gleaming in the sky.

Using binoculars, he could make out a cigar-shaped, highly polished metal object. After hovering motionless for 10 minutes, it suddenly shot straight up and disappeared.

"I don't know of anything on this planet that could manoeuvre in such a fashion," he says. The CIA, of course, just might.

Michelle Phillips, star of the former *Knots Landing* television series, saw a UFO during a visit to the Joshua Tree National Monument in the Californian desert in 1969.

Just before daybreak Michelle and two friends saw a brilliant light rapidly move across the sky, stop and hover, then zigzag out of sight.

"It was too fast for a satellite, too slow for a plane and too high in the sky to be a helicopter," she says. "It was a UFO."

Singer Olivia Newton-John was driving with a friend in Australia on a Sunday afternoon in 1964 when she was overcome by a sensation of pins-and-needles all over her body, as though surrounded by static electricity.

She gazed upward and saw a silvery, triangular object hurtling toward her. Then it changed shape into a multi-coloured globe. It started and stopped in the air several times and darted from side to side before flying off.

"It was able to change directions like no plane I'd ever seen," she recalls.



California dreaming? Charlie Sheen, who says he saw a UFO over Malibu



The final frontier: Olivia Newton-John and Cliff Robertson both claim to have seen alien space craft



LINCOLNSHIRE EVENING ECHO, Lincoln, England - Aug. 14, 1997

## UFO explanation 'load of rubbish'

UFO watchers today cast doubt on official explanations for a mystery object seen off the county coast.

The Ministry of Defence has looked into sightings of the red, green and white rotating object which was traced around the Wash and along the county coast last October.

Defence officials say they are now satisfied the object wasn't a UFO.

A spokesman for the Ministry said: "We are happy that the object seen was a reflection off the Boston Stump caused by atmospheric conditions."

"We believe it is a common cause of sightings in this area. Our main concern is to ensure the British Isles aren't

threatened. It is not our job to explain what an object may be."

But Vic Metcalf, chairman of the Lincoln UFO Association, said the explanation was laughable.

"This is something they have come up with in the past for sightings around Boston, and really it's a load of rubbish."

"It is inevitable they are going to deny there is something out there. I think it's time they stopped sweeping it under the carpet and came up with alternative explanations to the Stump which we're never going to fall for."

At the time the Echo ran a transcript of the conversation between the police, RAF officials at Kinloss in Scotland and

Neatishead in Norfolk, the coastguard and a passing tanker which added to the intrigue surrounding the sighting.

It clearly revealed the confusion and excitement caused by the unidentified object which was picked up on RAF radar.

During the conversation, RAF Kinloss confirmed there were no military aircraft or notified civil flights in the area.

"Neatishead are running a trace on this and they cannot explain it. Whatever it is, it does not want anyone to know it is there," said the Kinloss radar room.

EVENING NEWS, Scarborough, England - Aug. 8, 1997

## A close encounter - of the third kind

A SCARBOROUGH man who did not believe in UFOs has told how he may have had a close encounter.

Clifford Headlam was woken up at his home in Weaponness Valley Road at 2am yesterday by a loud thud.

He thought his house was being burgled but when he went downstairs to investigate he found a large part of his hallway ceiling had collapsed.

It was while he was clearing the mess up and taking debris outside that he saw the strange sight in the night sky.

"It was so weird. There was a circular area of bright white light surrounded by what looked like lightning but wasn't. It was yellow, blue and orange and was visible against the dark sky."

"I got my wife Margaret to have a look because I was tired and thought my eyes may have been playing up but she saw it as well. It did not make a noise but it was above Valley Bridge and I'm sure someone else must have seen it. There was no reason why my ceiling should have collapsed, it's very strange."

He said he would not have told anyone else but was encouraged to speak about it after Yorkshire Coast Radio DJ Barry Robinson told how he had seen what he thought was a UFO above Scarborough in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Mr Headlam said: "I didn't believe in flying saucers before and my wife said no-one would believe us but I had to say something."

Another unexplained flying object was spotted in Scarborough on Monday by printer Stephen Draper.

# 'GREY ALIENS' TERRIFY FAMILY

by Neil MacLay

SCOTLAND'S top UFO-buster is demanding a Government inquiry into a terrifying alien encounter in Fife.

Malcolm Robinson, who heads Strange Phenomena Investigations, is probing a terrifying alien visitation on the road between Falkland and Newton of Falkland.

The close encounter petrified a young mum, her 10-year-old son and a close friend.

The trio were confronted by flashing lights in the sky, witnessed a massive black object hovering over the earth and saw dozens of small grey beings roaming through woodland near the roadside.

Robinson, one of the world's most renowned Ufologists, has

probed scores of alien visitations but says the incident is the most frightening he has ever investigated.

"The family were travelling along the road when a huge bright light lit up the road," he explained.

"They got out of the car to investigate. The whole area was totally silent and then the craft banked before emitting brilliantly coloured lights."

The three witnesses rushed home but returned with another family member to investigate.

When they arrived back at the scene they saw more than 100 small grey creatures carrying boxes in the woods, apparently supervised by a tall brown being. Later the family noticed they were



Malcolm Robinson: Calling on Prime Minister to investigate 'visitors'

covered with odd markings. Both the son and a friend have since been startled by 'greys' around the house.

Robinson revealed that at least a dozen other UFO sightings took place that night. Although the RAF were flying two Tornado aircraft in the area at the time, Robinson believes the Fife sighting is a

genuine UFO contact. "I always take a sceptical approach but the effect on the family was too great to be faked."

The incident has prompted Robinson to request Tony Blair to investigate the enormous level of UFO activity in Scotland. The matter is now in the hands of the Ministry of Defence.

PEOPLE, London, England - Aug. 17, 1997

## Riddle of the Black Triangle

AN Independence Day-style UFO has been spotted hovering menacingly over a British city.

The dark triangle-shaped craft was completely motionless before racing away.

Many reports have described the colossal craft as at least twice the size of a jumbo jet and possibly 500 yards wide - like the UFO which hovered over Washington in the hit Will Smith Hollywood film *Independence Day*.

The craft, nicknamed the "Black Triangle", has been appearing for months in the Lancaster area.

Sometimes it emits three blinding flashes of white light from each corner.

It flies frequently over nuclear plants at Heysham and Sellafield. Some UFO experts think it may be a new war-

By FIONA MAY

plane being developed by British Aerospace at Warton, Lancs.

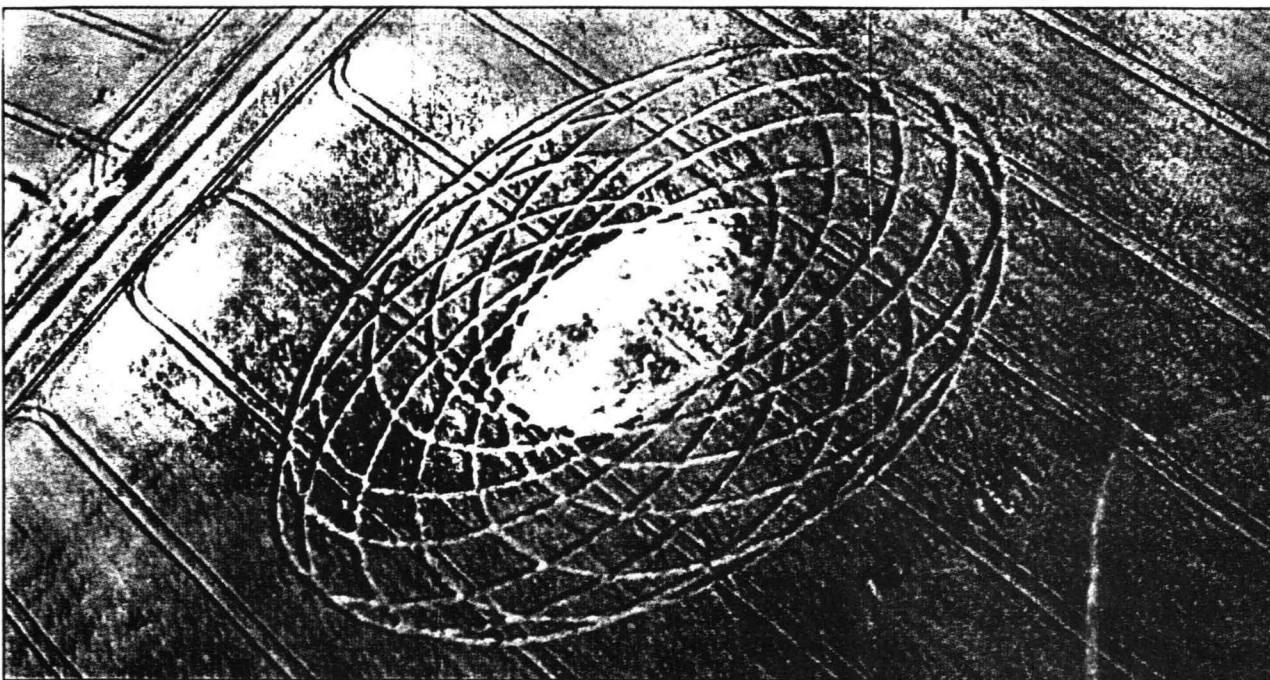
There have been reports of a triangle-shaped British equivalent of the US Stealth Fighter known as HALO - the High Altitude Low Observability aircraft.

But a BAe spokesman denied there was a HALO project and said the only test aircraft being flown in the Lancaster area was the 1,300mph Eurofighter.

He added: "Viewed from underneath it does look triangle-shaped - perhaps that is where the reports stem from."

But Simon Lewis, of the North Lancashire UFO Investigation Group who has pictures of the craft, said: "I would not like to say for sure it is extra-terrestrial but that has to be a possibility."

## Lucky farmer reaps his reward as those mystery circles return



## Just look what has cropped up again

BY GREG SWIFT

IT IS one of those long-running mysteries that baffles scientists and offers succour to those who believe THEY are out there. The annual appearance of crop circle patterns in Wiltshire has again caused a frenzy of speculation about what is behind the shapes that appear in the dead of night.

Believers have any number of implausible theories ranging from UFOs and wind vortices to secret weapons testing by the Ministry of Defence. Cynics, however, dismiss them as the work of unknown hoaxers. The latest pattern in a wheat field at Alton Priors, near Marlborough, comprises of 12 circles spanning 100 metres.

For landowner Tim Carson, they represent the kind of cash crop that other farmers can only dream of. He charges the curious £1.50 a visit and reaped £5,000 in 1991. He also sells aerial prints of his treasured land. "I have no idea how it got there, but I'm fairly sure it is not man-made," he said.

"You would need a gang of people working throughout the night without being spotted and I don't think that is possible."

Former Army Air Corps Captain Mike Green offers £85-a-time helicopter trips of the area. Only the churlish would point out that the downforce has been suggested as a cause of the circles.

SHROPSHIRE STAR, Wellington, England - July 24, 1997

## X Files never faced this . . .

A UFO investigator was on his way to Shropshire today apparently unaware his X-Files investigation may have hit an earthly obstruction — combine harvesters.

Russ Kellett was heading for the Telford area to investigate a mysterious crop circle linked to reports of a UFO. But in the meantime, farmers have been at work and the circle has vanished in harvesting.

A 29 year old businessman from Dawley called in Mr Kellett after spotting a huge disc hovering above a field near the Shell petrol station at Sutton Maddock, on Monday. Moments later, he spotted a huge crop circle.

Mr Kellett, founder member and head of investigations for the International UFO Research, said he never ruled out the possibility that crop circles were an elaborate hoax.

"But there's a lot of people who are suggesting that the circles are to do with UFO phenomena."

● Mr Kellett's trip may not have been entirely wasted. He was also on his way to Shrewsbury to investigate two similar circles.

WESTERN MORNING NEWS, Plymouth, England - April 18, 1997

## Matt in panic after UFO encounter

An 18-YEAR-OLD Westcountry student claims he saw an unidentified flying object.

Matt Punter, of Pensilva, East Cornwall, was travelling home late at night from a friend's house in Liskeard when he suddenly became aware of something directly over his car.

He said: "I got to a place called Rosecradoc where the road suddenly gets wider. I reached the top of the hill when I suddenly had to duck and slam on the brakes.

EMMA HARTLEY

"My first thought was that a plane was crashing and was going to come down in the road in front of me.

"Then it stopped about ten metres further down the road. It was four different coloured lights in a square with no substance to it at all.

"There was a white light, a blue one, a red one and a yellow one. The highest one was

about eight metres in the air. It stopped there for only about one second. I felt like it was looking at me while I was looking at it. Then it just went."

Matt, a drama student, said: "I was so panicked when I got back that I was just telling everyone I saw what had happened, even the neighbours.

"I always thought people who claimed to have seen UFOs were a bit sad. But now I know what they were on about."

## THE TV KEPT GOING BLANK - THEN THEY SAW IT ...

### Mum and son chase UFO in car

AN Ipswich teenager believes he saw a UFO as he and his mother drove home late at night through the Suffolk countryside.

Richard Tatterton, 16, and his mum Myrtle were on their way home to Spring Road when they saw a strange object in the sky over Bromeswell, near Woodbridge.

The pair had first noticed something was amiss as they watched television at the home of family friend David Caley in Eyke earlier on Tuesday night.

"It was about 10.30pm. There was some interference and the TV kept going blank and turning from a picture into a black screen," said Richard, a pupil of Farlingaye High School, Woodbridge.

Two minutes later, Richard and Myrtle left to begin the drive home to Ipswich.

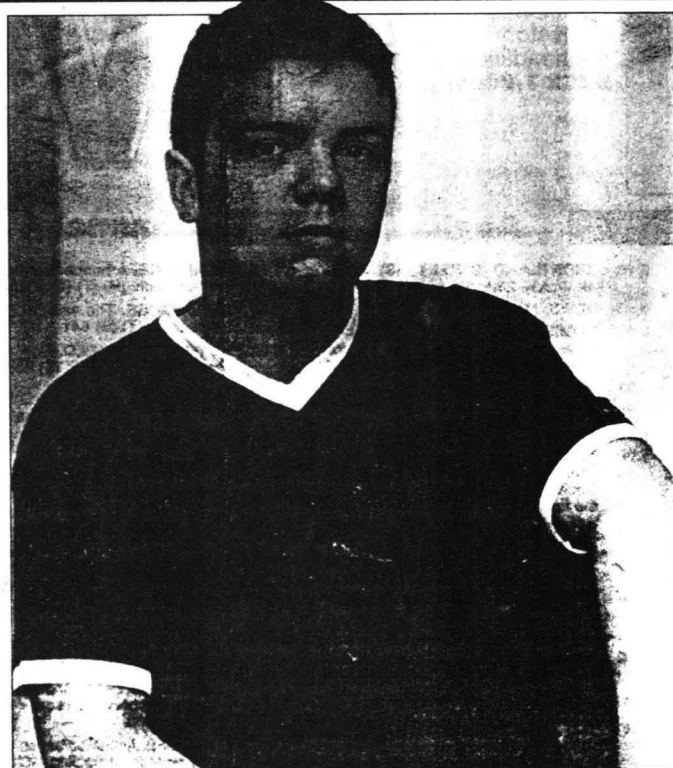
#### Gliding

"At about 10.38pm, we were driving through Bromeswell and I saw a grey saucer-shaped object in the sky. At first I thought it was a piece of dirt on the windscreen," he said.

"Then I saw it again and it was gliding fairly fast towards the Woodbridge airbase."

Housewife Myrtle, 54, stopped the car at a T-junction in Bromeswell and she and Richard watched the object hover in a field before it moved off towards the air base.

Richard confessed to being "anxious" as he watched the saucer, but fearless Myrtle drove after it in the direction of



BELIEVER: Richard, 16, has always wanted to see a UFO. Picture: JAMIE NIBLOCK

Hollesley, even getting out of the car to get a better look.

The object then changed into a triangle of lights with the bottom-left corner flashing and glittering, said Richard.

The pair stopped again at Wilford Bridge and watched the object, and saw it again near the Red Lion pub in Martlesham before finally losing sight of it near Suffolk police headquarters.

"I have been interested in UFOs for

about three years, and I have always wanted to see one," said Richard.

"It definitely wasn't a figment of my imagination. If the bases at Woodbridge and Bentwaters were still open I would have said it could have been an aircraft but it was definitely a UFO.

"If I saw it again I wouldn't be scared. I will be keeping my eyes open and watching the skies."

■ Did you see the strange object? If you did, call our newsdesk on 01473 282257.

EVENING STAR, Ipswich, England - Aug. 21, 1997

DAILY MAIL, Hull, England - Aug. 5, 1997

## UFO over the Humber

A UFO sighting in the sky over the Humber left a Hesse couple stunned. Mrs Margaret Parkinson (44) and her husband were travelling out of the city along Clive Sullivan Way when they spotted it hovering high above the water.

They claim the object, with its dome-shaped roof, was clearly visible in a blue, summer evening sky with only light cloud.

It stayed in view for at least 12 minutes before it disappeared followed minutes later by what they believe were military jets.

"We first noticed the object as we drove past the tidal barrier. It was obviously metallic, because it kept catching the light," said Pat.

"The strangest thing is we didn't see it move and it left no vapour trail. We don't want people to think we're UFO freaks.

"My husband and I are practical, scientific people, and we wouldn't imagine a thing like this.

"I believe this was a UFO, but I'm not saying it was something from outer space. I'd actually be very frightened if I thought we were being visited."

Officials say there were no other reports of sightings on Sunday, July 27, at around 8pm.





ARIZONA REPUBLIC, Phoenix, AZ - July 12, 1997 CR: F. Kron

## 'From the high desert ...'

### Art Bell reigns as radio's king of weird science

By Steve Yozwiak  
The Arizona Republic

For those without dreams, there is Art Bell, talk jock phenom. Not since Larry King have insomniacs rallied around a national nighttime radio friend like the baritone Bell.

From his home studio in isolated Pahrump, Nev., Bell rides an airwave rocket of UFO fever and paranormal mania that propelled him to radio stardom after 30 years up on rock. A4. of mostly inconspicuous broadcast-

Bell's 363 affiliated stations coast to coast provide a nightly diet of No-Doz for up to 15 million listeners, placing him just behind talk biggies Rush Limbaugh, Laura Schlessinger and Howard Stern.

Now, Bell's pushing a paranormal conference at the Phoenix Civic Plaza. Scheduled for a live, nationwide broadcast on Monday, the event will attempt to link the Pathfinder spacecraft and weird features on Mars to ancient Egypt, the Masonic tradition, NASA conspiracies, the March 13 "lights over Phoenix" and

#### AT A GLANCE

**Art Bell's programs**  
KFYI-AM (910)

"Coast to Coast," Mon.-Fri.,  
11 p.m.-4 a.m.

"Dreamland," Sat. and Sun.,  
8-11 p.m.

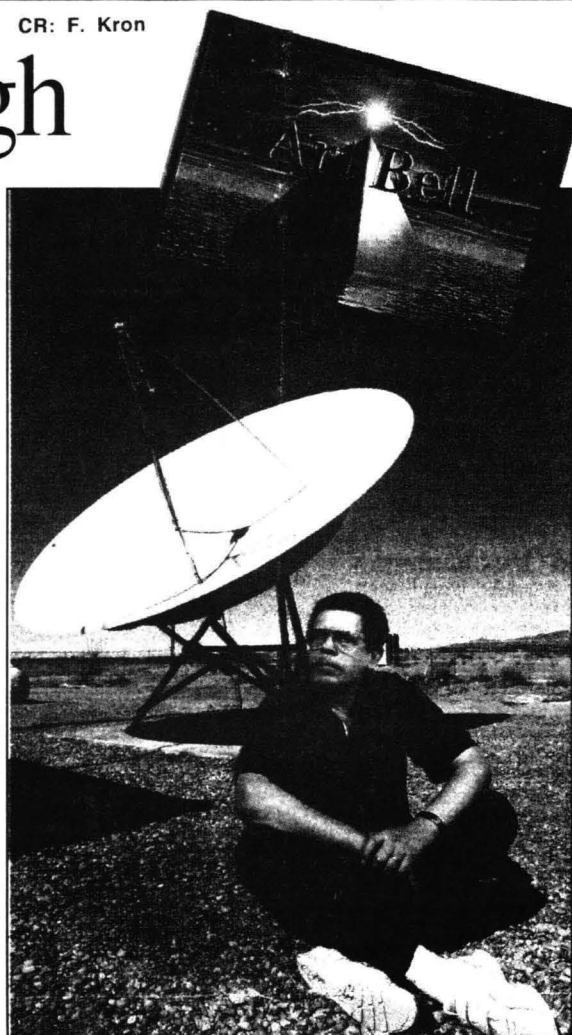
**Art Bell's Web page**  
www.artbell.com/

\* Saturdays "Dreamland" is a rebroadcast of the previous Sunday show.

some unknown event that may happen here when the stars and planets align on July 20th.

The conference is spearheaded by Richard C. Hoagland, one of Bell's most frequent and popular guests. Hoagland is a former science consultant to major TV networks. But for the past 15 years, he has pursued images from past Mars probes that he says show a Sphinx-like face, pyramids and other features that form the ancient city of Cydonia on the Red Planet's surface.

From 120 million miles away, Hoagland views these images as



Aaron Mayes/Associated Press

Late night talk-show host Art Bell broadcasts to 15 million listeners from his home studio in Pahrump, Nev. He also has a Web site (top).

proof of a paradise lost — an ancient civilization of human or extraterrestrial beings who flourished on Mars 300,000 years ago. Hoagland says he is piecing together new information that shows the same civilization may have included Phoenix.

It's the kind of story that energizes Bell and his listeners, who may lack sleep but have no shortage of imagination.

It's also the kind of story that would be dismissed as kookish and cranky by most media outlets.

But not by Bell.

"I live out here near a place called Dreamland — Area 51 — where a lot of (military) experimentation goes on that we don't know about," Bell says of his high-desert home between 12,000-foot Charleston Peak, just outside Las Vegas, and the lowlands of Death Valley.

"I have seen two things myself in my 52 years that are utterly inexplicable."

One of them, Bell says, was a massive, black, triangular craft that swept silently over Bell and his wife, Ramona, one moonlit night about four years ago as they were returning home from Vegas. Bell said the craft hovered for several minutes over Pahrump Valley in apparent defiance of gravity. Others saw it, too, he said.

"Maybe we have this kind of craft at Area 51. If we do, that's a big story. If it's not ours, then it's a big story. Either way, it's a big story," Bell said.

The Air Force says it was a C-130 cargo plane. But that doesn't wash with Bell, an Air Force veteran, who says he could hear crickets chirping throughout the sighting.

"If it were a C-130, it would rattle your teeth," Bell said.

Using such logic, Bell has little trouble discerning that a curious light formation seen over Phoenix recently may not have been of human origin.

"There are a lot of legitimate questions about what happened in Phoenix and not a lot of legitimate answers," he said.

#### Skepticism kept at low level

Art Bell's guests and listeners — KFYI-AM (910) in Phoenix — have lots of questions about a great many things.

Bigfoot, flying saucers, crop circles, alien abductions, ESP, reverse speech, sacred geometry and something called remote viewing are staple topics.

Presenters are met by Bell with a low bar of skepticism that appeals to listeners.

"There are so many of us who are aware of expansion of awareness, development of consciousness, and understanding of the mind and its ability to interact with and control matter," said Dawn Bothie of Phoenix, a Bell devotee.

"He has very credentialed speakers. They can take us to a greater understanding of the cosmos. It's relevant to my life. This man continues to be on the leading edge of extraterrestrial, hyper-dimensional and consciousness-expanding issues."

Critics, on the other hand, see Bell as the radio king of pseudoscience.

Thomas C. Genoni Jr., West Coast bureau chief for the *Skeptical Inquirer* magazine, says information should be

screened — or at least questioned — before it is put out in the mass media.

"The (Bell) show has sort of a schizophrenic condition," Genoni said. "He talks about it being entertainment, yet he presents supposedly reliable scientific information. If you visit his Web site, you can tell that his listeners tout his show as informative and as an important source of news."

In fact, Bell didn't always function as a cosmic guru. Until his meteoric rise to the top this year, the show's main topic was politics — mostly the right-wing kind of Clinton-bashing stuff that made Rush a household name.

A political bulletin board on Bell's Web page is still full of it. But Bell said he's now bored with politics, and so are most of his listeners.

"If you look now at what's in Washington ... I'm afraid a great deal of what they are debating and discussing and arguing about is utterly irrelevant to the lives of the American people," Bell said.

Boring reality has been replaced by unboring hyper-dimensional physics, a discipline advanced by Hoagland and promoted by Bell that allows for the existence of more dimensions than the familiar four: up-down, left-right, back-forth and time.

In this realm, the tetrahedron — an object with four triangular faces — rules. Ditto for numbers which have an uncanny knack of popping up again and again. Hoagland and his followers believe such digits — 7 and 19.5 are two favorites — have immense significance.

With such tools, the metaphysicists connect "patterns" that could not have occurred by any other means than a grand design that is fostered, and at the same time covered up, by NASA.

Hoagland even employed his ken for coincidence to set the date of Monday's conference, timing it to match the 32nd anniversary of the first spacecraft, Mariner 4, to fly by and photograph Mars.

How about the shape of the Pathfinder spacecraft? Tetrahedron, of course.

These ideas are promoted on more than Bell's radio program.

There's also a Web page — www.artbell.com — one of the most complicated and multilinked on the Internet. Like Bell's show, it is a cornucopia of advertising for obscure investments and products.

Or you can try Bell's computer bulletin board system, where listeners post observations ("Has anybody else noticed ... what appears to be an Army tank on the surface of Mars?") that often get cycled from the radio show, to the Web site, and back to the radio show.

Finally, there's Bell's chat clubs, now in Phoenix and 10 other cities, where members gather at new-age bookstores, or wherever else they are welcome, to meet guests from the Bell radio show.

"Many of these folks have a need and desire to talk about these things and put forth their own feelings," said Tim Cannon, a Denver limo dispatcher.

Cannon started the first chat club last year after attending a signing party for Bell's book, *The Quickening*. That tome

### Another mutilation of bull reported

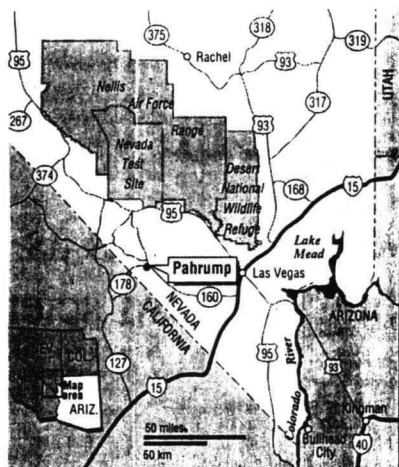
TAOS — Another in a long series of Northern New Mexico cattle mutilations was reported Monday morning in Arroyo Hondo, north of Taos.

The animal, possibly a bull, was found dead on pasture land and had sex organs missing as is typical of alleged cattle mutilations, Eighth Judicial District Attorney John Pasternoster said.

Pasternoster did not have the name of the owner but said the animal was found in the same vicinity of another mutilation about one year ago. This carcass was fresh and Gabe Valdez, an investigator for the Las Vegas-based National Institute of Discovery Science was there, the district attorney said.

"The scene was combed for clues intensively," Pasternoster said, and the animal taken to Albuquerque for further testing.

NEW MEXICAN, Santa Fe, NM - Nov. 25, 1997 CR: D. Perkins



The Arizona Republic

is about the heightened pace of change in society. "There's something going on," the author says.

#### Little effort made to verify claims

That may be true, but it's probably not what most of Bell's guests are spouting, said Genoni, whose magazine is published by the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

"He (Bell) is bringing on guests and introducing topics that are just pure entertainment, and he doesn't make any attempt to verify whether any of this stuff is true or not."

Genoni recently wrote about Bell's relationship to the Heaven's Gate mass suicide in March near San Diego. It was on Bell's program last November that a caller suggested that a large object was shadowing the Hale-Bopp Comet into the solar system. Bell kept up the story after a political science professor from Atlanta called to say that "remote viewers" — people who can see things regardless of their physical location — determined that the object behind the comet was full of aliens, and that he had a photo to prove it.

Bell says that it was two months later, on his show, that the photo was unmasked as a fake. This was before 39 members of Heaven's Gate took their lives, believing that the comet, or its companion craft, would take them to some better place.

"They were fully aware that it had been exposed as a hoax," Bell said.

But Genoni says audiences seldom get any tip-off to quackery.

"The listeners have no way of knowing whether this person talking is educated in the field that they're talking about, whether they have any kind of in-depth knowledge or done a lot of research, or are just spouting off what they happen to believe," Genoni said.

Bell maintains that he does screen guests to varying degrees, but not with a fine mesh. Unlike other radio talk shows, Bell says his callers are not screened at all.

"I will let people say anything. If it is something that is not provable ... I don't shine a light in their face and beat them up," Bell said.

But even Bell has his limits. He is fed up with Hoagland's insistence that the Pathfinder spacecraft did not land on Mars, but instead will land on July 20, a day that coincides with Hoagland's conspiracy patterns. What viewers are seeing, Hoagland says, is a preprogrammed simulation based on earlier Mars landings.

Bell is sorry, but he's not buying it.

"What's bothering me about Richard is that all his good work — and he's done so much good work — is in jeopardy from a credibility point of view, in my opinion, because he refuses to acknowledge the obvious. We are really on Mars," Bell said.

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# Bigfoot sought near Rice Lake

By The Associated Press  
and Leader-Telegram staff

RICE LAKE — Bigfoot in the north woods?

That's the possibility under investigation near Rice Lake.

Brad Mortenson of the U.S. Expedition and Exploration Society said three tracks found Monday could be from the mysterious — some say mythical — apelike creature known as Bigfoot.

He describes the tracks as about 16 to 17½ inches long and 8 inches wide at the widest.

Asked about the shape, he said: "It looks like a big foot. It's very distinct."

One print showed five toes, he said, and the impressions indicat-

**"It looks like a big foot. It's very distinct."**

— Brad Mortenson  
of the U.S. Expedition and Exploration Society

ed a creature with a stride of about 4½ feet, typical for Bigfoot.

Mortenson, 41, of Sarona said he started receiving reports about possible Bigfoot activity after a local newspaper story two weeks ago told about his work with the society, based in Doris, Calif.

"After that we started getting the reports of people coming across the tracks in the Blue Hills," he said.

That's the hilly, wooded region around the Barron County-Rusk County line where a preliminary

search turned up the tracks this week.

Mortenson plans to do more preliminary searching, and if enough signs are found, the society will bring in equipment and personnel for a full search.

"I'd like to be a little more certain ... before I would commit the society to the expense of a full-scale expedition," he said.

Bigfoot, or Sasquatch, is said to inhabit remote regions of the Pacific Northwest, but Mortenson said there also have been a lot of

sightings in Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maine.

He said he first became involved with searching for Bigfoot in northern California in the 1970s, and he now serves as international director of operations for the society.

If the legendary creature is stomping the Blue Hills, nobody has told Barron County Sheriff Jerry Johnson.

"If this guy has some evidence, I would think he would have called us or the (Department of Natural Resources)," Johnson said.

The phone has been silent.

"I haven't had anyone call and tell me about tracks or anything else," Johnson said.

# On the trail of BIGFOOT

TRACK THESE LEADS TO SIGHTING  
THE NORTHWEST FOREST PHANTOM

By JANET BURKITT  
Seattle Times staff reporter

ACTIVE

Thing about Bigfoot is, he's so darned elusive.

People devote their lives to searching for the hairy Northwest creature, and most of them don't come up with anything more than a plaster footprint mold, a couple of stray hairs or one heck of a story to tell the grandkids.

So far be it from us to say that we know how you can find him yourself. But we've been on his trail lately, and have found some places where his presence, at least, looms large: places, from taverns to trails, imprinted with his name, his memory or, at the very least, his foot.

There have been many sasquatch sightings in the rugged forest land east of Enumclaw, and just the other day a hunter told a White River Ranger District worker he heard Bigfoot's wail.

"I asked him how he knew it wasn't something else," Dianne Taugher recalls. "His eyes got real big and he said, 'You just know.'"

If you want to listen for Bigfoot's high-pitched cries, you can explore some trails around there yourself. Try the Noble Knob trail, about 30 miles east of Enumclaw. It is accessible for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding, so you have plenty of options if you need a quick getaway.

The route, part trail, part abandoned road, affords a beautiful Mount Rainier view about one-and-a-half miles in. You can hike for about six miles beyond that on a series of old roads, though the Rainier view is the best of the hike. Unless of course, you happen to find...

## Sightings to the north

You might find sasquatch roaming around the North Cascades near Darrington as well. Although there haven't been too many sightings there lately, a 10-footer and 11-footer were spotted there in the 1970s. And, in 1969, two boys on a camping trip said they were chased by no fewer than three of the creatures.

Darrington Ranger District forestry technician Peter Selvig is skeptical about some of the Big-

foot accounts he's heard. "But, you've gotta face it," he says, "there's a lot of land out here that man has never been to."

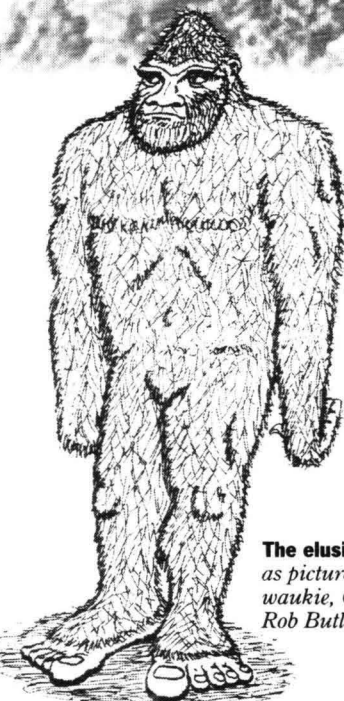
A little-used trail he recommends, near a 1989 sighting, is the Squire Creek Trail. The moderate four-mile hike starts at an abandoned logging road and takes you through patches of old-growth timber and huckleberry bushes. Mountain goats are known to frequent the area, along with, maybe, You-Know-Who.

Before you hike out in pursuit of a sasquatch, there's something you should know. Bigfoot experts claim the creature can pick up your vibes. If you fear him or want to hurt him, forget it — you'll never track him down. But if he senses your intentions are friendly, well, you may have a chance.

And what better way of showing him you like him than visiting some places that bear his name? To prepare for your search, get your waterproof boots and freeze-dried victuals at Bigfoot Outdoor Ltd. in Olympia. The outdoor store also sells maps of Northwest Bigfoot sightings and books about the creature, should you want to embark upon a more educated search.

If it's a Bigfoot education you want, be sure to head to Seattle's Elliott Bay Book Company on (continued on page 19)

**Bigfoot tracks? Or a hoax?** A Colville man later confessed to faking these tracks that lured excited sasquatch hunters to the community dump in Arden, Stevens County, in 1971.



The elusive sasquatch, as pictured by Milwaukie, Ore., artist Rob Butler.



Sept. 22, when Dr. Robert Pyle will read from his celebrated "Where Bigfoot Walks: Crossing the Dark Divide," published by Houghton Mifflin. The award-winning author and naturalist came away from his research "with my mind more open than ever to the possibility of such an animal," he says. The bookstore carries other Bigfoot titles as well.

After you fortify your mind with Bigfoot knowledge, fortify your body with Bigfoot food. Get Bigfoot nachos and Bigfoot burritos at Bothell's Bigfoot Inn. Or try the Northwest Bigfoot Bagel, with lox and capers, at Bigfoot Bagels in Woodinville. Do sasquatches like lox? Not necessarily, says store owner Don Shaw. "But I guess the stories have kind of been that Bigfoot smells like fish."

Experts don't believe he smells like doughnuts, but Snoqualmie's Bigfoot Donut Shop and Bakery sells huge maple doughnuts shaped like his footprint. The shop is a makeshift Bigfoot museum, with plaster footprints in one display case, photos and memorabilia on the wall and a talking doll from the 1984 movie "Harry and the Hendersons."

#### Bigfoot's hometown?

Much of that Bigfoot movie was filmed in tiny Index, Snohomish County, between Monroe and Stevens Pass on U.S. Highway 2. There, the Quonset hut that served as the movie's Bigfoot Museum still stands, with a stuffed sasquatch on display. At the nearby Espresso Chalet, in addition to Bigfoot mugs and T-shirts, they'll serve you up a 32-ounce Bigfoot, with four shots of espresso.



Cliff Crook of Bothell published this Bigfoot postcard.

Mark Klein, who owns the espresso shop with his wife, Sandy, isn't necessarily "a believer or a disbeliever," he says. But lots of people who've come into his shop swear they've seen one, he says.

"And they seem like normal people," he says.

So don't feel crazy if some yearning deep within you drives you to seek out this shadowy creature. Thousands before you have felt the same thing.

Perhaps a simple doughnut will sate your primeval craving. But if you find yourself drawn to the wilderness, remember to take a friendly attitude and an open mind. And, by all means, don't forget a camera.

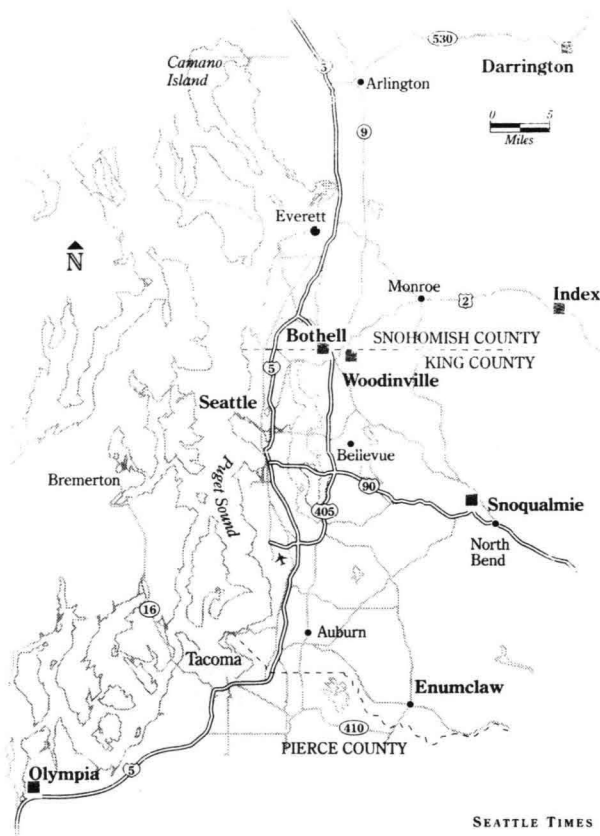


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**Bigfoot on a postcard: Don't expect details about where and when the camera caught the shy creature.**



Smiling friend to forest fauna: carving outside the Bigfoot Museum in Index.



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• To get to the eight-mile **Noble Knob Trail**, take state Highway 410 east from Enumclaw for about 31 miles. Turn left on Corral Pass Road (Forest Road 7174) and follow it about seven miles. The trailhead is on the left side of the road, just before a large parking area. There is a small parking lot at the trailhead as well. For either lot, a National Forest parking permit is required, which can be bought at ranger stations and some outdoor stores (\$3 per day). The trail, popular among hikers and mountain bikers, is fairly level to the viewpoint for Rainier. At about mile 4.5, it drops steeply, with a total elevation change of about 3,000 feet. For more information about the trail or parking permit, call the White River Ranger District (360-825-6585).

• The four-mile **Squire Creek**

**Trail** has a total elevation gain of 2,400 feet, climbing steeply after the second mile. To get there, take the Darrington/Arlington exit (Exit 208) from Interstate 5. Head east on state Highway 530. Follow that for about 31 miles into Darrington, and turn right on Fullerton Road (you'll see the Darrington Pharmacy on



Or is this Bigfoot's real likeness? This model displays sweatshirts for sale along the highway to Stevens Pass.

your right). Follow Fullerton Road a few blocks to a stop sign. Turn right onto Squire Creek Road (Forest Road 2040) and follow it about seven miles to its end, where you'll see parking for the trailhead. You need a National Forest permit (\$3 per day) to park here. For more information, call the Darrington Ranger District (360-436-1155).

• **Bigfoot Outdoor Ltd.** is at 518 Capitol Way S. in Olympia (360-352-4616). Take the Capitol exit from Interstate 5 and follow signs toward the Capitol. Turn right on Capitol Way South and drive about a mile to the store.

• Robert Pyle's reading at **The Elliott Bay Book Company** is at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22. The store is at First Avenue and Main Street in Pioneer Square (101 S. Main St., Seattle; 206-624-6600). Free tickets will be available starting Tuesday.

• To get to Bothell's **Bigfoot Inn**, take Interstate 405 to the Bothell-Mill Creek exit. Head west toward Bothell on the Bothell-Everett Highway. Turn right onto 240th Street Southeast, where you'll see the tavern (918 240th St. S.E.; 425-806-2085).

• **Bigfoot Bagels** is at 14126 N.E. Woodinville-Duvall Road, Woodinville. From I-405, take the state Highway 522 exit and head east. Take the first Woodinville exit and turn right off the exit ramp. Turn left at the second light onto 175th Street Northeast and go a few blocks to the Woodinville Towne Centre, on your left (425-488-9899).

• For Snoqualmie's **Bigfoot Donut Shop and Bakery**, take Interstate 90 to Exit 27 and follow signs toward Snoqualmie/Snoqualmie Falls. Turn left onto Railroad Avenue and the shop will be in a quarter mile on your right (8224 Railroad Ave. S.E., Snoqualmie; 425-831-2244).

• **Index** lies about 20 miles east of Monroe along U.S. Highway 2. The Espresso Chalet and Quonset Hut are at milepost 36 along Highway 2 (360-793-7932).

## BIGFOOT AT BAKER

The town of Maple Falls, Whatcom County, will host its yearly Bigfoot at Baker Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 and 22. The festival features a Bigfoot look-alike contest, hunt for Bigfoot prints, storytelling, a parade, talent show, barbecue and arts and crafts vendors. Bigfoot will put in an appearance at all events. Maple Falls is about 26 miles east of Bellingham, on state Highway 542. For more information, call 360-599-1056.

## Scientist in hot seat over claims of icy comets

By JANE E. ALLEN  
AP Science Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A planetary physicist is offering more evidence to support his much-criticized theory that icy comets pelt Earth's atmosphere daily, adding water that has built up oceans over time and provided some of life's building blocks.

Louis Frank of the University of Iowa found himself in a tense news conference Tuesday as he faced skeptics of the idea he first presented in 1986. He dismissed all critics, calling one man's work "worthless," though the controversy isn't likely to disappear any time soon.

Last May, Frank presented photographs he said proved the

existence of 20- to 40-ton cosmic snowballs that could have provided enough water over 4 billion years to seed Earth's oceans and life by providing certain organic compounds.

The new results, presented at the American Geophysical Union's fall meeting, are based on photos of Earth's upper atmosphere taken June 1, 1997, by cameras Frank designed for NASA's Polar spacecraft.

Frank said the pictures show thousands of "atmospheric holes," clouds of water vapor released when the icy comets blow apart. The clouds absorb ultraviolet light and look like big dark holes.

If, as charged by many critics, the images are merely black

"snow" generated by instruments — like noise on a stereo system — the number of holes would be the same from observations taken at different altitudes, Frank said.

But when he compared images taken at altitudes of 12,000 to 20,000 miles with others at 20,000 to 30,000 miles, he found an 80 percent drop in the frequency of the holes at the higher altitudes.

Frank termed "worthless" work by George Parks of the University of Washington that concluded the dark holes are only signal noise. And he dismissed the work by three University of Arizona teams, which looked for evidence of the icy comets by searching in vain for certain gas increases, visual records and moon craters

that could be blamed on icy comets.

Robert Hoffman, project scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center for the Polar spacecraft, is coordinating a NASA effort to verify Frank's findings. One scientist is using an Air Force telescope to scan for icy comets before they vaporize; another researcher is reviewing a Navy radar database of objects in orbit.

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# Mutilated steer case is perplexing

By JEAN BILODEAUX  
H&N Special Writer

**CEDARVILLE** — Tests run on grass samples collected adjacent to a mutilated steer found in the Warner Mountains in northern Modoc County provide more questions than answers.

Clark and Nancy Gardner, longtime ranchers in the Davis Creek, were horseback riding Oct. 19 in the Modoc National Forest between Davis Creek and Lake City when they came across a dead steer.

Checking to see if they could determine a cause of death, they found the animal on its right side, had its left ear removed and its rectum had been cored out in an oval cut. There reportedly was no sign of a struggle and no blood on the ground or on the steer.

The couple checked for tire and animal tracks on the muddy ground, but found none.

"We know there are coyotes and other predators around, and were surprised they hadn't touched the carcass. The lack of struggle and smooth cuts sure indicated that something other than a bullet or a coyote did this," said Nancy Gardner.

Knowing of similar cases occurring in the 1970s in the area, and more recently of five cases in the Lassen National Forest plus others in Klamath Falls and Paisley, Nancy Gardner reported it to the Warner Mountain Ranger District in Cedarville.

Preliminary checks at the site using a compass indicated a magnetic deviation of 20 degrees directly over the ear incision. The deviation was not recorded a foot away from the incision site, investigators reported.

Grass samples were taken from various spots near and at increasing increments away from the animal. The samples were sent to a biophysics lab in Michigan for testing. The steer had been dead too long to take tissue samples.

The owner of the steer has not been determined.

Test results received Friday indicated eight normal samples; the grass was dying off as the result of the freezing weather.

"But the ninth sample showed evidence of complete reversal of the respiration process," explained Nancy Talbott, the biophysical lab director. "The grass in this ... instance thought

it was spring and has initiated its annual growth cycle.

"Our tests show that, in this case ... the grass samples show they've been exposed to some sort of electromagnetic energy field," said Talbott. "That's about as far as we can go."

"We can't say it's from UFOs. It could be some unknown atmospheric phenomenon, or something else. But it certainly would tend to rule out coyotes, teenagers or Satanists."

Mutilated animals have been found nationally for more than 50 years, according to reports.

Rewards for information leading to the apprehension of the perpetrators have been offered by many cattlemen's associations nationally for more than 25 years; not one has been claimed.

"Until you've seen an animal killed in this manner it is hard to imagine," said Joe and Bette Parman, Lake City. "It's insulting for some law enforcement officer to glance at the animal and attribute it to predators. We've been ranching here in Surprise Valley for 50 years, we've seen many predator kills, we've had two cows mutilated. They are not the same."

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## Reality or ruse? Mars landing debate rages on Net

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**PHILADELPHIA** — Did *Pathfinder* and *Sojourner* really land on Mars? Well, maybe. If you believe what NASA says.

Ever since the "alleged" landing, talk has been fast and furious on Usenet, the Internet's vast array of no-holds-barred discussion groups that offer electronic soap boxes for anyone with an opinion on anything.

Pan left with that *Pathfinder* camera and you'll see either an alien spacecraft hovering on the Mars horizon or a discarded Evian water bottle tucked under the large rock dubbed Barnacle Bill — depending on which end of the hyper-skeptical spectrum you believe.

"The images are obviously fake," said one posting on the newsgroup sci.space.policy on July 5, noting that NASA's pictures look

like red-tinted photos of some New Mexico desert. "I guess the Roswell incident isn't the only hoax we're being treated to in 1997."

Only a handful of newsgroup contributors actually believe the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has staged a re-enactment of *Capricorn One*, the 1978 movie about the government building a secret movie set to stage a manned mission to Mars.

But the government is up to something, many of them warned.

"The probe in fact has landed on Mars and will continue to send back photos and data ... until life is found there," said a July 5 posting to the alt.conspiracy newsgroup. "Then the transmissions will cease and the U.S. government will say it was a malfunction in the equipment, when in fact NASA is still receiving messages and signals."

Alien watchers and conspiracy theorists once were kindred spirits — joining forces about the alleged government cover-up of a 1947 spaceship crash in Roswell, N.M. But the question of whether *Pathfinder* is sitting on Mars or in New Mexico has UFO aficionados hurling insults at each other.

London-based Internet consultant Andrew Haveland-Robinson, an eight-year veteran of the sci.space.policy newsgroup, has little patience with people who doubt the *Pathfinder* landing. He told one hoax believer in a July 5 posting to "set up a colony [on Mars] and make our world a nicer place."

Some even question the reality of the extremists. Mike Rivero, a regular contributor to the newsgroup circuit, said he believes the government planted them to divide legitimate skeptics.

"The manufacturing of 'kooks' and the linking of them to those who ask reasonable questions ... is an old tactic," Rivero said in an e-mail exchange Friday.

Rivero sponsors a Web page showing a panoramic picture of the Mars landscape. But on his version, you can pan to the left and see a UFO flying off to the left of Barnacle Bill.

On another other Web page, Mike Brown, a San Antonio television producer, displays out-of-focus pictures of bottle caps and plastic containers that appear to be littering NASA's Mars pictures. In just five days, the page attracted 6,000 visits.

"I never dreamed it would get the response it has," he said. "I have a huge archive Web page of all the e-mails I've received. ... Some of them are a little scary, if you know what I mean."

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## Can destroyed light be recreated?

'Quantum teleportation' replicates photons 3 feet away, researchers say

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NEW YORK** — Scientists have pulled off a startling trick that looks like the "Beam-me-up-Scotty" technology of science fiction.

In an Austrian laboratory, scientists destroyed bits of light in one place and made perfect replicas appear about three feet away.

They did it by transferring information about a crucial physical characteristic of the original light bits, called photons. The information was picked up by other photons, which took on that characteristic, becoming replicas of the originals.

The phenomenon that made it happen is so bizarre that even Albert Einstein didn't believe in it. He called it spooky.

Besides raising the rather fantastic notion of a new means of transportation, the trick could lead to ultrafast computers.

The experiment is reported in today's issue of the journal *Nature* by Anton Zeilinger and colleagues at the University of Innsbruck in Austria. Another research team, based in Rome, has done similar work and submitted its report to another journal.

The work is the first to demonstrate "quantum teleportation," a bizarre shifting of physical char-

acteristics between nature's tiniest particles, no matter how far apart they are.

Scientists might be able to achieve teleportation between atoms within a few years and molecules within a decade or so, Zeilinger said.

The underlying principle is fundamentally different from the *Star Trek* process of beaming people around, but could teleportation be used on people? Could scientists extract information from every tiny particle in someone, transfer it to a bunch of particles elsewhere, and assemble those particles into an exact replica of them?

There's no theoretical problem with that, several experts said. But get real.

"I think it's quite clear that anything approximating teleportation of complex living beings, even bacteria, is so far away technologically that it's not really worth thinking about it," said Charles H. Bennett, an IBM physicist. He and other physicists proposed quantum teleportation in 1993.

There would just be too much information to assemble and transmit, he and others said. Even if it were possible someday,

it would be so expensive that "probably it's just as cheap to send the real person," said Benjamin Schumacher of Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

Besides, Schumacher said, teleportation would "kill you and take you apart atom by atom so you could be reassembled at the other end, one hopes. It doesn't seem like a good idea to me."

Much more likely, experts said, is using teleportation between tiny particles to set up quantum computers. The devices would use teleportation to sling data around, and they could solve certain complex problems much faster than today's machines.

In the new work, scientists transferred the trait of "polarization" between photons. Light behaves like both a photon particle and as a wave. A light wave has peaks and troughs like an ocean wave, and polarization refers to the directions in which the peaks and troughs point. Photons retain that trait.

To transfer the polarization between photons, the researchers used a phenomenon called entanglement, which a disbelieving Einstein derided. But since then, it's been shown to be real.

When two photons are entan-

gled, "they have opposite luck," said IBM's Bennett. Whatever happens to one is the opposite of what happens to the other. In particular, their polarizations are the opposite of each other.

Here's how the Austrians took advantage of that:

Call three photons A, B and C, and assume the goal is to transmit A's polarization to C. The researchers created B and C as entangled photons. Then they entangled B with A.

That second step destroyed A, but not before B took on the opposite of A's original state. The change meant that B's entangled partner, C, had to change polarization to remain the opposite of B's. So C's polarization ended up the same as A's used to be. The polarization was transmitted.

The process worked only 25 percent of the time because of how the experiment was set up. It's possible to go to 75 percent and scientists will shoot for that, Zeilinger said.

If the notion of entanglement leaves your head spinning, don't feel bad. Zeilinger said he doesn't understand how it works either.

"And you can quote me on that," he said.