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Wisconsin
has a long
history
of reported
funky
phenomena



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Trick, or treat? Teen-ager Jeremy Wilder of LaFarge snapped this photo of what he believed to be a UFO between Viola and Richland Center in June 1998.

By Jay Rath
For the State Journal

Monsters! Hairy ape-men, hoary water serpents, aliens and more — all make their home in Wisconsin. And not just during Halloween.

A few years ago, I wrote a book on unexplained phenomena in the Badger state, and since then, even more previously unpublished reports of the bizarre and unbelievable have been given to me. From Bigfoot to aliens, we've got it all.

Scully and her latest partner may always be foiled in their search for truth at the end of each episode of "The X-Files," but Wisconsinites have proof. Or, at least, alleged proof.

But are reports of "real" monsters tricks, or treats? Did farmer Joe Simonton really meet "Italian-looking" aliens near Eagle River in 1961? And did he really receive from the strangers three hot pancakes, fresh from their flying saucer's kitchen? And how must we regard the story of William Bosak of Polk County, who claims that in 1974 he saw Bigfoot ... piloting a UFO. One thing is certain: Even if not always scientific, reports of unexplained phenomena are fascinating as modern folklore.

For example: Teen-ager Jeremy Wilder of LaFarge and his cousin, Mike Johnson, were driving between Viola and Richland Center one late afternoon in June 1998. They looked up and in the sky, a mile or half-mile away, was a silvery, silent something. "The object was almost as big as two school buses," Wilder told me soon afterward. For five minutes the two watched the Unidentified Flying Object hover over a ridge. Thinking fast, Wilder grabbed his 35-millimeter camera and snapped a few photos. "It went up, then shot off to the north," Wilder said.

Despite the best efforts of the photo service at Dahl's Pharmacy in Viroqua, only one image turned out, and it's reproduced here for the first time.

In fact, hundreds of Wisconsin residents have reported sightings of UFOs in the last half-century. Madison's most recent, according to the private Seattle-based National UFO Reporting Center, occurred at 11:15 p.m. July 3. A husband and wife were driving on the West Beltline near Gammon Road, when they saw a bright, spherical greenish-white light. Within five seconds, the disc sped to the north-northeast horizon, the report said.

But my favorite reported Madison UFO sighting came the night of May 3, 1975, when six witnesses, including Madison police officers Luis Yudice and Steven Cardarella, watched a glowing oval-shaped object for more than an hour as it hovered near the WKOW-TV tower at Tokay Boulevard. Cardarella later told me, "I just didn't know what it was," but that it was not a weather balloon or light from a helicopter.

A UFO sighting turned into an encounter of the aquatic kind for Jack Smith of Milwaukee. During a duck-hunting trip outside Eagle River in 1967, he and a friend, Wally Oberman, saw a circle of light twice the size of the full moon around 9:30 p.m. It was misty around the pier near their cabin. "Wally carried a lantern, and I had my 12-gauge shotgun and a flashlight because there were reports of bears in the area," Smith told me.

The light sped around the sky for about 10 minutes. "Then the show really began," Smith said. "We noticed, or rather heard, a splashing noise coming from off in the distance to our left. The splashing

sound was at regular intervals, about a second or two apart. It didn't take us long to realize that whatever was making this noise was moving up the river towards us."

Louder and louder, closer and closer; "I aimed my shotgun at the water and I was ready to start shooting — that's how scared I was," Smith said. "Whatever was making this splashing noise was almost directly in front of us when all of a sudden, and out of nowhere, a really strong wind kicked up." The two fled for the cabin.

"It was the most unusual and at times the most frightening experience of my life, and neither Wally nor I will ever forget it."

Wisconsin waters indeed hold many mysteries. At least a dozen respectable Madisonians claimed to have seen peaceful but frightening serpents as long as 70 feet between 1860 and 1899. In 1917, a fisherman on Lake Mendota's Picnic Point reported having seen "a large snake-like head, with large jaws and blazing eyes," less than 100 feet from him. The most recent state sighting was in July 1943, at Lake Mills. Joseph Davis, today a resident of Galveston Bay, Texas, was fishing on Rock Lake when, he said, he saw six or seven feet of a brownish-black creature rise up out of the roiling water.

Native Americans in the Madison area knew of this alleged creature long before the arrival of settlers. The Ho-Chunk called the creature Winnebozho, and their forbears built effigy mounds in its long-necked image.

In fact, Native Americans were also familiar with one of Wisconsin's most charming monsters, which — if real — may have been encountered several times in June 1997 by Eric Tarman-Ramcheck, then 13. He was camping out with a friend, Dan Swessel, near East Troy. One night around 9:30 they noticed a stick drop to the ground near their campfire.

Not exactly an earth-shattering moment. But then, "five minutes later another stick fell to the ground in the same spot," Tarman-Ramcheck

told me. And then it happened again. And again. "It happened repeatedly in the same spot." The two were spooked, and ran off. But Eric set out again the next night, with his dog, Sammi.

Around 9 p.m., sticks started falling again, and continued to fall for 10 to 15 minutes. Eric went into his tent, and whistled for Sammi. "She was so scared that she was just vibrating, just like when you're really scared and your arms shake."

Eric tried camping out at the same spot a year later with another friend, Joe Wisnowski, and this time, instead of sticks, it rained acorns, every three to seven minutes.

Eric told me that he thought that maybe they had disturbed a ghost, or possibly even a sort of Bigfoot-type creature that — really — has been reported many times in Walworth County. This is not to say that Bigfoot ignores the rest of Wisconsin, though. The most recent sighting was in a swampy area near Pewaukee, around 11 a.m. May 19, 2000. "All of a sudden we saw a large, dark-haired creature run rather fast to the opposite end of the pond," two women told Bigfoot researcher Bobby Hamilton.

But not all monsters, even at Halloween, need be breast-beating behemoths. Early settlers and Native Americans before them knew all about unseen stick-throwers. In 1831, the Rev. Peter Jones, a half-Ojibwa missionary, heard nearly identical stories from pioneers in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He consulted an Ojibwa chief.

White men, the chief said, had built on "the former residence of the Mamagwasewug, or fairies. Our forefathers used to see them on the river." Having been displaced, the fairies' "patience and forbearance were now exhausted," said the chief. "They felt indignant at such treatment and were venting their vengeance at the white man."

Or so the story goes ...

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Two Columbia residents
have differing views
about their . .

CLOSE ENCOUNTER

By DAVID KLEPPER
staff writer

Dec. 1 is a cool, clear night. Martha George entertains her daughter Amy in the kitchen while her roommate, Lloyd Minthorne, surfs the Web in the basement. Around 10 p.m. a bright light attracts Martha to the window. At first, she thinks it must be a low-flying plane. But when Martha, Amy and Lloyd get a closer look, they see something unbelievable.

Martha George is not a typical "believer." And she's not crazy; it's her story that's unusual.

Martha is a grandmother, steel-haired and polite. A former stay-at-home wife and mother to three. She calls everyone "dear" in the drawl common to many Missouri-raised 60-somethings; Martha doesn't talk about her age. She can tell a morning glory from a trumpet creeper, and she prays to God for strength.

Martha didn't ask to see what she saw that night. But she's glad she saw it. She says it changed her life.

"I don't know what it was," she says, 10 months later. "I'm not even sure what I saw. It filled me with awe."

Lloyd Minthorne is different. He has theories about what he and Martha saw that late fall night. If Martha is a believer, Lloyd is an evangelist.

"This was not a military craft. It has to be extraterrestrial," says Lloyd, 61. "I believe aliens have been here for thousands of years. I believe they seeded our planet."

Lloyd, a divorcee, and Martha, a widow, share a two-level home on Golf Boulevard in northeast Columbia. Lloyd gets the top floor, Martha the bottom. They sometimes have very different ideas about how the world works. Martha is devout; Lloyd thinks religion is hogwash.

Sitting in Lloyd's living room, they talk about gardening, politics and family — and, if you ask, about the strange fly-by visitation they witnessed.

Lloyd and Martha share other things, too. Both lost daughters in car crashes. Both suffered failed marriages. Both grow older. Both, like most of us, look for something to believe in.

Belief gives them something big. It's a 100-foot craft of mysterious origin. Lloyd's mythology includes prehistoric visitations and secret experiments. For Martha, the UFO is an enigma, something illuminated only by experience.

Lloyd is a divorced father and a retired computer expert who worked on Navy radar systems. He says the Bible is too much to swallow, yet he speaks in excited tones about genetic "diddling," cover-ups and low-light observation cameras.

"It's a question of faith," says Lloyd, a "believer" even before his brush with a UFO. "I started asking certain questions, about the govern-

ment, about humankind, about the world around us. And these are the only answers I have."

When Lloyd talks about these things, Martha just smiles politely.

"I'm not sure about all the things Lloyd believes," Martha says. "But what I saw was no DC-10. I'll never know for sure. But I keep looking for it again, waiting for it to come back. I like the mystery."

A question of faith

Martha guesses the craft is 100 feet long. Triangular in shape, with bright lights at each corner and two headlights. Judging by a 50-foot tree in the backyard, Lloyd estimates it is hovering only 100 feet above their heads. As Lloyd and Martha crane their necks to watch, the craft lingers silently over the dark subdivision.

Guests to Lloyd and Martha's northeast Columbia home are immediately and repeatedly offered coffee. As Lloyd rifles through files for the drawings he made of the craft, Martha neatens up.

"He's a bachelor, so you have to excuse his mess," she says.

Lloyd's half of the home isn't messy, just complicated. Photos of children dot the tables, competing with files and books about abductions and government cover-ups.

Despite the funny looks from neighbors or friends and despite the journalists who ask if he's nuts, Lloyd sticks to his story. Martha, though, offers no explanation.

Martha describes herself as a Bible-reading Christian. She is battling cancer and needs God to face the chemotherapy. Though her illness prevents her from going to church, she says her faith is all the truth she needs.

"My mother is a very down-to-earth person," says Martha's daughter Amy George, who works in Columbia as a housekeeper. "I know she wouldn't be seeing things."

Amy witnessed the UFO too, but she's a bit of a doubting Thomas. Amy says she is glad her mother was there. Otherwise, she might not believe her own eyes. "Sometimes I think it had to be something from the government," she says. "Whatever it was, it was huge."

Though Amy thinks of the UFO often, she rarely talks about it. She says she was ribbed by the few friends she told.

"Most people think you're crazy for believing this stuff. But most people are also curious to hear about it."

Most residents of the neighborhood don't recall anything out of the ordinary that night. Sharon Sorensen, who lives close to Lloyd and Martha, saw a strange shape in the sky that night but didn't report it and hasn't told many friends. She doesn't want to be labeled a kook.

"If you go around telling your neighbors these things, they'll think you're odd," she says. "I don't think a



MICHAEL MCNAMARA staff photographer

Martha George points in the sky where she saw the UFO. She, along with her daughter, her daughter's boyfriend and Lloyd Minthorne, right, saw a UFO on the night of Dec. 1, 1999, at about 10 p.m. Minthorne lives near Lake of the Woods and saw the craft around 10 p.m. After he reported the incident, he found out someone had seen it in the area of U.S. 63 and AC Interchange about 10 minutes earlier.

lot of people would understand until something like this happens to them."

Another neighbor, Dianne Boone, didn't see anything out of the ordinary.

"I didn't see any aliens. But I do sometimes suspect my husband is one," she quips. "I guess it's something I'd have to see to believe."

Owning up to a UFO visitation brings with it no small amount of ridicule. Just ask Martha.

"Friends tease me," Martha says. "I take it good-naturedly. It sounds crazy. But I think most people who know me well know I'm not a kook."

"Yeah she is," Lloyd jokes from his recliner. "Just look at her. You can tell she's a lunatic."

Left with no answers

For several minutes, the craft hangs over the house, slowly disappearing over trees across the street. Lloyd calls 911. The operator refers him to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle. The next day, Lloyd calls Columbia Regional Airport. Air-traffic controllers tell him he saw a DC-10 flying at 8,000 feet, bound for Kansas City.

What Lloyd and Martha saw is no joke to either. Martha says the UFO made her more open to the mysteries of her Christian faith.

"It's a strange world. I'll never tell anybody they're crazy again," she says. "There's no use running from something like this."

Martha will soon move out of Lloyd's home. Her cancer treatment is nearly finished, and she wants to be closer to family. Her health is uncertain, but she has faith it will work out, one way or the other.

"God does amazing things. My mind is so much more open now," she says. "There are things that cannot be explained in life. This UFO is only one of them. Life teaches me to accept what happens and move on. You don't always get answers."

Lloyd thinks he has the answers, or at least some of them. If it was proved that the UFO was a DC-10 or a Stealth B-2 bomber from Whiteman Air Force Base, Lloyd says he would still believe.

"I know some people ridicule this," he says. "But I hope you see it too. I hope you have an experience like this. It makes you wake up and start to look around."

UFO enthusiast brings evidence to the masses

REEDS SPRING (AP) — Don't tell Bob White the sky isn't falling.

Curator of Museum of the Unexplained, which he opened in September in Reeds Spring, White's primary interest is unidentified flying objects. But if it goes bump in the night or makes you scratch your head in disbelief, White probably will be interested in it.

"I've sunk my life savings into this," White said about his museum, the walls of which are lined with photo displays of UFO sightings from around the world. "We stay in contact with a lot of other people known around the world to be UFO experts."

White, 70, also has a Web site, used as a clearinghouse for UFO information.

"There is just more evidence that keeps coming out about UFOs all the time," he said. "Our mission is to inform and educate the public on unexplained phenomenon. This is a place where people can come and share their experiences with us. If they need help with something, we can give it to them."

Admission to the museum is free,

Retired entertainer creates museum.

but White sells a few other worldly novelties like key chains attached to little space alien figures. There's also a big jar of rubber eyeballs that peer at visitors, but basically, White has poured his own money into the place. He has applied to the state for not-for-profit corporation status.

"I just feel it is my duty to get the word out about this," he said. "Nobody has come through and laughed. Nobody at all."

White and his wife are retired singers and entertainers. He's worked in local shows, including Shepherd of the Hills. He's also enjoyed a career as an entertainer in television and movies, until his life took another trajectory.

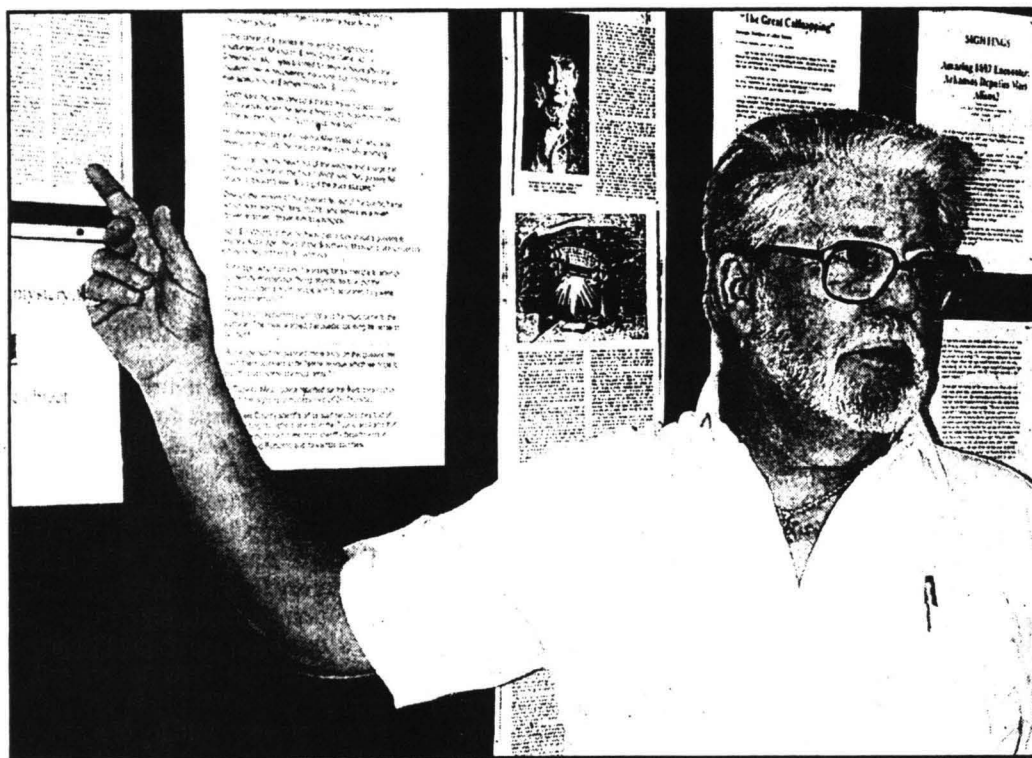
What happened was a nighttime drive through a remote area of Colorado that turned into an odyssey adventure for White. He and a friend were driving between Grand Junction, Colo., and Cisco, Utah. The friend at the wheel spotted a strange light far ahead on the remote road, White said.

She woke up a sleeping White, who thought it was just a "railroad light." Driving closer, White said he learned he was wrong.

"I looked up at it again," White said. "You've seen the sun when it goes down — well, that's about what it looked like. I compared it to a full harvest moon. As we got closer, this thing got larger. It was as big as a barn. It was so bright, we needed to shield our eyes."

When they drove to within a couple of blocks of the object, White reached over and turned off the car lights and ignition, he said. They coasted closer, stopped and White got out to stare up at the surreal object. When his companion inside the car turned the headlights back on, the object shot away into the sky. As it did, "a piece of something" broke off from it and fell to the ground. Whatever it was glowed hot and crashed to Earth, he explained, plowing a groove into the desert ground.

Following the trail to where the



AP photo

Bob White points out one of several articles about UFO sightings last month at the Museum of the Unexplained in Reeds Spring. White, 70, opened the museum in September, and he says his mission is to educate the public on all types of unexplained phenomena. He claims to have encountered a UFO in Colorado, and he still possesses a piece of the object.

object had crashed to a stop, White said he looked down, amazed. It was about as large as a small deer horn, he said, but was still glowing and hot. He said he placed an old glove on top of it. The glove did not burn, and when the object cooled down, White wrapped it in the glove, placed it into the trunk of his car and continued his travels.

White had the piece analyzed five times at academic laboratories, he

said. Results came back mixed. The closest the labs came to its composition was that of an aluminum casting. White said he's been offered more than \$100,000 for the piece but declined.

White then asked foundries to duplicate the piece's metal composition, but none could, he said.

"None of them had seen anything like it," White said.

When television's "Unsolved Mys-

teries" became interested in White's story, they asked if they could send the piece to the Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico. Leery of losing it, White said he agreed that a small piece could be taken from it. Instead, he said the lab took a large chunk.

He said the lab could offer no conclusive opinion on what the metal material consisted of. "They also never returned the piece they took," he said.



Belleville is the UFO Capitol of the World

Lights In The Night

By Stuart Shapiro

What would you do if you saw lights and unexplainable sights in the skies overhead? Most certainly would not keep such an experience to themselves. You would want to compare experiences with another human being. But what if the experiences were with something that may not have been human, something that defied description—would you still share them? You probably would, just like some Belleville residents did 14 years ago.

In 1986, the skies around Belleville didn't make sense in a human way. They had the crystal clear qualities of fall but there were objects in that crisp air that defied any explanation. There were sights that shouldn't have been! The sightings took place over several months, thus there was not just one odd evening.

In one sighting Belleville Police officer Glen Kazmar (still a respected member of the force) was patrolling the Village. The police department had a "ride along" program for citizens at that time and Jeff Furseth was in the squad car with Officer Kazmar. The date was January 15. They noticed odd looking lights in the sky to the south of Belleville. The two drove to Quarry Road which intersects Highway 69 just south of town and is a high point on a hill where the two could get a better view of the lights. It was very late.

Glen turned the squad car onto Quarry Road and Jeff Furseth's remark was "Are you seeing the same thing as me?" There was a brilliant light out in the valley next to the desolate road. The light defied precise description. It was a different light and brilliant beyond description.

The brilliance confused them. How far away was it? How big? It didn't seem to have dimensions they could understand.

They aimed the squad car's search light at the "thing". That did nothing. They got on police radio and called the Dane County

police dispatcher who, after some additional conversation, called the Dane County Municipal Airport. Their radar was down but Chicago had taken over and they did confirm that there was something at those approximate coordinates. The Green County Sheriff's Department was contacted and they progressed to the scene.

The two men watched for over 45 minutes and then, as strange as the light was, it began to move away. It flew, or moved, or disappeared, and suddenly it was gone. The Green County patrolman saw this also. No one could explain what they were observing—the scene didn't match anything familiar.

A few months later on a Friday night, Lavonne Freidag was getting ready to join friends at Belleville's popular Friday night fish restaurant "Borlands". She would be meeting friends who were coming from Mount Horeb.

Putting on her make-up she looked out a window that faced south from her house. There was something in the sky and it defied description. The object had an odd shape almost like a barrel or a fuselage without wings. There were similar shapes near it although they were much smaller. They didn't move and were motionless in the sky. She called her son, Bill, to ask what he thought it was.

All of a sudden the largest object shot away from the others with unbelievable speed. The smaller objects began to disappear, almost like puffs of smoke and then they were gone. When the friends arrived they had seen the same thing. There was no explanation to be shared. There were no military craft in the area when the matter was later investigated. They were objects without understanding or identification.

There were dozens of other sightings in the coming months, but none quite so well documented. There were sightings in other parts of the country as well.

A few years after the investigations were completed (or should we say finished because no an-

swers were produced) a group of civic leaders thought that Belleville had as rightful a claim to UFO Capitol of the World as any other. They started a community event to celebrate the possible visit from another world.

Obviously this is strange stuff, defying description and more than a bit scary. Thus UFO day is held close to Halloween when visits from other worlds before and after become a commonplace part of our culture. Belleville can truly claim that it's Halloween has a deeper chasm of the unknown than anyone else's. Who knows, under those masks and not so humanly costumes, there could be visitors from another world.

Strange and unexplainable occurrences do happen the world over. They're not figments of the imagination by any means. Scientists have for years said that these unexplainable phenomena need more attention. The French government for 21 years has had a panel devoted solely to gather evidence of sightings of the unexplained. The US Air Force has also spent considerable time investigating unexplained phenomena in the skies, but like every other group doing this kind of work there just have not been explanations that cover every situation.

Some of the sightings have indeed been spectacular. Three hundred French sailors and civilians aboard submarines and at a weather station near the Caribbean island of Martinique watched a large luminous object circle and then disappear almost like a light bulb being extinguished. There have been dozens of such sightings around the world. Great astronomers like the late Carl Sagan believed it would be a matter of short time before we would find another human or non-human inhabitant form of intelligence in our universe or and adjacent one.

There is absolutely no reason to doubt our Belleville "sighters". Please don't call them though, when they reported their sightings the whole world was interested and they got calls and visits until they were exhausted. They've told their story hundreds of times, so let them have a little peace.



FILE PHOTO

In alien garb, with a twist of rural Wisconsin, a Belleville resident rides a farm tractor in a past UFO Day parade.

In search of UFOs in Belleville

By Nicholas Hawkins

Correspondent for The Capital Times

BELLEVILLE — When John Hoppe, the director of UFO Wisconsin, travels to Belleville this weekend, it won't be just to enjoy the annual UFO Day festival.

Belleville is well-known for its reported UFO sightings, but a recent surge in these reports has prompted Hoppe to investigate. During his stay, he plans to do a little detective work.

Four UFO sightings in Belleville were reported in January and March of 1987 — prompting the start of the annual festival — but they ceased as abruptly as they began. Until Jan. 23, 2001, there had been no reported UFO activity in Dane County since 1996.

Since January, however, Dane County has had nine recorded sightings, including five in Belleville and three in Madison. The most recent, in Madison, was Oct. 18.

The recent rash of activity has caught Hoppe's attention and that of his ufowisconsin.com Web site, which is dedicated to finding out who or what is behind such phenomena in the state.

Launched in September out of Hoppe's home in Sheboygan, the site is backed by 20 years of research and has a compiled listing of reported sightings from almost all counties in the state.

The site's sources include the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, reports sent directly to ufowisconsin.com and other Internet sites devoted to the paranormal.

"Wisconsin is a state with a high number of UFO sightings, second to New Mexico," Hoppe writes on his site. "The people of Wisconsin need to know what is going on in their state and their own backyards."

This weekend, Hoppe plans to meet with contacts in Belleville, ask follow-up questions and investigate the area to see if there are logical explanations for the sightings.

According to Hoppe, 90 percent of UFO sightings can be identified by other means. Perception is distorted at night, he said, and aircraft, planets, stars, and anything from hang gliders to stunt kites can be mistaken for UFOs.

Considering Madison is the state capital and home to a regional airport, Hoppe said the area's frequent UFO sightings could be attributed to a high level of air traffic.

However, Hoppe said a slim chance still warrants an investigation in Belleville. And if all logical explanations are ruled out?

"Then we have a genuine UFO on our hands," Hoppe said. "We're not saying it's alien or anything like that. It's just not identified."

The five-year gap in reported sightings in Dane County hasn't been explained,

Hoppe said, but it could be related to a reluctance to report UFOs. People fear being ridiculed and are discouraged by the stigma that attaches flying saucers and aliens to UFOs, he said.

Hoppe hopes to encourage more people to report sightings and provide his Web site with information, which is vital to narrowing the search down to those few cases that are genuine.

"Maybe we'll find why Belleville is such a hot spot for UFOs," he said. "That 10 percent is what we're looking for."

Since the original sightings in 1987, Belleville has appointed itself the "UFO Capital of the World."

Its annual one-day festival is a fitting tribute to that title.

The fun will kick off at 9 a.m. Saturday with a one-mile kids' run, followed by 5K and 10K runs and walks.

The highlight of the day, the UFO parade, where the prevailing color is Martian green and outer space themes rule, will be at 1 p.m.

The parade will be followed by "glow" bowling at Schwoegler Sugar River Lanes, 807 River St., from 2 to 5 p.m. and "monster" bowling at 9 p.m.

There will also be games for children from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., a costume contest at 2:30 p.m. and a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., all at Belleville Intermediate School. And there will be a haunted trail beginning at dusk at Belleville High School.

Food stands will be available all day at Library Park near downtown.

For information call 424-1373.

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Art Vassy/Daily Southtown

David Boras, head of circulation at the Blue Island Public Library, shows a Roswell Daily Record newspaper he used in his seminar on UFO happenings in Roswell, N.M.

Roswell retold

UFO expert takes his alien tales to day job at library

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BY GUY TRIDGELL

STAFF WRITER

hile leafing through comic books, cheering for the home team in the space race against the Russians and catching science-fiction movies as a kid, David Boras was bitten.

For other children growing up in the 1950s and 1960s, an obsession with all things outer space might have been a passing fancy, the latest fad on the conveyor belt of pop culture.

But the wonder of the paranormal stuck with Boras, the head of circulation at the Blue Island Public Library. While others might look to the sky and see a moon and some stars, the Blue Island native

continues to ask questions.

Boras is a staff member with the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago. Hynek, a former astronomy department professor at Northwestern University who coined the phrase "Close Encounters," started the center with hopes of creating the Harvard University of extraterrestrial research.

"The center is the brain trust of UFOs," Boras said. "They are a smart group."

Boras basically diagnoses claims of UFO sightings that pour into the center. After screening the calls, he determines if a sighting warrants

closer examination by a network of investigators stationed around the country.

"It is sort of like ufological triage. If it sounds like a good case, we will contact someone in the area," Boras said. "I am not the expert."

Recently Boras brought his knowledge about UFOs to his day job at the library. Along with reference librarian Dan Carroll, Boras presented a seminar on the 1947 happenings in Roswell, N.M. — the infamous spot of an alleged UFO crash and government cover-up.

The Air Force claimed strange wreckage found outside Roswell was a damaged weather balloon. Others insisted the pieces of bizarre metal were leftovers from a flying saucer that crashed into the desert, leaving bodies of alien visitors quickly scooped up by government workers.

Boras geared his presentation, which included original copies of Roswell Daily Record stories about the event, to children who might share the same gusto for a subject that moved him as a youngster. Boras and Carroll are planning to offer a regular series at the library about UFOs and the paranormal.

There is plenty of evidence to indicate their efforts will not be wasted.

Boras notes that recent TV shows such as "The X Files," "Roswell" and the latest installments in the "Star Trek" saga have attracted cult followings. And Web sites devoted to paranormal activities record the second most hits on the Internet, he said.

Children, Boras said, are more receptive to new ideas.

"Kids like the paranormal," Boras said. "They are more open than adults. The average person doesn't think UFOs exist."

Boras is not your average person.

When people learn about his work at the Center for UFO Studies, many times they share a memory about a strange light moving in the sky, an experience they were unwilling to pass along for fear of ridicule. Every claim he hears is taken seriously.

Sometimes, Boras said, someone is confused, mistaking a planet for a spaceship. Rarely, though, is someone lying.

"Most people are reporting honestly," he said. "There are very few real hoaxes."

Still, there is no smoking gun, no irrefutable proof to show that intelligent life has visited this planet.

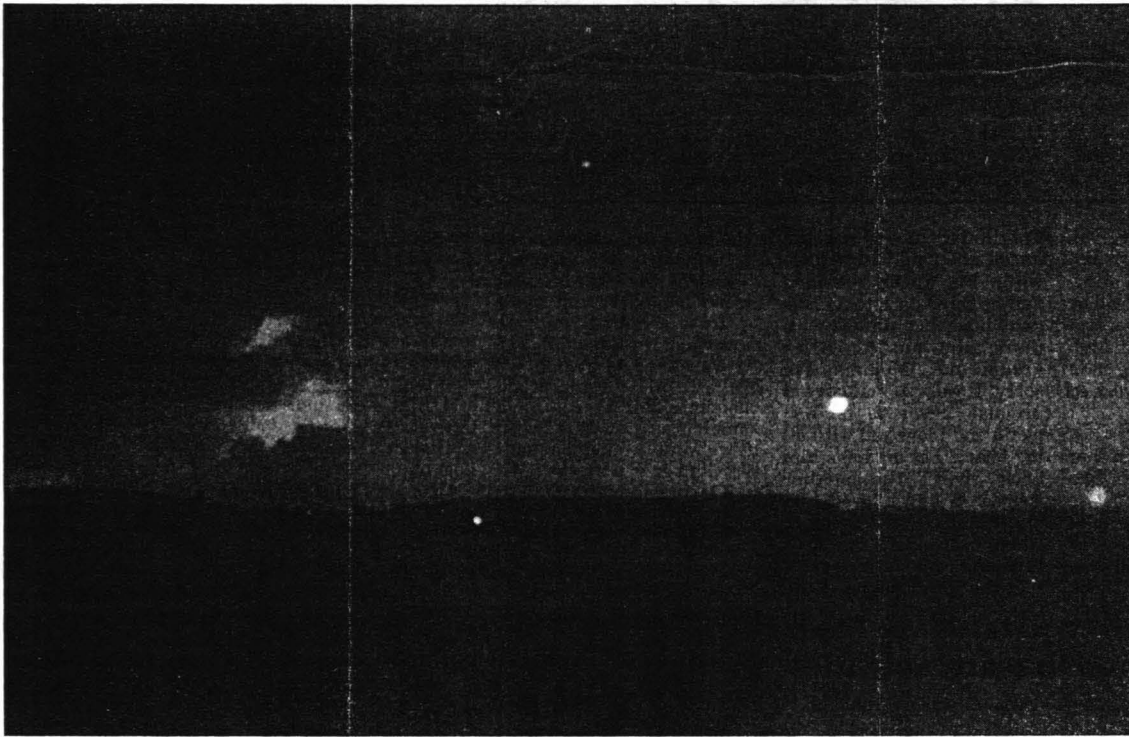
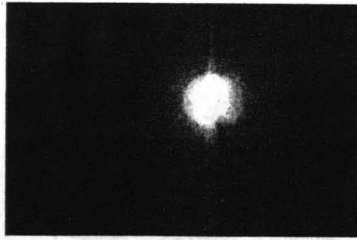
Until that day arrives, the search will be left to conspiracy buffs and science-fiction fanatics — people like David Boras.

"We tend to view skeptics as organized debunkers. They have an agenda," he said. "It seems likely if there was intelligent life out there, it would move out of its own planet to check out intelligent life elsewhere."

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 Director of UFO Wisconsin



Truth in the stars

Debates on UFOs have raged nationwide since alien craft allegedly landed near Roswell, N.M. in 1947. In south central Wisconsin, sightings began in 1900 when a Reedsburg youth on horseback reported seeing an enormous, dirigible-shaped craft flying at a low altitude. Local phenomena have continued through this year, when observers in Adams and Marquette counties independently reported seeing bright-colored lights lined up in the sky on July 19.

Most UFO reports have common threads, Hoppe said. Sky watchers almost always report seeing balls of light or aircraft that fly at low altitude, emit no sound and fly in erratic patterns. That's true of sightings in this area, as well, with most observers noting balls or spheres of light that are red, yellow or orange in color and vanish quickly and silently.

Exploring those commonalities, in addition to patterns of when and where sightings are reported, may help UFOlogists determine the source — or sources — of the age-old mystery known as the UFO.

In the meantime, Hoppe hopes skeptics will resist the urge to think UFO stands for Undeniably Fanciful Observation. The key, Hoppe said, is for people on either extreme to avoid jumping to conclusions. Those who see lights in the sky shouldn't assume they're seeing a UFO, and skeptics shouldn't assume that those who report sightings are nuts.

His advice? "Be open-minded. Many possibilities exist out there."

For more information, visit the following sources:
 UFO Wisconsin: www.ufowisconsin.com
 The W Files: www.w-files.com
 Mutual UFO Network: www.mufon.org
 UFO Sky Searchers International: www.eagle-host.com/UFOSSI

IS THE TRUTH OUT THERE?

People in area counties have reported seeing unidentified flying objects as recently as last month to the National UFO reporting center

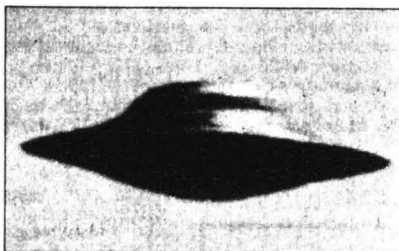
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 CWN NEWS SERVICE

Wisconsin's sky watchers know what they're looking for, but they're not sure what they're seeing.

Across the state and in south central Wisconsin, people interested in unidentified flying objects have tracked suspicious sights overhead for more than 100 years (see related story). They hope someday to glean from their records information that will help them explain the origins of UFOs. The more reports UFO watchers get, the better their chances of piecing together this paranormal puzzle. Like fictional FBI agent Fox Mulder on television's "The X-Files," they believe the truth is out there.

Serving as clearinghouses for UFO reports are several Internet sites. World Wide Web pages dedicated to recording and discussing UFO sightings and other paranormal activity in Wisconsin include those maintained by UFO Wisconsin, the W-Files, the Mutual UFO Network and UFO Sky Searchers International. Another spot devoted to UFOlogy is the American UFO Sci-Fi Museum in Wisconsin Dells.

John Hoppe, director of UFO Wisconsin, said his goal is to provide browsers with information and let them draw their own conclusions about the nature of UFOs. He lists visits from extraterrestrials, secret mil-



Middle, this image of an unidentified flying object on the horizon came from the Internet site www.ufopix.com, which is known as "Searching for UFOs in Wisconsin." Top, this blast of white light is an unidentified flying object taken from UFO Wisconsin's Internet site. Above, this picture of a flying saucer comes from a link to the Internet site of UFO Sky Searchers International.

itary experiments, commercial aircraft and previously undocumented native life forms as possible sources of UFOs.

"There's too many things in the sky that are unexplained," said Hoppe, who launched his ufowisconsin.com site Sept. 1 and watched incredulously as it attracted 25,000 visitors in its first month. "We wanted to show the people that there are this many sightings."

Backed by 20 years of research, Hoppe has compiled a listing of sightings in most Wisconsin counties. His sources include other Internet sites devoted to the paranormal, the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle and sightings reported directly to ufowisconsin.com.

Hoppe goes out of his way to note that his site is not devoted to aliens. His goal is to amass information that allows reasonable people to deduce possible origins of UFOs.

While some UFOlogists' Web sites bear logos of little green men, organizations such as UFO Wisconsin and UFO Sky Searchers International downplay tales of aliens and occult occurrences. "We're trying to gain people's confidence and not scare them away with the alien stuff," Hoppe said.

Fire in the sky

Wading into the mainstream may be a stroke of genius for would-be Agent Mulders presently viewed with skepticism by John and Jane Q. Public. Those who view UFO trackers with suspicion no doubt believe the truth isn't the only thing that's "out there."

"People outside the UFO field think these people are schizophrenic or hearing things or seeing things," Hoppe said of the hundreds who have reported sightings. "Are ALL these people crazy?"

"Most of the time, people feel a little crazy if they do see one and don't want to report it, especially if their name's attached."

Hoppe, a Sheboygan resident, wants to bring UFOlogy into the mainstream because doing so may remove the stigma that goes with claiming to have seen a UFO. If people didn't fear being ridiculed, they'd be more likely to report sightings, providing UFO trackers with a precious commodity: Information.

This quest is personal for Hoppe because he has seen UFOs. His first came at age 15, when he saw an orange ball of light bobbing up and down on Lake Michigan. It moved away when he followed it, but when he gave up and changed direction, it followed him. "That's when I freaked out ... and never looked back," said Hoppe, now 33. "I'll never forget it. I'll remember it until I'm dead."

The UFO Files

Here's a look at some of the unidentified flying objects reported in south central Wisconsin over the past century:

Adams County

Date: July 19, 2001 at 10:25 p.m.
 Location: Adams
 Source: National UFO Reporting Center

"Four large orange balls of lights in a straight horizontal line off of Highway 13 going north to Adams. It lasted for 30 seconds in the sky. They were perfectly spaced apart. No tails or smoke trails of any sort. They appeared, then disappeared."

(Editor's note: A similar report was made on this date in Marquette County.)

Columbia County

Date: Sept. 15, 2001 at 4:15 a.m.
 Location: Portage
 Source: National UFO Reporting Center

"For some reason I woke up around 4 a.m. and couldn't sleep. So, still laying down in the bed I was staring through a window at the stars. Several minutes later suddenly I saw a strange object passing the skies from north to south. It looked like two yellowish spheres which were interconnected by invisible bonds. I immediately woke up my wife screaming, 'Look UFO!' And she saw this thing also. She was shocked. I jumped out of my bed and rushed for (a) video camera. I was able to locate the object and pointed the camera on it. Unfortunately, (the) camcorder screen blinked once and that showed (a) low battery indicator. Soon (the) object vanished soundlessly."

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TIMES-PRESS, Reedsburg, WI
- Oct. 13, 2001)

Date: Friday, Aug. 13, 1999 at 11 p.m.
Location: Wisconsin Dells
Source: UFO Roundup
"Erin and I were traveling west on I-90/94 ... about 10 miles west of the Dells when I began noticing three lights rotating in an oval-shape pattern on some clouds to the right (north) of the highway," said her companion Mike. "At first I thought it was just headlights from oncoming traffic on the windshield. So I asked my gal to roll her window down and to tell me what she saw at the base of those clouds."
"Then it got really weird," Mike added, "What appeared to be laser beams or long, thin green light rays began shooting outward from above the clouds and were giving the clouds a greenish glow every time the rays would shoot out. All of the rays came from the area of the original rotating lights, with the exception of a couple that came from some clouds over the highway in front of us."

Date: June 18, 1952 at 9 a.m.
Location: Columbus
Source: Project Blue Book
Witness R.A. Finger reported that one crescent-shaped object hovered for several seconds and then sped away.

Date: Feb. 20, 1967 at 3:10 a.m.
Location: Oxford
Source: Project Blue Book
The witness, U.S. Air Force veteran and truck driver Stanton Summer, reported that one orange-red object flew parallel to his truck for 2 minutes.

Sauk County
Date: 1900
Location: Reedsburg
Source: The UFO Encyclopedia
Around 3 o'clock one morning in the summer of 1900, as he was returning from a dance in a rural area near Reedsburg, 14-year-old P.A. McGilvra stopped his horse atop a small hill. The animal was acting up, apparently disturbed by something in the densely wooded area, and as McGilvra searched for the cause, he happened to look up into a cloudless sky brilliant with stars. There he saw the outline of an enormous dark, dirigible-shaped vehicle. The object passed at a low altitude over some nearby poplar trees, and as it did so, the trunks of the trees bent dramatically as if in reaction to a strong wind, but no wind was blowing. When the object flew over the witness' head, he heard a loud swishing sound which reminded him of the sound of a stick passing rapidly through the air. Soon the UFO was out of sight, but the horse remained frightened for some time. When interviewed many years later, McGilvra said that other local people had similar experiences around the same time.

Source: www.ufowisconsin.com

RECORD, Pendleton, OR Sept. 27, 2001 CR: R. Timm Flying Saucers Book Available

A book about flying saucers is available at the Pendleton Book Company, 409 S. Main, for persons interested in the extra-terrestrial phenomenon.

Pendleton resident Roy Timm is the author of "Northwest History of Saucers, ETs, Abductions, and More," published by Spirit Press, Portland. Long interested in flying saucers, Timm, along with others is convinced they appeared near his home south of Pendleton in 1947.

Timm says he came across so many stories, hearing them since his childhood, that he decided to put them into a book. He was 12 years old when he sighted his first flying saucer and it coincided with the story told by pilot Kenneth Arnold.

DAILY LOBO [University of New Mexico], Albuquerque, NM - March 21, 2001 CR: S. Friedman



Lewis Jacobs / Daily Lobo

Nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman presents "Flying Saucers Are Real" in a packed Kiva Lecture Hall Tuesday night.

Kitchen never reported his sighting.

"I didn't think it would be taken seriously," he said.

Friedman said many people don't report their experiences with UFOs because they are afraid of being called "wackos."

Friedman said, however, that people with higher educations are more likely to believe in flying saucers. He showed slides of a 1978 survey that indicated 66 percent of adults with college educa-

tions believed in UFOs, compared to 36 percent of adults with only a grade school education who believed in them.

"If you're a believer — and I hate to use that word, but I'm stuck with it — then you're the cream of the crop not the bottom of the barrel," Friedman said.

Kitchen said he has already earned a bachelor's degree and is taking classes in microbiology and molecular genetics.

Friedman said he is convinced

that the military is involved with UFO cover-ups that he calls "cosmic Watergate."

Friedman said he and other UFO specialists went through years of court appeals attempting to get a hold of military and CIA documents dealing with the alleged 1947 Roswell crash and other UFO incidents. He showed slides of some of the documents he eventually received in which 75 percent of the information had been blacked out.

Physicist says that those who see UFOs are not 'wackos'

by Alma Olacchia
Daily Lobo

Nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman told tales of alien abductions, showed slides of flying saucers and complained about blacked out military documents during his presentation, "Flying saucers are Real," Monday.

The Kiva Lecture Hall was packed for Friedman, who said he is the original civilian investigator of the alleged 1947 Roswell incident.

Friedman said many competent people have reported seeing flying crafts that go 2,000 miles per hour, can make right angle turns on a dime, can hover and fly — all without making noise or flashing.

Friedman said technological progress comes from doing things differently in an unpredictable way. He said that people once doubted the possibility of airplanes and rockets, and that it's only natural for people doubt that we might one day be able to travel through space to other planets.

He said aliens who have come to Earth probably came from planets surrounding two stars in our galaxy that are 37 light years

away. He said two stars, named Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli, are one light year apart and are a billion years older than the sun. This, he said, indicates that the beings on the planets around those stars are probably a billion years more technologically advanced than the beings on Earth.

"You might say we're cosmically retarded," he said.

UNM student Chris Kitchen said he believes in extraterrestrial life, partly because he has had experiences similar to those Friedman described in his presentation. Kitchen said in 1997, he was driving at 3 a.m. with a friend at the edge of a university area near cornfields in Pennsylvania when he saw a glowing red orb hovering about 300 feet above a house.

The orb was shaped like a slightly squashed egg, he said, lightly pulsing and had a hazy aura around it. He and his friend followed the orb as it slowly moved away from the house. Kitchen said it made a slow turn in front of the car before floating away.

"It definitely seemed conscious of our presence," he said.

Friedman told audience members to contact him if they had any abduction stories or further information on the Roswell incident. He said scientists are willing to pay \$1 million for any pieces of the strange, metal/plastic-like wreckage materials that someone might want to hand over.

Friedman's presentation was sponsored by the Associated Student's of UNM's Student Special Events.

CAPITAL GAZETTE, Annapolis, MD - Oct. 29, 2001 CR: R. Swiatek

Is something out there?

AACC hosts conference on UFOs and other mysteries

By NOI MAHONEY
Staff Writer

Annapolis resident Anthony Chesto and his brother, Larry both sat entranced.

Larry, who says he knows a thing or two about conspiracy theories, drove from Connecticut to Arnold to join his brother and about 40 other people at Anne Arundel Community College for "A 2001 Space Odyssey: Explorations into the ET Question."

What drew him to the conference to discuss subjects like the "Face on Mars" and abduction by aliens?

"Because I'm crazy," joked Larry, a retired typewriter repairman. "I'm very interested in telepathic communication. If you listen to a lot of the alien abduction stories ... the aliens always communicate non-verbally."

For Anthony, an electronics engineer who wrote a research paper in college on UFOs, the conference Saturday was a chance to see people speaking on subjects he's followed most of his life.

"I've seen a lot of pictures of Mars. I've worked on satellites ... I was



By Noi Mahoney — The Capital

Larry Chesto of Connecticut, left, and his brother Anthony Chesto of Annapolis take a break from "A 2001 Space Odyssey: Explorations into the ET Question" at Anne Arundel Community College.

interested in hearing what people had to say," Anthony said.

Organized by Arnold psychologist Peter Resta, the conference featured a series of lectures on "Artificial Surface Features on Mars" and "1952: ETs Over D.C.?"

"What motivates me is the kind of information that is being disseminated," Mr. Resta said. "There are things going on that are worthy of scientific study."

But not always worth being associated with publicly.

"Oh no, I can't give my name. I don't want anyone to know I'm here," said a retired engineer from Crofton. "I've followed it all my life. I don't believe everything I hear ... but you can't just dismiss everything."

The first lecture of the day, "Artificial Surface Features on Mars," could have made even hardened skeptics wonder.

Thomas Van Flandern, a NASA consultant specializing in celestial mechanics, showed the latest satellite images from the Mars Surveyor now in orbit around the Red Planet.

Mr. Van Flandern showed picture after picture of possible artificially constructed structures, canals and faces on Mars.

"There's no possible scientific expla-

If the youngest conference attendee had his way, there would be a UFO conference every year.

"This is my first real conference and I love it. I hope for a lot more," said Adam Clark, 16, who drove from Northern Virginia with his parents.

"I love talking about UFOs and aliens. You never know what you're going to get."

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operators and Air Force fighters who chased the lights over restricted air space near National Airport.

"The government's official explanation was temperature inversion," said Robert P. Swiatek, a physics patent examiner and secretary-treasurer of the Fund for UFO Research.

Mr. Resta had his first local UFO conference three years ago at the Arnold campus, and hopes to have another one in a few years.

"The fact that we could not be alone is pretty doggone important," Mr. Resta said.

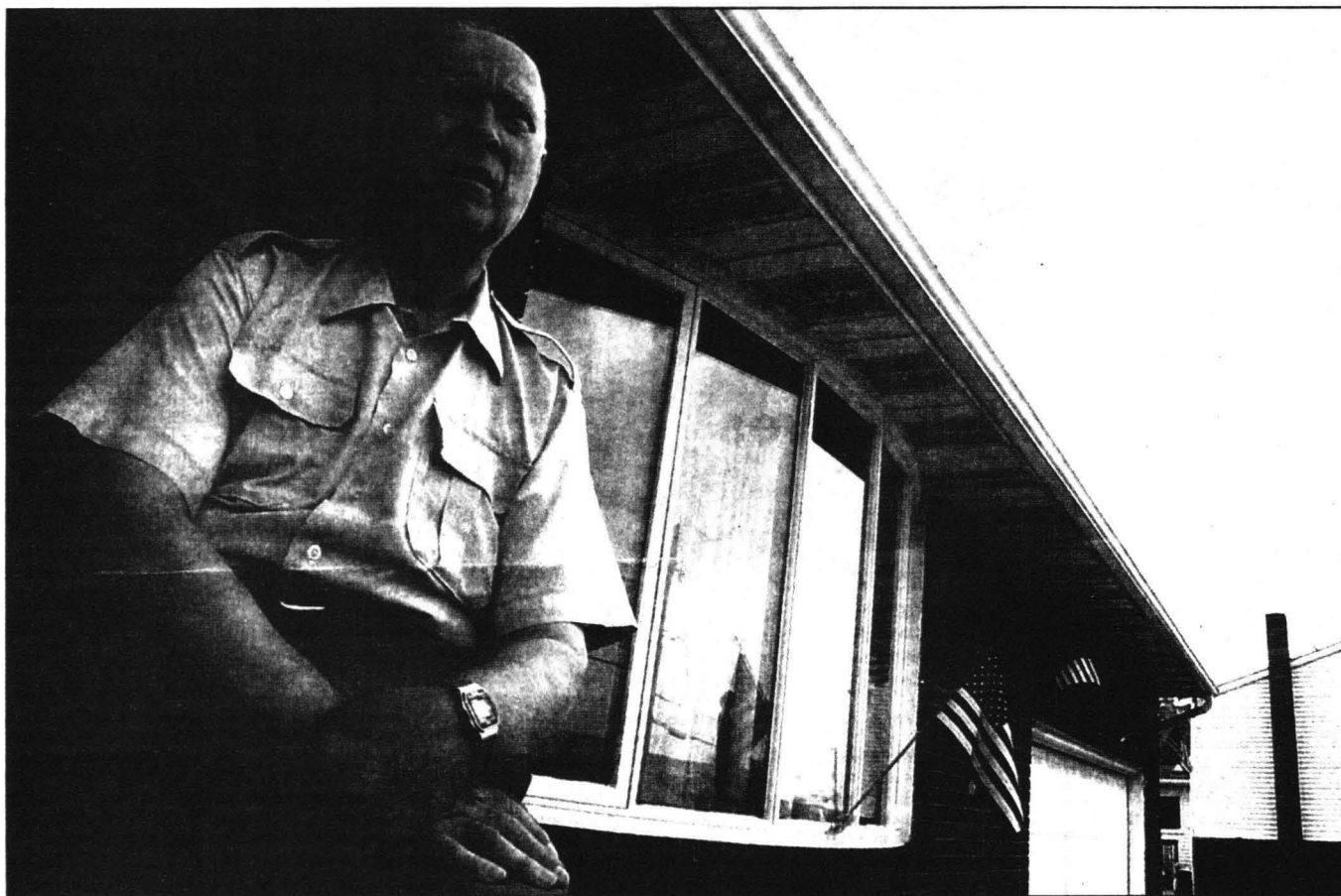
nation for many of the things we're seeing on Mars," Mr. Flandern said. "Like triangles — a triangle shape very rarely occurs in nature. It is just impossible for wind or gravity to construct triangles ... yet on Mars we're getting back dozens and dozens of perfect triangle shapes on the surface."

Another lecturer talked about the second most famous UFO case in history (behind Roswell, N.M.) called the "Washington Merry-go-round."

In 1952, unexplained lights appeared over Washington for several days, reported by radar

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Listening versus Looking



Daily Item photo by Kate Collins

Sam Greco sits outside his home. Greco, an Air Force veteran, has experienced UFO sightings and has written several scholarly articles on the subject.

Two groups differ in their search methods for extraterrestrial life forms

By Roger Gordon
For The Daily Item

Just recently, Samuel Greco was sure he spotted an unidentified flying object (UFO) appear from a cloud, then slowly disappear into another about 1,000 feet away.

"I never saw it again," he said.

And that's about status quo when it comes to UFO sightings.

Greco is a retired aerospace engineer. He has had a keen interest in UFOs for years, and recently gave up his volunteer position as a UFO field investigator for MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) that he held for 20 years.

Greco said there are certain things that prove a UFO is indeed a UFO — they give off no sound and they move much slower than jetliners. They are also known to act somewhat strange, doing all sorts of gyrations at times.

"One guy told me he saw a UFO traveling south to north," said the 77-year-old Mount Carmel resident. "It then reversed its path instantaneously and changed direction to north to south. One

pilot told me he saw a UFO, and its lights were off when the plane was close to it. Then the lights came back on when the plane was further away."

Greco's interest in UFOs was sparked by an incident that occurred one day in 1952 when he received a phone call while manning his post as an Air Force officer at Grenier Air Force Base in Manchester, N.H. "It was a gentleman who told me he saw a UFO," Greco recalled.

Greco added that reports of Foo Fighters trailing Air Force planes during World War II had fueled his interest.

The Susquehanna Valley and its surroundings have had their share of UFO sightings throughout the years. In the Feb. 6, 1976 edition of The Daily Item, a Sunbury woman named Marilyn Schramm was featured in an article on UFOs. Schramm, the article claimed, was the area representative for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research in Greensburg at the time.

Greco is the author of two articles regarding a 1991 sighting in Williamsport that appeared in MUFON UFO Journal in 1993 and 2001, the

To report a UFO sighting:

■ UFO Hotline, Las Vegas (subdivision of National Institute for Discovery Science NIDS), (702) 798-1700-S17; reports from Pennsylvania.

■ National UFO Reporting Center, Seattle, Wash., (206) 722-3000-351; reports from Pennsylvania. One report from Central Susquehanna Valley (from Sunbury on Sept. 25, 2001).

■ UFO Report and Info Service, Seattle, Wash., (206) 721-5035

former also turning up in Timothy Goode's book "Aliens Update." When Greco heard of the sightings, he drove to Williamsport to investigate.

"The people who saw the UFOs said they saw three different ones on the same

night," he said.

Whereas most UFOs are reported as disk shaped, the ones seen that particular night were said to be winged-shaped and triangular shaped.

Greco's 2001 article was a 10-year retrospective on the Williamsport sighting.

"Not one person who was there that night wanted their name released at the time for fear of ostracism by the public," he said. "But 10 years later, 34 percent of them allowed their names to be released."

"That proves how much different the attitude is toward UFOs, even from 10 years ago," Greco said.

"But back before Roswell, nobody looked at UFOs as something that made sense. In fact, anyone who said they believed in UFOs would be sent to the nearest crazy house."

In June 2000, Greco and three other field investigators gathered for their yearly UFO watch in Mount Carmel, in the valley between the north and south mountains.

"We saw some UFOs that night," he said. "There were red, green, blue, yellow and

white lights flashing that appeared to be navigation lights with no engine sound. They appeared and disappeared."

"One of the guys in our group had some special equipment that he wanted to film the UFOs with, but it didn't record them because UFOs have an electronic field around them that doesn't allow them to be filmed. A UFO's light may be of a much higher frequency than ours and may not record on the film."

Greco has notified the authorities of UFO sightings on many occasions via letters but to no avail.

"I never heard anything back," he said. "It all stems from a secret U.S. government cover-up of the truth behind UFOs. The government will never release information it has that UFOs are from outer space."

"They're afraid people will panic if they know we're not alone. They also want the advanced technology on board those ships (UFOs), especially the gravitational units that power them."

Greco believes much of the information the government possesses has to do with the UFO that crashed in Roswell, N.M., in June 1947, one of seven known incidents in U.S. history according to Greco.

"They were all quarantined off," he said.

Greco said scientists do not involve themselves in UFO research for the same reason the majority of the people who saw the UFOs in Williamsport didn't want

their names released — the fear of ostracism by the scientific community.

"They'd be investigating something the normal scientific community doesn't believe in," he said.

Another approach

"Nonsense," said Bloomsburg native and Cogan Station resident Muriel Hykes, a high school science teacher who studied biochemistry in graduate school. "The greatest advances in science are the work of

those who dared question the accepted wisdom. All I want to see from the UFO-logists is a well-designed experiment."

"Good science doesn't need a lot of money. It just needs a critical thinker."

Hykes' husband, Dr. H. Paul Shuch, heads a group that takes a much different approach to learning if there is indeed civilized life on other planets. Shuch is executive director of the SETI (Search for

Extraterrestrial Intelligence) League, a nonprofit volunteer organization and a leader in a grass-roots search for extraterrestrial intelligence. The SETI League's world headquarters is located in Little Ferry, N.J.

Shuch, a retired engineering professor, most recently at Pennsylvania College of Technology, said what SETI is looking for does not necessarily fly

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— and doesn't have to.

"We are radio astronomers looking for radio waves generated from other planets," he said. "There are 400 billion stars. What are the odds that some of the planets out there have life? Very good, I'd say. The real question, though, is, is it technological life?"

"Do we have intelligent beings on other planets capable of building radio transmitters?"

According to Shuch, there are two different searches for extraterrestrial radio waves — looking for microwave radiation from space, and looking for lasers (infrared light) in space. He said the SETI League focuses on the former, but some members work on the latter.

Just how do Shuch and the rest of the SETI League members go about their research?

It's simple — with telescopes. But not the average telescope. These are special telescopes set up outdoors that actually resemble miniature satellite dishes. The telescope rotates in order to spot radio waves from every direction.

"The fact that the earth rotates constantly helps, too," he said.

The telescopes are monitored not through a lens but by way of the average home computer screen. Shuch said the use of these telescopes does not require having Internet service but added being online is key to communication between the 1270 members of the

SETI League.

"We e-mail signals back and forth to each other," he said.

"The telescopes look for light the human eye can't see," he continued, noting several things they can detect, such as space probes, spy satellites, birth of stars, earth radio transmissions reflected off the moon, and supernovas (remnants of an exploded star).

He added that he is working on a larger, more advanced telescope that will emit even stronger waves.

But what the SETI League is really hoping these telescopes can locate are radio waves from other planets.

"Other planets may be just like us," Shuch said.

"They might be using radio waves like we do for communication. We've been transmitting radio waves for 100 years, but it's been 50 years since the waves have been strong enough for us to be detected by another planet if that planet has equipment like we have."

"I know of a planet 42 light years away from earth, so that means there are still eight years to go until our radio waves would get to that planet. And maybe these other planets have transmitted radio waves, and we haven't received them yet."

"We generate a lot of radio pollution. Most waves from UHF TV transmitters travel past the antennas and into space. Years ago, we

used cold war search radars to look for incoming Soviet missiles. If there was no missile, the waves went right into space."

Shuch believes trying to locate extraterrestrial radio waves is a more efficient — and cost-effective — way of detecting if there is indeed civilized life on other planets, rather than trying to locate UFOs.

"Science demands a high standard of proof in this area," he said, "and we haven't seen that high standard yet from UFO-logists. It's cheaper, too, than building a ship to go into space. It costs about \$1,000 to build our telescope. It's a low-cost, high-payoff effort."

Although the SETI League has not found anything substantial yet, either, in terms of extraterrestrial life, Dr. Shuch has high hopes — and expectations — in his group's efforts.

At the same time, he is realistic.

"I'm not going to count on dialogue or useful information from other planets to be conveyed in my lifetime," he said. "But with the use of these telescopes, I'm 100 percent sure we'll find something."

"We just want to answer the fundamental question: Are we alone?"

"And there are just two possibilities — either we are or we aren't. Either possibility boggles the mind."

ITEMIZER-OBSERVER, Dallas, OR - Nov. 7, 2001

SIGHTINGS

UFO, Bigfoot put Polk County on the web

"There are more things in Heaven and Earth than are dreamt of in your philosophies."

— William Shakespeare

By TOM HENDERSON
ITEMIZER OBSERVER



POLK COUNTY — Bigfoot? UFOs?

For some, they are but modern myths, products of overactive imaginations.

Especially this time of year.

For others, there have been too many reports to dismiss such things lightly. Researchers respond to reports and attempt to separate fact from fancy.

Members of the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization respond to sasquatch sightings in the Northwest. Oregon UFO Research is among the groups that look into UFO sightings.

Both groups have responded to recent cases in Polk County.

BIGFOOT

A Polk County man reported a large creature, a sasquatch, crossing Highway 18 near Grand Ronde Aug. 31.

He reported what he saw to the Bigfoot Field Research Organization.

The organization's website claims it's "the only scientific organization probing the bigfoot/sasquatch mystery."

The witness' report is included on the group's website.

He encountered more strangeness the following night.

It was almost the end of bow hunting season. The man was about two miles west of Grand Ronde.

"I found an excellent hunting area for this year," he said in his report.

"I had almost forgotten why I went up there in the first place and that was to satisfy my curiosity about possible bigfoot activity."

On the morning of Sept. 1, he was hunting and heard a strange noise. Then a large tree fell in the forest.

"I found large impressions in the ground under snapped off tree limbs and tree tops."

A doe was spooked and ran into the woods. "She went into the woods about 50 feet and came to a dead stop turned and ran right back at me as if something in the tree line scared her more than I did."

"I heard a 'wo, wo, wo' sound followed by a scream. Then a large tree fell to the earth."

He found impressions on the forest floor, about 14-by-7-inches.

That night, he reported several different noises. One noise was a sound of knocking on a tree with a stick. There were no other people in the area.

Investigator Thom Powell followed up the incident for the Bigfoot Field Research Organization.

The witness "described heavy, bipedal footsteps that he heard from

the nearby thickets and related the palpable sensation of being watched," Powell said.

The case is compelling, he said.

"While one is seldom certain, I consider the constellation of events described by the witness as being consistent with bigfoot/sasquatch activity."

"Witness is eager to return to the site and to attempt to gather more evidence, and to try some baiting and other attraction strategies that might precipitate a visual sighting."

UFO SIGHTING

Did UFOs visit Polk County the night of Oct. 15?

Eric Byler doesn't know. But as the assistant state director of Oregon UFO Research, he's definitely checking it out.

He got a call around 7:30 a.m. Oct. 16 from some old friends in Polk County.

They don't want their names published, so we'll call them, as Byler did in his report, Jack and Jill.

"Something happened last night," was all Jack said.

He handed the phone to his Jill.

"She immediately began crying profusely and out of control as she attempted to tell of what happened," Byler said.

"I had to stop her twice to calm her down as I could not understand what she was saying."

Apparently, the couple went to bed around 9:30 p.m. Oct. 15.

Around midnight, Jill woke to the animals in the house "going nuts" as well as a noise directly above the bedroom outside.

It was loud enough to vibrate the walls slightly with each pulse.

"The noise was described by Jill as being the sound you hear when someone takes a large but thin piece of sheet metal and bows it in and out — making that sort of 'whirring' or 'whipping' noise that comes from the vibration," Byler said.

"Only this was higher in pitch, perfectly rhythm'd and many times louder — emanating from directly above the bedroom roof."

Jill described her reaction as nothing less than total uncontrolled fear and panic. The animals in the house were loud and frantic.

This went on for two minutes. She slapped her husband's arm, frantically trying to wake him up. Then the noise disappeared.

The cats and dogs were quiet. Within five seconds, Jack opened his eyes to see Jill staring at him. She was holding the cat. Her eyes were swelled shut and were red from crying.

"What?" Jack said.

Jill told Byler that she was angry beyond words that Jack did not wake up during the incident but can't understand why he didn't.

Jack got out of bed, turned on the light and opened the bedroom window and listened.

All was quiet. He turned off the TV which had been left on earlier. He turned off the light and they went back to bed.

Shortly after returning to bed, the chimes on the clock rang on the hour, but the tones rang with an intermittent rhythm and backwards.

Jack and Jill looked at one another.

Jill began crying again and was unable to go to sleep for the rest of the night.

On Wednesday morning, Byler checked on Jill before she went to work. Jack had already left.

He asked if they had looked outside for any signs of broken trees around the house. They had not. With Byler still on the phone, she looked outside.

"Oh my God, Eric!"

The legs of their patio table had been broken off. The debris, along with five deck chairs, were all piled up next to the trees.

"Jill has many interests, but talking about or following UFO information is not really one of them," said Byler.

"She flatly states that she just knows this was a UFO over the house and has no doubt even though she was too terrified to look out the window during the event."

"Even during the time she was trying to wake up Jack, she was screaming at him that it was a UFO."

Byler has known the couple since 1990.

"Jill was talked into contacting us many years ago by her mother over concerns that she may have been the object of abduction over the period of a lifetime — three times throughout her life — including 1990 when we first began keeping a file on her."

This is the first time either Jack or Jill has reported any UFO activity in eleven years.

Five days before Jill's encounter, another couple in Polk County reported seeing a light come through the window of their mobile home.

When they went to investigate, they saw a yellowish, red light shoot away — up into the clouds at a high rate of speed.

If anyone has experienced similar incidents, they can contact Byler at ore-nuforeview.com.

GAZETTE, Billings, MT

Jan. 7, 2002

Strange lights over West End

Gazette Staff

Unusual white lights were spotted hovering over the West End of Billings Saturday at about 6 P.M. A Billings woman, who asked that her name not be printed, said she and her husband were in their pickup truck when they spotted a lighted, half-spherical object hover about 1,000-feet above an area near 36th Street West.

The object had one flashing light and hovered about four minutes.

"My husband knows airplanes and he said 'Those aren't any airplane lights.' As soon as he said that, it took off," she said. "Within two seconds, we couldn't see it. It was that fast. I don't know what to make of it."

A Billings man who spends most of his evening riding a bicycle in the downtown area said he spotted the flying object, but thought it was just a very fast aircraft.

No sightings were reported to the Billings Police Department, Montana Highway Patrol or Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department, various officers and dispatchers said. Calls to Billings Logan International Airport control went unanswered Sunday evening. A meteorologist at the National Weather Service said people should call the agency if they spot anything unusual in the sky.

"We didn't see anything here," he said, "but we weren't looking either."

Endowed with an 'alien'able rite

By Myra Eder
THE STAR

UFOs in Blue Island?
Not quite.
Are they out there?

Some people insist extraterrestrials have been visiting Earth. Others scoff at the concept.

Still, there is no question about the fact that many Earthlings are looking at the possibility that this planet has been visited by entities from another planet — or even another dimension.

Meanwhile, an "extraterrestrial" did show up recently and generated a few minutes of intrigue and humor at a local library.

As some 15 junior high students, a couple of high schoolers and a few inquisitive adults gathered at the Blue Island Public Library to hear circulation chief David Boras talk about unidentified flying objects, a strangely dressed humanoid walked into the room with librarian Dan Carroll.

According to Carroll, the ET was female. The alien walked, well shuffled, up to Boras.

"She asked for a library card," Carroll told Boras.

"But we couldn't verify her address," he quipped.

Alas, the bizarre-looking being was escorted out of the meeting room, and Boras began a serious program that held everyone's attention for some 90 minutes.

"Most of you know me from the circulation desk," Boras said.

"But in my spare time, I'm involved in the Center for UFO Studies, founded by the late J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer, and located in Chicago," Boras continued.

Hynek, incidentally, labeled the first, second and third kinds of close encounters with aliens and also was a consultant to the Steven Spielberg classic, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," Boras said.

"A lot of people want to know what happened at Roswell," Boras continued.

He was referring, of course, to the events of July 1947 and reports that pieces of an alien craft, as well as alien bodies, were found by a William "Mac" Brazel and others on a farm near an air base at Roswell, New Mexico.

An authentic, laminated copy of the Roswell Daily Record from July 8, 1947, stood on an easel near Boras.

"RAAF Captures Flying Saucer on Ranch in Roswell Region," the headline reports.

By the next issue of the Daily Record, the government was denying that anyone, official or otherwise, at Roswell Army Air Field had found anything

beyond pieces of a downed weather balloon.

The government later acknowledged there was a cover-up, but not because of any UFOs.

Instead, the feds said the weather balloon story was put in place to cover an accident of a highly secret cold war era spy device, Project Mogul, according to documentation provided by Boras and at the center Web site.

Boras made it clear that not everyone accepts the government's stories.

But he also said not everyone accepts the Roswell UFO report either.

He even had copies of an article claiming to be an accurate revelation of all the flaws in the UFO at Roswell accounts.

But he noted, "A lot of soldiers were at Roswell."

"Some of us don't believe the government's explanations," he continued.

Rather than talking about the incident at length, Boras presented a video docu-drama starring John DeLancie (Q in "Star Trek: The Next Generation").

Reportedly based on authentic interviews with Roswell witnesses, many of whom changed their reports once the government got involved, the radio style narrative opened the door for comments from those in attendance.

Most of the teens and preteens said they are open-minded about the possibility of alien visitors cruising around Earth in what we call UFOs.

Daniel Defore, 12, of Blue Island, said he's been curious about UFOs "since I was in preschool."

"I believe we're not alone, but I don't think they want to take over Earth."

"They're possibly observing us," the Veterans Memorial School seventh-grader said.

"But I'm not sure about abductions. I do like to think we're not alone."

There was no argument from Stefanie Valadez, 11.

"I have been thinking this is true (aliens at Roswell) for a long time," the Kerr Middle Schooler said.

Boras was ready with lots of print material, including a booklet titled "UFOs: Q and A" by the Hynek Center.

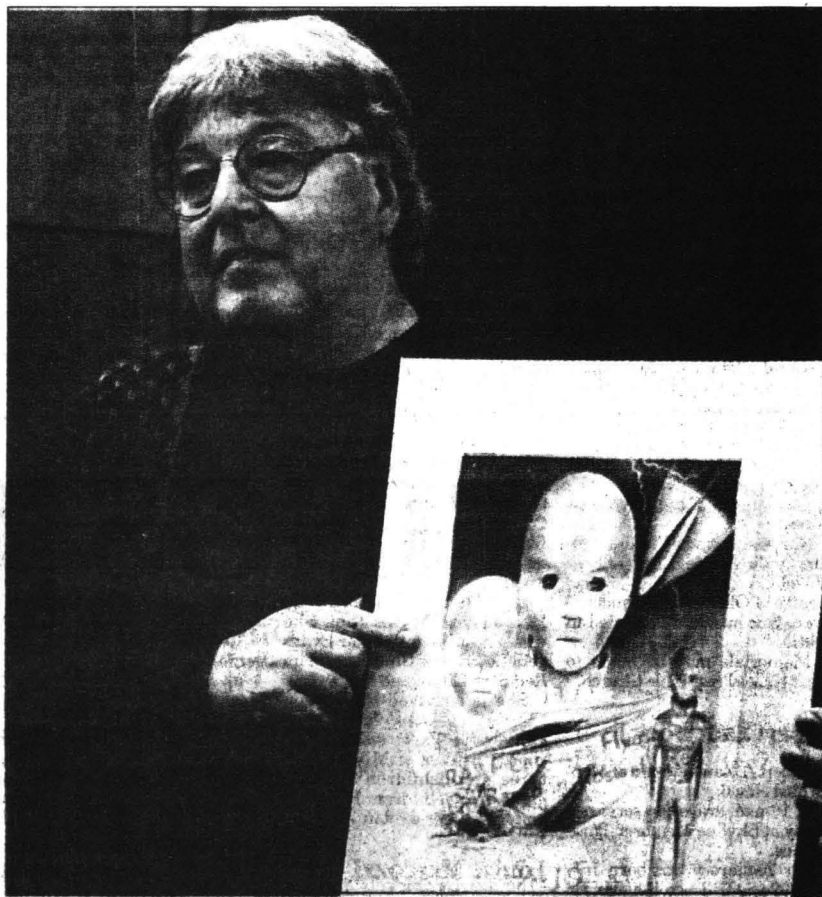
Even the local high school sent a reporter.

Kristin Mathis, 16, writes for the Eisenhower High School "Red and White."

"Nobody really knows what happened in Roswell," she said.

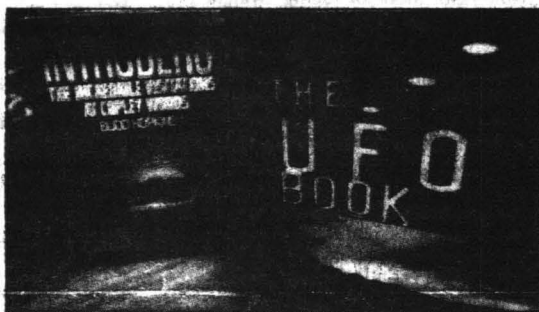
"People are still asking questions."

Boras said he's always been interested in the subject of UFOs but will not go the distance of saying he is absolutely



David Boras (above) shows an illustration of what some UFO occupants have looked like during a discussion on the subject of UFOs and alien visitors at the Blue Island Library.

Starphotos
by Art Vesey



sure we've been visited by alien beings or spacecraft from elsewhere.

"I do think there are enough reports to consider that there's technology (out there) that's not from Earth," Boras said.

"There is also enough information to legitimize serious study. (UFOs) shouldn't be dismissed outright."

"There (has been) physical evidence, changes in soil and vegetation and some indication that something large landed," he said of at least one area where people claim to have seen a UFO land.

The Hynek Center continues to study sightings and the Roswell incident, he said.

"We're convinced something

happened out there," Boras said.

Much more information is at the Chicago-based J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies Web site at www.cufos.org.

The home page notes that abduction investigators and abductees are needed for research projects.

A lengthy report on Roswell follows along with a list of yet unanswered questions such as, "Why were there unknown doctors and nurses observed at the Roswell base hospital at the time of the incident as noted by nurse Rosemary McMannis?"

The site offers a choice of languages (all from Earth) and three pages of links, including the following:

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OUR TOWN

Richard Allin

Music hath charms ...



I'M NOT much interested in the subject of unidentified flying objects. Although some people swear to have seen strange blinking objects swirling and darting around the sky, nobody has come up with a really persuasive photograph.

Now, my skepticism doesn't mean they

don't or can't exist. They may be out there, but I'm still waiting for better proof.

Having said that ...

Last Monday afternoon as I stood in the parking lot of a small midtown mall, I glanced up to see an object shining in the upper atmosphere, almost over head. It shone with a

curious glow, a matte white. But as it moved on to the northwest, its glow suddenly changed to a black-gray, almost in the blink of the eye.

The color change, which our small curious group attributed to a new position in the sunshine, helped us make up our mind.

The object that looked otherworldly suddenly assumed the shape of a stealth bomber, one of the Air Force's cherished instruments of warfare. I had never seen one.

It was now a black, bat-shaped flying wing, with squared trailing edges.

I'm glad I'd seen pictures of the plane, or I might have joined the UFO cult.

It made me wonder where it came from. And where it was going.



STRANGE CIRCLES

by Lucy Pringle

Lucky Clover Leaf

On the 29 July scientific tests were conducted in the Beckhampton 'Lucky five leaf Clover Leaf. (photo 1) These will be written up when the results have been analysed and compared. Sufficient to say that the hormone level tests were most impressive and consistent with the unexplained changes in previous years. According to the scientist conducting these tests, Ann Smithells, these results could not have taken place without remedial intervention; even the minimum time would have been a week, not just two hours!

I had an interesting report from Peter Hyoguchi telling me that to his amazement, he recognised the formation as representing his family crest. His family are descended from the Samurai.

Sally Ann Mudge a regular visitor to the crop circles reported that during her visit to the formation she experienced dizziness, disorientation, nausea and hyperventilation.

"I have been visiting crop circles for seven years and overall have generally felt calm, happy and on occasions euphoric.

This was my first unpleasant experience in a crop formation. The moment I stepped into it I felt my head spinning and waves of nausea. I tried to walk into the formation further but found myself stumbling and disorientated. I then found I could not breathe properly and I started to hyperventilate. I felt I had to leave and walked down the tramline. When I was about 5' to 6' away, I calmed down. I stood there for a while composing myself and then started to walk back to the formation in the hope that this time I would be able to enter it and inspect the whole of it. Unfortunately as soon as I entered the perimeter the symptoms started again exactly as before and I had to sadly leave. I am happy to say that the next formation I visited had no ill effects."

Simone Moore had a compulsion to eat the seeds: "Even after I had eaten 2 seeds and thought I might have adverse effects, I was still compelled to eat more."

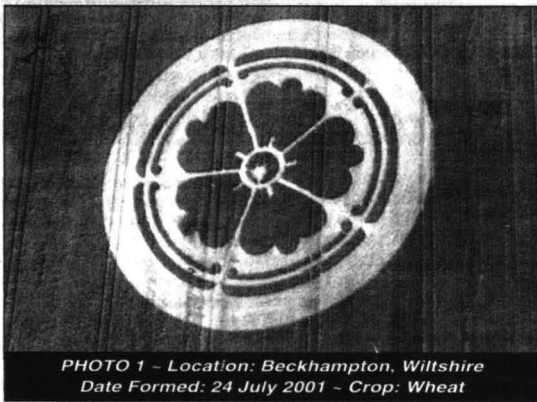


PHOTO 1 - Location: Beckhampton, Wiltshire
Date Formed: 24 July 2001 - Crop: Wheat

The Jaw Dropper

One of the final wonders of the season appeared on 12 August at Milk Hill on the Wansdyke Ridge of chalkland, the highest vantage point in Wiltshire. (photos 2 & 3) It measured 878ft in diameter and consisted of 409 circles. It looked truly awesome from the air covering almost the entire width of the field with the ancient Wiltshire countryside of fields, hamlets and folded hills stretching as far as the eye could see. Farmer, Brian Reads kindly opened the field to the public and hundreds of visitors came in joyful anticipation and left in wonder. On entering from the ground it was bewildering, circles stretched in every direction as far as the horizon, an endless, perplexing sea of circles rippling in the sunlight. People standing on the perimeter were only visible from shoulders upwards, such was the distance from the centre to the edge. I visited it with researcher and author Denni Clarke (Crop Circle Wisdom) and were both completely disorientated and unable to find the centre. It was not until another visitor remarked that there were 13 circles to each spiral, so that by beginning at the smallest circle on the perimeter and following the spiral round and counting, eventually we saw her waving in the distance and realised she had found the centre! Well done, Galileo!

During this process and journey of discovery, she had all but disappeared, only her head was showing.

It was interesting to note that unlike the 1996 Avebury Trusloe Triple Spiral (photo 4) where all the circles, both large and small had their own wonderful individual lay, the circles in the Milk Hill formation were not so intricately formed. However it was intriguing to see that many of the centres of the circles were 'off' centre; some also were elongated into ellipses to fit the slope of the field, as though they had been beamed from above. The field was not only undulating but parts were deeply rutted and on examining my aerial picture it was clear that none of the perimeters of the circles/ellipses were even minutely misshapen or distorted.

I visited it several times, examining it carefully. Heather Collins, a long time, observant researcher and three friends visited the formation three days after it appeared. The first

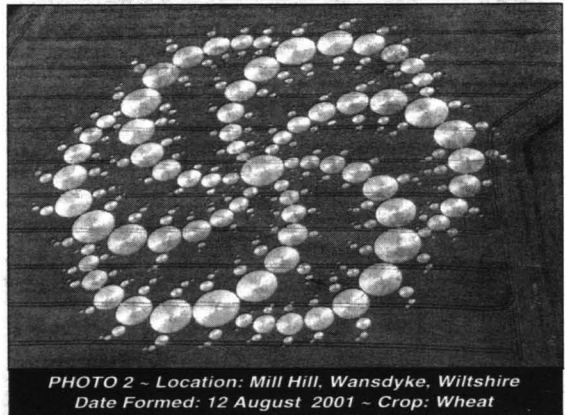


PHOTO 2 - Location: Mill Hill, Wansdyke, Wiltshire
Date Formed: 12 August 2001 - Crop: Wheat

time they entered at 1645 hours they experienced nothing unusual during their half hour visit. They returned 1 1/2 hours later at 19.15 hrs with a dowsing group led by Paul Barnett. "We remained until light was starting to fade and an 'evening chill' was descending. For the last 20/30 minutes I had noticed that my hands and arms were feeling not quite sticky but tacky. I thought it odd but didn't take much notice until we were all leaving, when someone mentioned it and we found that all four of us felt the same. Our hair was also tacky. It took about 10 minutes to walk down the track adjacent to the field (still close to the crop) and by the time we reached the car the sensation was less strong. A further 10 minutes later, all the tackiness had gone, including that on our hair.

The only rational explanation we could come up with was that there was some sort of reaction between chemicals on the crop, the beginning of the dew, and that we had been using metal dowsing rods, (which also felt tacky)? We have been in the fields at similar conditions, but not experienced anything similar."

Farmer Brian Read reported that the field had last been sprayed on the 2 July, with fungicide.

This is a particularly interesting report, the first of its kind. I wonder if others have had similar experiences? It has been suggested that there could have been a strong static field that might have caused the charge to circulate round the surface of the skin. However it has also been pointed out that it is hard to hold a static charge for such a long time period, also ones hair stands on end and there is a feeling of 'tension' in the air. None of these effects were observed by Heather Collins and her friends.

Chartered Engineer Rodney Hale, had a similar experience some years ago when visiting the graveyard in the grounds of the ruined Minsden Chapel, near Hitchin, Hertfordshire with the local historian George Hine. Quite suddenly he felt as though he was walking through thick cobwebs and was so frightened he called out 'What's happening?' The sensation disappeared as quickly as it had come. Rodney dismisses any natural meteorological or atmospheric explanations and feels it must have been of psychic origin. Whatever the answer, it left a strong impression on him.

Heather also reported that her dowsing rods felt tacky but — were the dowsing rods really tacky or did they *feel* tacky due to the tackiness of the hands on contact?



PHOTO 3 - Location: Mill Hill, Wansdyke, Wiltshire
Date Formed: 12 August 2001 - Crop: Wheat

Ann Heckle, one of the four described the feeling of tackiness as similar to standing by the sea and being in contact with the salt air. However as she remarked that effect does not disappear but has to be washed off.

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Heather Collins also reported that: "A friend who happened to be in the formation at the same time as us that afternoon, for about an hour, experienced no tackiness, but said she had an unexpected lack of thirst. She usually needs to drink a lot, but despite the walk up the hill, didn't need anything at all while up there."

This also is a first and quite the opposite to the tremendous thirst felt by many whilst inside a formation, notably experienced by Freddy Silva who after visiting the beautiful 1998 Beckhampton Sting Ray, drank six pints of water without stopping such was his thirst.

I was delighted to hear from long time arthritis sufferer Leslie Clementson who also visited the gigantic Milk Hill formation (0)

"After doing a night watch on Knapp Hill we drove as far as we could and then walked the rest of the way and as before I was in a lot of pain when we reached it. We were meeting friends who had walked up, we wandered around it for a while then stopped in the centre for about 15 minutes. Unlike the Lockeridge formation (1992), I was unaware of anything happening until we started to walk back to the car only to discover that I could almost keep up with Steve. I haven't been able to do that since Lockeridge. It's a shame it did not help Steve who has a broken toe!"

I received a further report from Leslie dated the 7 September saying, "I thought I would let you know that the healing I received in the Milk Hill formation is just starting to subside. It lasted longer than the Lockeridge one. I now look forward to next season to see if any of the new formations can help me again."

Over the years I have had many beneficial reports from arthritis and rheumatism sufferers, unfortunately the effects are mostly short lived apart from Diana Cussons' experience in the 1997 Pastry Cutter. (photo 5) (00) We need to examine the possible reason for these encouraging reactions. We do not know enough about the 'cause' of rheumatism or arthritis, but we do know the effect is inflammation. Could the residual effects of the electromagnetic fields present in some formations be acting as anti-inflammatories?



PHOTO 4 - Location: Avebury Trusloe, Wiltshire
Date Formed: 29 July 1996 - Crop: Wheat

I knew my battery was fully charged

Mechanical and battery failures continue: Valerie Charlton visited the same Milk Hill formation on 26 August when it was two weeks old.

She reported "I have a Canon UC9 Hi8 Camcorder which I have used for the past four years without it ever failing to work. I have two available batteries, one large (Duracell DR12. 6V) which will easily last for three hours of filming and a smaller one that lasts about half an hour. I charged up the large battery overnight and put it on the camera before leaving Mithurst to drive to Wiltshire at about 11.00am. I did not take the smaller one (Canon battery pack. BP-711. 6V. 1100mAh (Ni-Cd battery) with me knowing I was unlikely to film for more than three hours.

As I walked up the formation on the track I took out the camera meaning to film the wonderful view of the land dropping away to the right of Milk Hill, thinking it would describe the landscape in which the crop circle had occurred. The camera would not work no matter what I did. I tried taking the battery off the camera several times in case it hadn't engaged properly. The red light on the camera would not function. I was very irritated and disappointed, but, because I knew the battery was fully charged I just thought that my camera must have been damaged, it didn't occur to me at the time that the crop circle might have drained my battery. When I got home I put on the smaller battery and the camera worked perfectly. I then put the bigger battery on charge overnight and in the morning it also worked perfectly. It is now eleven days later and the big battery is still charged and the camera working perfectly.

I did try my mobile phone in the circle and got a message saying there was no signal, but that wasn't particularly unusual."

As a final note to this formation I include a message I received from the CircleMakers, John Lunberg, Rod Dickinson and Will Russell who aptly named the formation 'The Jaw Dropper'.

"Here's something to ponder, if this formation was man made allowing for time to get into and out of the field under cover of darkness the construction time left should be around four hours. Given that there are over 400 circles some of which span approx. 70ft in diameter, that would mean that one of those circles would need to be created every 30 seconds and that's not even allowing any time for the surveying, purely flattening, this formation pushes the envelope and that's a MASSIVE understatement... my brain hurts!"

Whereas I do not approve of many of their activities, I was delighted to receive this email and their commendable acknowledgement that the 'Jaw Dropper' was beyond the wit of man.

Tubes of light shining down on the field

There have been a couple of particularly interesting reports from Holland which has hosted 14 events this summer.

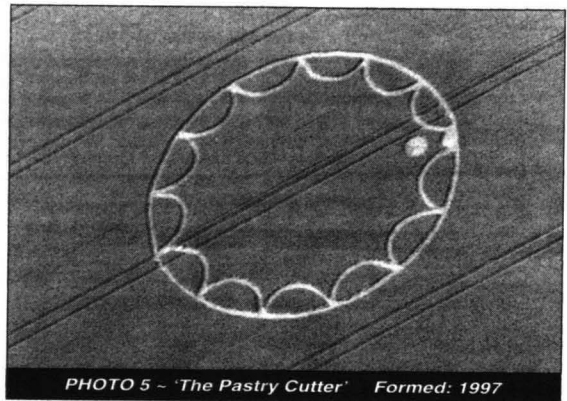


PHOTO 5 - 'The Pastry Cutter' Formed: 1997

In August Nancy Talbot, part of the American research team of Burke, Levengood and Talbot, was staying with a young man Robert, who over the years has experienced many impressive BOL sightings.

Whilst she was there both she and Robert witnessed a crop formation appearing.

It was in the early morning hours of August 21, 2001; Nancy was reading in bed at 3:00AM, when she heard cattle outside her room making noises. A few minutes later, they started again but stopped about 3:15AM. Nancy noticed her room was brightening like a welder's arc light. An intense column of light was above the field located behind her bedroom. There were two tubes of light about a foot in diameter shining down on the field. The light went out for a second and the other came down. Nancy jumped out of bed and called Robert. He was also awake and downstairs in the kitchen; he also saw the lights shining down about 85 feet away.

They rushed outside and there was nothing in the sky or field. Everything was quiet with no sound, and no smells. They walked toward the field and just beyond the fence was a Crop Circle in the string beans. It was a 35 foot ellipse (stretched circle) with a twenty foot long off to one side with a crossbar at the end, forming a 'T' coming off the ellipse. Nancy thought she saw some steam rising from the Crop Circle. The next morning Nancy saw the field from her bedroom window.

It was not there ten minutes ago

My thanks to experienced Dutch researcher Robert Boerman for this second intriguing report, who on Tuesday 7 August, together with scientist Eltjo Haselhoff and Jan Willem Bobbink, visited the second Stadskanaal formation, the Scorpion (there were three in all).

It was during their visit that a 9th circle was added to the tail of the Scorpion.

After they had taken samples of the crop, Robert went into the 8th circle to take pole shots; it was at this point that he noticed to his amazement that a 9th circle had joined the other eight! About 10 minutes previously Jan Willem had taken samples from the 8th circle (the last circle). A photograph taken at 15.37hrs shows eight circles and another photograph taken at 17.49hrs reveals the additional circle. Robert tells us; "Eltjo and Jan Willem were walking in the 'head' of the formation when I shouted about the new circle. First they didn't know what I was calling about, but when they stood next to me they both believed their eyes. 'This is impossible', were our astonished words, but the new circle was lying at our feet. A circle that was not there 10 minutes ago. The new circle had a diameter of 1.40 metres and felt warm."

And there we stood, completely stupefied- the three of us. Eltjo wanted to shoot some photographs with his digital camera, but the battery was empty. The minute before the battery had power for another 30 minutes but now it was empty."

It was at this point that Robert noticed a pain in his legs and Eltjo felt a pain in his left hand and wrist "and then without any reason I HAD to go out of the field as soon as possible."

Shortly afterwards, journalist Roel Toering tried to take some pictures but his camera battery did not function properly.

As a total contradiction, Robert recalls that he had used his mobile phone the previous Friday at which time it registered half full; on leaving the 'Scorpion' formation it was fully charged!

Robert dowsed a complex grid system of twenty energy lines, every circle in the tail of the scorpion having 2 lines crossing.

As always I send my most grateful thanks to all the people who have kindly taken the trouble to fill in and send in their completed questionnaires. Without your help this article would never have been written nor would my research be progressing in the way it is. Nearly all the reports have been sent in by women, so please all those males out there; be brave and let me now what is happening to you. As always all reports are confidential unless I am given permission otherwise.

Richard Parr, a valuable and dedicated researcher visited the South Harting formation with me in July and kindly submitted a report. The Farmer had been very reluctant to allow anyone into the field but eventually agreed so long as we went in very early. So one Sunday morning soon after sunrise we entered the field and made our examinations, buried the bottles and dowsed the formation. There was an interesting grid of energy lines running the length and breadth of the formation. As I reached one point my rods spun round uncontrollably. Richard took my rods and on reaching this point his behaved in a similarly odd manner and he reported a sudden violent headache. He kept shaking his head as if to clear it and remarked he felt disorientated and nauseous. We left soon afterwards and as we neared my home, he suddenly announced his headache had cleared. On reaching my house we discussed the formation and tested the bottles of water of water. Zero result. Richard also offered to fill in one of my forms and as I was reading it afterwards, I noticed that he had completely omitted to mention his violent headache. He then said he still felt disorientated but insisted on driving home as he had another engagement. I was glad to hear that he had arrived safely.

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Stansted, Essex, England - Nov. 17, 2001)

A report just in tells of circles in the desert in Yemen, 'miraculous circles that could not be erased by the wind'.

As we battle with the uncertainties of life after the terrorist atrocities in the US and elsewhere in the world, I pray that just as the crop formations act as joyous catalysts to further knowledge and understanding, so may these terrible disasters be seen as opportunities to act as the forerunners to a greater understanding of all nations and religions, resulting eventually in universal harmony, tolerance, compassion and a greater good.

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Expert support for UFO claims

A UFO expert has examined video footage taken by a Westhoughton pub landlord.

Mike Murray, who belongs to Euroseti — the European Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence — has used his group's equipment to investigate Lee Nuttall's claim that he saw a UFO flying above the Daisy Hill Hotel in Lower Leigh Road in August.

Mr Murray said: "I do not know what it was. He certainly did not fake it and it wasn't a star."

Mr Murray says computers used by Euroseti can detect film that has been manipulated and he confirmed Lee's tape had not been tampered with. But he added the image had been so small it had been impossible to discover what it actually was.

Previously Phil Caterall, leader of the Bolton UFO Society, had claimed the UFO was the star Sirius, commonly known as the Dog Star.

Mr Nuttall saw the UFO at half time during a televised football game between Manchester United and Blackburn. He says many people who were in the crowded pub at the time saw the object too.

He said: "Since the story appeared in the Bolton Evening News a lot of people have phoned me up about it."

He added that he has recently seen a book that had picture in it of an identical object flying over Israel in 1999.

He said: "This analysis has proved that the object was made of metal and was flying in the earth's atmosphere."



CLAIMS SUPPORTED: Lee Nuttall has received support from a UFO expert

Expert to spill beans about aliens on Earth

UFO expert Timothy Good will be revealing the biggest questions facing the universe at a book signing event tonight at 7pm.

The Beckenham author will be giving a talk and signing copies of his new book, *Unearthly Disclosure*, at Ottakar's book store in The Glades, Bromley.

Sensational information has been provided to Mr Good by high-level sources who claims that alien contact has been made with a select group in the US military and scientific community.

Furthermore, Mr Good will allege that aliens have established subterranean and submarine bases on Earth.

In *Unearthly Disclosure*, Mr Good uncovers astonishing colour photographs of an alien creature.

Respected

Beyond belief? Perhaps. But Mr Good is one of the world's most respected authorities on UFOs and his findings are supported by one of Britain's most senior military men.

Retired Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton says of Mr Good's findings: "I have the highest regard for Good's absolute integrity, his determination and skill as a researcher, and his wide and detailed knowledge of the whole fascinating UFO experience. Were this not so, I confess at once that I should have serious difficulty in accepting several passages in this riveting book, and the astonishing revelations he now shares with the public."

Andy McLean from The Glades said: "Timothy Good's talk at Ottakar's will be stirring stuff. The depth of his research is staggering and the audience will be gripped from start to finish. As conspiracy theories go, this one takes some beating. The event is free and there is also a free glass of wine for all visitors on the night itself."

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER, London, England - Aug. 18, 2001

Snapper's UFO photo under investigation

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE is believed to be investigating a UFO sighting captured on film by *Daily Record* photographer Mark Runnacles.

The award-winning snapper caught the mysterious image on film in June as he took pictures of a sunrise over Glasgow. But he didn't spot the flying saucer-shaped object until he examined the pictures later.

One shot appears to show a disc hovering in the sky. Other photos, taken minutes later, reveal a green, glowing shape.

Mark, 27, took the pictures from his flat in the city's west end looking towards high flats in Kelvindale and the Campsie Hills. Mark said: "I was sitting up with my girlfriend watching the sunrise and started taking pictures. I didn't see the saucer shape at the time. But when I looked at the pictures later on, that's when I noticed the green thing. I'm not saying it's an alien

spacecraft, but I would like to know what it is."

UFO expert Ron Halliday, of Scottish Earth Mysteries Research, told the newspaper: "UFO pictures are very few and far between so a sequence like this is excellent. There have been a lot of UFO sightings reported between Glasgow and the Campsies." The National Air Traffic Service had not received any other reports of the sighting.

Nevertheless, Mark's images sparked a flood of calls to the newspaper from people who had made similar sightings.

The newspaper says that the MOD is investigating the sighting and bookies slashed the odds on the existence of extraterrestrial life, after the pictures appeared in the newspaper.

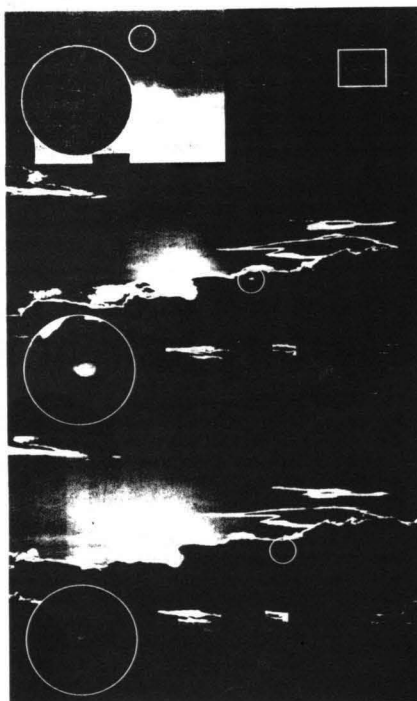
William Hill spokesman Graham Sharpe said: "We have taken several bets at our usual odds of 100-1 and decided to halve the

odds to 50-1 in case these pictures herald a UFO breakthrough.

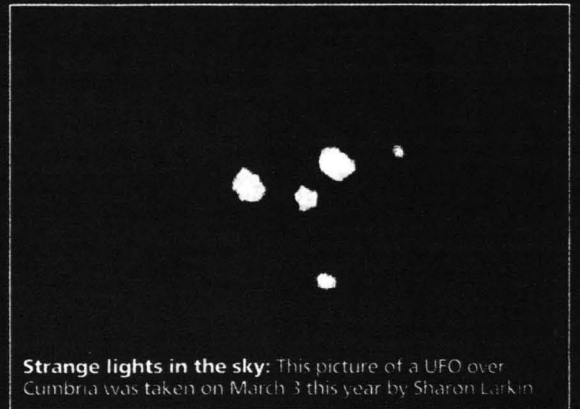
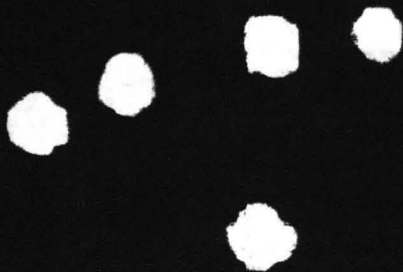
Mark added: "The camera never lies. But still, even with more pictures, we require more proof before we can say exactly what these things are."

■ The *Daily Record's* owner Trinity Mirror says photographers will not be affected by the company's recent decision to axe 800 jobs over three years. A spokeswoman told AP that the job losses would not affect editorial staff. As well as *The Mirror* newspaper, the company's publications include titles such as the *Liverpool Echo*, *Birmingham Evening Mail* and *Newcastle Evening Chronicle*.

RIGHT The mysterious green shape was shot by *Daily Record* photographer Mark Runnacles in Glasgow. The MOD is believed to be investigating the cause of this possible UFO sighting



THE CUMBRIA FILES



Strange lights in the sky: This picture of a UFO over Cumbria was taken on March 3 this year by Sharon Larkin

- Seven UFO sightings in November alone
- Were military jets chasing flying saucer?
- Farmer terrified by UFO that lit up field

CUMBRIA is a hotspot for UFOs and aliens with seven sightings reported this month alone. And the North West Cumbria UFO Research and Investigations group says most of the sightings have been above the Solway Firth

Sharon Larkin, administration director of the group, says that nearly every other night this month there has been a report of unexplained lights and objects in the sky over Cumbria.

The incidents include:

- A woman putting out her rubbish near Flimby saw a bright white light doing manoeuvres for three minutes. It was chased by two military jets before shooting north at extreme speed. The incident happened on November 7

- A Branthwaite farmer was terrified by a UFO which lit up his field as he tended his sheep. The white light had approached his farm from the direction of the Solway

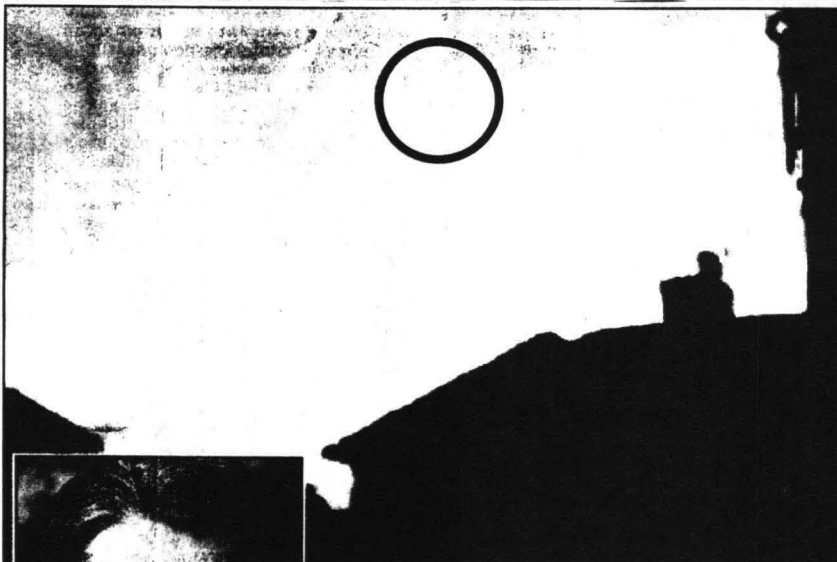
- In recent weeks there have been a number of reports of a bright red light buzzing the skies around Cockermouth

- In Carlisle three weeks ago a resident at Raven Street took a photograph of a cigar-shaped UFO with a disc flying either side.

The Raven Street sighting was made by Stephen Smith, who was washing up when he looked out of the window and saw what appeared to be a cigar-shaped UFO.

Unemployed Mr Smith, 55, said: "It was a clear, sunny afternoon. I looked over the rooftops and saw what I first thought was a cloud, but it was rectangular-shaped with a shadow underneath."

"I took three pictures of it with a digital camera and went to get a different camera, but when I came back it had vanished. It



the cigar-shaped UFO

THE photograph above was taken three weeks ago by Stephen Smith (left) from his home in Raven Street, Carlisle. Mr Smith said: "It was a clear, sunny afternoon. I looked over the rooftops and saw what I first thought was a cloud, but it was rectangular-shaped with a shadow underneath."

"I took three pictures of it with a digital camera and went to get a different camera, but when I came back it had vanished. It must have moved very quickly as the cloud that was next to it was still there."

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Mr Smith claims to have seen a number of UFOs from his home. On most evenings, between 7.30pm and 10.30pm, he has seen unexplained lights.

Earlier this month he saw a large bright light followed by a smaller light.

"They danced across the sky

then sped over the horizon, faster than any aircraft could travel," said Mr Smith.

The incidents will be added to more than 100 Cumbrian sightings already kept on file by Ms Larkin.

"Cumbria is definitely a hotspot for aliens and there are all sorts of theories why. I don't have an idea myself," she said.

"Some people say it's the Lakes

and think the aliens are coming here to take water to their own planets, but I think that is far-fetched."

"There are also a lot of sightings associated with nuclear installations," she added.

Ms Larkin gets reports of UFOs from all kinds of people, but a surprising number come from Cumbria's police.

"Police officers contact me

things while they are out on patrol. The first time they see something they may be sceptical, but come to me when they see things again."

The appearance of 11 tall silvery humanoid aliens in Cumbria is being investigated by UFO researcher John Hanson.

The incident happened in the early Forties when two tourists holidaying in Torver near Conistoun claim to have seen unusual figures as they drove in the dark.

They described them as "nine to 11 very tall, lean figures that were silvery in colour; they were human in form, but they were definitely not human".

Mr Hanson believes the sighting could be added to the list of classic Cumbrian UFO incidents which have encouraged investigators to believe that the county is attracting visitors from outer space.

These include:

- In 1954 a boy of 14 saw and photographed a UFO from the slopes of the Old Man of Conistoun. The picture was very blurred but it became a classic UFO sightings at the time

- In 1960 a tramp went missing from Carlisle, returning five years later claiming that he had been on a five-year voyage with aliens

- In 1964 photographer Jim Templeton and his daughter were on a daytrip to the deserted Solway marshes. He took a photograph of his daughter, but when it was developed they appeared not to have been alone. In the background there was an astronaut - he became known as the "Solway Spaceman".

- In 1997 a group were at the Stone Circle in Keswick when balls of light began dancing across the sky.

- In September 2000 an Allonby resident claimed to have seen nine UFOs flying in the night sky.

Have you ever seen an alien or UFO? Ring our Talkback line on 01228 612300.

EVENING NEWS, Scarborough, England - Dec. 5, 2001

Mystery of light in the sky

CLOUGHTON businessman Frank Robertson is convinced he saw a UFO while walking his three dogs.

He wants to know if anyone else spotted the strange circular object on Monday between 6.15am and 6.30am.

Mr Robertshaw, who runs Orchard Garage in High Street, was walking along Saltpan Road towards the old Scarborough-to-

Whitby railway line when he saw the bright ball of light with a blue tinge around the circumference.

He said it was about 15ft in diameter, travelled in an arc and disappeared at the other side of the railway line into the trees. "It was too big to be a spotlight or torch and there was no beam," he said.

If you saw it call the Evening News newsdesk on (01728) 363636.

EVENING TIMES, Glasgow, Scotland - Dec. 20, 2001

WEBVIEW

www.parascope.com

This site will help you make up your mind as to what is really going on in space with the UFO stories.

It's mainly based upon UFO information, but there is a lot of content you would see on the TV

series the X-Files. Here, you can post your views on conspiracies, UFOs, and paranormal phenomena, swap information, browse the parascope image gallery and read hundreds of declassified documents on covert operations.

Rare light show precedes crop circles

By Brenda Kossowan
Freelance writer

RED DEER — Night workers taking a smoke break have added a new twist to Red Deer's crop circle mystery.

Early in September, Linda Fraser and a fellow worker from the Lacombe Nursing Home were watching the sky from their open-air coffee room when they noticed strange lights.

While not sure of the date, it was Sept. 4 or 5. Fraser knows it happened at 3:15 a.m. because she remembers looking at the clock.

"The first time we saw three kind of lights over our head. The lights were in a triangle shape — not really bright. We saw them in the morning again at about quarter to five or quarter after. But instead of three, there were six."

Fraser said she caught just a glimpse the first time. She and the woman she was with told only a few people, because they thought they wouldn't

be believed.

Then, at about 1:05 a.m. on Sept. 15, another group of workers from the nursing home got a better look.

Judy Milne said she was out for a smoke break when a light formation appeared in the southwestern sky, travelling eastward.

In seven years of night duty, Milne said she had never seen such a sight.

"It was the most totally awesome thing. They were in triangles — seven different triangles."

She said the lights were a peach or light-orange colour and not really bright enough to attract attention.

They were flying in a tight triangular formation at first, then switched to an arrow and then to a crescent shape before disappearing from view.



Caleb Bickford, left, and his sister Caitlin investigate a crop circle found east of Red Deer. (Jeff Stokoe photo)

The whole show lasted about two minutes.

"We know we saw something, but we don't know what it was," she said. "Even if it's a stealth bomber, I'd like to know because of my own curiosity."

Milne decided to speak up about the phenomenon because she wondered if the flying lights were related in some way to the crop circles that appeared in a wheat field on the

Bickford farm, six kilometres east of Red Deer.

Ken Bickford, 73, discovered a geometric pattern of circles and overlapping triangles stamped into his wheat field while combining the following evening.

Investigators from the Canadian Crop Circle Research Institute, a private organization, investigated the site.

The Bickford site, the 17th set of

crop circles found in Canada this year, is unique in that its symmetrical pattern more closely resembles sites in England and Germany, said institution founder Paul Anderson of Vancouver.

Rarely, crop circle researchers hear reports of lights in the sky at about the same time as the circles are discovered, he said.

Judy Arndt of Edmonton, who investigated the site, said she is having a difficult time determining whether it is a hoax because of the maturity of the crop and the number of people who have been walking in the formation.

Arndt said it's easier to investigate a less-mature crop because the greener plants will show damage from a short blast of heat.

Additionally, the seed heads in the Bickford crop don't show the type of damage they would have suffered had the circles been formed by mechanical means.

The stems are broken at uneven heights, where stem fibres from other sites she has seen have all been broken right at the ground.

STAR, Petaling, Malaysia - Jan. 7, 2002

UFO sightings peaked last year

By CLARENCE CHUA

PETALING JAYA:

Against the backdrop of political upheavals and an economic slump in the country, there were smiles among a group of extra-terrestrial watchers here who claimed there had been an increase in UFO sightings last year.

The Centre for Malaysian UFO Studies (Cenmyufos), which looks into reports concerning "unidentified flying objects," said there was also a reported case of alien abduction near Tambunan, Sabah, early last year.

Ufologist Ahmad Jamaludin, the centre's coordinator, said there had been six UFO sightings last year, compared to only three in 2000. Three of the sightings were reported in Sabah, two in Kedah, while the other was in Penang.

He said the most sensational UFO encounter was reported in February when a man living near Tambunan claimed that he met a square-headed alien who wanted to take him away.

The man later went missing for 11 days.

"This could be the first reported UFO abduction in Malaysia.

"Although the 11-day period was a little odd (as most UFO abduction victims usually go missing for two to three hours or up to five days only), the fact that there were some UFO activities around Kota Kinabalu at that time could lend some credence to the claim," said Ahmad.

Reports from the Sabah capital mentioned a saucer-shaped UFO, with flickering lights, being sighted before it disappeared behind a hill.

In another sighting, purportedly videotaped by a man living there, a bluish UFO flying in the night skies was recorded.

Ahmad said that in May, several villagers in Kedah claimed they saw a lighted object descending from the sky one night and landing at their kampung in Baling.

"I investigated the case, interviewed several witnesses and prepared a video clip on the UFO landing over Baling for an upcoming television programme," he said.

Ahmad, who has been studying UFOs since 1978, said his research on the phenomenon showed there was a close link between the UFO sightings and Earth's seismic activity.

Explaining further, he said: "Gravitational forces emitted by objects in space cause the Earth's fault lines to shake, causing earthquakes and, at the same time, act as a guide for UFOs to reach Earth.

"There is a cycle in UFO sightings. It will peak every 10 years," he said, adding that the most recent cycle peaked last year.

He expected only two to three sightings a year from this year until the next wave peaks in 2009 (give or take a year).

Circles grow more complex

By Ed White
Winnipeg bureau

Mysterious craft have been passing over fields this harvest season.

A few times this summer, the craft have circled farmers' fields, which then were discovered to contain crop circles. When the beings alight from these aircraft, they dash off to inspect the crop circles before other human beings have a chance.

They are part of Crop Watch 2001, an effort of the Vancouver-based Canadian Crop Circle Research Network.

"We're still getting reports coming in," said network director Paul Anderson, who scoured Alberta and Saskatchewan for crop circles in late summer.

"There have been 17 so far this year."

Anderson's journey was an attempt to capture as much information as possible about the mysterious circles, which have begun appearing with greater regularity in North America and England since first being spotted near Stonehenge, England, in the 1970s.

Anderson wanted to examine the circles before farmers, tourists, reporters and circle chasers got into them and contaminated the evidence.

Some of the ones Anderson found this year had no evidence of human manufacture, a key requirement for a circle to be considered a mystery.

"We're still convinced this is a genuine phenomenon," said Anderson, who has seen a number made by human hoaxers.

"In being able to separate the fake ones from the still unexplained ones, we're making progress."

Anderson doesn't like to speculate on the origin of the circles. Some people have suggested that space aliens have caused the circles.

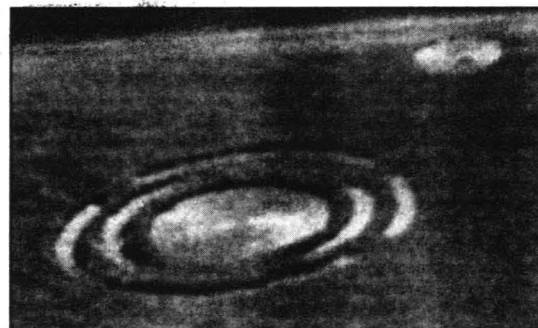
"I don't want to jump to conclusions," said Anderson.

"What is actually causing them, we don't know."

Anderson was lucky this summer when he visited the crop circle hotbed of Midale, Sask.

It was the site of a series of crop circles in 1999. More were found this year. So Anderson paid a visit to the town.

He rented a plane to observe the reported circles from the air. On a flight a couple of days later he discovered,



Two of the four crop circle formations found in a durum field on the Johner farm near Midale, Sask. (Sylvia MacBean photo)

to his excitement, more circles had appeared. He got there before any other people to record the phenomenon.

Last week a gigantic, 91-metre-wide crop circle collection was reported outside Red Deer.

Anderson said this phenomenon is interesting to study because it keeps developing. The first crop circles found in England were quite simple, but over the years they have become more complex.

In Canada, which began experiencing crop circling a few years later, the circles have tended to lag behind the English ones. But Anderson said they are evolving here too.

"Some of the ones in Saskatchewan are more complex than we're used to seeing. They're up a notch or two."

— Paul Anderson,
Crop Watch 2001

jokesters.

There's less hoaxing in Canada, Anderson said. He is convinced there is something more than human pranksters behind some crop circles. He just wants to know what it is.

"With most mysteries — UFOs, Bigfoot — it's a question of do they exist. With this, there's no doubt they exist. What's causing them?"

Pictures of some of the Canadian crop circles this year can be found at www.geocities.com/cropcirclecanada.

GAZETTE, Clacton, England - Dec. 14, 2001

Tales of the unexplained

TALES of the strange and unexplained have been coming in to an expert on the subject.

Michael Joyce, from the Essex UFO and Paranormal research group, based in Clacton, has received a report of lights in the sky and strange flying objects.

Mr Joyce said at about

10.30pm on December 1, the same night as a meteor shower fell, a 15ft object surrounded by mist had been spotted travelling slowly northwards, over Billericay.

He said the object had hundreds of white lights around it, which moved out from the object at the front and back.

At the same time, the picture on Mr Joyce's own television screen went green and froze.

Now Mr Joyce is eager to hear from anyone else who may

have experienced similar things that night.

The UFO Hotline is 01255 821121.

● The Essex UFO and Paranormal research group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Friends Meeting House, Granville Road, Clacton, 7pm-10pm.

SOURCE: Diario "Las Ultimas Noticias"
DATE: December 6, 2001

Ufologists discuss 17 strange flying objects in recent days Startling UFO Sightings in La Florida

Orietta Santa María Q.

A gigantic and flaring light lands for hours in the vicinity of San Ramon Hill, filling local residents with fear.

Photo: Raúl Inzunza

A colossal light with a blinding glare has caused a commotion among those who dwell in the vicinity of San Ramon hill, a large area which goes from La Florida to El Cajon del Maipo. Residents and ufologists alike are on alert after the wave of 17 sightings of unidentified flying objects seen in November over the sector. "UFOs are being seen again," note the experts.



Ufologist Alberto Urquiza discarded the possibility that the lights belong to helicopters, airplanes or planets.

Jessica Serrano manages some tourist cabins in a place known as Los Rulos, on the way to Lagunillas. On November 16 at 22:00 hours, she was in the company of some friends at work when a white light emerged only meters away from the place. "It lit up everything, it was as big as a stadium. The light was reflected everywhere and was 15 minutes in the air before disappearing," she recalls.

A few days earlier, some guests of the cabins where she works (an Israeli and a Cuban woman) fled their rooms in fear. "The guests were inside the cabin with the lights out and suddenly the place became lit by glaring light...they ran out in fear, yet there was nothing that could have caused that phenomenon?", says Jessica.

Lights in the Night

Alberto Urquiza, a researcher with the GEO UFO group (Grupo de Estudios Ovnilogicos), notes that 17 sightings of unidentified flying objects were recorded between November 6 and the 25th in the pre-Cordilleran region.

"These are large lights that descend to earth and remain suspended a short distance from the surface. The witnesses we've interviewed have seen them at some 100 meters distance. Some of the lights have remained suspended in mid-air between four and six hours," he says.

Urquiza, who witnessed the phenomenon on November 10th, stated that he received simultaneous phone calls regarding sightings from five communities of the Metropolitan Region which were seeing the same phenomenon that was occurring near the hill, in La Florida.

"It was an intense white light that assumed a yellow-orange tone over San Ramon hill. It was possible to see an object lighting up with great power until a fog or mist appeared. At 00:30 hours, witnesses saw a large flash that was extinguished in a matter of seconds," explains the researcher.

The ufologists verified that there were no unusual stellar alignments that evening, and that there were no helicopters nor airplanes plowing the skies.

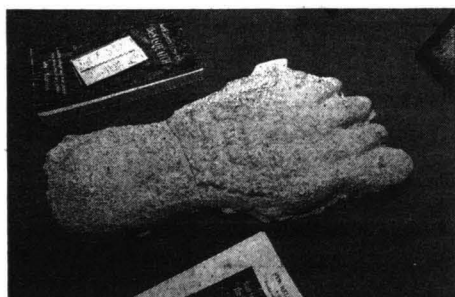
"Planets have a movement of 15 degrees an hour and this object remained static for six hours. The radar on Cerro Colorado did not detect anything unusual and there were only a few flights scheduled for Argentina at Pudahuel airport. There were not helicopter flights taking place at the Tobalaba Airdrome," adds Urquiza.

We are facing an unknown situation, states the ufologist, and this "occurs perhaps because there are very few people in the vicinity of the hill, or because UFOs actually want to let themselves be seen."

Juan Soto was in the vicinity of Tobalaba with Walker Martinez this last November 10th at La Florida: "I saw four very bright objects in the sky after 22:00 hours. Three of them were over the Cordillera and another could be seen halfway up the mountains. They vanished quickly."

Chilean Air Force Surprised

The Committee for the Study of Aerial Phenomena (CEFAA), a dependency of the Chilean Air Force (FACH), is waiting to receive the material gleaned by the GEO ufologists in order to launch an official investigation into these sightings. Gustavo Rodriguez, the agency's secretary general, states that "it is surprising to speak of 17 sightings. We have never received word of anomalous phenomena in the area in question. It's quite a novelty." He adds that CEFAA is a highly pragmatic agency.



Darlene Chapman-Davis/News-Journal Photo

A mold made from a supposed Bigfoot footprint was on display Saturday at the Texas Bigfoot Research Center conference in Jefferson. The print was found in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Age-old mystery – Texas style

Jefferson hosts conference on Bigfoot research

By MARK EWY
Staff writer

JEFFERSON — There is a group of people who want to make the public aware that they know where the Bigfoots are — and they know their travel routes.

No, they haven't found any bodies or skeletal structures and they don't have anymore con-

crete footage of the animal than the criticized 1963 8mm film shot by Robert Gimlin and Roger Patterson in Washington.

What they claim to have is evidence of an animal not recognized by the scientific community living in its habitat. Here in East Texas to boot.

Searching for Bigfoot in Texas. Who would have thought? The Texas Bigfoot Research

Center (www.texasbigfoot.com), a 30-member organization based out of Lone Oak, held a Bigfoot conference in Jefferson this weekend with guest speakers presenting evidence of the ape-man's existence.

Some evidence

Director Luke Gross presented the center's findings in the North Texas and East Texas

areas. Approaching the topic as scientifically as possible, these researchers ask questions such as "What sustains these creatures? What keeps them alive?"

Gross says there is evidence that the animals are omnivorous. A life-long hunter and outdoorsman, Gross says you can tell when an animal has been slaughtered by a Sasquatch because the organs are only eaten — not any muscle tissue.

"There stomachs cannot digest tough tissue," Gross said.

Mainly, they feed on plums, acorns and muscadine grapes, and the center has evidence of them eating along trails.

Trails?

The Sasquatch have travel routes, Gross says. Gas lines above ground are called high lines or Bigfoot's Highway belts. They also travel along creeks and rivers, always on the east side ("Why? I don't know," Gross says) because they need to stay as close to water sources as possible.

Another bit of evidence TBRC has come up with is the way in which certain trees have been mangled. They are twisted like a territory marker, Gross says, and they are twisted in a way that it would not be likely that the tree could have been struck by lightning or damaged in an ice storm.

During Q&A, the audience of about 120 asked questions about population and hibernating practices. Gross said they do not hibernate, and he estimates that there is one Sasquatch family per 40 miles of unpopulated forest areas.

Fielding questions like a pro, Gross parried a skeptics' comparison of Bigfoot's eating habits to that of a bear's.

"While bears are indigenous to Texas, there are no bears where we are researching," Gross said.

Where is Bigfoot?

Which brings up a good question: Where exactly are you looking for Bigfoot?

"Can't tell you," Gross said.

They are keeping the exact location of their studies a secret so that others will not trample their forested laboratory.

"See, we are from the no kill school of thought," he said. Gross explained that there are other groups who try to hunt and kill the creature.

"There's a big difference between researching and hunting. You can't hunt these animals. They've lived in the forest all their lives. They know it like the back of your hand. It's like someone coming into your house. If you go in and act like a predator, they will treat you like one. If they want you to see them, they'll let you," Gross said.

He likes to call certain Sasquatches "khaki" because they blend in so well with their surroundings.

What about natural causes? Wouldn't there be some remains of a Sasquatch in the area you are researching?

Gross doesn't know the answer to that question but offers a possibility that their bones might deteriorate quickly.

While the goal of TBRC is to prove to the scientific community that Bigfoot exists without actually bringing in the animal, they would like to be the first ones to capture Bigfoot.

"We have thought about live capture. We are contemplating it," Gross said. But he said he would not be the one to ever pull a trigger on the animal.

TBRC member Rand Trusty said, "How could you shoot Bigfoot? What would it do to it?" Trusty said the Bigfoot he saw in Washington was at least 9-feet tall with a 100-inch-wide chest.

"What could you shoot it with? An elephant gun?" Trusty added that he fears no man, but he does fear Bigfoot.

Gross admitted a complication with their eventual capture of Bigfoot. He said once the world knows there is an endangered species in these wooded areas, logging industries would be under pressure to shut down.

Funding

Unlike searching for aliens or Santa Claus, these researchers want to prove to mainstream science that this overlooked animal exists. Patiently, TBRC investigates encounter claims hoping people will be more brave about their sightings.

Through the researchers' investigations, Trusty said the center has come up with a plan. "We are embarking on a new project that will gather hair, blood and video footage simultaneously," he said.

Where they plan to do this no one knows but them.

"If I can take a feeder and place it in a certain area, a Sasquatch coming to eat the food will realize my scent. If he keeps coming back and I get regular footage — with a non-digital camera — that's the repeatability scientists are looking for."

Gross said TBRC is looking for 75 more members and a lot of funding if they are going to capture an animal anytime soon.

Gross didn't go into a researching frenzy after his first encounter in 1984 on a dark highway road.

"What I saw changed my life. It wasn't a man. It wasn't a gorilla or chimpanzee. It was 8½ feet tall."

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Jan. 8, 2002

Pioneering research

Body's cells know all

During the holidays, I reread a book which helps shed further illumination on the significance of this temporary condition we call existence.

In essence, it says the cells of our bodies can communicate with us from a distance.

"The Secret Life of Your Cells," published in 1989, is authored by researcher Robert B. Stone, Ph.D., who claims that "the cells of your body, even removed and observed at a distance, know what you are thinking."

Stone delves into research by San Diego's Cleve Backster, who achieved controversial prominence in the 1980s after attaching a polygraph to a house plant, only to discover to his amazement that it registered reactions to human thought and emotions.

Stone takes similar research a step beyond, discussing Backster's videotaped experiments with human cells during the 1980s. He tells of 20 prominent researchers who on Feb. 10, 1986, visited Backster's laboratory to investigate if human cells could, indeed, communicate with their host across a distance. By then, such communication was a phenomenon Backster had been documenting for two years.

Six years earlier, on June 30, 1980, San Diego State University graduate student Stephen White, who worked with Backster, had monitored a group of migratory white cells removed from his mouth and placed in a dish 15 feet distant. Using scientifically sound methods, he connected those cells to a polygraph machine and switched on a dual videotape machine that featured him and the machine's readings on the same screen.

The bottom line? White's dislocated cells clearly responded from a distance to the researcher's fluctuating thoughts and emotions as he read through a *Playboy* magazine. Those responses came at precisely the moments of White's peak reactions. The results surprised both him and Backster.

"What's most interesting to me is that White never verbally expressed his thoughts," writes Stone. "What was passing through his mind, however, was of definite interest to the dislocated cells."

Similar forms of the cellular response that Stone and Backster call "primary reception" have been recorded many times, but only where spontaneity and reality coincide. In other words, the phenomenon has been documented in instances where the cells react not as part of some formal expectation in a lab experiment, but only when the reaction stems from the way daily life really works—at the point where the unexpected encounters prompts strong



Mike Masterson

thoughts and emotions.

Joe, a janitor in Backster's lab building, also provided some mouth cells in 1982. Backster centrifuged Joe's cells and again arranged them away from Joe's body to be read by a polygraph. Then he showed Joe a series of photographs. Stone explains that while Joe's dislocated cells did not respond to unemotional pictures such as a floral display and geometric designs, the polygraph pen leaped wildly when he came to a picture of the Marlboro man. The cells also reacted in dramatic fashion to subsequent photographs of both an alluring woman and an ice cream sundae.

"Your mouth cells know what you are thinking," Stone says, even when there is no physical connection to your body.

Stone believes, and I agree, that mainstream science, while gradually warming to the reality that consciousness itself—and the astounding metaphysical ramifications that entails—has been its own worst enemy in too often ignoring and hurrying to discredit such legitimate and groundbreaking studies.

Some of you may recall a few weeks back when I wrote about the incredible computerized EGG experiments headquartered at Princeton and how more than three dozen electronic random generators placed around the planet to measure for the possibility

ty of a global consciousness actually reacted in advance of and for three days after the terrible events of Sept. 11.

Neither the EGG experiment results, nor Backster's incredible body of work, nor the many other astounding revelations now emerging as if by plan from cutting-edge research are the result of hocus-pocus or imagination. They all are rooted in hard science and recorded observation.

As these pioneer researchers follow their minds and hearts into the realm beyond our restrictive five senses, we should be encouraging them at every frontier. With each new revelation, they are reassuring us that we are spiritual beings who spend brief and challenging periods contained inside fragile, cumbersome bodies—and that what we so easily refer to in our ignorance as "the empty space" around us is, in deeper realities, anything but empty.

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CANADIANS FIND 'LOST CITY' OFF COAST OF CUBA

COULD BE 6,000 YEARS OLD

BY ANDREW CAWTHORNE

HAVANA • Canadian researchers believe they have found a 6,000-year-old underwater "lost city" built by an unknown civilization.

The find off the coast of Cuba conjures up visions of the fabled lost city of Atlantis, although the research team said it is too early to draw conclusions about their discovery.

However, using a mini-submarine, the explorers have been able to confirm granite-like structures, some perpendicular, circular and triangular, on the seabed at a depth of 650 metres.

"It's a really wonderful structure which looks like it could have been a large urban centre," said Paulina Zelitsky, a Soviet-born Canadian ocean engineer.

The researchers from British Columbia-based Advanced Digital Communications (ADC) said they believed the mysterious structures could have been built at least 6,000 years ago. That would be about 1,500 years earlier than the pyramids at Giza in Egypt.

"However, it would be totally irresponsible to say what it was before we have evidence," Ms. Zelitsky noted.

She said the structures may have been built by unknown people when the ocean floor was above the surface. She said volcanic activity may explain how the site ended up at great depths below the Caribbean Sea.

In July, 2000, ADC researchers, using sophisticated side-scan sonar equipment, identified a large underwater plateau with clear images of symmetrically organized stone structures that looked like an urban development partly covered by sand.

From above, the shapes off the Guanahacabibes Peninsula on the Caribbean island's western tip resembled pyramids, roads and buildings, they said.

In July this year, ADC researchers, along with the firm's Cuban partner and experts from the Cuban Academy of Sciences, returned to the site in their ship, *Ulises*.

They said they sent a miniature unmanned submarine down to film parts of the area, which covers 20 square kilometres. Those images confirmed the presence of huge, smooth, cut granite-like blocks, the researchers said.

Most of the blocks, measuring between about two and five metres in length, were exposed, some stacked one on another. Others were covered in sediment and the fine, white sand that characterizes the area.

The intriguing discovery provided evidence that Cuba at one time was joined to mainland Latin America via a strip of land from the Yucatan Peninsula, researchers believe.

"There are many new hypotheses about land movement and

VANCE ORCHARD: Touchet Valley Ramblings

Bigfoots alive and ... well!

Lay aside any thoughts the Bigfoot issue around here is a dead one!

True, reports of any activity have been skimpy for some time but now we have two sightings in the nearby Blue Mountains within 14 days ... Oct. 1 and Oct. 14 to pin them down.

Both reports have been given us by Brian Smith, the Walla Walla representative for the North American Ape Project. This fairly new Bigfoot-oriented organization, geared up with modern electronic devices, is headed up by Dr. Jeffrey Meldrum, anthropology professor at Idaho State University.

It was to test out and utilize some of that modern stuff that Smith ran into a Bigfoot on the Mill Creek road in the Kooskooskie summer cabin area late Saturday, Oct. 14. Make that "ran into" being nearly literally AND figuratively as the creature he reported seeing dashed across the road in front of his vehicle. He was heading up into the mountains to broadcast some previously recorded Bigfoot vocalizations, he said. The time was around 10:30 p.m., Oct. 14, he noted.

"It came across the road about 50-60 feet in front of us," he related, "going real fast, one step was on the side of the road, the next was in the middle and the third step he was on the other side and dashing off into the area where some cabins were located."

Smith was not the only one in the road at that point.

"Another car was coming

towards me and must have been within 30 or 40 feet of the thing," Smith said. "They came to a stop, but soon went on, apparently not wanting to stop to talk about the happening."

Smith said the Bigfoot was brown in color and at least eight feet tall.

For Smith, this sighting makes three Bigfoots he has seen. His first experience came some 14 years ago at Squaw Spring on Skyline Drive when he saw two Bigfoots at the same time, a sighting in mid-summer.

Smith's other recent sighting report occurred Oct. 1 around 6 p.m., but wasn't reported to him for two weeks, he noted. This one occurred about four or five miles above Five Points on Blacksnake Ridge, he said. A woman, owner of a cabin in the upper reaches of Blacksnake Ridge, and her son were headed up to the cabin when she spotted what she first thought was a cow on the side of the road.

"At first she thought it was a cow because it was reddish in color, he said. "She said the thing was sitting on the road embankment, eating berries or something. When I checked out the site I found a big pile of rose hips discards."

Smith said the woman's son was doing the driving and she was the passenger.

"She said that as they neared the thing sitting there on the bank, they passed it only about 10 to 15 feet distance from it," Smith related. "She said as they slowly went past the creature, she looked it right in the eye, but the Bigfoot just ignored her

and continued eating his rosehips."

Smith said the woman described the Bigfoot as being "very broad, with a head shaped like that of a baboon's."

"She also said she had heard a lot about Bigfoots but had never figured she would ever see one," Smith added.

Smith also reminded that this sighting on Blacksnake is the second Bigfoot reported in that area in the past year.

The Walla Walla representative for the North American Ape Project also reminds that persons who have sightings they'd like investigated should contact him. His phone is (509) 529-7379.

colonialization, and what we are seeing here should provide very interesting new information," Ms. Zelitsky said.

ADC is the deepest operator among four foreign firms working in joint venture with President Fidel Castro's government to explore Cuban waters containing hundreds of treasure-laden ships from the colonial era.

CUBA MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF LATIN AMERICA

The Canadian company already has discovered several historic sunken Spanish ships.

In an earlier high-profile find, ADC was testing equipment in late 2000, off Havana Bay, when it spotted the century-old wreck of the American battleship USS Maine. The ship had not been located since it blew up mysteriously in 1898, killing 260 U.S. sailors and igniting the Spanish-American War.

Atlantis, and its supposed advanced civilized race, has fascinated humanity for centuries and is surrounded by myths.

One myth portrays Atlantis as a huge, beautiful continent peo-

pled by a race of intelligent, scientific-minded people whose advanced civilization was destroyed in a flood or an earthquake after losing a major battle against the Athenians.

Others claim it was destroyed during a volcanic eruption.

Atlantis has been variously placed in the Atlantic, on the island of Crete, on the volcanic island of Thera north of Crete, on the Canary Islands, in the Bermuda Triangle and in Scandinavia.

Reuters, with files from Michael Higgins, National Post

Big Foot Research Begins Here

BY DANNY LAWLER
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NEAR VIVIAN, LA.— Footprints and twisted branches are among the clues that have prompted an all-out investigation into possible Bigfoot activity near the small town of Vivian, Louisiana.

The Texas Bigfoot Research Association will be in the Gray, Texas area, just west of Vivian this weekend to conduct research on the possibilities that there may be one to three Bigfoots inhabiting the Caddo Lake area.

In recent weeks, the Texas Bigfoot Research Associa-

tion held a conference in Jefferson, Texas with about 150 people attending. Through discussion of possible Bigfoot activity near Vivian, they feel that they have heard enough clues and evidence to merit further research, to determine if there is or is not a true Bigfoot living in the woods surrounding Caddo Lake.

Craig Woolheater, the Assistant Director of the Texas Bigfoot Research Association, claims that certain activity near the Gray, Texas area, along with key evidence of twisted branches and at least one footprint, have

at least encouraged his Research Organization to do more complex studying of the local area.

Woolheater, who is a software programmer in his daytime hours, got involved with the Texas Bigfoot Research program after he and his wife saw a Bigfoot for themselves. He claims that he and his wife were traveling from New Orleans back to Dallas in 1994 when they noticed a big creature cross the roadway in front of them.

He said he wanted to turn around and go back, but his wife was too scared to go back and investigate.

Since then, he says he has been intrigued by the study on the Bigfoots that are said to inhabit the south.

He says that his research suggests that Bigfoots cling together, sort of like a family unit, maybe about three per family. They estimate that the Bigfoot is about 7 to 8 feet high, and are hairy creatures that move about mostly at night.

"They probably stay within about a 40 or 50 mile radius," said Woolheater.

He said there are numerous sightings of Bigfoot creatures along the Sulphur River area which runs from Arkansas near Fouke into Texas.

He says the tracks of a Bigfoot are generally about 15" to 17" in length.

Most reported sightings suggest that the creatures are extremely hairy and usually walk in a slumped over manner.

Woolheater says his organization has no pictures of the Bigfoot creatures.

"There are people that claim to have them, but most are hoax," explained Woolheater.

He says that the Bigfoot creatures are very elusive and are able to blend into their surroundings, which have resulted in very rare sightings and almost unheard of photographs of the creatures.

He feels like the Bigfoot creatures are, for the most part, gentle creatures which don't pose harm to humans.

"I don't think they are dangerous, but they probably could be," Woolheater added.

"There are other groups that want to go out to shoot one of these creatures, but we are just out to study and research the animals," said Woolheater.

The Texas Bigfoot Research Association, according to Woolheater, have strict rules about engaging any Bigfoot creatures they may run into. In fact, he says they make sure that they don't allow members to join their association if they are likely to want to kill one of the creatures.

But Woolheater will admit that the group generally carries a couple of guns on each research camping trip, just in case they run into any unexpected dangers. He says there are other dangerous animals out in the woods other than Bigfoot creatures!

So what is involved in researching these animals? Well Woolheater says his group will meet this weekend in Jefferson, Texas. They will then proceed towards Grey, Texas, where they will join up with Pat Tanner, who's mother owns some property where some strange activity has been occurring.

Woolheater says infrared cameras will be strategically placed into the wooded areas around Caddo Lake with the hopes of capturing a Bigfoot creature on film. He says the cameras are designed to detect movement and will activate automatically when the camera detects such motion.

They will also use tape recorders to record the sounds of the night, as they document the areas where Bigfoot creatures are believed to dwell.

The group will also be on the look out for those twisted branches, which are usually found in Bigfoot habitats. Woolheater says the limbs and branches are generally twisted across the grain.

According to Woolheater, the Texas Bigfoot Research Association is looking for other interested persons willing and interested to work on the Bigfoot Research projects in the area. But they have strict guidelines which must be adhered to and understood before anyone is allowed to come on the property of a Bigfoot Research camp.

The participants must be willing to stay up all night listening for these big elusive creatures creeping through the woods and around the lake. They have strict rules against any alcohol or drug use while conducting such research operations. They will allow firearms to be used, but they will not tolerate anyone shooting at a Bigfoot just for the sole purpose of killing one of these big elusive creatures.

"We are always looking for others interested in joining the group, such as new members. We are always looking for people who have seen or heard something (Bigfoot creatures)," said Woolheater.

He admits that his members are very serious about their research, but says he has a lot of fun doing the research.

He says about fifty percent of what he enjoys is the fellowship and meeting other members, which he says most of the group's 25 members have met on the internet.

Woolheater refused to disclose the exact location where the Bigfoot research will be conducted this weekend.

"We don't want people showing up at the research locations," said Woolheater. "We are pretty serious about it."

The Texas Bigfoot Research Association has their own website where people can get information about their organization, browse pictures of Bigfoot tracks, and other evidence discovered by the organization. Interested parties can access the internet at www.texasbigfoot.com.

Publisher's Note: Whether or not you believe in Bigfoots or not, one thing for sure is that there are at least a good number that do. In fact, the few that we talked to while doing this story, certainly believe that the Bigfoot exists. Now, I won't have the time to go out there with them this weekend, but I did give them my telephone numbers where I can be reached this weekend - just in case they do run into one of these Bigfoot creatures. They've promised to call me if they find one! I'm just worried how I'm going to get my wife to go with me to take the picture. Better yet, I really don't know how I would get her to stay at home until I get back!

Letter to the Editor: Attention Ranchers!

Cattle mutilations are on the upswing from Canada to Texas. More than 18 head in Northern Montana, four known head in Northern Washington, two head in Umatilla County, and two on Western Route between Ukiah and Heppner. If you find any animals, horses or cattle, that have been dead less than 24 hours, please call (702) 798-1700.

This is a laboratory in Las Vegas, Nevada that is running tests on mutilated animals. It is imperative to contact them immediately. There will be no charge for this service.

Roy Timm

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CRYPTOZOOLOGY

In search of West Coast 'Caddy' monster

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Everyone loves a monster. Generally, if the monster doesn't come from the great black expanse of the universe it comes from that other deep, dark place. The ocean.

"It's a wonderful mystery, and that's why we're getting so much interest from around the world," says John Kirk, ex-Edmontonian and president of the British Columbia Scientific Cryptozoology Club. He now lives on the West Coast, close to Caddy.

Enter "Cadborosaurus" into your favourite search engine on the Web, and you can expect more than 200 independent pages on the subject, in several languages.

"The interest is at a new peak, it's the hottest it's been since Caddy first entered newspapers in 1933," says Kirk.

A headline in the Victoria Daily Times on Oct. 5, 1933, is an early hint of what was to come: Yachtsmen Tell of Huge Sea Serpent Off Victoria. Journalist and editor Archie Wills named the creature Cadborosaurus as many initial sightings occurred around Cadboro Bay.

Kirk attributes the new interest and Web craze to the work of his five-person group and its project Caddyscan. The site can be accessed from the cryptozoology club home page at www.ultranet.ca/bcsc.

The team has set up motion-detecting digital cameras in hot West Coast locations. On the site you'll find a history of sightings and descriptions of the Cadborosaurus, even a photo of a specimen taken in July 1937 at Naden Harbour, B.C. Due to a series of accidents and ineptitudes common to most mysteries, the remains of that particular carcass were lost shortly after the photo was taken. According to Caddyscan, the folks who found the specimen in 1937 described it as "a creature of reptilian appearance, 10-foot-6 in length, with a head that bears close resemblance to a dog with features of a horse and the turned-down nose of a camel."

Unlike some monsters, there are no reports of Cadborosaurus attacks or vicious Cadborosaurus maulings. The worst report on the site is of a serpent startling a woman and her dog.

"I get e-mails every week from television companies around the world," says Kirk, "and they're all eager to do documentaries. I get e-mail from Europe, Asia, South America, you name it."

University of Alberta biologist Cindy Paszkowski had never heard of Cadborosaurus, specifically, prior to my call.

"It's always a fairly large, spectacular thing, isn't it? No one is ever interested in discovering a new bug."

"This idea has been around a long time," she says. "There's always a little piece of evidence, a fragment, a track, a fuzzy photo, a bone to keep people involved. Occasionally you get people who really believe it."

Kirk thinks the interest runs deep, going back centuries. "Cadborosaurus taps into one of the quintessential legends of the world. Greeks, Romans, Phoenicians, Vikings — they all mentioned sea serpents and dragons. Cadborosaurus isn't a dragon, though."

Of course, there are skeptics, and Kirk accepts that anything less than proof will always be too little for them. "Scientists say there are no major discoveries to be made. This is ridiculous. There are always more mysteries out there."

Fishers and coastal people routinely see the serpents, Kirk says, adding that he's looking for their help. "For anyone who captures a Cadborosaurus, we offer a \$500 reward."

Many of the Caddy sites link the creature to Sasquatch and aliens, even ghosts.

"We're scientists," says Kirk, with gusto. "UFOs are scientific, but not ghosts or any of that other New Agey stuff. There are nuts out there, in great numbers, who think

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Global warming at ice age's end drowned Atlantis, geologist says

By Guy Gugliotta
The Washington Post

It was Plato, around 360 B.C., who first described an ancient, exotic island kingdom catastrophically buried beneath the sea when its once-virtuous people angered the gods with their pronounced tilt toward sin and corruption.

Since then, creative souls ranging from Jules Verne to Kirk Morris, Maria Montez, Fay Spain, Jean-Louis Trintignant, Michael J. Fox and Walt Disney have sought to explain and exploit the terrible fate that befell Atlantis.

Scientists and scholars, meanwhile, for 2,000 years have mulled the tale recounted by Critias in Plato's *Dialogues* in hopes of finding clues as to whether Atlantis actually existed, and, if so, where it was and how exactly it vanished.

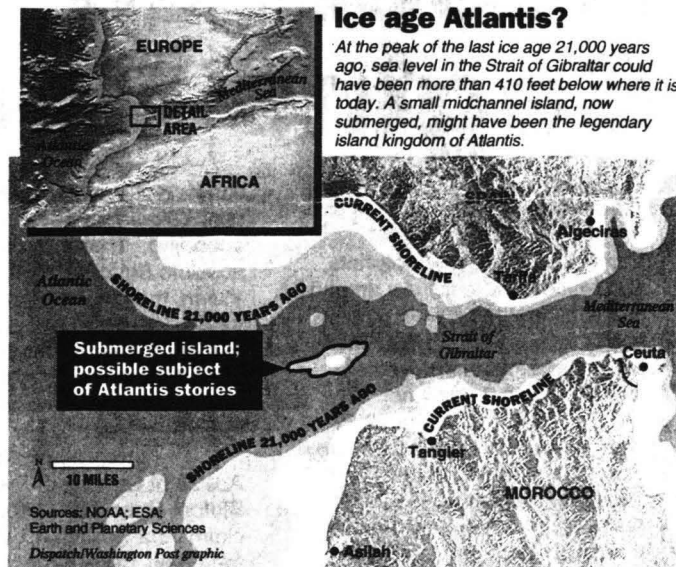
This fall, French geologist and prehistorian Jacques Collina-Girard presented research suggesting that Atlantis was a real place — a small midchannel island in what is now the Strait of Gibraltar.

Its doom was sealed 11,000 years ago at the end of the last ice age, when rising seas swamped it along with six other nearby islands, Collina-Girard said. Today the islands are shoals crouched anywhere from 175 feet to 410 feet below the ocean's surface along the coasts of Spain and Morocco.

Collina-Girard said the legend of Atlantis likely grew as storytellers embellished it on its way to Plato and Athens 9,000 years later. He compared the story to Noah's flood, an idea that he said probably arose after the rising Mediterranean overran the Bosphorus 7,600 years ago to cascade into what is now the Black Sea basin.

"It is the same thing," Collina-Girard said. "Everywhere — in the Middle East, Europe and Asia — people have stories that speak of the time when the sea came in. Atlantis is another discrete story of the flood."

The world has not lacked for theories about Atlantis, whose location has been placed anywhere from the Atlantic abyss



to waters off the Americas or even the South China Sea. The most popular current view among scholars is that Atlantis was probably the Aegean island of Thira, about 70 miles north of Crete, destroyed by volcanic eruptions in 1470 B.C.

The flaw here, Collina-Girard said, is that the Thira story ignores Plato. "The trouble up to now has been that geologists are not generally interested in Atlantis, while the people who are interested in Atlantis are not geologists."

Reporting this fall in the *Proceedings of the French Academy of Sciences*, Collina-Girard instead suggested that Atlantis can probably be found where Plato said it was: "an island situated in front of the straits which are by you (the Athenians) called the Pillars of Hercules (Gibraltar)," as Critias tells Socrates.

Oceanography shows that sea level at the height of the ice age about 20,000

Ice age Atlantis?

At the peak of the last ice age 21,000 years ago, sea level in the Strait of Gibraltar could have been more than 410 feet below where it is today. A small midchannel island, now submerged, might have been the legendary island kingdom of Atlantis.

years ago was more than 400 feet lower than it is today, Collina-Girard said. For the next 15,000 years the sea rose as ice melted — as little as 2 feet per century at first and as much as 12 feet per century later on.

When the thaw began, there were seven islands at the western end of the Strait and a bit further west, framing a section of the Atlantic in an "inland sea" described by Plato. Atlantis was in mid-channel, about 20 miles southwest of modern-day Tarifa, Spain, and 12 miles northwest of Tangier, Morocco, according to Collina-Girard.

As time passed, the rising sea consumed the islands one by one, until only Atlantis and one other remained. And for its last 300 years, Collina-Girard calculated that sea level at Atlantis was rising about 8 feet per century. "A man with a 50-year lifespan would notice it," he said.

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VANCE ORCHARD: Touchet Valley Ramblings

A third Bigfoot?

Following on the heels of the report we carried two weeks ago about two Bigfoot reports ... one a few miles above Dixie and the other in the Kooskooskie area on the Mill Creek Road ... we get a third.

Or, what sure sounds like a Bigfoot!

The first word I had came over the Internet and it was a message appealing to someone

in the Walla Walla area to investigate the report. Here's what we found in our e-mail box the other day:

"... we are convinced we have a Bigfoot living around the cabin. We spent 10 days up there deer hunting. I found a track that looked just like a human barefoot track only it was 16 to 18 inches long! Then, one night there was

the most God-awful screaming-howling (sounds) like nothing we have ever heard before. G. found a bed out on the breaks (of the Umatilla River north fork) not like a deer or elk bed and the poop that was there was like nothing we had seen before. Also, we never heard the neighbor's dogs."

The message had apparently gone to a Bigfoot research center and thence to the forum which sends Bigfoot matters back and forth, because there next came an explanatory note about the people reporting their experience:

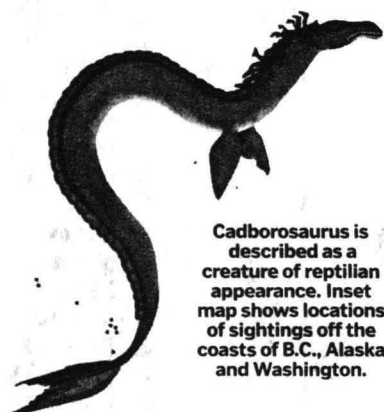
"They live in a town called Milton-Freewater, Oregon. Their cabin is located about a mile south of Oregon Highway 204, and the dirt road (to their cabin) is about a mile east of the little store-restaurant on 204 (Tollgate Shopping Center). The main area of concern (about the possible Bigfoot activity) is between Highway 204 and the area just north of the North Fork of the Umatilla River."

Walla Walla researchers are hot on the trail of this report and we await their findings.

As memory serves me, there have been Bigfoot activities reported in this area in years past.

Sasquatches, the Ogopogo and Cadborosaurus are paranormal beings who live in other dimensions."

These people upset Kirk and his team. "They give Cryptozoology a bad name," he says.



Cadborosaurus is described as a creature of reptilian appearance. Inset map shows locations of sightings off the coasts of B.C., Alaska and Washington.

A recent experience of mine ties into the Bigfoot issue as well as with some other things of interest in the doing of this column as a regular part of not only my life but that of others.

It occurred as Mary and I were leaving the information desk at St. Mary Medical Center. Here, we had gained some help from one of two hospital volunteers at the desk. Having gotten what I came for, we left the desk and walked on down the hallway. We hadn't walked very far when suddenly I became aware of my name being called by a person behind us.

Turning, I saw a woman hurrying after us, one of the two hospital volunteers at the information desk, who had apparently overheard my name at the desk.

As the woman reached us, she said:

"I've been reading you for ages and I finally get to meet you."

She said her name was Marian Ray and was once married to Stan Ray, brother of Gene Ray, long-time Waitsburg undertaker.

"I read you for years in the U-B and now I take the Times to read you," Marian Ray said.

"And, when people ask me if I believe in Bigfoot, I tell them that if Vance Orchard believes in Bigfoot, then so do I."

Now, if that isn't a testimonial it will certainly do until a better one comes along!