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## Alien influence

### Chino Valley artist bases models on UFO sightings

By RACHELLE BUMP  
The Daily Courier

CHINO VALLEY - One man's fascination with UFOs has led to the creation of a collector's series based on real UFO sightings.

Carl Leno III has been interested in the mystery of unidentified flying objects since he was 8. As he got older, he began attending lectures on the subject.

"I found myself craving to understand UFOs and advanced technology," Leno said.

There will be seven spaceships in the completed series, and Leno has just released the first one. Each ship is made of aircraft aluminum, and is approximately 3 inches in diameter and 1-1/2 inches thick.

The first ship is a "scout ship," which Leno based on a sighting by George Adamski, an amateur astronomer and philosopher. The second will be a ship that Edward Meyer spotted.

The third ship will be a large saucer based on a sighting by Paul Villa. A fourth ship will be a replica of a ship that Daniel W. Frye saw. The

fifth in the series will be of a UFO people reported seeing over Mexico City.

Leno, along with his business partner, Michael Kelly, came up with idea to create the ship models more than 10 years ago. They put the idea on the shelf for a while, and didn't begin construction until about 1-1/2 years ago.

"We wanted to hand-craft something that would educate the public," Leno said.

The first step in the construction process is choosing which ship to create. Leno said that once he selects the ship, he gathers as many photographs of it as possible.

He then determines the correct scale before starting to make sketches. He said he uses as many photographs as he needs to make sure the ship is an exact replica.

"My goal is to make high-quality ships as accurately as possible," Leno said.

Once the sketches are complete, Leno said he makes a computerized profile of the ship. He then makes a solid model to verify the propor-

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- Carl Leno III,  
UFO model-maker



tions.

The single-sided profiles then go to appropriate machine shops, where the models take their final shape. They then come back to Leno for his inspection and approval.

Leno then hand-polishes the ships and paints the windows with high quality, acrylic paint.

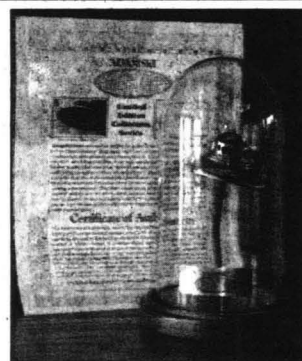
When the ships are completely finished, Leno individually wraps each one and sends it to Kelly in Oregon for the final touch. Kelly attaches each ship to a wood base, and covers it with a glass dome. Each ship comes with a certificate, which gives a brief description of the ship. Leno said the partners will make 250,000 of each kind of ship, and each will sell for about \$200.

Leno can also make any of the ship models in triple-plated, 18K gold, Leno said, which increases the price to about \$600 per ship. He gave his first gold-plated ship to his parents for their 31st wedding anniversary.

"They loved it and thought it was

Inventor Carl Leno, above, polishes a set of "scout ships" from his series of collectors' ships based on reported UFO sightings. Each ship, right, comes in a glass dome and with a certificate explaining the model's history.

Courier/Rachelle Bump



beautiful. They were more than honored," he said.

Leno said his primary reason for creating the ships is to make people more aware of UFOs.

"I'm doing my best to increase people's awareness that there's more to life than (working) 9 to 5," he said.

Leno's ships are available on E-bay, and also at [www.coosbaytoday.com/ethercraft](http://www.coosbaytoday.com/ethercraft)

In addition to creating the collectors' series, Leno has focused much of his time on advanced technology. He has spent the past 22 years studying and researching anti-gravitation-

al fields and unconventional electrical power generation. He has high hopes of developing new forms of generators, leading to new types of transportation.

"This is a tremendous resource of new technology waiting to be discovered," Leno said.

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WEEKLY, Las Vegas, NV - March 26, 2002

### Alien Nation: Louis Farrakhan, phone home

By Damon Hodge

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Louis Farrakhan's detractors have long thought the controversial Nation of Islam leader was from another planet, dismissing his anti-Semitic, black-man-is-god, the white-man-is-the-devil rants as the mumblings of a loon.

One thing's certain: Farrakhan believes that something is out there.

In 1995, Farrakhan claimed he'd been abducted by aliens and that he communicates with late Nation of Islam leader Elijah Muhammad who, as you read this, is orbiting Earth in a giant spaceship.

And Farrakhan isn't alone in his belief in unidentified flying objects and sky-walking extraterrestrials. The Nation believes, too, and Elijah Muhammad often spoke of their importance to the black separatist faith.

Unfortunately, members of the local Nation of Islam mosque, Muhammad Mosque 75, weren't so effusive, failing to return calls for comment. An official with the *Final Call*, the Nation of Islam's Chicago-based newspaper, suggested perusing the writings of Mother Tynetta Muhammad, Elijah's widow.

So we did.

Tynetta Muhammad is a numerologist, though not the most dependable. She predicted that 2001 would be the Year of the End—Armageddon, the Apocalypse, the Big Finito.

Wrong.

Hey, to err is human. But to destroy white America, she says, well, that's what the aliens have come to do. Their existence, she argues, is the white man's penance for his sins against black people. Back in 1989 she, Nation of Islam minister Jahril Muhammad and the late *Final Call* Editor-in-Chief Abdul Wali Muhammad, attended a conference on UFO conspiracy, accusing former President Jimmy Carter of masterminding a cover-up.

"The Hon. Elijah Muhammad said that Allah would give them (whites) a peep into the heavens, and now He uses white counter-revolutionaries to make the same claims concerning life beyond Earth and advanced life living above the Earth, as the Messenger taught us of since the 1930s," his widow was quoted as saying in the *Final Call*.

In writings, she uses numerology to tie together solar eclipses, UFO sightings and the Sept. 11 bombings.

"... Nor was it an accident that once again during the tragic events that destroyed the Twin Towers at The World Trade Center in New York City, that another group of video cameras recorded the sighting of two or more silvery metallic objects at the site of the horrific explosion occurring on the 11th of September," she wrote.

Robert Muhammad, another Nation of Islam follower, takes it a step further, recounting in *Final Call* the events of Feb. 25, 1942, the day author Timothy Good said in his book, "Above Top Secret, The Worldwide U.F.O. Cover-up," that a large UFO and a 15-ship fleet of smaller ones flew over Los Angeles.

According to the book, the mother-ship reportedly hovered over the city, deflecting military and anti-aircraft missiles.

Muhammad writes that Master Fard Muhammad (creator of the Nation of Islam) taught of a "giant wheel-like plane that contained 1,500 smaller planes built by the finest brains." The planes possessed technology beyond human scientific development and were made to destroy Satan's—i.e., the white man's—world.

So next time you hear Farrakhan going off on an otherworldly tangent, don't alienate him. He's already been there.

HERALD, Circleville, OH

April 9, 2002 CR: J. Fry

Dear Editor,

I would like to locate some of the other people who observed strange balls of light in the air on the morning of Feb. 20, shortly after 8 a.m. This occurred in the vicinity of the UDF and Kroger stores on Lancaster Pike. At the time I was stopped at the traffic light in front of Kroger.

I am curious about what others in the area witnessed and am interested in finding an explanation for this event.

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# UFO fever growing

By Dohra Mayeux/Staff writer

**AZTEC** — New information has surfaced surrounding the alleged March 25, 1948, crash of a UFO in Hart Canyon north of Aztec.

UFO investigator and journalist Linda Moulton Howe has claimed that the crash date is wrong, and she has talked to the eyewitnesses to prove it. Howe will present her findings during the Fifth annual UFO Symposium this weekend in Aztec.

"I have interviewed some



File photo

**Aztec Librarian Leanne Hathcock displays a photocopy of an old Farmington Daily Times newspaper proclaiming a UFO sighting.**

TIMES-ECHO, Eureka Springs, AR - April 23, 2002 CR: R. Seifried

## Are the UFO fans really so alien after all?

### The Lighter Side of the Net

ELIZABETH BARTLETT

Aliens never did make an appearance at the recent Ozark UFO Conference, but that's okay with me. They would have just ruined the party for the rest of us.

Every year, I see media coverage on these conventions highlighting the weirdest folks the reporters and film crews can find. If they're dressed up like fictional characters, so much the better.

I have nothing against dressing up like fictional characters; I have a total Klingon outfit, complete with bumpy head, in my closet.

However, most of these folks who come to the conference just want to find out more about the unknown. Some claim to be abductees, while others have seen things in the sky they can't explain.

One thing they all have in common is the complete lack of judgement about other people.

You can come into these sessions, say that you believe in the Leather Goddesses of Phobos, and they will smile and ask you how those Phobosians are doing.

They may not believe you, but they understand that people may not believe them, either.

It's an amazing atmosphere of tolerance that I just don't find anywhere else, and that's why I keep going back. I have heard some remarkable stories over the years. The most important words a writer can utter are, "What if?" My imagination couldn't hold a candle to the theories and accounts I've collected, like prized baseball cards.

But this year, I didn't hear any wild stories. I listened to everyday people with unusual occurrences: lights in the sky, missing time and the lingering question of what it all means.

I also saw couples with small children, going to sessions and talking about the paranormal as one big, open-minded family.

The one refrain I hear over and over from people at the UFO conference is how wonderful it is to speak your mind and not worry about what everyone thinks of you.

It's truly ironic, because every single person in today's society has either experienced something they can't explain, or hold a belief other folks see as bizarre. They just don't talk about it, and they make fun of the people who do.

There are a fair number of locals who attend the conference every year. I can't help but think that what they hear has to be more thought-provoking than anything broadcast from a community meeting.

I should give you some websites to look up, but surfing the web is just no substitute for actually talking to people. Still, here's the official conference site: [www.ozarkufo.iwarp.com](http://www.ozarkufo.iwarp.com). The site has some interesting links to get you started.

Check it out, and come by the conference next year. You might meet some cool people who will listen with straight faces to the weird stories about your uncle.

people who are still alive, who saw it in March of 1949," Howe said in a telephone interview. "They can pinpoint the year because they were living in a rental home at the time."

Howe said it was the only time in the lives of Hulon and Geneva Pace that they lived in a rental home. The couple and their son have come forward and said they remember the crash, and they read about it in The Farmington Daily Times, which was published weekly in the 1940s.

"The Pace's son Glen had a paper route, and he remembers that there was a headline about a crashed disc ... or a crashed object in Hart Canyon," Howe said.

The Paces and a few others interviewed by Howe, also have claimed that the newspaper retorted the article a few days later, stating that it was a hoax.

Numerous people including Daily Times staff have searched the archives for articles on UFOs. There was nothing found to be published between 1947 and 1949 concerning the crash in Aztec.

Howe has also spent time searching for these lost articles the Paces told her about.

"For seven years I went on the same kind of search," Howe said. "I called maybe 50 small newspapers' libraries."

She too came up empty handed.

There was, however, a front-page article March 19, 1950, about a UFO armada flying over the city the previous day.

In an article in 2000, Glen Pace recalled the day the armada flew over Farmington. "I was 10 years old at the time," he said.

"I came out on the playground for recess and someone said, 'Look up there.'"

When he looked up, Pace saw approximately 30 disc-shaped, silver ships hovering over Farmington.

"They were in a triangular formation, and they made sudden moves all together," he said.

The ships were visible for about 10 minutes before they disappeared.

"When they left, they turned on their side," he said. "They were gone in a second. Boom, they were out of sight."

"Something very unusual happened in March 1949 and 1950 in the Farmington and Aztec area," Howe said.

Howe alleges that someone cleaned out the newspaper libraries. When asked who, her answer was, "No question, our government," she said. "There could be no other explanation. For our government to go in and say, 'We're going to clean those libraries,' would not have been too great a deal."

Howe, who has received a number of awards for investigative reporting, said the government had a lot more control over things in the '40s and '50s. She used now deceased New Mexico Congressman Steve Schiff as an example.

"In 1997, Steve Schiff asked the Government Accounting Office to make public all military files pertaining to New Mexico and Roswell," she said.

Schiff was told that all of those documents concerning Roswell Army Airfield in 1947 had been destroyed without authorization.

But how would the government go into a private newspaper and clean out its archives? Howe said that perhaps the government appealed to a man like former Daily Times publisher Lincoln O'Brien, using patriotism as a motivation.

"Would the government have appealed to him to suppress information in the interest of being an American patriot," Howe asked. "The government has thought that they are super patriots by keeping this secret."

Howe said that Hulon and Geneva Pace know what they saw in 1949.

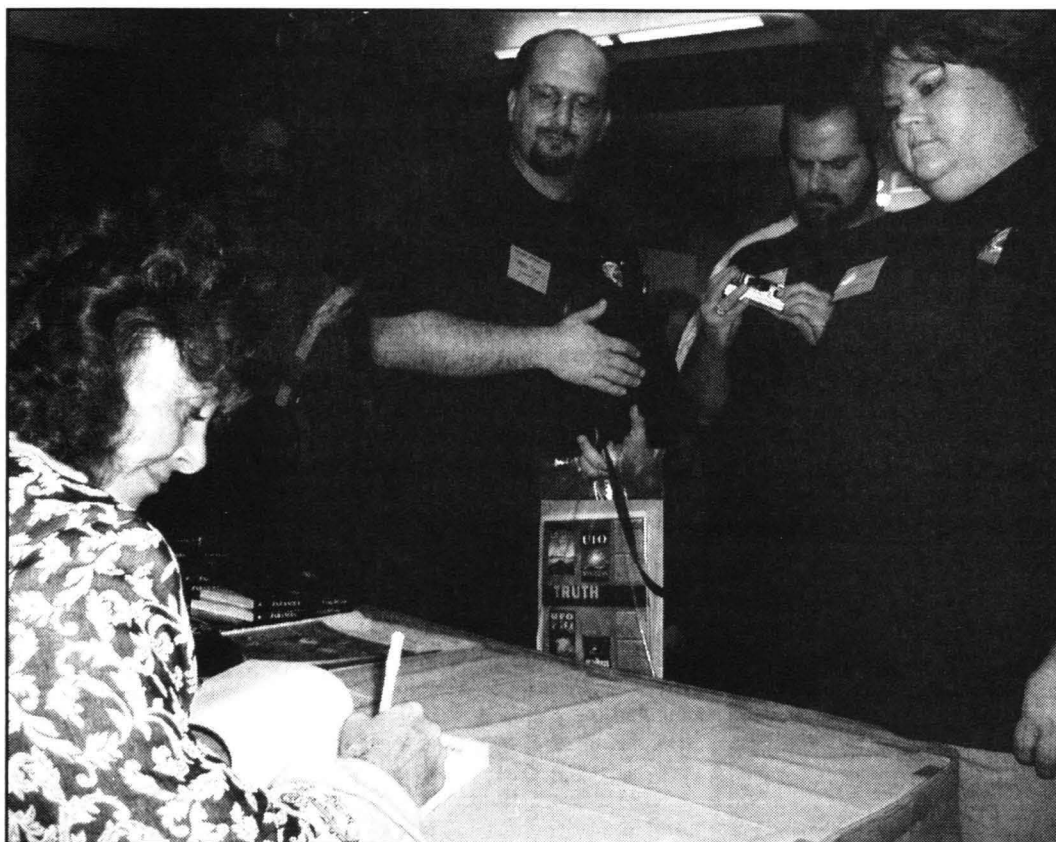
She will broadcast their tape-recorded interviews at the upcoming UFO Symposium making her presentation similar to a live radio report with slides.

"There will be four segments in people's voices, possibly a fifth," she said adding that these recordings hold a great historical significance. "These voices will not be with us forever."

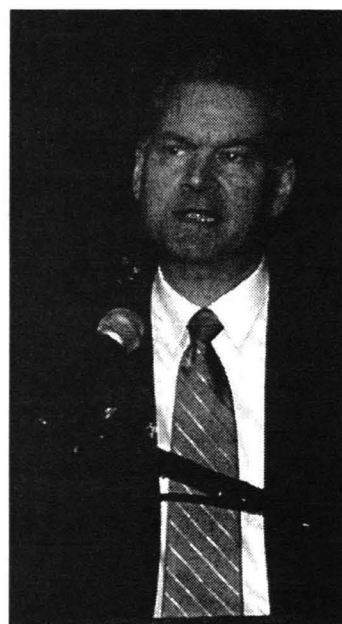
This will be Howe's second visit to Aztec, an area that she feels is a major find to ufologists. "Aztec is a very important piece, because of the technology (the government) received there," she said.

Howe, who has been a featured guest on the Art Bell show, does draw a crowd. She will join other noted UFO researchers like Stanton Friedman and Dennis Balthaser.





CCN / Elizabeth Bartlett



Above: Author Timothy Good begins his presentation on eyewitness accounts from the military at the UFO Conference this weekend. Left: Conference speaker Linda Moulton Howe signs a book for Rob True, left, Darren Sanchez and Fern True.

# Ozark UFO Conference attendees wonder exactly what is out there

**By Elizabeth Bartlett**

Times-Echo writer

Rain didn't deter the crowd at the annual Ozark UFO conference this weekend. The conference, now in its 14th year, was held at the Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center in Eureka Springs.

More than 430 people attended lectures and traded information about what might be really out there during the three-day conference.

Just like all facets of life, the events of Sept. 11 affected the tone of the conference, resulting in more books and presentations connecting biblical prophecies with paranormal events than in previous

years.

"Even here, everyone's just looking for hope," said one vendor. "They're trying to find answers."

Journalist Linda Moulton Howe, who covers science and the environment in addition to "x-files," noted that crop circles appeared in the weeks preceeding 9-11 in her keynote presentation.

"Could these formations be a struggle between dark and light?" she pondered as she showed slides of symbols formed into the wheat of Britain's farmland.

She also presented a scientific analysis of some circles. That analysis indicates the circles

were formed by a spinning energy field with microwave energy, according to Howe.

Attendees came from all walks of life, from retired clergymen to farmers. For some people, though, talk of extraterrestrial life was still the main attraction.

Although several came to hear new theories, some already had their minds made up.

"I'm not going to let them tell me about something I've already seen up close and in person," said one attendee.

Timothy Good, UFO researcher and author of *Unearthly Disclosure*, spoke to a packed room about accounts of UFOs and aliens from mili-

tary witnesses.

Good is known for getting eyewitness accounts from high-level sources.

His work has been supported by retired Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Hill-Norton, who was also chairman of the NATO Military Committee in the mid-1970s.

In between sessions, UFO fans hit the vendors' room, buying t-shirts, books, videos and alien-related souvenirs.

They also discussed among themselves different theories regarding extraterrestrial life, made new contacts and stepped outside occasionally to watch the stars.

COUNTY MESSENGER, Belmont, NC - April 17, 2002 CR: G. Fawcett

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to thank you for the feature story done on me, "UFO Expert Lives Among Us," that appeared in your March 27 issue.

Many of your readers are perhaps aware that June 24 will be the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UFOs in modern times, which a private pilot, Kenneth Arnold, started by reporting his sighting of nine crescent-shaped UFOs flying above Mount Ranier, Washington in clear daylight hours.

Others probably have not heard the U.S. government findings over the years carried through private channels, rather than the public domain, as well as being revealed because of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits in Washington, D.C.

These governmental findings were that:

- UFOs are real.
- UFOs are not conventional objects.
- UFOs are not natural phenomena.
- UFOs are unconventional objects with a high degree of technology.
- UFOs represent a threat against national security and human survival.
- Some UFOs are friendly and some are hostile (some provoked and some testing devices) based on millions of encounters reported from 174 world nations.

Again, my thanks for the excellent coverage on this fascinating subject, for me at least, over the past 58 years.

Sincerely,  
**George D. Fawcett**

Field Investigator, Mutual UFO Network of N.C., Inc.

# Mysterious light enthralls residents for decades

## MARYLAND

### Independent joins race in 8th District

Maryland Independent Stephen Bassett will announce his candidacy for the 8th Congressional District today against embattled Rep. Connie Morella (R).

Bassett, however, does not expect to win the race, which has drawn a crowded field of Democrats including state Rep. Mark Shriver, state Sen. Chris Van Hollen and former Clinton aide Ira Shapiro. Instead, he hopes to use his candidacy in the high-

profile toss-up race to draw media attention to his signature issue: that the government is covering up the presence of extraterrestrial life on planet Earth.

"We're up to our keester in [extraterrestrial presence]," Bassett said. "The government has known this for some time. . . . The government has to come clean and say 'Yeah, we've got 'em.' This is not unlike what the Catholic Church faced when it had to deal with [Galileo's] findings."

Bassett, who has raised only \$600 for his race and is now focused on getting the

WATERVILLE (AP) — The first time he saw the strange light, Brad Knowles thought it was the headlight of a motorcycle streaking west on Highway 2 on some late-night mission.

Then the light did a funny thing: It bolted toward the wheat field where Knowles was in a tractor plowing, and stopped about a half-mile away.

Under the starry harvest sky, it hung there in the air like a watching eye.

"It made me a little edgy," said Knowles, who was 18 that August night in 1976. Folks here talk of a strange light — the "spook light" they call it — that roams the isolated wheat fields and country roads east of Waterville in summertime.

Those who've had close encounters describe the thing as a phantom head light or floating yellow lantern.

They say the spook light never gets too close, or does any harm, other than to frighten.

Local folklore says the light is a UFO, some super-secret government project, or even a wandering spirit from one of the many small cemeteries scattered throughout rural Douglas County.

Some folks insist it is a natural occurrence, like ball lightning, or lights from a vehicle, or a queer reflection — but perfectly explainable.

Real or imagined, the spook light has become a rural legend of sorts here in Waterville.

Townfolk have talked about it off and on for more



AP Photo/The Wenatchee World, Don Seabrook

**Mabel Knowles of Waterville encountered the spook light, which has become a rural legend of sorts in the town, in the 1970s. Townfolk have talked about it off and on for more than six decades.**

than six decades.

"It's kind of a story that got around and everybody would go look for it and you'd get scared," said Helen Grande, 69, a lifelong resident of Waterville and curator of the Douglas County Museum.

"I don't know how it got started."

As a teenager in the 1940s, she remembers perching atop a hill near the local cemetery on a weekend night and watching for the spook light. She saw distant lights, but doesn't know if they were "it".

Spook light-hunting for years apparently has been an enduring pastime of high schoolers here.

"They'd take out their .22 rifles, drive around and find

a light and shoot the rifle at the light," said Knowles, now 44 and an investment broker in Bellevue.

Knowles doesn't believe in the paranormal stuff; his light was probably some "atmospheric phenomenon," he said.

Still, his disbelief in the paranormal was put to the test — he saw the spook light three times.

He was cultivating a field the night after he first spotted the light when a brilliant blue light flashed from above his tractor.

And the next summer, when he was driving home up Pine Canyon about 1 a.m., a "single white light" was hovering above Waterville. That night, his mom went outside to have a look.

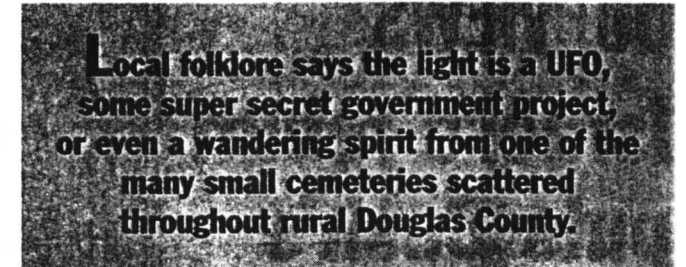
"It was a light in the sky and it kind of went around and we just watched it for a long, long time," said Mable Knowles, who spent 28 years as Waterville town clerk.

"It sauntered around a few hundred feet in the air," she said. "It would change directions and go fast, then it would kind of be still for a while then take off again. We watched it for a long time."

Still, there are some folks in town who aren't familiar with the spook light, and many again who've never seen it.

"I've never experienced it," said town Councilman Bob Olin, who has heard of it. "It's one of those things that kind of runs through a community."

"Sometimes I think I have



spook following me, but I've never heard of the spook light," joked Councilwoman Gert Snyder.

Douglas County Under-sheriff Dave Wallace said he didn't know of any reports of spook light sightings to the authorities. Others make fun of the light.

"It's possible that everybody got spooked based on how many hours they spent in the tavern," said Edward Grande, who spent 17 years patrolling the back roads in Douglas County as a sheriff's deputy. He retired in 1991.

Grande, the husband of Helen Grande, believes the lights may have come from low-flying aircraft. He remembers lights bearing down on him as he drove his cruiser east of town on several occasions.

"All of a sudden, there was this one eye, this one head light; I'd stop the patrol car the moment I saw it," Grande, 72, said.

Outside of the cruiser, he heard the distinct sound of a large airplane's engines roaring above.

"There was one thing I ever saw to be a spook light and that was an airplane. I had the night shift for 17 years and I don't scare too easily," he said.

To this day, Grande said, he occasionally hears low flying aircraft east of town.

But don't try telling Dick Osborne that there isn't a spook light out there.

One weekend night in the summer of 1965, he and a few of his pals drove east on Highway 2 looking for the spook light. They found it.

It appeared in front of them, then behind them, then on their side. At one point, he said, the radio in the 1957 Ford Fairlane he was driving quit and the electric windows started moving on their own.

Osborne tried to lose the light. He sped up to 100 mph, but the strange light stayed with them about a quarter to half mile to their side.

At one point, he said, it reappeared a few hundred feet in front of them.

"It kind of hovered above the road and went underneath it, but we were too afraid to stop," said Osborne, now 54. "I couldn't explain any of it other than I know what I saw."

"As people heard about it, they thought that we were drinking. But I talked to people who lived in the country who had seen it, too," he said. "It was too often and too real to be ignored."

4,000 signatures needed to file a statement of candidacy, says he hopes to capture as much as 5 percent in the race — a number that could tip the balance in this closely contested, highly scrutinized campaign.

"I'll be speaking through and over citizens of the 8th District," he said. "I'll use the campaign as a referendum on this issue."

—ALLISON STEVENS

CR: L. Bryant



# Seeking the unknown

## Tulsa beam to get to UFO conference in Ozarks

By DAVID R. MILLION  
World Staff Writer

John Howe reads a little each evening about UFOs and aliens, but tries not to get carried away.

However, people Howe meets at UFO conferences claim they have been carried away. Literally. In space ships.

"A majority of people who attend the conferences say they have seen a UFO or were abductees. A lot of husband and wife teams my age and older say they had something happen to them," said Howe, 48, a 1972 graduate of East Central High School.

Howe, who makes his living renting houses and "doing a little farming," plans to attend the 2002 Ozark UFO Conference in Eureka Springs, Ark., April 12-14. This will be the fourth consecutive year he has attended the Arkansas event.

"One lady I talked to said she was abducted when she was a kid, examined but not hurt and released. She wrote a book about it. In it she tells what to do if that happens to your child," he said.

The east Tulsa resident has his own stories to tell other conference attendees. Not one of being abducted, but of being examined by possible aliens and seeing a UFO — what he believes is a spacecraft not made on earth.

In telling about his personal encounter with what he believes were aliens, Howe said he recalled laying on his stomach in bed when he was younger and unable to move. He said he felt a presence at the time, but couldn't explain what it was.

The only other encounter of any type Howe said he has had with aliens was seeing what he described as a cigar-shaped spacecraft.

"I was driving south on (U.S.) 169 going to my TCC class.

"It was about three years ago. I looked up and saw a long shiny object in front of me on the east side of the highway coming north toward me. I thought maybe it was an American Airlines 747, since it was so large and American Airline's planes are shiny," he said.

"As I drove, I was talking out loud saying things like, 'come on baby, turn for me.' I wanted it to turn so I could see the wings. It turned, crossed 169 and headed west. There were no wings and no tail."

The craft's speed was constant, not like accounts of UFOs that turned and instantly took off at an extreme rate of speed and disappearing in a second or two, he said.

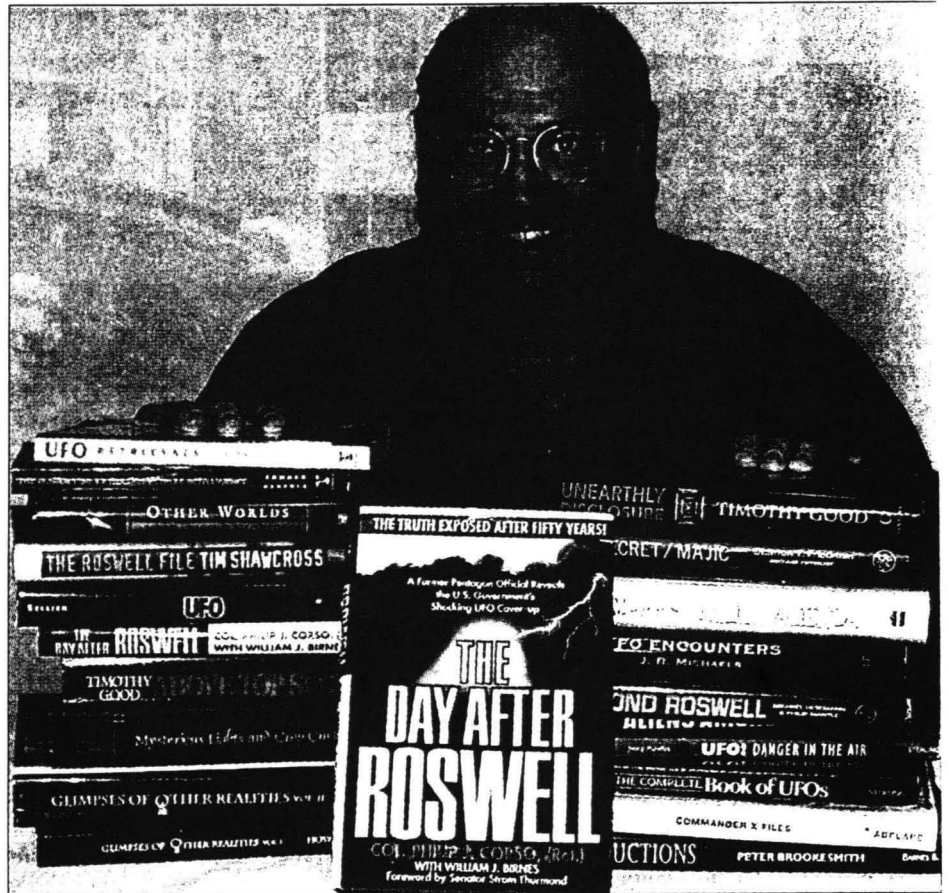
Howe said he wasn't the only one to witness the craft flying over Tulsa. That evening, his cousin Elliott, a medical doctor who practiced in Tulsa before moving out of state, invited him over for dinner, Howe said.

"After I was at Elliott's house for a few minutes, we both started to talk at the same time. I said I saw a UFO today. He said he did too and we talked about it," Howe said.

Both accounts were the same concerning the vessel's appearance, speed and direction of flight, Howe said.

"Two days later on the way to TCC, I passed a MUFON van. They were here investigating the sighting. Elliott had called them."

Howe said MUFON, or Mutual UFO Network, is an organization that checks out UFO sightings throughout the United States.



DAVID R. MILLION / Tulsa World

**East Tulsa John Howe is an avid reader of UFO material and is headed to the 14th annual Ozark UFO Conference in Eureka Springs, Ark., April 12-14.**

It distributes "UFONS," a 20-page, legal-sized monthly publication which consists of reprinted newspaper stories on UFOs and strange phenomena in all parts of the world, according to information on the MUFON Web site: [www.mufon.com](http://www.mufon.com).

"We see daily airborne targets on the radar we can't identify," said Steve Piltz, meteorologist in charge of the Tulsa Office of the National Weather Service. He attributed them to changes in density of the atmosphere and clusters of insects or birds.

"Our office has never been formally involved with UFOs, but would give a hotline number for people to call if they say they've seen an unidentified flying object," Piltz said.

"I don't think we even have that number any longer. I believe that organization is gone," said Piltz, adding he would check the Internet for a possible hotline number his office could give out.

"We only receive about three calls a year about UFOs," he said.

The MUFON Web site includes a reporting section and a list of the 10 things to do when you see a UFO.

Has Piltz ever seen a UFO?

"I don't think so," he said.

Howe follows his interest in UFOs by attending conferences and reading such books as Timothy Good's "Above Top Secret," "Alien Update" and "Unearthly Disclosure," which tells about alien bases on earth as well as Linda Moulton Howe's (unrelated to Howe) "Mysterious Lights and Crop Circles."

Both authors will speak at the Eureka Springs conference. Also speaking will be Wendelle C. Stevens, a retired U.S. Air Force officer.

"I've seen him on several television programs such as Discovery," Howe said.

Howe said he believes what a lot of people say about their UFO-related experiences.

"But I don't believe everything I hear. Stevens says he lived on another planet for seven years. I'm not sure I believe that," he said.

For more information about the Ozark UFO Conference, go to the Web site [www.ozarkufo.iwarp.com](http://www.ozarkufo.iwarp.com).

The Web site has links to various other UFO sites on the Internet.



Photos by LAURA RAUCH / Associated Press

Pat Travis stands outside her restaurant and motel on the Extraterrestrial Highway in Nevada.

# An unusual visit to ET's rest stop in Rachel, Nev.

## You might hear claims of cosmic desert kidnapping

By Angie Wagner  
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RACHEL, Nev. — Aliens led Pat Travis to this tiny desert outpost along the lonely Extraterrestrial Highway. She says she's even seen some, though they were in the form of tourists.

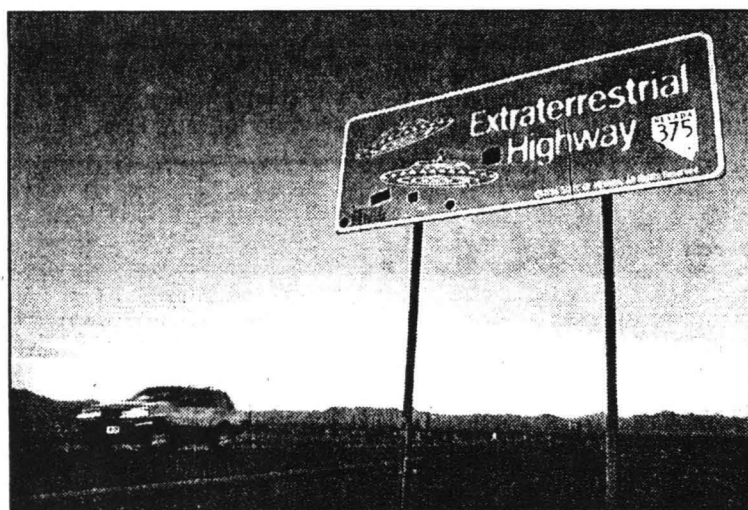
Here at the Little A'Le'Inn bar, cafe and motel, smack dab in the middle of nowhere, Travis' story is not only believed, it's welcomed.

"I've had people tell me they've been abducted in one of my rooms," the owner says, pouring a glass of orange juice for a customer. "I watched a craft for 20 minutes one night."

The 65 residents and the many tourists who find their way to this oddity of a town near the Area 51 military base on the dry Groom Lake bed say they've seen UFOs, aliens and otherworldly occurrences.

Beams of light? Resident Charles Clark has seen it. Orange glows? Yep, someone's seen that too. Little green men? Not yet, but the night is still young.

Locals and visitors — even ones not of this world — find a rhythm here in a quaint, friendly place where tall tales are swapped over cold beers and \$3.75 alien burgers.



Night falls on the Extraterrestrial Highway, and at night residents claim they've seen strange lights and UFOs from nearby Area 51.

"You can talk about aliens. You can talk about abductions," Travis says. "It makes it a totally different place."

Residents say the UFO talk began years ago when a Nevada Test Site worker claimed he saw alien ships at nearby Area 51, the super-secret base the military only recently acknowledged existed.

Word got around and the stories haven't stopped. Even the state got in on the UFO lore, officially naming a 98-mile stretch of Nevada Route 375 the Extraterrestrial Highway in 1996 and erecting green highway signs with images of spaceships.

Some 150 miles north of Las Vegas, across miles of empty desert speckled with Joshua trees and sagebrush, Rachel is the only

town along the alien highway. It's really just a collection of trailer homes resting on gravel near the mountain backdrop, but the Little A'Le'Inn beckons curious and thirsty tourists from the monotonous drive.

"Welcome earthlings and/or aliens. Please specify planet," reads a sign on the white trailer with faded blue trim.

Here, cows have the right of way and the residents seem just a bit more peculiar than most folks.

There's Clark, an astrophotographer whose idea of a good time is to drive to the boundary of Area 51 and pester the guards.

"The majority of people who have lived here at one point or another have seen things that are beyond explanation," he says, taking his seat at the bar.

And then there's Travis, a former Las Vegas casino cook who moved to Rachel 14 years ago from Las Vegas with her husband, Joe, to take over the town's only bar. "You gotta be nuts," friends told the couple.

They remodeled the trailer and called it the Little A'Le'Inn. Along with serving homemade meals, the couple filled the bar with flying saucer pictures and alien souvenirs — key chains, shot glasses, bumper stickers, Area 51 fake ID cards, alien slime in a tube, gooey aliens in a jar.

"Every business needs a gimmick," she likes to say.

It turned out to be just what tourists wanted. They come from all over, enduring hours of highway boredom to sample a most unusual world where strangers are always welcome. Even military personnel working on the nearby ranges stop by, but rarely say much.

"I think it's a possibility," tourist George Zoukee of Newbury, N.H., says of UFO sightings. "Even if it isn't, it's a little fun."

Grover Shegrud of Seattle shuffles in the back of the cafe, sorting through Area 51 T-shirts. He hasn't had much luck witnessing the paranormal. "Just dust devils," he mumbles.

Besides the Little A'Le'Inn, tourists usually make their way to the border of Area 51, which consists of a no-trespassing sign, surveillance camera and an armed guard on a hill.



# UFO Discussion Sites Invade Online World

Enthusiasts cover all points of view

By Dave Peyton  
Tribune Media Services

Are UFOs real? They are on the Web. Cyberspace has become a popular gathering place for people who want to talk about unidentified flying objects. Some attempt to prove that UFOs are spaceships from other galaxies. Some try to prove that world governments know UFOs exist and are trying to hide the truth. Still more are anxious to debunk UFOs as mass hysteria and myths. For those holding any of these points of view, there's more on the Web than you could pore over in a lifetime. The National UFO Reporting Center ([www.nwlink.com/~ufocntr](http://www.nwlink.com/~ufocntr)) offers historical reports of UFO sightings, as well as sightings by users. Such sightings are posted anonymously in the database monthly, according to location and date. If nothing else, they're interesting reading. The UFO Roundup ([www.ufoinfo.com/roundup](http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup)) offers a weekly compilation of UFO-related events and stories. Aficionados can stay current on the

latest UFO sightings and news about UFO research.

UFOSeek ([www.ufoseek.com](http://www.ufoseek.com)) offers a search engine for those interested in UFOs and other manifestations of the paranormal. Search for online articles about everything from alchemy and alien abductions to witchcraft and World War III.

The British have their own UFO research society. The British UFO Research Association's Web page is at ([www.bufora.org.uk](http://www.bufora.org.uk)). BUFORA is a network of about a thousand people "who have a dedicated, non-cultist interest in understanding the UFO mystery. Within that membership are many active investigators and researchers working with the direct claims of witnesses to collate the data necessary to bring the understanding nearer."

The site is low-key and scientific, making it one of the most believable of all the UFO sites on the Web.

The Black Vault ([www.blackvault.com](http://www.blackvault.com)) is a great example of how to use the federal

Freedom of Information Act to get government information about UFOs—and anything else that interests you. John Greenwald, now 21, was in high school when he launched the site. You'll find scores of government documents relating to UFOs, as well as tips from Greenwald on how to use the law and obtain information for yourself. "The law exists...you might as well use it," Greenwald says.

Dr. Stephen M. Greer, the international director of the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence ([www.cseti.org](http://www.cseti.org)), has concluded that extraterrestrial life forms exist. His organization is "dedicated to establishing peaceful and sustainable relations with extraterrestrial life forms."

A note on the main page claims that people in the president's office, as well as Pentagon officials, visit the site regularly. There are quotes about UFOs from public figures, including Presidents Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter.

TIMES, Farmington, NM - March 22, 2002

## EDITORIAL

# Aztec UFO fest really something

Aztec's UFO Symposium has really put the county seat on the map. The event attracts all kinds of people, both those who are serious UFO enthusiasts, and those who approach the subject with tongue in cheek.

The event was created five years ago by the Friends of the Aztec Library to capitalize on one of the more bizarre events in city's history. Reportedly, a UFO crashed in 1948 north of town. Another event in 1950 involving an "armada" of UFOs was witnessed by a number of people and lead to banner headlines in The Daily Times.

Some believe wholeheartedly that the event happened, others dispute it. But regardless, the event has been a crowd-pleaser in the community and has drawn people from around the nation.

This is the kind of promotion Aztec couldn't pay for. It spotlights the community and brings in people who have the chance to see what Aztec and the surrounding areas have to offer.

Also, it brings people together and helps to build community spirit. People from all walks of life take part in the event, including the Fantasy of Lights

board, which created and installed a UFO which can be seen crashing into the old bridge across the Animas River.

Is the UFO Symposium Aztec's answer to professional wrestling, as some people have claimed? The answer to that question depends on who is asked.

But skepticism aside, the event promotes the community, brings people in from all over and is a fundraiser for a very worthy cause — a new library.

The bottom line is this is an event that is good for the community and is a great deal of fun.

In this column alone is The Daily Times' opinion expressed.

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SPOKESMAN REVIEW, Spokane, WA - April 22, 2002

## UFO redux

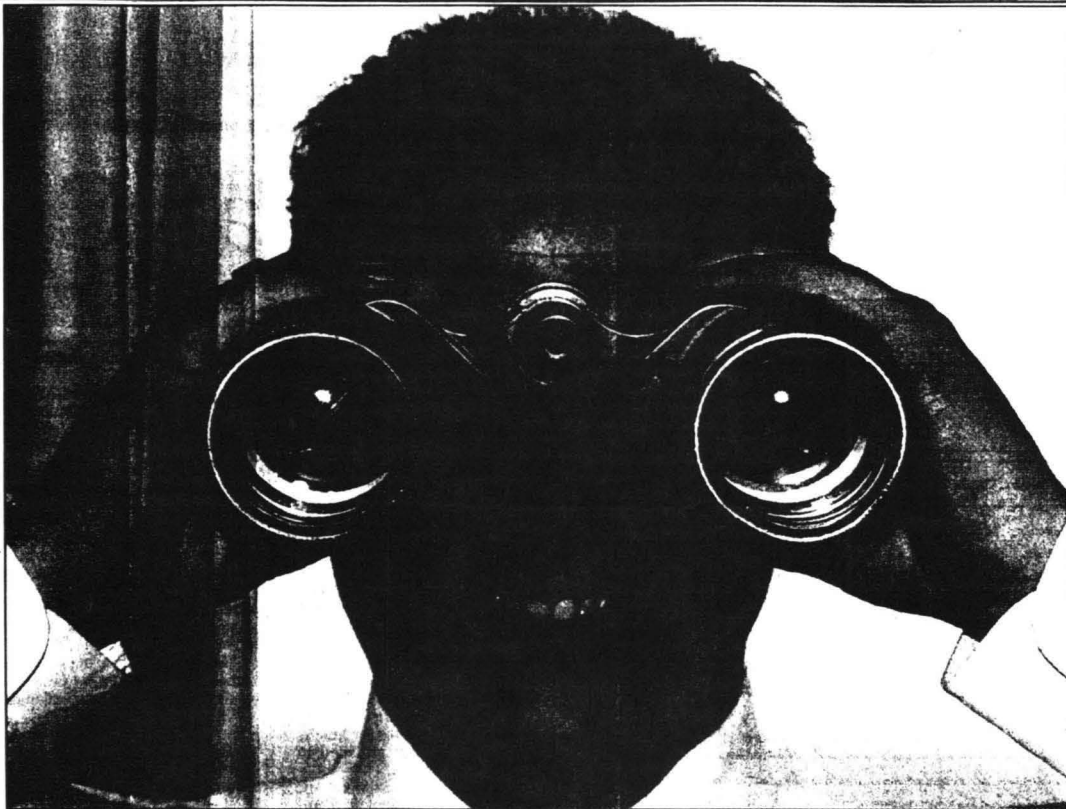
A "Mr. Earth" called Herm and Darlene Pfahl to say he'd communicated — mentally — with that strange sphere in the sky the Pfahls spotted southwest of Sandpoint. The object, he said, buzzed his house above Coburn-Culver Road, hovered 100 feet over it and then zipped off. E-mails Darlene: "Whew! This is getting *real* spooky!" . . . Meanwhile, the Pfahls say their kids in Seattle refer to them as "loonies in the boonies" . . . The Pfahls, sez Doris Meyer, must be newcomers because she's watched their "UFO" — a colorful star — some 35 years. Sez Doris: "You can see it most nights, depending on the clouds. It goes across the sky very slowly and about 3 a.m. disappears over the Coeur d'Alene area."



## FOREIGN NEWS

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SURREY MIRROR, Redhill, England - April 4, 2002



Getting close: Richard Hilton at work

Photo No: 31945/26

# No call too barmy for troubleshooter

If an alien lifeform were to stalk the suburban skies of Crawley he would be one of the first to know. Richard Hilton has been keeping his eyes on the Gatwick horizon for the past five years but has yet to find proof that we are not alone.

While he waits for ET to call in for landing clearance, the environmental information manager stays busy answering any complaint from the earthlings who live next to the busiest single-runway airport in the world.

Speaking from his office up high in the Gatwick skyline the 36-year-old said: "We get about one or two calls a year from people who have seen something strange over the airport."

"A few weeks ago I spoke to a man who had seen 12 lights hovering over Gatwick in the early hours of the morning."

"What he explained was not the behaviour of an aircraft so I put him in contact with a UFO organisation. But such an occurrence is extremely rare and there is nearly always an explanation for something someone has seen."

FROM UFO surveillance to noise pollution grumbles — it's far from the quiet life for an airport environmental information manager. Reporter HARRY WATKINSON met the man whose job it is to make sure we all get a decent night's sleep

Photos by John Powell

Richard logs any call or letter that relates to aircraft performance and then investigates their grumble.

Most inquiries tend to come from Horley's elderly population, with Crawley's residents appearing unfazed by all the comings and goings at Gatwick.

"Complaints from Crawley only tend to come about when planes have to do a go-around," said Richard.

"Occasionally a flight will be forced to temporarily delay its landing, maybe because there has been some sort of hold-up on the ground or there is a bit of debris or something on the runway."

"It will divert off its approach path at the last minute and fly over the town before going to the back of the landing queue and waiting for its chance to touch down."

Each disgruntled punter will receive a phone call and quite often a home visit from the environmental health team to see if a repeat occurrence can be avoided.

Some people are satisfied with a simple explanation for the disturbance while others keep coming back for more. And more.

"There are some residents who we have had quite a few discussions with over the years. Our top caller has made 88 complaints, all of which have been recorded in his own personal file."

"But we welcome all the feedback we can get. After all, if you do not let us know there is a problem then nothing will be done."

Complaints tend to increase in the summer, with people lighting up their barbecues

and sleeping with their windows open.

Officers keep up their community relations by staging discussions and demonstrations to groups across Surrey and Sussex.

Skilled in the art of negotiating with frazzled residents it should be a breeze for the sky-surveyors when the little green man finally pops up on the Gatwick radar screen and asks to be taken to our leader.

That is, of course, as long as the alien invader can secure a landing slot instead of being sent on a quick detour above Crawley town centre.

● If you have any complaint to make about aircraft performance at Gatwick you can contact Richard Hilton on 0800 393070 or e-mail him on lgwnoise\_line@baa.com

## Search on for witness of UFO

A retired police officer investigating UFO activity and strange experiences is trying to trace a Midland man who once spotted an odd occurrence at a Wednesbury school.

John Hanson, of Redditch, wants to hear from anyone with information about Dennis Morgan who was living in Bright Street, Darlaston, during the late 1960s.

Mr Morgan was witness to a strange incident that took place near Old Park Primary school in Woden Road, North, in Wednesbury.

He saw an object land in the nearby school grounds only a few feet away from him at the end of December 1968.

Mr Hanson is compiling a chronological journal of UFO activity and people's strange experiences between 1943 to 1982.

### Hovering

"I have hundreds of reports from across the Midlands and the UK — some very exciting accounts. I believe there is more to this incident and want to look into it further."

"Mr Morgan saw this object hovering over the ground and then it came down from the sky. It is certainly worth more investigation. I believe this sighting is part of a jigsaw needed for the complete picture."

Anyone with information about Mr Morgan or with their own tales of the unexplained can contact Mr Hanson by mail at J Hanson, PO Box 6371, Rednal, B48 7RW, by e-mail at jhanson45@btopenworld.com or by phone on 07870 359210.

SANDWELL EXPRESS & STAR, Wolverhampton, England - March 21, 2002

COLCHESTER EVENING GAZETTE, Essex, England March 8, 2002

## Mystery disc spotted flying near the coast

AN unusual site has been seen in the skies above us.

Michael Joyce, from the Essex UFO and Paranormal Research Group, said a member of the public from Weeley told him they had seen a mysterious orange disc in the sky above Treasure Holt, Burrs Road, Great Clacton.

Mr Joyce said the disc, which was as large as a dinner plate and was spinning anti-clockwise, was seen from the level crossing at 7.45pm on Wednesday last week.

He said it stayed for about 15 minutes before moving off in the direction of Holland-on-Sea.

KEIGHLEY TARGET, Bradford, England - March 27, 2002

## UFO seen hovering near house

A WOMAN in Silsden has reported an unidentified flying object outside her house on Briggate last Wednesday.

Beryl Southwell, 66, said: "I'd just been up to go to the bathroom at about 4am when I just pulled back the curtains to see the church clock and check what time it was."

"There was an object alongside the house, a few hundred yards from me. It was a substantial thing in size. It had whitish, bluish flashing lights and one was brighter than the others."

The sighting was on March

13 and she added: "It was sort of hovering and had a row of canister or long cylinder things on the side of it. It moved up over the house and travelled off towards Skipton. My hearing isn't that good but I couldn't hear a sound from it."

"It moved slowly at first but then travelled fairly quickly. By the time I called my husband and he'd arrived it had gone. I would be sceptical if I heard this story myself, but I was quite awake and I know what I saw." Reports of UFO sightings around the Keighley area date back to 1908. Some experts believe areas of high UFO activity can be linked to ancient burial sites and areas where there are fault lines in the ground. Others believe many UFO sightings are of top secret aircraft being test-down.



The truth is out there: Richard Hilton surveys the Gatwick vista

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# Daylight sighting of UFO in Watson Lake

By JULIUS DEBUSCHEWITZ

It appears that UFOs are sighted all over the Yukon, not just in one particular area.

The following took place in the town of Watson Lake. Reported about five years after the fact, the date of the sighting was around August 1994 (give or take a year).

The two witnesses were interviewed separately. While their accounts have basic similarities, some differences are also apparent. This is perfectly normal, given the amount of time that passed between the sighting and its reporting.

It is well-known that memories change somewhat as time goes by. In no way do these differences suggest that the sighting was not legitimate.

It was a perfect summer afternoon in Watson Lake—not a cloud in the sky. Richard Durocher and his friend had just finished lunch at the Belvedere Hotel.

As they were leaving the parking lot and entering the service road running parallel with the Alaska Highway,

Richard noticed a silver metallic elliptical (egg-shaped) object in the sky ahead of them, just above the hill north of town. Excitedly, he pointed it out to his friend.

They tried to figure out what it was. It definitely was not a plane, nor did it appear to be a helicopter.

The object seemed to be suspended in the sky, its long axis to the horizon. It was reflecting the sunlight evenly all over, and no highlight nor shadow could be discerned on its surface. It had neither tail nor wings, and there was no vapour trail. Both men thought the UFO was beautiful and unlike anything they had ever seen.

The men drove east on the service road, keeping the object in sight. At one point, they pulled over and rolled down the windows to determine whether the object was emitting any noise; they heard nothing.

Richard's friend reported that he thought the object was moving with the speed of an aircraft at about 900 metres (3,000 feet) of elevation but did not move much once they stopped their vehicle.



Richard thought the object was stationary, attributing its apparent motion to the movement of the car, much like the moon or sun appears to be moving along with the vehicle as one drives down the road.

As the two friends drove down the service road and then turned onto the Alaska Highway, still eastbound, they did so at a speed much slower than usual to keep observing the object.

Approaching the RCMP station, with the UFO still in sight, they noticed three officers entering the building. Richard's friend pulled into the station's parking lot and ran inside, asking the five or six RCMP officers present to come outside to take a look at what he and Richard had seen.

When they exited the building, Richard told them that the UFO had disappeared from sight. A few officers got into a squad car and drove up the highway to try to spot the UFO. Alas, it was gone. The witnesses gave a statement to the RCMP officers, and a report was filled out.

When asked about the object's size, Richard believed that it was about as large as a dime held at arm's-length distance, while his friend estimated it to be about 11 cm (four or five inches) long at the same distance.

Richard further reported that the UFO appeared to be roughly 15 cm above the hill when viewed at arm's length; he figured it travelled at an elevation of a few thousand feet. Richard's friend said the object was shaped almost like a hot dog, dull gray in colour, with fuzzy edges and not shiny.

While Richard seemed to think that they spotted the UFO when they were pulling out of the Belvedere Hotel's parking lot, his friend figured that they spotted it as they were approaching Bruno's Motors (now Bee Jay's).

As to when it disappeared from

sight, Richard thought they had lost sight of it when they pulled into the RCMP parking lot, either behind the hill it had been above or behind the trees surrounding the RCMP station.

His friend, however, reported that when he and the officers came out of the station, Richard told them that the object had "darted away."

The two witnesses seem to agree on the duration of the sighting. Richard's friend said the sighting lasted three to four minutes.

On July 14, 1999, Richard and the investigator actually retraced the route Richard and his friend had taken when they sighted the UFO. At normal speed, the drive took two minutes.

Since the witnesses had driven much slower while trying to observe the object, the sighting may well have lasted three minutes or longer.

(Investigated by Martin Jasek).

To report a sighting or for more information, call 456-2468. Outside of Whitehorse, call toll-free 1-866-733-8367.

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# UFO over mountain, mother ship at Kluane Lake

By JULIUS DEBUSCHEWITZ

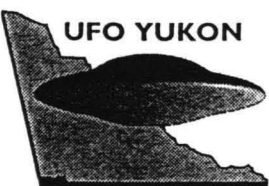
This sighting took place at Grey Mountain under clear skies in the late afternoon of 5 January, 1968.

The observers, Randy Smith, age 15 and Bob Mahon, age 17 both lived in Whitehorse and were riding their snowmobiles on the lower

slopes of Grey Mountain when the incident occurred. This report is based on an interview with Bob.

The two friends had been Ski-doo-ing all afternoon. When it got dark, they decided to return home.

They turned on the headlights of their machines, even though there was enough daylight left to permit a clear



view of the area. Bob took the lead, closely followed by Randy. Coming to a small knoll, Bob disappeared from Randy's view for a few seconds.

Going up the knoll, Randy saw an unusual heat. Moreover, his Ski-doo seemed to slow down a bit.

Cresting the knoll, Randy saw a bright object moving above the trees slightly behind Bob, seemingly following his friend. Bob thought he was being illuminated by Randy's headlight and turned around, at which time he, too, saw the object.

Egg-shaped and measuring about three by six metres, it flew horizontally and did not emit any sound. Two distinct bands of luminous colour followed its circumference; the outside band was red, with another band inside of that being yellowish-orange.

While the object glowed brightly, its light did not infiltrate the darkness beneath the trees. Randy Smith figured he observed the object for about 10 seconds, guessing that Bob saw it for a slightly shorter duration.

Arriving home, the boys reported the sighting to Bob's father and a visiting friend. The men went to examine the area of the sighting. However, they could find no visible evidence. Apparently, the heat emitted by the object had not been strong enough to

alter the surface of the snow.

Both boys were disturbed by the sighting. Randy had shown a previous interest in UFOs and found the sighting more interesting than Bob, who was so upset that he missed school the following day. A report of the sighting was filed with the RCMP.

A month later, three men travelling the Alaska Highway near Destruction Bay observed an interesting UFO at about 8:30 a.m. Jim Jack and fellow employee Tom Campbell had just started work and were travelling in a truck driven by Tom. They noticed something strange in the sky that at first looked like an oval cloud. However, it was brick red against the other grayish-white clouds and moved from east to west against the wind.

It was a typical winter day, scattered clouds in a blue sky, the temperature between 20 and 30 degrees below zero, and a steady wind of about 20 knots.

Jim and Tom were southbound on the Alaska Highway when they spotted the object ahead and to their left, moving across Kluane Lake. Using the mountains as a reference point, they estimated that the object had an altitude of about 5,000 feet.

They watched it for two to three minutes until it disappeared behind a mountain roughly 15 miles west of the lake.

According to these two witnesses, the object seemed to fly with one end leading, although its ends and edges did not appear to be as solid as its centre. It had some sort of mist around it and was unlike anything the men had

ever seen.

The investigator estimated that the distance covered by the object during the sighting was about 20 miles, indicating that it travelled at a speed of up to 600 miles per hour. It was many times larger than a jet aircraft.

Nick Barnett, a truck driver from Whitehorse, was about 60 miles behind Jim and Tom. He also saw the object but did not want to mention it to anyone.

That changed when he met his friends the following day and the subject was brought up. Nick's description matched theirs, except that he thought the object was black rather than red. This discrepancy could be attributed to the fact that Nick was facing the sun during the sighting.

Nick also thought the object was flying at about a 45-degree angle, with the rear lower than the front, and that it put on a terrific burst of speed before disappearing.

The elongated shape, large size, angle of flight, and vaporous outlines described by the witnesses suggest that what they observed might have been a "mother" ship, the type of craft that has occasionally been seen to release smaller objects. It was similar to an object sighted by others a year previously.

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## ASTRONOMY

### UFO sightings by the hundred



Mysterious flying object

SCIENTISTS have been called in to investigate after hundreds of sightings of UFOs were reported in a remote village in Montenegro.

Villagers in Godijevo, in the former Yugoslavia, rushed out of their homes after hearing loud blasts.

They claimed to have seen huge, brightly-lit objects hovering over their homes.

STAR, Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada - Oct. 5, 2001

# Canada forging ahead in the crop-circle arena

Paul Anderson gave his summary of Canada's 2001 crop-circle activity to an overflow crowd of 40 at Barclay Manor in Vancouver last week.

It was a bullish year for crop-circle formations in Canada. There were 20 across the country. Two of them were in B.C.

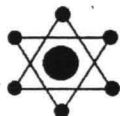
The circles found in Vanderhoof were made in barley and looked like this:



A formation found in Surrey around Canada Day, believed to have been made by hoaxers, looked like this:



The most impressive of the bunch looked like this:



It was first seen on Sept. 2 in Red Deer,

Alberta. It's the largest crop-circle formation ever found in Canada. The smaller circles in the design were 12 metres across. From one end to the other, according to the field report, the Red Deer formation measured 128.6 metres.

For Canada, 20 crop circles in one year is a darn good haul.

"The average is usually maybe a dozen," Anderson says. "To get 20 or more is like a bonanza."

Anderson is director and founder of the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network, which has its headquarters in his Vancouver apartment.

He got into investigating crop circles back in 1995.

"I still kind of ask myself why I'm doing all this," Anderson says.

"I think it had a lot to do with the fact that part of my background was in graphic arts. This particular phenomenon just stood out because it was so visual."

"Also, most other mysteries that you think of, like UFOs and bigfoot and Atlantis, it's always a question of *do they exist or did it exist*."

"But with crop circles, it's a current contemporary phenomenon, and there's no question that they exist. Nobody can dispute that. The question is who or what is causing them."

Anderson started his crop-circle research network because he figured Canada needed one. He now has 30 investigators and field assistants, spread across seven provinces.

One of them is John Erickson, a pilot who manages the airport in Estevan, Saskatchewan, and flies around in the summer looking for crop circles.

For some reason, Saskatchewan is Canada's hotspot when it comes to crop circles. Half of last year's formations were there.

Anderson concedes that some crop circles are hoaxes, but, as far as he knows, nobody in Saskatchewan has ever claimed to have hoaxed one.

Whenever Anderson has the money and can get away from work, he heads out to investigate newly discovered circles. He says that the farmers who work the fields where the formations occur are always hospitable.

"They just want someone to tell them what happened to their wheat field, so they can continue on with the harvest."

Along with running the CCCRN's website, geocities.com/cropcirclecanada, Anderson hosts a monthly webcast dedicated to crop circles. As far as he knows, it's the

only such show anywhere.

That could change pretty soon. A Mel Gibson movie due out this summer, directed by the guy who did *The Sixth Sense*, is all about the phenomenon.

Anderson leans away from the notion that crop circles are made by UFOs. Unless they are all hoaxes, he doesn't presume to know what's causing them. He remains circumspect.

That can't be said for longtime filmmaker Robert Nichol. Nichol doesn't beat around the bush.

"There's certainly no doubt that we're being communicated to by a higher intelligence," Nichol says.

Nichol, who lives in Gibson's Landing, is completing a documentary about crop circles called *Star Dreams*. It's slated to air on the Space Channel in April.

"I think that there are a number of intelligences involved, not just one. The first intelligence, I think, is an extraterrestrial intelligence, and likely an interdimensional extraterrestrial intelligence."

Oh.

"The second one is the intelligence of the planet itself, what might be called the planetary Logos, which might be sending thought forms to humanity."

Oh.

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WESTERN DAILY PRESS, Bristol, England - March 12, 2002

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Pavlin doesn't know how crop circles appeared in his fields. 'How do you make four perfect circles in the middle of the night, and not leave a trace?'

# Elaborate crop circles 'too much work to be a prank': farmer

By Bill Redekop

**DAUPHIN.**— Suppose you wake up one morning and find four crop circles in your field.

It could put a person on edge. You might even start to feel as if you're being watched. You could even begin a slow — or fast, depending — descent into madness.

Not Jim and Angela Pavlin, who have their feet too firmly planted in the black cultivated soil of their 2,700-acre grain farm. But it is a head-scratcher how the crop circles got on their farm last summer.



Bill Redekop

"Why us?" asks Jim.

The Pavlins were recently cited by the Vancouver-based Canadian Crop Circle Research Network in Vancouver for having the only crop circles in Manitoba last year.

Crop circles are expected to be topical this summer when a Hollywood thriller about crop circles, called *Signs* and starring Mel Gibson, is released. Trailers for the movie are already on the Web.

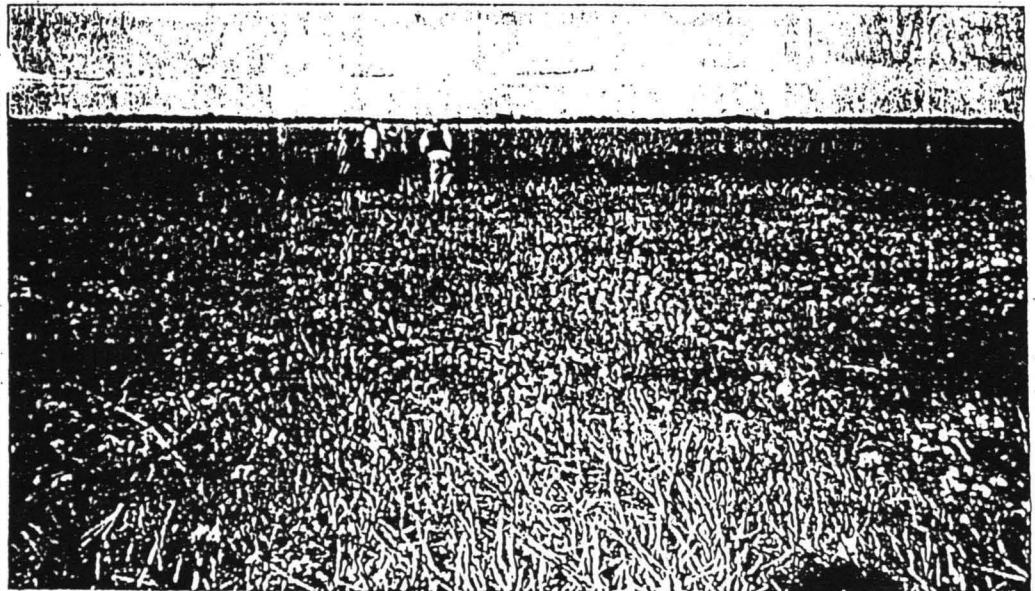
An excited neighbour phoned the Pavlins one morning last August to say they might want to go and look at their canola crop — and fast. There, in one of their fields just outside Dauphin, were four perfect crop circles, in diameters of 50, 35, 20 and 12 feet.

"I told my husband to call the police," said Angela.

"Who do you call? So I called the RCMP. They came out and couldn't even find a single footprint. They couldn't find a thing," said Jim.

"The majority of people you talk to think the circles are caused by UFOs," said Paul Anderson, head of Canadian Crop Circle Research Network.

The organization has directors in seven provinces with diverse back-



It's believed the Pavlins had the only crop circles in Manitoba last year. This was one of four in their fields.

grounds like geology and graphic art. Anderson isn't so sure. "The evidence so far seems to indicate there is some kind of energy involved, like electromagnetic or microwave energy, involving heat. Studies have been done on soil taken from circles that show heat exposure," he said.

There are certain consistencies in crop circles like exploded nodes on grain stocks, Anderson said. Magnetic compasses will deviate and electronic equipment will not function properly inside some circles. "Compasses will actually spin," he maintained.

That's why Anderson dismisses claims the crop circles are a hoax. The CCRN has been studying crop circles since 1995. Anderson is working on a book about the history of crop circles in Canada.

As well, crop circles are often in elaborate designs, like works of art. Some crop circles in England have been up to 1,000 feet in diameter.

There were about 20 incidences of crop circles in Canada last year, about half of them in Saskatchewan, which always leads the country, said Anderson. The crop circle network can be reached at [www.geocities.com/cropcirclecanada](http://www.geocities.com/cropcirclecanada).

Neither Jim or Angela noticed any bright lights or heard anything strange the night before their circles appeared.

"It's too much work to be a prank. How do you make four perfect circles in the middle of the night, and not leave a trace?" said Jim.

Angela said she hasn't noticed anything different about her husband's behaviour since the event. "Not yet," she said.

"I don't know. Maybe there's a sign coming, a message," said Angela. "I'm not ruling anything out."



Aerial view of crop circles in B.C.

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# UFOs sighted near Grey Mountain

By JULIUS DEBUSCHEWITZ

The incident presented in the last column depicted not the only time UFOs have been sighted around Grey Mountain.

On 9 May 1999, a man at the remote flying field on the south side of Whitehorse observed a black irregular-shaped object towards the east.

Moving at an altitude of about 10,000 feet and slower than a plane or even a bird, it had a slightly downward trajectory to the northeast. It maintained course for about 15 minutes before approaching the edge of Grey Mountain below the microwave tower, at which point it vanished.

On 20 November 1999, a married couple took an afternoon walk on Grey Mountain Road. At 2:12 p.m., they noticed a light to the south, low and just left of Mt. Golden Horn.

It materialized slowly and lasted two to three minutes. It did not move, but when it was at its brightest, the couple could discern a round shape and noticed the light was vibrating strongly.

It then grew faint and disappeared,

only to reappear lower on the horizon a little later before totally disappearing around 2:16 p.m.

Although they saw an inbound Canadian Airlines International Boeing 737 to the east about a minute later, they felt what they observed earlier could not have been this plane, since the elapsed time was too short and the distance too great. Contacted later, the Whitehorse control tower reported two small aircraft flying south of the city near the time of the sighting.

Just prior to sunrise, under clear skies, two men were driving on Two Mile Hill towards downtown Whitehorse at 8:30 a.m. on 11 October 2000.

As they looked at Grey Mountain, they noticed a short stationary contrail just to the left of it, pointing from the right down to the left at an angle of about 30 degrees.

The contrail suddenly became brighter, dimmed, and then brightened again. One of the witnesses likened the event to watching a two-stage rocket, where one stage extinguishes before the next stage lights up.

The only thing the witnesses could



not agree on was the duration of the sighting. One of them estimated the duration to have been about 20 seconds, while the other felt the sighting lasted nearly a minute.

At 8:50 a.m. on 13 October 2000, a woman was travelling on Two Mile Hill towards downtown Whitehorse. The sun was rising, and she looked at Grey Mountain to admire the view.

This is when she noticed a squarish, aluminum-coloured object in the sky to the left of Grey Mountain. It seemed suspended there, rotating or swivelling on a horizontal axis.

Whenever its angle was favourable, it reflected the sunlight and could be clearly observed. When it did not reflect the sunlight, it totally

disappeared from view. Thus, it alternated between being visible and invisible as it kept rotating.

The sighting lasted for 10 to 15 seconds. The object was about as large as a Cessna aircraft five to eight kilometres away (or the size of a baby finger tip at arm's length) and hovered about 2.5 centimetres above Grey Mountain's peak.

The woman was sure she was not observing an aircraft or a satellite, since the object remained in one spot the whole time, showing no lateral movement whatsoever. She assured the investigator that the object was "weird" and that she had never seen anything like it.

At 3:20 p.m. on 20 November 2000, a woman looking from her residence in downtown Whitehorse towards Grey Mountain spotted an object to the left of the mountain.

She alerted her partner to the object and brought out her binoculars for a closer look. They observed a white-coloured, strange-looking horseshoe-shaped object or contrail descending from right to left on a slow trajectory before it vanished behind a low cloud

layer situated in front of the peak of Grey Mountain.

During the sighting, a similar object or contrail appeared briefly to the right of the first one.

No larger than about half the size of the first object, its path paralleled the trajectory of the first horseshoe for a few seconds before disappearing.

Observing the objects with her binoculars, the woman tried to find an aircraft near the horseshoes to no avail — all she could see was blue sky.

The objects did seem to be huge (much larger than aircraft contrails) and a long distance off and never changed shape. When she first saw the larger object, it was about 2.5 centimetres above the horizon.

In size, it was perhaps a bit larger than half a full moon; its smaller companion measured "only" half of that. (Investigated by Martin Jasek.)

To report a sighting or for more information, call 456-2468. Outside of Whitehorse, call toll-free 1-866-733-8367.

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# UFOs spied over the Klondike

By JULIUS DEBUSCHEWITZ

Some geographic areas seem to be more prone to UFO sightings than others. Whitehorse is one such location, the edge of the Cassiar Mountains is another.

But these are not the only areas where a fair amount of UFO activity has been witnessed. Another location has attracted its share of UFOs, and that is Dawson City and vicinity. Let's take a look some of the reports.

The first reported sighting known to us happened in the mid-1930s. The Boutilier brothers were south of Dawson City on the Hunker Road when they spotted a cigar-shaped object flying very fast and following every hill contour. They could not detect any wings on the craft, and it emitted no noise.

Sadly, by the time this report was retold, the Boutilier brothers had been dead for nearly 10 years; it is not known how many more details of the sighting they could have relayed.

On Feb. 25, 1999, two women, staying at the camp of the Brewery Creek gold mine about 55 kilometres

east of Dawson City, observed three strange lights on the horizon above the trees to the northwest of their bunkhouse. One light was red, one yellow, and the third one blue and white.

The lights were moving from left to right and up and down at the same time. Spaced about four to five diameters away from each other, their movements were independent from one another, indicating that they were not parts of one object.

The women watched the UFOs for about half an hour before going to bed. The next day, they asked other staff about perimeter lighting and were told that none existed. Although the women searched the sky the following few nights, they never did see the lights again.

Just over a week later, on March 5, 1999, a man was doing maintenance work around the Brewery Creek mine site. At about 9 p.m., he noticed what at first seemed to be a star low on the western horizon. He then realized that the "star" was moving up and down and at one point became very bright.

After that, it moved to his right and



remained stationary for a while. A short time later, it came closer to the mine and stopped above a small hill just west of the mine.

At this point, the observer noticed that the light was a multifaceted red and green light, rotating left to right without a sound. This activity lasted for about 30 minutes, and when the man got back to the plant, he told his co-worker to come out and take a look.

By the time the second witness arrived, the light had moved quite a distance away. This witness said that the light was larger than a star and hovered right above the horizon. It moved up and down rather quickly, at one point dropping behind a hill, only to reappear moments later.

After about two minutes of this, the light suddenly disappeared. The second witness then sighted another light towards the northwest, which also faded out a little while later.

Neither man heard a sound. Another co-worker mentioned that both men were quite upset after the sighting.

One evening during the first week in April 1999, six witnesses observed two sets of multicolored lights from the Callison subdivision. First they spotted one light towards the west that was flashing in different colours.

After viewing it through binoculars, the witnesses realized that there were individual yellow, red, white and blue lights. These lights were either flashing sequentially to create an illusion of rotation, or they were indeed attached to a rotating object.

While the witnesses were watching, a similar UFO appeared without warning from behind a hill known as the "Dome", roughly four kilometres northwest of the witnesses.

It hovered above the Dome, then headed towards the first UFO, covering half the distance in seconds before

reversing its direction, after which it again remained above the dome.

Several times, it descended and ascended behind the Dome before eventually disappearing behind it. The first UFO remained visible and slowly moved up the Klondike River valley towards the witnesses, who stood in an open doorway.

Since it was rather cool, the witnesses closed the door every so often to warm up but watched the UFO on and off for nearly another 30 minutes before quitting their observation. No sound emanated from the craft.

On Oct. 28, 2000, five witnesses observed a bright star-sized object that quickly varied in colour and brightness.

Further investigation led to the conclusion that what the witnesses had seen was most likely a variable star named "Alpha Bootes".

(Investigated by Martin Jasek.)

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# UFO report which stirred a 50-year-old memory

A SECOND sighting of what was reported as a UFO, originally spotted by an experienced pilot in 1950, has been recently reported.

Bernard Green (67) told The Herald about his childhood experience after reading last week's article in the Farnham Herald about how the MoD investigated the report.

At 16 years old, Mr Green spotted the mysterious object while lying leisurely in a field at Whiteways Corner in Runfold on September 6, 1950.

At first he thought it was a balloon, but decided it was "bigger and higher" than is nor-

mal for balloons to be seen.

He remembered a barrage balloon getting caught by its cables in Runfold around that time and thought this may be another.

On closer inspection, he noticed there were no cables or distinguishing fins that a barrage balloon would have, nor was not affected by the wind.

The object then "accelerated at incredible speed across the sky" until it was out of sight "within three seconds".

It made no sound, left no vapour trail, had no visible windows, flames or smoke.

Mr Green thought this was amazing and assumed it was a new plane being tested at

Farnborough.

Shortly afterwards The Mirror printed an article entitled: "Flying Bedstead Tested at Farnborough" on the early stages of what was to become the Harrier Jump Jet.

The teenager later concluded what he saw must have been a UFO, after comparing it to the relatively basic aviation technology of aircraft of the 50s.

His wife has often joked that the event made such an impression on Mr Green that it "put a permanent crick in his neck" from looking up at the sky too much since!

He later became experienced in flying, gliding, balloon operation, had 15 years in parachut-

ing and bought two aeroplanes, but says he's never seen a UFO since.

Although he rarely talks of the strange sighting for fear of a doubtful response, he has acquired a Russian satellite photograph of the Runfold area from a similar point in time.

Mr Green often wonders why governments spend so much money on satellites and other means of observing from and in to space.

He feels this picture is proof the Russians were significantly interested in the area, which included the Farnborough air-base "for some reason".

# Bumper Crop of Crop Circles in 2001

by Paul Anderson

As has been the case every year since at least the 1970s, the summer and fall of 2001 saw many more 'crop circles', those as-yet unexplained (apart from known hoaxes) circular or other geometric areas of flattened grain crops in farm fields in countries around the world. Reports came from England (always the center of activity with one or two hundred formations every year), Germany, Holland, the USA, Russia, Poland, Serbia and other countries. A number of these were again found across Canada, primarily on the prairies, in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba, as well as BC and Ontario.

The Canadian Crop Circle Network (CCCRN), a research network of volunteer field research assistants and coordinators in seven provinces, conducted on-site field studies of a number of formations this year for Crop Watch 2001.

A total of twenty formations had been reported across Canada by late September, with three in BC, four in Alberta, eleven in Saskatchewan, one in Manitoba and one in Ontario; some were in locations not easily accessed due to geographic location or time constraints, etc. Following is a brief summary of what we found, making a particular note of the new formations reported at Dawson Creek.



Crop Circles - Red Deer

Surrey and Vanderhoof, BC; formations are much less common in this province than on the prairies, so any new formations found tend to be of particular interest.

## BC Circles

As formations in BC are relatively rare, to hear of three in one year was somewhat unusual. The first, at Dawson Creek, was a set of two 25' circles in grass reportedly found on March 25. Unfortunately, these were not able to be verified on the ground. Most formations in Canada are found later in the summer and fall, in August and September, during harvest of the cereal crops. They can, however, be reported almost year-round in grass, pasture fields or even

ice, so grass circles are certainly not unheard of.

On July 11, I investigated a formation in Surrey, just a few miles from my home (and main CCCRN office) in Vancouver. What began as two small 5' circles in mixed grass / wheat on an embankment beside a busy freeway a few days earlier became a long series of at least eight circles (at last count) by July 11. However, along with the circles a large rather crudely done 'Canadian flag' in the center of them, leading myself and others who looked at them to the conclusion that this was a likely Canada Day prank unfortunately. The lay of the plants in the circles was rather messy at best, although it was noted that the slope they were on, near the Port Mann Bridge, was very steep; indeed I had to watch my footing carefully to avoid rolling downhill and onto the freeway!

Another, and the best formation in BC this year was reported by Brent Miskuski of Vanderhoof Flying Services on September 6, six circles together in a field of barley, the same area where a similar set had been found in 1998. Ranging from about 17' to 30' diameter, they were a little rougher looking than their counterparts three years ago, but as before, no entry tracks were seen in the field when the formation was first found (it should be noted that crop fields in Canada and the US for the most part do not have tramlines as in Europe, which would provide much easier access into the field for any would-be hoaxers). I was not able to get to this location myself as I was still coming back from our investigations in Alberta and Saskatchewan at the time. However our CCCRN field research assistant just a short distance away in Houston, BC, Brian Vike, did, fully documenting them with photos and ground surveys.

## Prairie Circles

We investigated a set of two circles, about 45' and 20' diameter, in oats at Drayton Valley, Alberta, found August 18. Again, no entry pathways were seen by a farmer when first found.

Our main research was carried out in Saskatchewan in late August / early September where by far most formations have been reported, the same holding true again this year. Seven formations appeared within a six-day period from August 27 to September 1 near Midale, a 'hot spot' for reports over the last few years. I, along with our other assistants, was able to investigate these formations both from the air (thanks to one of our assistants in nearby Estevan, John Erickson, who is a pilot) and on the ground. Four of these were in the same fields as formations in 1999. The first three had appeared just a couple of days before we arrived, and the next four were found while we were there, allowing us to document them in near pristine condition, within hours of their discovery, before they became trampled by curious public, reporters, etc.

These were various combinations of circles, rings

and other unusual shapes, ranging from about 50' to 90' in size, all in wheat, and some a bit more complex than what is usually found. Again, no entry pathways were initially seen (again in fields with no tramlines), with some formations well into the field, up to a couple of hundred feet or more. Some exhibited complex layering and directional flows of the crop, in elaborate 'X's' in a couple of the patterns; similar complexities are often found in formations worldwide.

Unusual photographic anomalies were later found in a number of the photos I had taken, both aerial and ground, as well as the video footage. Other camera and equipment malfunctions, common in many formations, were experienced by our teams as well as other news crews in some formations.

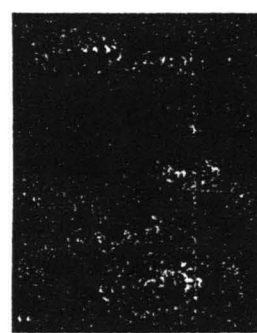
A 422' formation resembling a 'Star of David' or hexagram with seven circles and pathways was found in a wheat field near Red Deer, Alberta on September 2, making this the largest and one of the most complex formations on record so far in Canada. Several CCCRN assistants in Alberta assisted in documenting this formation as well.

Three additional formations were later reported on September 26, about 80 miles northeast of Midale in Saskatchewan. Details are still pending at the time of the writing of this article.

Full reports on these and other formations can be found on the CCCRN web site; the longer annual summary report of this year's formations will be published soon. Any readers who have found circles or know of others are asked to please contact CCCRN:

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Crop Circles - Vanderhoof

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## Annual UFO conference proves a big draw for enthusiasts



**SUCCESS ON HIGH:**  
Organiser of the UFO conference David Kingston with photographs of the mysterious crop circles

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# Crop circles and close encounters

'It has been probably the best conference we have held'  
Organiser David Kingston

UFOLOGISTS and paranormal enthusiasts from all over the country converged on Dorchester to swap theories on phenomena such as crop circles.

The seventh annual UFO conference took place at the Corn Exchange with an enthralled audience of 150.

Organiser David Kingston from Martinstown said: "It was very, very successful - I think it was probably the best conference we have ever held."

Speakers included Christopher Martin from London, who showed video footage of UFOs, Alan Alford from Birmingham, who talked about his book, The Atlantis Secret, and Marcus Allen, who spoke of the hidden history of archaeology.

Another speaker was Lucy Pinkles, who had spent months testing crop circles by putting phials of water inside them.

She says that the molecular structure of the water changes when put inside genuine crop circles, but not when put inside hoax circles.

Mr Kingston added: "People came from Wales, the north of England and Cornwall to attend the con-

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ference and they were not disappointed - there was some extremely compelling evidence offered by all the speakers.

"I share the interest in UFOs with my wife - it takes up a lot of our lives but we are never bored."

"I get around 70 e-mails from people all over the country each day - it is a fascinating study."

The conference also heard a controversial account of the death of Princess Diana.

## Tip-off

John Beverage and John King, talked about their book - Princess Diana. The Hidden Evidence.

"John King is an investigative journalist and he says he received a tip-off that one of the royal family was going to die the week Diana was killed," Mr Kingston said.

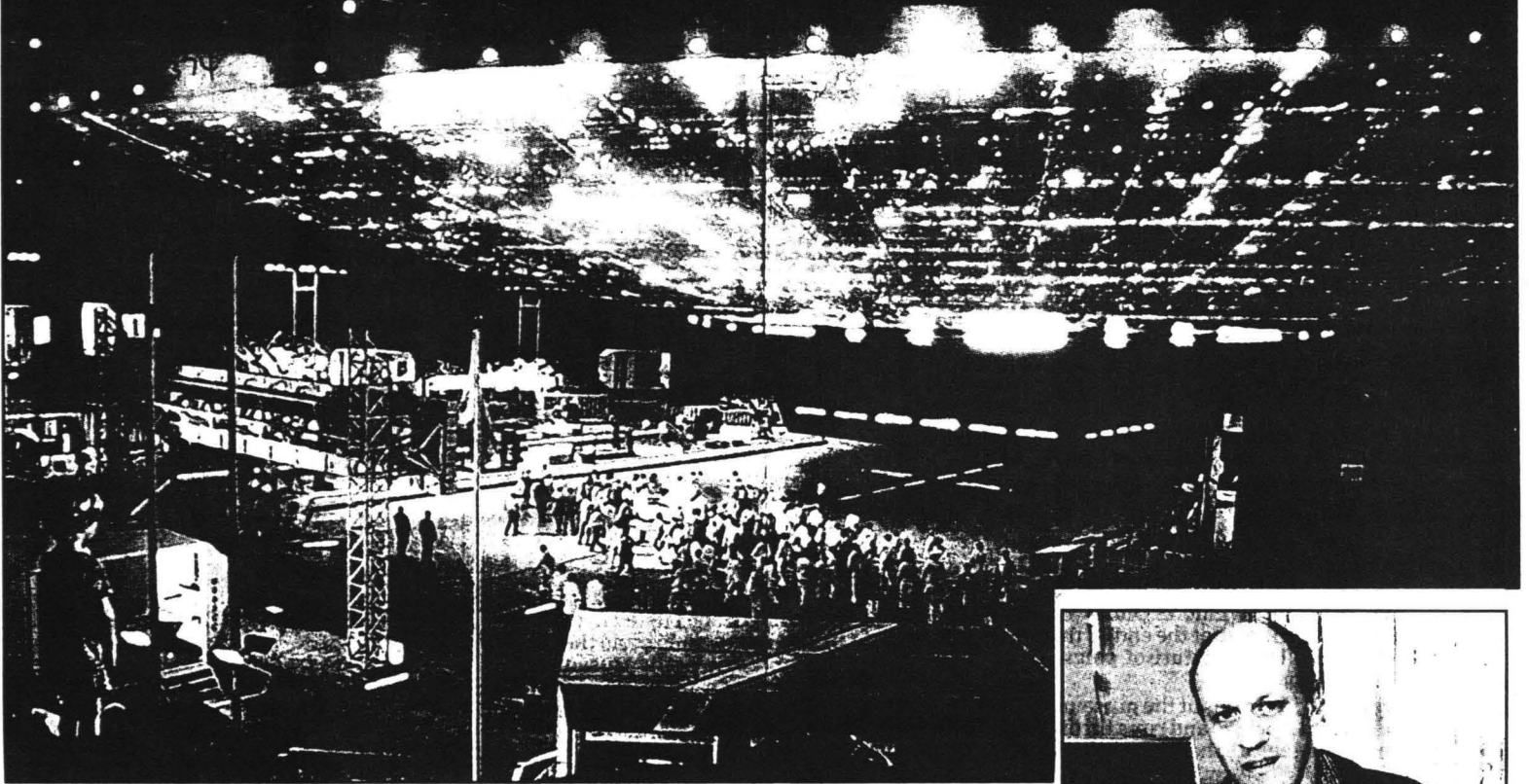
"He has sworn affidavits from members of MI5 and the Secret Service. Their book has been published but they had a number of publishers turn them down, because it was so controversial."

■ Anyone who would like to contact Mr Kingston can e-mail him at david.kingston@btopenworld.com



## Meet the West's very own Agent Mulder, a UFO expert

# Alien encounters



Visitors from another world: The spaceship from Steven Spielberg's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*

**LIGHTS** in the sky, tractor beams and brain probes – nothing sets the pulse of the UFO expert racing like a good alien abduction.

But when someone claims to have been whisked away by little green men, how do you decide whether they are genuine abductees or mischief-makers?

Somerset's very own Agent Mulder could soon provide the answer with his own publication into the art of investigating such phenomena.

Since setting up Utopia Investigations at the end of 1999, Dave Thomas, from Wellington, has been at the forefront of Somerset's studies into the world of the unexplained.

From the Beast of the Blackdowns to haunted houses, the group's monthly meetings have subjected them all to close scrutiny.

But it is the prospect of intergalactic tourists that really gets them excited.

Set to be completed within the next month, the website designer's booklet *An Investigator's Guide to the Paranormal* aims to provide a guide to the basics of investigating claims of alien abduction and other paranormal phenomena. From

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#### COMMON signs of alien abduction:

- Time loss – victims may find that a 10-minute walk home has taken an hour for no apparent reason.
- Unexplained scars – often in the form of a small 'scoop' and usually from the calf or legs but sometimes the arms.
- Bald patches – on the back of the head or neck.
- Chronic sinus problems – often

#### linked to pain behind the eyes.

- Unexplained electrical problems – abductees may find that when they go into the supermarket the cash register will suddenly play up when they are near, or at home light bulbs will unexpectedly blow.
- Unexplained nose bleeds.
- Ringing in the ears – not to be confused with common tinnitus.



By Mark Ford

lists of equipment – video cameras, night scopes, sample jars – to the process of hypnotic regression, Mr Thomas, 41, hopes it will become the UFO experts' bible.

"We want to help people who are prepared to do investigative work, to give them a taste of what it is like," he said.

Over the years Mr Thomas, with the help of his wife Christine, has investigated five cases of reported alien abduction from the Somerset area. On two occasions, with the help of a hyp-

notist, individuals were regressed to try and extract the details of their experiences from the subconscious.

Mr Thomas explained: "One of the women said she was walking near some woods at Longleat when she saw two lion cubs.

"She started playing with them, then the next thing she knew she was in a craft with small 'Greys', thin beings like at the end of *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*."

Aside from the tell-tale signs of time loss, bright lights and unexplained scars, the most critical test of authenticity thing is the subject's behaviour.

"Their emotions are probably the most important thing," he said. "If they are

genuine they will have really experienced serious fear; some won't be able to sleep at night and will be on the phone all the time.

"I can't absolutely prove that this is happening, but no-one can prove that it isn't.

"I believe these things are happening because someone in Taunton is saying the same things as someone in America."

Once complete the booklet will be available free of charge from Utopia Investigations and through its website [www.utopia-investigations.co.uk](http://www.utopia-investigations.co.uk)

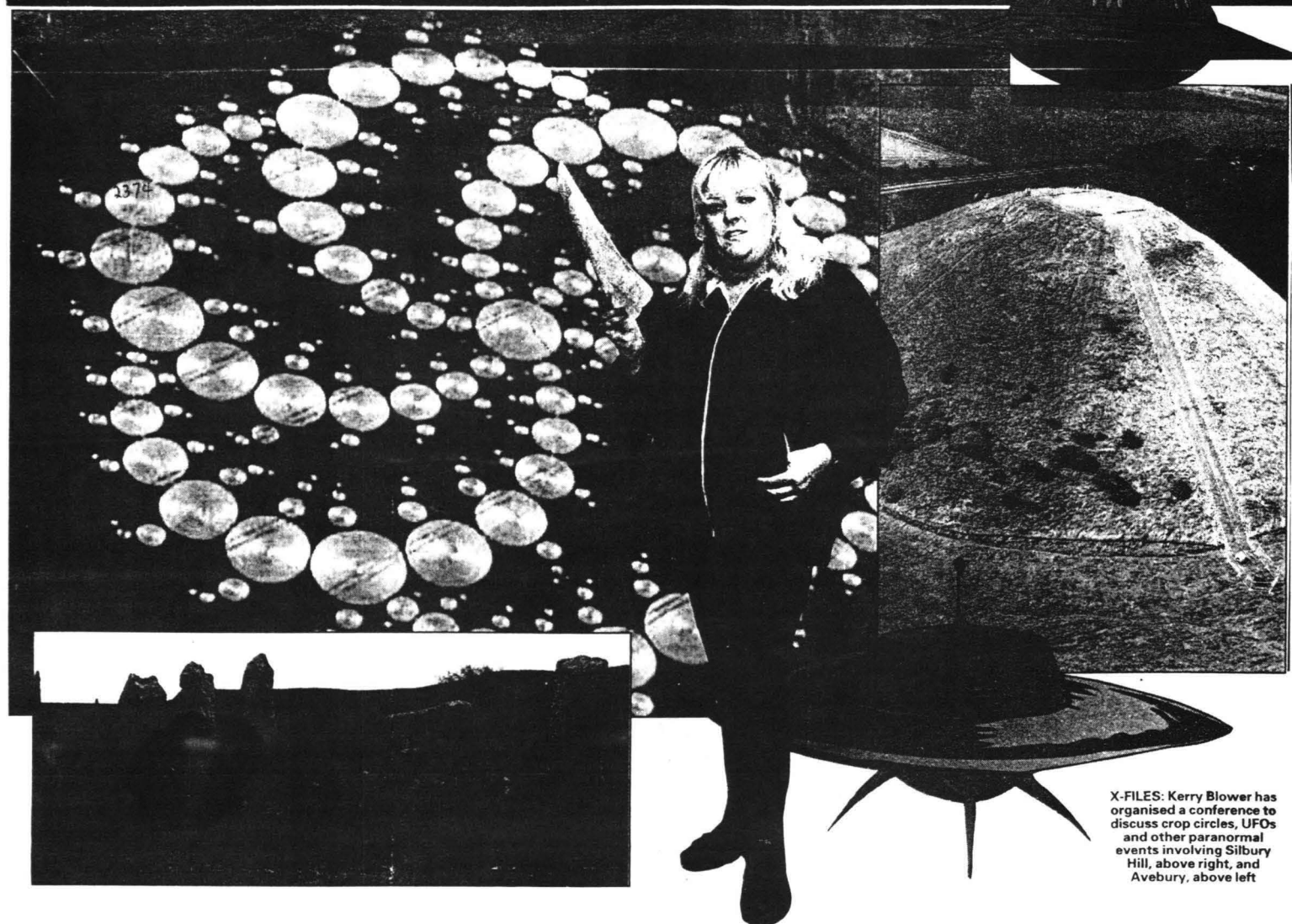
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Expert: Dave Thomas with his UFO equipment

## Experts descend on Wiltshire for conference on paranormal



X-FILES: Kerry Blower has organised a conference to discuss crop circles, UFOs and other paranormal events involving Silbury Hill, above right, and Avebury, above left

# We want to know if the truth is really out there

Experts and conspiracy theorists will descend on Marlborough next weekend to ponder the existence of UFOs, alien messages, the paranormal and Government plots. NIGEL KERTON spoke to the organisers

**W**HETHER you love them or hate them, believe in them as natural phenomena or not, it must be agreed that the annual crop of countryside art which appears to have its epicentre at historic Avebury is a tourist industry all of its own.

And it is not only during the crop growing season and harvest time that visitors are drawn to Wiltshire to see the amazing variety of cornfield patterns which, year on year, get bigger and more complex.

Hundreds are expected at an all-day conference called *Mysteries of the World* which is being held at the Marlborough Leisure Centre on Saturday November 17.

It is being organised by Kerry Blower whose home at East Kennett stands just yards from some of the fields where weird and wonderful crop patterns have appeared with increasing regularity in recent years.

Although *Mysteries of the World 2001* is not just about the cereal formations, they do appear on the agenda, with speakers including Reg Presley, a member of the Sixties group The Troggs and now regarded as a top 'ufologist', and Polly Carson, the Alton Barnes farmer whose land has featured some of the most spectacular examples of crop formations.

Mr Presley is well known for his interest in the crop circle phenomena in particular and has spent an estimated £1

million from the royalties of his songs on crop pattern research.

Mrs Carson will be telling the conference about some of the strange things she has experienced living on a farm in the Pewsey Vale.

John Cowie from Devizes will be talking about his belief, expounded in his recently published book *Silbury Dawning: The Alien Visitor Gene Theory*, that human intelligence may originally have been implanted by visiting aliens and the possibility that Silbury Hill and Stonehenge were beacons for their craft.

The presenter of Fortean TV, the Rev Lionel Fanthorpe, will be telling the conference about his own experiences with the paranormal.

If those weighty subjects are not enough to prompt some thought, author Jon King and HRH the Prince of Albany will both be talking about the mystery they say still surrounds the death of Princess Diana. Mr King, together with John Beveridge, has co-written a book called *Hidden Evidence* in which they question the role of the Government and secret services, both British and American, in the death of the princess. The Prince of Albany, the president of the European Council of Princes, will be giving his views on the death of Princess Diana.

Conference organiser Mrs Blower admits that she was originally a diehard sceptic about UFOs until she spotted one while with her husband and mother seven years ago.



EXPERT: Rev Lionel Fanthorpe



THEORY: Reg Presley



BOOK: John Cowie

They were living at the time near Abergavenny in South Wales and they all saw a golden orb-shaped object hovering near their home. She said: "I went a bit nutty afterwards. I was completely obsessed with everything to do with UFOs."

Mrs Blower, whose husband Tom is helping her to organise this seventh annual paranormal conference at Marlborough, said she no longer questions the existence of UFOs but wonders where they are from and what they mean.

However, the 38 year-old is not so sold on crop circles and said the subject has become very 'heavy'. She said: "I was a total believer but for the last two years I have been a total sceptic but then I crept back. At the moment I don't know what to think."

Mrs Blower organised her first conference after seeing an unidentified flying object seven years ago while living in Abergavenny.

She said: "When I moved to Wiltshire I decided to carry on and organise conferences in Marlborough because there was nothing like it being held here."

Last year 500 people attended a conference at Marlborough College. She was unable to get the same venue this year and the leisure centre can seat only 200.

Mrs Blower said: "I am expecting it to be packed and there are only a few tickets left."

Tickets at £25 for the conference are available from Kerry and Tom Blower (01672) 861435 or call Mrs Blower on her mobile, 07939 658246.



# ALIENS AMONG US

For most, aliens are something confined to Independence Day or The X Files. For world-renowned UFO researcher Timothy Good, they're an everyday reality that we ignore at our peril. During a recent appearance at Waterstone's, Toby Venables talked to him about the struggle to establish the truth behind claims of abductions, crash landings, secret alien bases and the plot to create a human/alien hybrid.



**I was interested that most of your witnesses are pilots, military personnel or Government officials. Is that particularly important in a subject like this, which obviously generates a lot of scepticism?**

I think it is very important, and that's why, in one of my previous books; *Beyond Top Secret* I included 110 pilot reports, military and civilian, and of course I concentrated on the involvement of the military, particularly military intelligence in investigating this subject since the 1940s. I think it is very important because still the general perception of the subject is that it's sort of New Age, sandals and seaweed stuff. I'm trying to overcome this false perception.

**How do you begin to convince people?**

I think just simply concentrating on the hard facts. The Freedom of Information Act in the United States has generated tens of thousands of documents from the Intelligence Agencies relating to the subject, going way back to 1942, and it's a matter of official record that these things exist. There is no disagreement, on an official level, that these things exist. The disagreements come in deciding what it is. Is it extra-terrestrial? Is it something else? Is it secret prototype aircraft? All that sort of thing. 'UFO' simply means 'unidentified flying object' and doesn't mean anything more than that. We know that at least 90% of UFO reports can be explained as misidentifications or – rarely, actually – hoaxes. But there's still a hardcore of reports by qualified observers. We now have 3,400 reports from military and civilian pilots dating back to 1920. Even then, it doesn't necessarily mean that they've seen a space vehicle – but, again, I'm convinced that a small percentage does relate to bona fide extraterrestrial alien craft. In my opinion.

**You mentioned misidentification and also hoaxes. I was wondering, how do you judge the veracity your witnesses?**

It's one of the most frustrating aspects of my research that invariably I will come across – frauds or deluded people. The greatest problem I have is with people who are pathological liars. They've told their story so many times that they come to believe it themselves, and therefore, they come across very, very convincingly. I could give some names of people who actually initially had some very good data, very good contacts, and very good experience – very good stories to tell, which were probably bona fide. But then later on, because no one believed them, they then began to fabricate other stories and evidence and videos and photographs and stuff. This is the great frustration! I would say that people who are really reliable on what they are reporting, in terms of integrity, are relatively rare.

**But in the absence of hard evidence, how do you judge that?**

It's very, very difficult. Ideally, if there's time, you have to get to know the witness; their circumstances, their family, their background. For example, I devoted six chapters to these extraordinary colourful Polaroid photographs [of an alleged alien being] taken by Filiberto Caponi in Italy. It's a long complicated story, but we have these 6 photographs which he took between May and October of 1993. I've spent time in Italy on several occasions with Caponi and his family and I'm satisfied that he's telling the truth. I met his grandmother, and this was the most compelling witness in a way for me, because she had actually witnessed him, her grandson, taking the last photograph close up. Then, of course, the problem is that Caponi is an artisan and he works in terracotta as well as

being a fine painter. So the obvious conclusion that the sceptics come to is that he fabricated this creature. First of all, I commissioned a Law Society checked expert witness Professor Roger Green who specializes in examining imagery for the police in forensic analysis. And he determined, in his opinion – having studied examples of Caponi's sculptures, terracotta work, and paintings – that the creature didn't represent something that Caponi would have produced, were he to have fabricated it. But of course, that is just a legal opinion. We cannot prove the case, we cannot produce the creature – and it's very frustrating. But I think, really, the hardcore evidence lies more in things like the animal mutilations than anything else, because there we have the animals, and they have been examined by experts. I've spoken to a number of them, including Dr. John Altshuler, a highly respected haematologist, who's the first to analyse the carcasses of these mutilated animals and he's absolutely convinced that there's no known agency on earth that can produce the sort of effects that he has examined. The official explanation by the FBI, who conducted investigations in the 1970's, is that it's done by predators. These animals typically are drained of all blood, their organs are extracted with immaculate precision. There is a case in *Unearthly Disclosure* in Utah in 1998 when the heart and liver were completely friable, completely crumbled. There is the hard end of it – it's there for any scientist to study if he or she wants to.

**Is it a problem that scientists just don't want to go near it? Or is the academic climate changing?**

The climate is changing. I know a number of scientists who are highly interested in it but they do not want that fact to be known because they are afraid of

ridicule. But of course, there are many scientists – hundreds of scientists worldwide – who apply themselves to this multi-faceted subject and many of them work in the intelligence community. A number have had the guts to come forward and even write books – Dr. John Mack, Harvard Medical School, David Michael Jacobs... And there are many other people who've come forward and laid their heads on the block and their reputations on the line. In China, extraordinarily, the subject is not ridiculed. There are thousands of researchers, but you cannot become an official researcher unless you have a PhD and regularly peer-reviewed papers in scientific journals on your particular discipline. So it's taken very seriously by the Chinese Academy of Science and by the Chinese Air Force – and by some Chinese politicians. Just a different perspective altogether.

**The view of many – even scientists – seems to be that it can't be true because that doesn't happen, even if there does appear to be evidence. Is there a vicious circle there?**

There is a vicious circle. But there are so many reports now, from people who claim to have examined bodies, alien



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bodies, alien creatures – perfectly physical. I've got cases, in *Beyond Top Secret*, *Alien Base*, and the new book *Unearthly Disclosure*. For example, there's a chapter on a case in Brazil, where we have the testimony of not one, but at least a dozen, named, military police, Brazilian army officers and medical staff who handled two alien creatures. One of them died. We have descriptions of the physical examination of one of these creatures, and it's unique in a way because so many people came forward at the time, and they were irate because the Americans confiscated these bodies and apparently took them back to the States. So you cannot dismiss these stories, but unfortunately what I don't have, what I can't produce, are the alien bodies and a spacecraft for you... That is the problem!

**Is that what it will take, do you think?**

Yes I do. But even then I think people will be sceptical!

**What you've described is obviously reflected, in a number of ways, in plotlines of things like The X-Files. Has that helped or hindered your case?**

In a way it's helped bring a whole interest in the subjects that are dealt with in *The X-Files*. On the other hand, it makes people treat UFO's and the alien subject as just science fiction.

**But has it opened up debate?**

I don't think so. It's a very slow process. Of course, I have my own information passed to me via Pentagon sources. As you know if you've read the last chapter of the book, there's a lot of extraordinary information. Again, I can't prove it – all I know is that it comes second hand to me from you know a high ranking US Air Force officer, who served in the air staff and the Joint Chiefs at the Pentagon in the late 1980's, so the information that I've published is out of date. It was passed to my source, a former US Army Intelligence officer, and a highly respected aerospace journalist in Washington. He was given this information over a period of years. There's bound to be a certain amount of disinformation (the Pentagon always incorporates disinformation when it's passing information to journalists) but I've been able to get additional corroboration from, for example, the Brazilian scientist, Reubens Villela, who's confirmed certain things that I told him. This is after he told me things which were remarkably similar in his own experience about aliens being based here, there being a conflict of interests... Because, as I have been told, it's not a question of one race coming here – there are several species, some of whom may have our best interests at heart but others who certainly don't.

**I was going to ask about that – particularly with reference to the phrase that subtitles your new book: 'conflicting interests in the control of extraterrestrial intelligence'...**

It's a sort of double entendre, really.

Extraterrestrial intelligence meaning extraterrestrial intelligence which is out there, and intelligence matters relating to both here and them, because apparently there is this conflict of interest.

**Is that referring to government control of those intelligences?**

As well, yes.

**Is this primarily the United States government?**

Primarily the United States Government. I have been told that the US government has more knowledge on this subject than any other. Although I hasten to add that they do contract out, they do get scientists from all over the world who are experts in their particular discipline when necessary in the intelligence community. I've written about that in *Top Secret*. For example there's this team of scientists – Italian, Polish English, French I think – who were invited out to the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena to analyse some extraordinary materials – they weren't told where they came from – and they were just flabbergasted, because these materials were just way beyond anything we had. And then a few years later, they were shown – in a vault in JPL again in Pasadena – actual parts of a skeleton, parts of a skull and part of a hip bone of, apparently, an extraterrestrial being, recovered in New Mexico in 1947. They didn't say where. They weren't allowed to know.

**What is their agenda?**

I honestly don't know. I don't know what they're up to. All I can say is that there is a vested interest in this planet on the part of not one, but several species. Earth is unique, not just in our solar system but maybe for light years around. Even assuming that there are other earthlike planets in our galaxy – which is a very strong likelihood, although we haven't found them yet, but we will, I'm quite sure, and in the next five years probably – still, this planet appears to be of great interest to them, either because they have vested interests in materials and resources here, or because they're very interested in human beings. One does hear these stories that some of them, at any rate, are a dying race and they need human samples.

**Is this the reason for this idea of hybridisation?**

I think so. That's what they say. There's a certain requirement here to create a hybrid. Now the question is, if some of them want to create a hybrid, for whose benefit is that? Is it for theirs because they're after this planet? It could well be...

Toby Venables

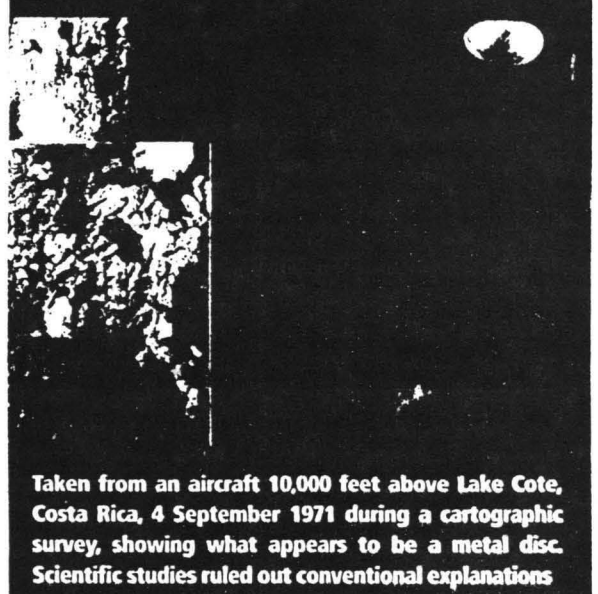
Timothy Good's latest book, *Unearthly Disclosure*, is now out in paperback. Our thanks to Waterstone's for arranging the interview.



One of Filiberto Caponi's controversial 'alien' Polaroids



Artist's impression of one of the creatures captured by military police in Varginha, Brazil, January 1996



Taken from an aircraft 10,000 feet above Lake Cote, Costa Rica, 4 September 1971 during a cartographic survey, showing what appears to be a metal disc. Scientific studies ruled out conventional explanations





# Paranormal investigators who take all the facts into account

**B**Y DAY John and Anne Spencer earn their living in that most prosaic and respectable of professions, accountancy.

But when they leave the office their thoughts turn to the supernatural.

Like: "What is an angel? Is there a monster in Loch Ness? Did King Arthur exist? How do you track a poltergeist? Can you be kidnapped by aliens?"

The husband and wife team are among the UK's leading investigators of the paranormal. They've researched all sorts of strange and creepy situations both at home and abroad and led experiments into phenomena from ghosts to ESP.

Between them they have written more than 15 books, including best seller *The Encyclopedia of Ghosts and Spirits*, as well as *Alien Contact*, *The Poltergeist Phenomenon*, *Fifty Years of UFOs*, and *Mysteries and Magic*.

This month sees the publication of their latest book, *The Encyclopedia of the World's Mystical and Sacred Sites*, power places which – as they say on their bookjacket – "continue to exert a mysterious hold over us through the centuries."

It journeys from the Pyramids of Egypt to the great basilicas of Assisi and the Vatican; from Stonehenge to the Devil's Tower in Wyoming (film setting for *Close Encounters*), to the Golden Temple of Amritsar and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha in Bangkok.

I don't quite know what I expected when I arrived at their Harpenden office, but it certainly wasn't a couple looking quite so matter-of-fact and, well, like accountants.

Nor had I realised that ancient history stretching thousands of years into the past might suddenly be re-written by the brutal acts of today.

It happened to John and Anne last year when they watched aghast on TV as the Taliban blew up the statues carved into the huge cliffs at Bamiyan, Afghanistan, including the world's tallest standing Buddha.

"We had completed that entry and we re-wrote it before the book went to press, which was prior to the tragedy of September 11," said John.

"We did try to keep open minds and respect other people's beliefs – after all, Napoleon cannon-balled the Sphinx."

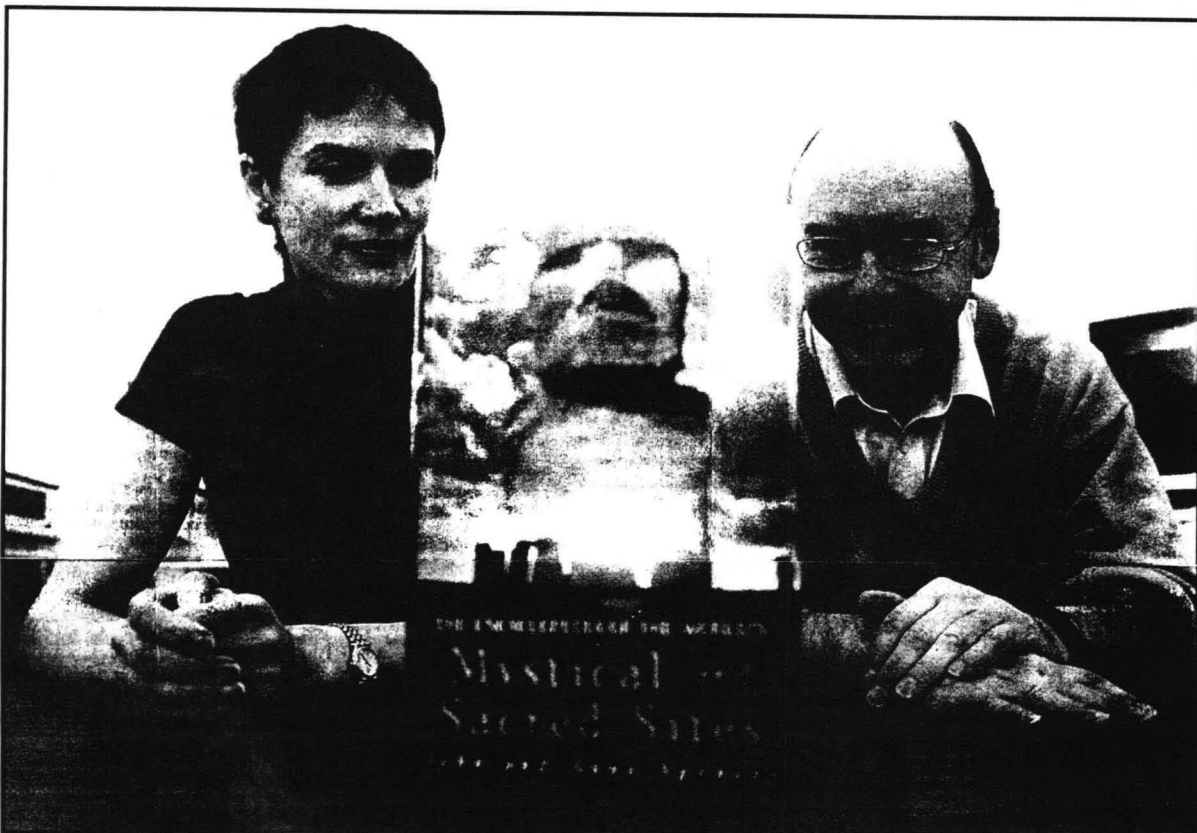
The Bamiyan Buddha has had huge Buddhist significance since the First Century AD – but exactly a year ago it was destroyed by Taliban Muslim fundamentalists in the belief that, as they explain, "Islam prohibits carving and worship of statues".

The main thrust of their book is to put a myriad different sites, encompassing a huge spectrum of religious beliefs, into context.

"There actually isn't that much difference between religion and mysticism – formal religion is really more about politics and I am not really into all that, I'm more interested in how it relates to people," said John.

"For instance, what interests me about St Peter's Basilica in the

Husband and wife team John and Anne Spencer are investigators of the paranormal and the generally very spooky – after a day doing the accounts that is. **Susan Nowak** bravely reports



Anne and John Spencer proudly show off their bestselling book about mystical and sacred sites.

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Vatican is not that the Pope lives there, but that it is almost certainly built over the bones of Peter the Apostle, and that makes the power of the Catholic religion itself very real."

St Peter shares the pages with the Devil's Tower in Wyoming, an ancient native Indian site with a reputation for UFO sightings, which achieved further immortality in the film *Close Encounters*.

Glastonbury, of course, rates a big entry as Britain's New Age capital and centre of pagan worship. It is credited by some to be Avalon, final resting place of Arthur – though in their entry on Cadbury Castle in Somerset they recount the legend that King Arthur and his knights are sleeping there, ready to ride out if England is ever about to fall.

In Britain you're never more than five miles from a sacred site – while in India, you're always standing on one.

When they started working together, John was initially the writer – Anne his editor. Gradually she "infiltrated" the research, and her role grew until they are now joint authors.

"Our writing started through our involvement in the paranormal.

"John had an interest in UFOs and, being Scottish, my interest

was more in ghosts and haunting," said Anne.

What do they say to those who dismiss them as cranks?

"I suppose my only answer is that cranks are extremists one way or another, but some of our critics say we are too gullible, and others say we are too sceptical, so I would claim that we get it about right," said John.

In fact, they approach phenomena in a spirit of unprejudiced investigation. They believe that people really do experience many things we cannot explain – but that does not mean a rational explanation does not exist.

"We are not sceptical about what people are telling us, but we have to be open minded about the interpretation," said Anne.

**O**N the whole, John has concluded he does not believe in flying saucers or people being kidnapped by aliens.

"I think a lot of sightings can be put down to natural energies in the atmosphere like ball lightning, which can even appear in front of people in their own houses," he said.

When it comes to poltergeists, they are more ambivalent. They have interviewed several people

who offer convincing evidence, and the couple experienced a chilling situation they themselves can't explain.

They were with a team investigating complaints of poltergeists at a pub in Sussex when a door kept moving abruptly and inexplicably. A member of the team went to close it and it slammed dramatically in his face: "That was a blood draining moment for all of us," said John.

Added Anne: "When you spend a lot of time on a poltergeist case, you can take a bit of it away with you and find things happening in your own home." Such as?

"Well, we were once in the kitchen," said John. "And I think this is a humorous comment on my cooking skills – in front of us an extractor fan turned on over the cooker that could never turn on by itself."

One of the books they most enjoyed researching was their *Encyclopedia of the World's Greatest Unsolved Mysteries*, which examines all sorts of inexplicable phenomena – including the Big Cat.

Said John: "I have to say we were ahead of the game with that because we contacted the Government about Big Cats and they obviously thought we were bonkers. They now accept that there are colonies of them."

"My theory is they were trying to minimise insurance claims by farmers."

In a book that tries to find reasonable explanations for everything from zombies to the Bermuda Triangle, they did decide there probably is a Yeti.

"We reached the conclusion that there is a lesser known species of ape running around in the Himalayas."

"But when we tried to cross reference with Big Foot the idea that there's a huge ape roaming around Florida was far less likely, so is this modern mythology?" muses John.

The couple are members of the the Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena, as well as the Ghost Club, and have lived in Harpenden for 14 years and have two daughters – Catherine, 18, and Jennifer, 16. John is former chairman of the British UFO Research Association.

Their most useful research tool is now the hi-tech one of the internet, a rich fund of the latest info on all sorts of phenomena and, via e-mail, a swift way to contact those who have been beyond belief.

■ *The Encyclopedia of the World's Mystical and Sacred Sites* by John and Anne Spencer is published by Headline, price £19.99.

WEST VIRGINIA

# Town goes for ride on Mothman's wings

Movie about mysterious creature attracts the curious, bearing cash

BY JENNIFER BUNDY  
Associated Press

POINT PLEASANT, W.Va. — The real Mothman is long gone. Tourists and reporters now haunt the residents of this small Ohio River town portrayed in the film "The Mothman Prophecies."

Carolyn Harris is so used to having her picture taken since the movie's mid-January release that she suggests to a photographer the best places to pose in her Main Street steak house.

Ruth Finley, owner of the antique-filled Lowe Hotel, has been interviewed on at least 10 radio talk shows and was host to actor Will Patton for two nights while he was preparing for his role as town resident Gordon Smallwood. She has photos of her husband and Patton handy at the front desk.

Hilda Austin of the Mason County Area Chamber of Commerce has a long list of reporters she has talked to.

"Like all of a sudden I'm the spokesman for Mothman," Austin said.

People say the Mothman, an ashen-colored, 7-foot-tall humanoid creature with large wings and glowing red eyes, appeared near Point Pleasant several times during the 1960s.

Two couples who said they were chasing parkers at the former West Virginia Ordnance Works, known as TNT, first saw the creature in November 1966. Sightings tapered off after Point Pleasant's Silver Bridge collapsed



Al Biggs, here with Carolyn Harris, is designing an envelope showing the Silver Bridge in Point Pleasant, W.Va., which collapsed in December 1967, an event allegedly foretold by Mothman.

in December 1967, killing 46 people.

Mothman was last reported seen in late 1968 but the creature has reappeared as a mysterious presence in the movie starring Richard Gere.

Small business owners along Main Street hope the new notoriety brings prosperity to the town of slightly fewer than 6,000 residents, which before the movie promoted its Revolutionary War history. Some consider the 1774 battle between American Indians and troops led by Gen. Andrew Lewis the first of the American Revolution.

Sales of Donnie Sergeant and Jeff Wamsley's book "Mothman:

The Facts behind the Legend" are good. Mothman T-shirts and sweat shirts abound. Mothman toys and even refrigerator magnets can be purchased. A Mothman video game is in the works.

Resident Angela Roach has a friend who has joked about financing her retirement by grinding up green plastic foam and selling it as Mothman poop.

A new tourism committee is now trying to take advantage of the movie by pushing the town as a destination for the curious.

A festively lit Mothman greets visitors at a new welcome center and there are plans for a Mothman festival.

Dozens of tourists have trekke

to Point Pleasant, 56 miles from Charleston. The attention, while welcome, can be exasperating to some.

Austin complains about one national TV crew that took up half her day and only used footage of her hand holding the Mothman toys she and her husband created. Instead, the television show featured someone who claims to have seen the real Mothman, Austin said, rolling her eyes.



Hilda Austin of the Mason County Area Chamber of Commerce in Point Pleasant holds one of the Mothman plush toys she and her husband created.

Many residents know someone who saw Mothman or remember going Mothman hunting as teens. When asked whether they believe the creature exists, many smile and say they believe people saw something, clearly not wanting to imply friends and neighbors are crazy.

Residents who saw the movie have a few bones to pick with the makers.

"They made our Mothman look like he was bad," Harris said. "He never hurt anybody."

Also, Mothman never talked to anyone, as he does in the movie. The movie also doesn't mention the hundreds of UFO and alien sightings that occurred around the same time.

## Into thin air

How Kucinich's "chemtrails" disappeared... from right under Congress' nose!

by Bob Fittrakis

U.S. Representative Dennis Kucinich's Space Preservation Act of 2001, introduced last October seeking a "permanent ban on basing of weapons in space," specifically banned chemtrails as weapons. Now, in a new version of the bill, the "chemtrails" language has disappeared. The missing words are part of an eyes-wide-open denial that says as much about the cover-up as it does about the spraying that's plainly visible in the sky.

On March 16, in a front-page story titled "Conspiracy theorists look up," the *Akron Beacon Journal* noted that Kucinich's bill "had been rewritten...and the references to chemtrails and the other types of weapons were quietly eliminated." The *Beacon Journal* article, linking chemtrails to conspiracies, resulted from massive local pressure. Michel Massullo of Akron provided *Columbus Alive* with rolls of photos of plane trails and a sworn affidavit attesting to extensive aerial activity over that city on February 18 and February 24.

Sources close to Kucinich's new bill, HR 3616, which has been endorsed by some 254 community groups throughout the nation, say the term "chemtrail" was dropped because Kucinich, a Democrat from Lakewood, couldn't get the Union of Concerned Scientists or the Federation of American Scientists to sign on.

Previously explaining the government's position, Lieutenant Colonel Michael K. Gibson of the U.S. Air Force wrote U.S. Representative Mark Green in August 2000 and stated, "The term 'chemtrail' is a hoax that began circulating approximately three

years ago which asserts the government is involved in a joint federal program of covert spraying of the public."

It's a classic non-denial denial: Gibson is denying that the Air Force is secretly spraying U.S. citizens. The reality is the U.S. Space Command and other government agencies are involved in ongoing experiments for military and environmental purposes that involve aerial spraying, and the microfibers and other sprayed chemicals inevitably fall to earth, putting the public at risk.

Before you believe Gibson's and the government's "denial," do an Internet search for the following terms: Joint Vision for 2020; weather as a force modifier; owning the weather by 2025; Eastlund; and Edward Teller. Two scientists working at Wright Patterson Air Force Base confirmed to *Alive* that they were involved in aerial spraying experiments. One involved aluminum oxide spraying related to global warming and the other involved barium stearate and had to do with high-tech military communications.

The U.S. government has a long history of denying inexcusable covert operations. These are the people who told you about the joys of nuclear radiation and Readi Kilowatt, that Agent Orange could defoliate a tropical jungle overnight but was harmless to humans. This is the same government that secretly experimented on its citizens with everything from syphilis to LSD.

The Pentagon would now have you believe that the mass sightings of chemtrails all over North America are collective halluci-

nations, even though the boys at the government's Lawrence Livermore experimental lab admit that they've discussed all this aerial spraying and run computer simulations on the effects of weather modification for military and peacetime purposes.

A brief history of the chemtrail phenomenon can be traced to a Washington state man who told award-winning investigative reporter William Thomas that he'd become ill on New Year's Day 1999 after watching several jets make strange lines in the sky. Within six months, Thomas, writing primarily for the *Environmental News Service*, had detailed over 700 eyewitness reports of chemtrails from 40 states.

Mainstream newspapers have gone out of their way to dismiss these eyewitness accounts. Thomas told the *New Mexican* newspaper in June 1999, "It's easier to sell UFOs to major media than a phenomena as close in many cities as the nearest window."

The *New Mexican* took a skeptical view of the local Skywatchers group and their account of "unmarked government planes puffing strange white smoke, making cryptic Xs and tic-tac-toe designs, covering the air above as the puzzled populace looks up in fear and confusion." The photos from Akron that arrived last week show the same patterns in the sky.

A news database search showed that 24 local TV stations from around the country have reported on and dismissed the same phenomenon in the last few years. On January 14, Baltimore's WJZ-TV report included a visual of "last Thursday morning's chemtrails seen in the sky." The story was

almost identical to one broadcast by Orlando station WOFL in July 2000.

Last May, the *West-Quebec Post* spread chemtrails photographs across its front page (the Canadian press has been much more open to investigating the phenomenon). Fred Ryan, the *Post's* publisher, reported that his readers had been photographing and comparing the aerial activity for some time.

While the U.S. government is busy with the latest in a long series of covert experiments, and contemptuously attempts to convince eyewitnesses that they're crazy, non-



Chemtrails seen last month in Akron

governmental organizations are quietly circulating a proposed UN treaty titled Permanent Ban on Basing of Weapons in Space; listed under the heading "Exotic weapons" is the term "chemtrails." This treaty is a direct outgrowth of UN General Assembly Resolution 55/32, passed 138-0 with three nations abstaining (the United States, Israel and Micronesia).

Sooner or later the government will declassify documents, as it inevitably does, showing that it engaged in aerial spraying for military and environmental purposes. Until then, the government will continue to tell us we don't see what we obviously see.



# Would you believe?

Callers to Art Bell's radio show get genial tolerance for their creepy tales



ROBERT FULFORD  
Notebook

It was the middle of the night, as it always is, and Jim in Wolfville was on the line, calling all the way from Nova Scotia to Art Bell's home radio studio in Pahrump, Nev. (pop. 7,400), where Jim's and Art's voices were being beamed up to a satellite so they could be sent back down to about 500 radio stations across the United States and Canada.

Jim is one of us, one of 10 million or so listeners (occasional, frequent or obsessive) to the most outlandish long-running radio show anywhere, *Cross Country with Art Bell*, a five-hour program much loved by night workers, insomniacs and those who enjoy visiting the outer reaches of human credibility.

Bell may be the only broadcaster in the business who will never scoff at you when aliens land their ship in your backyard. He won't think you odd if you yearn for yet one more discussion of the famous 1957 Chevrolet that "just fell out of the sky" some years ago in Long Beach, Calif. On his show a typical caller begins, "I'm phoning about the stories about mysterious balls of light."

Jim was calling from Wolfville because he was bothered by some ghost voices, messages from the Beyond, that Art's guests of the evening had taped in graveyards

**'I'M PHONING ABOUT THE STORIES ABOUT MYSTERIOUS BALLS OF LIGHT'**

and were now playing on the air. The spirits on the tapes said nothing interesting, of course. Like all dead people ever contacted by spiritualists, they apparently thought that just getting in touch was enough, like remembering to phone your Mom on Sunday. They certainly didn't feel called upon to communicate anything they had learned on the Other Side.

But Jim wasn't concerned about that. He was worried because he had distinctly heard the ghosts on the tapes ... breathing. As he said, "It is kind of interesting that the ghosts have to breathe. If that's the case, do they eat?"

I suspect Jim was a skeptic pretending to be innocent, but Bell took him seriously. He treats unbelievers and believers with the same genial tolerance. "Good point," he said. "After all, they're dead. What do they need with breathing sounds?"

One of the tape-collecting spiritualists was ready for that question. "To be honest," he answered, "I really don't believe they are actually breathing. I think it's a memory thing. They're remembering how they talked in life, and to do that, they had to breathe. That's how

they communicate with us." Bell, who has been hearing creative explanations like that for more than two decades, pronounced this one good, in fact perfect. His voice conveyed his warm appreciation of a sure-footed researcher.

Bell himself is an object of curiosity to many listeners. Who is he, and does he believe what all those people tell him? He was born in 1945, to a father and mother who were both U.S. Marines. He worked as an operator in radio stations and finally landed an on-air job. He specialized in unexplained phenomena, from UFOs to spontaneous human combustion, because he realized no one else was mining those subjects. Now he sometimes limits callers to one topic — he'll open a specific phone line for, say, vampires, or time travellers.

His listeners' stories often sound true to him. He believes spaceships visit Earth, and thinks he's seen one. He takes a friendly interest in all the people who phone, whether he agrees with them or not.

"I help them tell their story and let the audience judge. I don't laugh at them. I listen." No one screens the calls.

The tales that come to life on Bell's show range from the eccentric to the downright creepy. The second category includes the Hale-Bopp comet in 1997. It was on Bell's show that someone first reported an alien spaceship was shadowing Hale-Bopp in the general direction of Earth. The rumour spread, and 39 members of Heaven's Gate, a California cult, killed themselves in the belief that the spaceship would take them to a better place.

Bell's fans don't blame Bell: He carried debunking material about the story as well as the story itself, and in any case the cultists had been waiting for a sign. They might just as easily have found it in the words of *Stairway to Heaven*.

In Austin, Milwaukee, Orange County and other places, Art Bell chat clubs have sprung up so people can get together and talk about what they've heard on his show. His listeners love to figure the angles on whatever phenomenon comes up. One of his callers, after hearing a program on people who died during operations and then came back to life, demanded to know why these were called "near-death experiences" when all the signs indicated the patients were in fact dead. Proudly, this caller announced that he'd worked out the answer: Insurance companies don't want to pay

**LISTENERS LOVE TO FIGURE THE ANGLES ON WHATEVER PHENOMENON COMES UP**

death benefits to the same person more than once.

Then there was the man who phoned to express his concern about cloning and criminal justice. Won't cloning mean that a person's DNA will be no longer be unique and therefore won't be admissible as evidence in criminal cases? Bell replied, "That is really an awfully good point. If you had a bunch of clones and there was a murder, you'd have no way of separating the suspects ... There would be no DNA evidence that would stand up in court." That sort of question would occur only to a Bell fan.

Stephen Osborne, the editor of *Geist* magazine in Vancouver, told me a few years ago that I should listen to Bell. Osborne occasionally passes on details of callers I've missed, such as the man who hit a 700-pound Sasquatch on a road in the Midwest last summer. He had moved

it, with jeep and winch, to what he called his "Y2K-fallout shelter," and it seemed still to be alive. He wanted Bell himself to take charge of it. He didn't trust anyone else. Bell advised him to call a vet and promised to put him in touch with a Sasquatch expert. In Bell's world it is taken for granted that there's an expert on everything, whether the thing itself exists or not.

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Art Bell's show goes out via satellite to millions of late-night listeners.

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## Physicist says he has a plan for time travel

**■ He expects to soon have a working model that uses lasers and Einstein's theory.**

By David Abel  
The Boston Globe

A physicist at the University of Connecticut believes he knows how to build a time machine — an actual device that could send something or someone from the future to the past, or vice versa.

Ronald Mallett isn't joking.

Unlike other physicists who have pondered the science of time travel, the 57-year-old professor has devised a machine he believes could transport anything — from a subatomic particle to a person — from one time to another.

"I'm not a nut ... I hope to have a working mock-up and start experiments this fall," Mallett said. "I would think I was a crackpot, too, if there weren't other colleagues I knew who were working on it. This isn't Ron Mallett's theory of matter; it's Einstein's theory of relativity. I'm not pulling things out of the known laws of physics."

But Alan Guth, a physics professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who has studied the theory of time machines, said he isn't sure it's even theoretically possible to travel through time. As far as whether it will happen, he says: "Definitely not within our lifetimes."

Another physicist, Stanley Deser, a professor at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., who recently co-wrote a paper titled "Time Travel?," said the problem is not the physics, it's the feasibility of making time travel work. "This is about trying to amass all the matter of the universe in a very small region," he said. "Good luck."

After 27 years at UConn, Mallett has the confidence of his boss, William Stwalley, chairman of the Physics Department.

"His ideas certainly have merit," Stwalley said. "I think some of his ideas are very interesting and they would make nice tests of general relativity."

Mallett's plan doesn't require some sort of sleigh, the means of transport in H.G. Wells' *The Time Machine*, or reaching 88 mph in a DeLorean automobile, as in the movie *Back to the Future*. His time machine merely uses a ring of light.

According to Einstein's theory of gravity, anything that has mass or energy distorts the space and the passage of time around it, like a bowling ball dropped on a trampoline.

Circulating a series of laser beams in the right way, by slowing them down and shooting them through anything from fiber-optic cable to special crystals, might create a similar distortion that theoretically could transport someone through time, Mallett believes.

The professor and his UConn colleagues plan to build a device to test whether it's possible to move a subatomic particle, probably a neutron, through time.

Mallett said he hopes the energy from a rotating laser beam will warp the space inside the ring of light so that gravity forces the neutron to rotate sideways. With even more energy, he believes, it's possible a second neutron will appear. The second particle would be the first one visiting itself from the future.

Although Mallett acknowledges that sending a person through time might require more energy than physicists today know how to harness, he sees it merely as an engineering problem.

Since his father, a heavy smoker, died at 33 when Mallett was 10, Mallett has longed for a way to travel back in time to warn him about the dangers of cigarettes.

For most of his career, however, Mallett kept secret that his desire for time travel had drawn him to become a physicist. It wasn't until a few years ago, when he began researching a book on the topic, that he arrived at his idea of how to build a time machine.

If the idea pans out, won't there be a host of potential paradoxes, such as time travelers killing their parents and making it impossible for them to exist?

No, he said, explaining that those travelers would continue to exist in a parallel universe.

# Cyclops found in cave in Philippines

## ONE-EYED GIANTS

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**R**eports in the Philippine press have announced the discovery of human skulls with a single eye socket. These finds, in limestone caves in the country's southern islands, lend support to tribal folklore that two races of cyclopean giants once roamed the plains of Central and Northern Mindanao — one evil and the other benign. According to local legend, the most popular of these one-eyed heroes was Agyo, who fought against the first Spanish conquistadores.

Skeletal remains, allegedly those of Agyo, are kept as an object of worship in a sacred cave. A recent excavation by archaeologists of the National Museum found a similar skull on the island of Bohol. Rey Santiago, an archaeologist, speculates whimsically that limestone in caves where the these skulls occur could have triggered a chemical reaction in the skulls, creating a new eyeball socket. "Human bones and limestone have similar [composition]," he said, as if this settled the matter.

The Ancients believed that giants with one eye in the middle of their foreheads existed in Scythia, Ethiopia

and India. In Greek mythology, the Cyclops (Greek for "one eye") lived around Mount Etna in Sicily, where they forged iron for the gods. Homer described them as skilled herdsmen who devoured humans. A temple dedicated to their service stood at Corinth. Enigmatic structures, made of huge blocks fitted together without mortar, were attributed to the Cyclops. Examples include the Lion Gate at Mycenae and the Treasury of Athens.

It has been suggested recently that the huge central space in the "forehead" of prehistoric elephant skulls, which turn up occasionally on Greek islands, might have given rise to the legend of the Cyclops.

Living cyclopia, with one eye in the centre of the forehead, do occur in the medical literature. Gould & Pyle (*Anomalies and Curiosities of Medicine*, 1896) mention only two cases: a boy in 1884 who lived for 73 hours; and

another in 1894 (gender unstated) who survived for six or seven hours, having but one eye and an extremely small mouth.

According to Daniel P Mannix (*Freaks: We Who Are Not As Others*, 1976), a girl with one central eye was born in northern France, in 1793 and lived to be 15. "A few years ago," he continues, "it was rumoured that there was a cyclopean Negro living in Mississippi. One showman is said to have spent months and a small fortune trying to find him, without success. A cyclopean child was born in Recife in Brazil in April 1991, but lived only two hours.

The Bulgarian news agency BTA reported the discovery of a "Cyclops" skeleton near the town of Razlog in south-west Bulgaria on August 4, 1973. It was 5ft 8in tall and had one eye socket in the coronal bone above the nasal cavity. The discovery was made in a burial ground near the ruins of a building of unknown age.

Bulgaria does seem to be the place for such wonders. According to a report in the Turkish newspaper *Milliyet* on January 4, a very strange skull was found in southern Bulgaria on May 21 last year.

An unnamed 38-year-old resident of Plovdiv claimed to have had a dream in which five aliens dressed in one-piece yellow metallic suits told him to visit a certain point on Rodop Mountain, about 120 miles south of Sofia, and dig. When he did so, he found the skull and a small elliptical metal object.

A Bulgarian news magazine published a photograph of the skull on January 31, generating a lot of excitement and speculation about extraterrestrials. The skull weighs 9oz and has six orifices in it, but no mouth. The bone is thinner than that of an average human. Koubrat Tomov, a Bulgarian psychic, said the creature could be "a product of the Atlanteans, created to serve man". DNA tests and carbon-14 analysis were promised.

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# Revelations from water

**R**elaxing on the patio, waiting for the sun's final rays to settle behind the distant treeline, I watch the clear waters of my backyard stream surging merrily around the gravel and rocks, spilling into little Walton Pond to my left. Staring into its depths, I am reminded of the compelling photographs of frozen water taken by visionary Japanese researcher Masaru Emoto.

The startling color photographs, now published in the two-volume set, "The Message From Water," have done more than any recent scientific discovery in convincing me of the interwoven spiritual fabric that bonds all consciousness and reality. Emoto froze water from different places into microscopic crystals, then photographed what he saw under extreme magnification. Then he began infusing distilled water with human thoughts and emotions and music and photographing those results.

The Fayetteville Public Library is one of only five in America that have made the books available, but Emoto's discoveries also can be viewed by visiting the Web site [www.wellnessgoods.com/art\\_wat\\_messages.html](http://www.wellnessgoods.com/art_wat_messages.html).

This afternoon, I sit alone wondering how the crystals of my mini-Crooked Creek and Walton Pond might appear under Emoto's camera: like radiant diamonds or some dark and undefined mudpie?

Emoto said he took samples from sources around the world. He drew water from Lourdes, from a polluted lake in Japan, from Antarctica, from big rivers and from little streams. Then he froze those samples and photographed how the crystals appeared at their fundamental molecular level.

He soon discovered that the water



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clearly alters its physical molecular form in response to human emotions and thoughts. Cleanliness, resonance and spiritual depth invariably create radiant jewel-like molecules in his photographs. In many instances, the resulting crystals actually resemble diamond pendants. On the flip side, negativity, filth, pollution, evil and certain forms of what passes for music today all create frozen water crystals that are dark and misshapen to the point of formlessness.

This undeniable pattern of cleanliness, possessiveness and beauty vs. dirty, negative and ugly crystals and molecular change seems the same whether the photographed water is associated with people, emotions, music or the natural environment. Positive energy equates with radiance while negative begets a dull and unappealing formlessness.

For example, in his experiments, Emoto said he labeled vials of distilled water with names that usually generate emotional reactions from humans. They included Adolf Hitler and Mother Teresa. He labeled other vials with various contrasting emotional words such as "thankfulness" and "hate/kill you." He also placed distilled water between stereo speakers and played various music immediately before freezing it and taking his photographs.

Once again, the pattern was crystal clear. The Hitler water reflected hideous, brown, formless molecules, while the

Mother Teresa vial contained water with six-pointed crystals resembling golden gemstones. The acid rock music Emoto played produced the unshapen ooze, while vials exposed to Beethoven, Mozart and Bach generated the jewel-like crystals. The same beautiful result was found in the vial labeled "Thank you" as opposed to an ugly greenish slime in the water labeled "You make me sick. I will kill you."

Emoto took water directly from Japan's Fujiwara Dam and photographed its crystals in that natural state. They were bright, but relatively formless. Then a prayer was offered for the same vial of water and it was rephotographed. After prayers, the water crystals resembled a diamond brooch.

The impact of Emoto's research and photography should especially hit home once you consider that our human bodies are well over 70 percent water. I wonder what our personal water crystals would look like if frozen and photographed. How have our thoughts and attitudes about life affected their appearance? Could ugly formlessness in our bodily water trigger disease?

There's never been any doubt that our existence, and that of this planet, is inexorably linked to the malleable water that flows inside and outside our bodies. Now this man apparently has shown us that our thoughts play a much larger role in shaping our environment than we have ever could imagine. I believe I better understand why I feel so attached to this little backyard pond and stream I felt so driven to create.

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