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DR. ROGER LEIR REMOVES OTHERWORLDLY OBJECTS FROM PATIENTS WHO SAY THEY'VE BEEN ABDUCTED

By STARLA POINTER
Of the News Register

Dr. Roger Leir scoffed when a UFO researcher showed him an X-ray of a woman's foot, claiming that the T-shaped spot was an object implanted by aliens.

Leir, a podiatrist, had seen similar spots in numerous X-rays. They invariably turned out to be screws or wires from an old surgery, splinters or other foreign objects.

The UFO researcher insisted. So, to prove him wrong, Leir offered to surgically remove the mysterious item.

"It was worth my time to show him this was a bunch of nonsense," Leir said.

But when Leir bent over his patient, scalpel in hand, he noticed that things were out of kilter. There was no scar or visible sign that something had entered the body. The patient was well anesthetized, yet she almost leaped from the table in pain when he touched the object. But the surrounding tissue showed no inflammation or reaction, as if nothing unusual was going on.

And when Leir retrieved the object, it became even more of a mystery: It appeared to be an unfamiliar metal-like substance, and it was encased in a tough biological membrane that resisted even the sharpest scalpel.



Dr. Roger Leir will speak, sign his books and give a workshop during the UFO Festival this weekend in downtown McMinnville. For more on festival events, see Page B2.

"I'd never seen anything like that come out of a human," he said.

That was in 1995. He subsequently has done surgery to remove more objects which, despite analysis by some of the most sophisticated scientists in the country, continue to defy earthly explanation. At least one analyst compared the composition of the object to that of a meteorite; others have pointed out metallurgical anomalies.

Leir will talk about those objects and his other research related to UFOs when he speaks at McMinnville's annual UFO Festival.

He will be part of a speakers' bureau at 7 p.m. Friday in the Mack Theater. Admission is \$7 for the event, which also will include a screening of the Trent case documentary.

Leir will sign books at 9:30 that night in McMinnville's Hotel Oregon. Saturday morning, he and Peter Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center, will give a workshop at 10:30 in the hotel. Admission is \$7 per person.

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He will serve as grand marshal of the UFO parade downtown at 1 p.m. Saturday, as well.



Dr. Roger Leir has written books and been involved in several videos on the topic of alien implant removal.



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Alien Implants

Based on this analysis and on patients' memories of being abducted and spirited up to spaceships, Leir guesses that the tiny objects were implanted by aliens.

Abductees he has met in 42 countries have told him eerily similar stories of awakening surrounded by aliens in what appears to be a surgical suite. He receives hundreds of e-mails each month from people who believe they have such implants — some because they recall an abduction, some because they feel a lump in a spot that has never been subject to surgery.

In some cases, people complain of physical pain in the area where the object is embedded, Leir said. Others don't feel it at all.

Two of Leir's patients were interviewed by a psychologist both before and after implant removal surgery. Using almost the same words, both reported a newfound sense of freedom once the object was removed.

So what are these implants?

Clearly, they were created using nanotechnology, Leir said. They are extremely tiny recording transmission devices.

Some ufologists theorize the objects were implanted to control our behavior. But Leir said his best guess is that they are

monitoring devices which keep track of genetic changes in human beings.

One thing is sure, he said: They are absolutely not designed to follow our movements.

"I don't think a civilization millions of years older than ours would need a tracking device to know where we are," he said. "They would have other ways."

Leir, who has been a doctor for more than three decades, was interested in ufology long before he started doing implant removal surgery.

In fact, he had covered UFO speakers for the magazine "Vortex." He said he gave positive reviews to those whose claims were based on research and the scientific method and panned those whose assertions "sounded like nonsense."

Research in Brazil

In recent years, Leir has served as a technical consultant to the TV series "The X-Files" and has appeared on numerous TV specials. While traveling the world speaking about implants, he has been intrigued by UFO reports in every country.

During a visit to Brazil, he heard about a Roswell-like incident that took place in 1996. About 80 witnesses so far have come forward with

stories about a UFO crash and cover-up near a small agricultural town, he said.

Leir talked with some of the witnesses, including an orthopedic surgeon who said he was recruited to repair an alien's fractured limb. "We could talk in medical language with no barriers," he said, although he depended on a Portuguese translator as well.

As a result of his research, he recently authored a new book, "UFO Crash in Brazil." It joins his first book, "The Aliens and the Scalpel: Scientific Proof of Extraterrestrial Implants in Humans."

Leir said he doesn't claim to be an expert on UFOs, but he is interested in learning more about them. He has only to look at the sky on a clear night to know something is out there.

"Look at the stars. You can't possibly believe we are the only intelligent thing in the vastness of the universe," he said.

And it's easy to conclude that aliens hover over us, abduct people and implant ... something.

"Maybe they are coming to study us," Leir said. "Or maybe they're just visiting Earth to get a look at us, just like we go to the zoo."

UFO Festival lands in Mac this weekend

The News-Register staff

From ufologists who engage in the scientific study of unexplained phenomena to U-fun-lovers who joyfully celebrate all things alien, everyone will find something to captivate them at McMinnville's sixth annual UFO Festival.

A pre-festival dinner, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Roger Leir, will be held tonight in Portland. Serious ufology presentations will continue Friday night and Saturday in McMinnville, with a humorous alien parade through the downtown area Saturday afternoon.

McMinnville Downtown Association and McMinnville Hotel Oregon sponsor the event. They started as a way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the sighting of a UFO hovering over the Trent farm near McMinnville.

On May 11, 1950, Paul and Evelyn Trent saw a large, metallic-looking disc-shaped object hovering silently in the sky northeast of their farm. They were able to take two pictures of the event before the object gathered speed and disappeared.

The Telephone Register, a forerunner of the News-Register, published the photos — the first time a legitimate newspaper had shown pictures of a UFO. The images have been scrutinized by experts, who have found no explanation other than that the craft shown is a UFO. Today, the Trent pictures are still considered by many to be among the most credible and compelling proof.

With the Trent sighting in its history and nationally known figures from the ufology world as its guests, McMinnville's festival has become the second-biggest UFO event — second only to that in Roswell, N.M., where an alien craft is said to have crash-landed in the 1940s.

Leir, a specialist in removal of alien implants, will be featured Friday night in the Mack Theater along with a screening of a documentary about the McMinnville sighting. Tickets to the

ON THE WEB

For more information about the UFO festival schedule, check the McMinnville UFO website at www.ufofest.com.

7 p.m. event are \$7; attending both his Friday and Saturday events costs \$10.

A medical doctor, he is the author of "The Aliens and the Scalpel: Scientific Proof of Extraterrestrial Implants in Humans." He has been a technical consultant to the TV series "The X-Files" and his surgeries have been featured on numerous TV specials including those aired on NBC and the SciFi Channel.

Leir will sign autographs at 9:30 p.m. Friday, as well.

Leir and Peter Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center, will speak at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning in the hotel. Cost is \$7, or \$10 for both events.

Books and other ufology related items will be available for sale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday in a tent on Evans Street beside the hotel. A beer garden and live music by Jackstraw will be included.

Another highlight of Saturday will be the UFO parade through downtown McMinnville at 1 p.m. Entries will compete in several categories, including Best Alien Float, Best Alien Group, Best Alien Male and Female, and Best Alien Child.

Alien pets will have their own event this year. The Critter Cabana Pet Shop of Newberg will host an Alien Pet Contest at 2 p.m. Saturday on the U.S. Bank Plaza at Third and Davis streets.

Also at 2 o'clock, TheUFOStore.com will offer a free film festival at the hotel. At 2:30 p.m., Willamette Radio Workshop will do a live performance of "Buck Rogers" in the Mack Theater; admission is free.

The annual Alien Ball will start at 8 p.m. in Hotel Oregon. Admission is free to those 21 and older. Gayle Force and the Windbreakers will play.

READER, Chicago, IL - June 3, 2005



Pickled alien at Benson's Hide-A-Way

UFO Daze

On the third Saturday in July, devotees of unidentified flying objects will gather, as they do every year, to swap stories at Bill Benson's Hide-A-Way in Dundee, Wisconsin, 50 miles northwest of Milwaukee. UFO Daze founder Bob Kuehn—who started the event in 1991 to give enthusiasts a chance to discuss unidentified phenomena without being ridiculed—will speak, but if you can't make the party you can hear him give the UFO news in a 15-minute segment every Friday morning on Fond du Lac's KFIZ. Benson himself says he missed an unidentified flyover during last year's gathering—but

there's a video, and he'll gladly commandeer the bar's TV to show it. "It looks like a kite, with lights on all the angles. It came across from north to south, approximately three minutes horizon to horizon." Across the state, Elmwood observes its centennial July 29-31 with its own UFO Days, where the only paranormal activity looks to be the Out-of-This-World Cooking Contest. Last year's winner was a strawberry shortcake shaped like a spaceship. ▶ Sat 7/16 and Fri-Sun 7/29-7/31, Dundee and Elmwood, Wisconsin, 920-533-8219 (Dundee) or 800-474-3723 (Elmwood). —Harold Henderson

HERALD, Circleville, OH - July 14, 2005 CR: J. Fry

Guest speaker at RUFOS meeting

At the June Roundtown UFO Society meeting the guest speaker was Mr. Tim Hammond from Dayton. Tim spoke about his ufo sighting with other witnesses involved. It is a ufo sighting that he has never forgot. The account is listed in his book, "The Chilli-cothe UFO Chronicles."

Today at the Pickaway County District Library, the featured speaker will be Mr. John Tim-



TIM HAMMOND

merman of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies. John will talk about the many ufo sightings he has collected over the years

from the CUFOS UFO Displays. Many of them are listed in his new book, "The Timmerman Files." He has probably spoken personally to more ufo witnesses than anyone else in the USA. On July 16th he is scheduled to speak at the Neil Armstrong Museum. The monthly meetings are free and open to the public and will start at 6:30 p.m.

On July 23rd the Roundtown

UFO Society will hold their 3rd annual ufo display at the library. It starts at 10 a.m. and lasts until 5 p.m. The featured display will be the "UFO Evidence."

For further information contact Pete Hartinger, RUFOS Director, at 477-6252, or e-mail him at rufos@columbus.rr.com. The new RUFOS website is www.roundtownufosociety.com.

Science or science fiction, are we alone?

By ED WISMER
Ocean City Sentinel critic

A short while ago, I wrote an article about my lifelong love for science fiction. Feedback was positive and some comments were negative. Science fiction is a subject that often elicits strong opinions. It's like broccoli; you either like it - or at least tolerate it because it's good for you - or you detest it.

Science fiction is a subject, like your political views, that often is kept in the closet. That is because either your belief or disbelief in extra-terrestrials and their possible visits to our planet can invite nods of agreement or hoots of derision. Nevertheless, sci-fi or sci-fact are often debated hotly in the media, if only sporadically. The subject requires courage but is no sillier than the stuff coming out of Washington D.C. on a daily basis.

A few weeks ago, ABC's Peter Jennings devoted two hours of programming to the pros and

cons of UFOs and the probability or improbability of their existence. Jennings was roundly criticized for wasting time on trivia and putting himself in the same predicament as his colleague Dan Rather. Journalists are endangered species, whether they lean right or left.

Unless they merely regurgitate stuff that is forced to them by somebody and avoid anything truly meaningful, they are in trouble. Even the History Channel has discovered that discussing UFOs can provide a welcome distraction from the daily grind of budgets, war, religious and ethnic controversy and diets.

There are some who would prefer the subject of aliens and space ships wouldn't come up at all. The subject makes them uncomfortable. Whenever there is a reported sighting it is



hastily explained away, and often the explanations are as far-fetched as the reported sighting. This has been going on for a long time, according to some. The

scoffers say if the aliens are so omniscient then why are they hiding? One frequent explanation falls into the category of conspiracy, that someone knows the truth but they fear such knowledge would cause worldwide panic. Some see aliens at malevolent creatures that wish us no good.

There are other theories that hold the idea that folks from alpha centauri are really the benevolent ones, and they are waiting for us to grow up. I do hope they are very patient.

Whether you are a believer or a skeptic, every once in a while something turns up that makes you wonder. The conspiracy theory about Roswell, N.M., is still making some wonder. An archeology dig in China in 1938 discovered a 12,000 year old UFO, Droptones, but someone has been sitting on the discovery ever since. We are confronted every day in the news with even less believable fiction.

Before you decide what to believe or disbelieve, at least wait until after April 1 before you make up your mind.

NEW MEXICAN, Santa Fe, NM - June 25, 2005 CR: D. Perkins

Filmmaker: Space aliens trying to make contact

By TOM SHARPE
The New Mexican

A Canadian filmmaker whose documentary on crop circles will be shown Monday in Santa Fe says he believes the phenomena are caused by a higher intelligence trying to bring about a "great awakening."

"We're being communicated to by a higher intelligence — no doubt — and

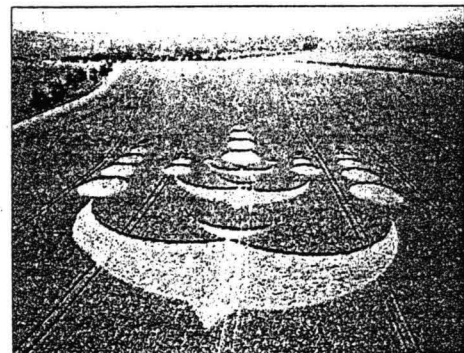
we're basically ignoring it," said Robert Nichol. "So that's my motive for doing the film. ... I'm really pleased to spread the good news that we're not alone in the universe."

Star Dreams focuses on circles and other geometric patterns that mysteriously appear in fields of grain or flowers, rice patties and stands of trees as well as on ice, snow and salt flats.

Nichol, who said he has

produced more than 25 films, believes crop circles are "realizations of higher consciousness presented to humanity at this time to aid in this great awakening process that's happening on this planet now. So in that sense, it's a message to humanity."

Crop circles were first mentioned in the eighth century in Britain, but Nichol said they are appearing



Winged shapes from a field in an area called Adam's Grave near Wiltshire, England, are among the dozens of crop circles featured in Robert Nichol's new documentary, *Star Dreams*.

Courtesy photo

HERALD, Circleville, OH - July 22, 2005 CR: J. Fry

Around Town

Hartinger talks to club

Pete Hartinger, Dupont retiree, and director of the Roundtown UFO Society was guest speaker for the Dupont Retiree Club on July 11. July is national UFO Sighting Month. He spoke on a number of sightings in the central and southern Ohio area that have occurred over the years. Hartinger said knowledge is evidence. More people are willing to talk about their experiences and will give their names now that they are taken more seriously.

more frequently, with 11,000 occurrences documented worldwide since 1980. He said the patterns are becoming more complex with some as large as 800 feet in diameter, yet accurate to within a quarter of an inch.

While a few have turned out to be hoaxes, he said, "it defies common sense to say they're all man-made."

Nichol, who lives in an area called the Sunshine Coast, near Vancouver, B.C., said *Star Dreams* hasn't been picked up by mainstream theaters, but is becoming an underground hit.

He said he was planning to attend a screening at the Unity Church in Boulder, Colo., and decided to travel on to Santa Fe because he had heard it was a New Age

center with many "metaphysical types." He said he also wanted to visit Judith Moore, a Northern New Mexico resident who wrote *Crop Circles Revealed*.

"It's a hit," Nichol said of his film. "The audiences are very deeply moved by this. They leave the theater feeling hopeful and uplifted. Some of them burst into tears when they see certain symbols. So it's working, and actually, I've found that the American audiences are far more receptive than the Canadian audiences for some reason. I guess they're hungry for this kind of material down there."

Marfa, Texas, to space aliens: Come on down!

BY ZOFIA SMARDZ
THE WASHINGTON POST

MARFA, Texas — The sun was gone, the sky getting inky. The wind had started to whip. (And even in the Texas desert, the winter wind can be cold.)

I hunkered deeper into my jacket and jiggled for warmth. Behind me, my 16-year-old son loped restlessly back and forth, lupine, waiting. Suddenly a long lanky arm thrust past my face. "There's one!" he cried, pointing at the horizon. "And over there!" his younger brother echoed a moment later.

Off in the distance, about a quarter-mile away, a bright, star-like light glimmered into view just above the horizon, followed quickly by a second one. As the first flickered out, a third took its place, materializing out of nowhere. "Ooo, another one!" I squealed, and again, as yet another twinkled momentarily above the other two. All at once, they disappeared together, as if an invisible hand had snuffed them out.

At my cries, the boys instantly dropped all airs of excitement. "You don't have to say, 'Ooo' every time, Mom," they muttered, dripping with teenage sarcasm, and slid their eyes furtively left and right, though there was no one else much around.

That was a mercy for the boys, as it spared them any humiliation at maternal vocals. And it was a treat for all of us to have the viewing station pretty much to ourselves. But it was a shame, I thought, for all the people who weren't there, because on this January night, the Marfa lights were putting on a spectacular display. As we gawked, they blinked on and off, shifted position, appeared high in the sky one moment, hugged the horizon the next.

This time out, the lights were livelier than the first time we'd seen them six months before — at least it seemed so to me — and much closer to the descriptions I'd read of them. Still, my skeptical husband couldn't help quipping: "I think the local chamber of commerce just pays a few guys to go out there and stand around with some really big flashlights."

The Marfa lights — spontaneous bursts of illumination that materialize, year-round, on clear nights over the Chihuahuan Desert in west Texas — are a bona-fide unexplained natural phenomenon. They've defied scientific rationalization for more than a century. Are they swamp gases? Bent light? Electrostatic discharges? Signal lights from alien spacecraft? Nobody knows where they come from or why they appear when and where they do. Oh, and they have their debunkers, who claim they're nothing more than the headlights of cars driving down the Chinati Mountains. Right.

Bottom line: They've stumped physicists and photographers and engineers, some of the best minds of the nation, for years.

I just love it when that hap-

pens.

In the remote, remarkable desert-mountain region of far west Texas, a wedge of country three hours south of El Paso and 1½ hours north of Big Bend National Park and the Mexican border, the Marfa lights are just about the premier tourist attraction around. That is, of course, if you're looking to attract tourists, which doesn't seem to be that high on the agenda of the folks who live here. They seem fairly content to poke along from day to day in the midst of some of the most spectacular scenery in the continental United States, greeting interlopers politely, warmly, but incuriously. They don't push anything on you, and they don't try to market themselves.

Mostly, in fact, they talk about how little there is to do here. "Well, we're not the big city," a staff member at my son's boarding school in Fort Davis, Texas, mused modestly on our first trip a year ago, helping us consider sightseeing possibilities. He gave us a short list — historic Fort Davis, the pre- and post-Civil War U.S. Army post after which the town of Fort Davis is named; the McDonald Observatory high on a peak in the Davis Mountains; the scenic loop drive through and around said mountains; the local history museum in Alpine. Then after a pause: "Oh, yeah, and I guess there's always the Marfa lights."

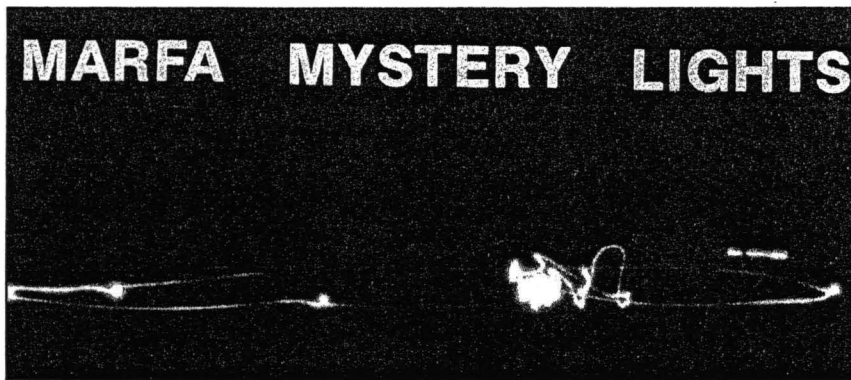
They're called the Marfa lights after the nearest town, a low-lying little burg of 2,424 that supposedly got its name, in turn, from a character in Dostoevski's *Brothers Karamazov* (that being the book the railroad executive's wife, who suggested the moniker, was reading when she and her husband passed through this railway watering stop in the late 1800s). Marfa can make a few other claims to fame. It has one of the most beautiful courthouses in Texas, it was the location of the 1956 Elizabeth Taylor-Rock Hudson-James Dean movie *Giant*, and it's home to the Chinati Foundation, a celebrated museum of contemporary art created on an old military base by the late sculptor Donald Judd in the late '70s.

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Along with mile-high Fort Davis (population approximately 1,000) and the appropriately mountainous Alpine (the "big city," with a population of about 6,000), Marfa forms an equilateral triangle enclosing a swath of desert terrain out of which rise majestic volcanic mountain peaks, many higher than 6,000 feet. It's an arid, otherworldly beauty — like the landscape of the moon, or Mars, maybe, but for the scrubby grasses and bushes, yucca and cactus that stipple the flats and the mountainsides, and the cottonwoods that hug the creek banks. There's sky — blue as lapis on glorious days or roiling with thunderheads on stormy ones — every way you turn. Desert though it

when people led hardscrabble lives and braved the wilderness and the elements to make a home in an inhospitable place, where water was scarce and other people scarcer.

The cattle ranchers who staked out vast tracts of scrubland for their steers had to have what it takes to persevere here. Even today, a handful of ranchers, descendants of the first settlers, still control most of the land in and around Fort Davis. At least that's what the elderly



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The Marfa lights, mysterious nighttime light displays, are among the biggest tourist attractions in the mountainous, desert region of far west Texas.

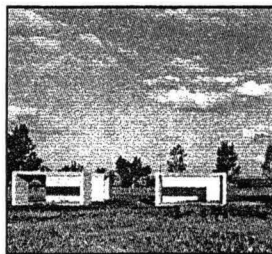
WAYS AND MEANS

GETTING THERE: There aren't any commercial airports in the desert mountains, so you have to fly to Midland, Texas, then rent a car to drive two hours into the mountains (the vistas make every mile worth it once you hit Texas 17).

WHERE TO STAY: In Fort Davis, the historic Hotel Limpia — on the town square, (800) 662-5517, www.hotelimpia.com — is a charming throwback to the frontier days of the Old West, with broad porches, a Victorian lobby, wide corridors and high-ceilinged rooms and suites. And it's a bargain: Double rooms start at \$89 per night, less if booking online. On our last trip, my family stayed in the hotel's cottage, a delightful 1940s two-bedroom bungalow with original furnishings nestled in the shadow of Sleeping Lion Mountain, for \$139 a night. The Limpia's sister hotel in Marfa, the Hotel Paisano — 207 N. Highland St., (866) 729-3669, www.hotelpaisano.com — is equally beguiling, in more of a Southwestern, Spanish-hacienda style. You can ask for the James Dean room or the Rock Hudson or Elizabeth Taylor suites. Rooms start at \$79 per night.

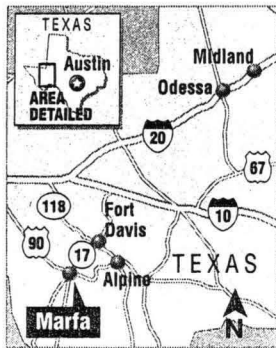
Alpine offers the historic Holland Hotel — 209 W. Holland Ave., (800) 535-8040, www.hollandhotel.net — in the middle of downtown, with 14 rooms and suites starting at \$45 per night double.

WHERE TO EAT: With its old-fashioned soda fountain, the Fort Davis Drugstore on Main Street is great for breakfast and lunch; I love the BLTs. If it's Mexican food you crave, head for La Casita (1102 E. Avenue H) in Alpine. The ambience isn't much, but locals say the food is the best north



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Donald Judd's sculptures decorate the west Texas landscape at the Chinati Foundation in Marfa, Texas.



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

of the border, and I'm with them. Lunch for four is less than \$30.

For dinner, Pop's Grill (Texas 17 just west of Fort Davis) offers good down-home food at reasonable prices, although there's no wine, as Jeff Davis County is dry. Dinner for four is about \$60. For a somewhat fancier but still moderately priced meal, try Jett's Grill at the Hotel Paisano in Marfa, where dinner with wine runs about \$120. For a splurge, the Reata Restaurant (203 N. Fifth St.) in Alpine serves great steaks; dinner for four with wine was just under \$200. Maiya's (103 N. Highland Ave.), down the street from the Paisano in Marfa, will deceive you into thinking you've stumbled into someplace on the Upper West Side, with its avant-garde menu, chichi decor and New York (or at least District of Columbia) prices; dinner with wine came to nearly \$350, including the tip. Good, though.

WHAT TO DO: The largely restored Fort Davis National Historic Site — (432) 426-3224, Ext. 20, www.nps.gov/foda — is considered one of the best remaining examples of a frontier

military post. The McDonald Observatory (17 miles from Fort Davis on Texas 118), a major astronomical research facility, hosts constellation-viewing "star parties" three nights a week, as long as the weather is cloudless. Details: (432) 426-3640, www.as.utexas.edu/mcdonald/mcdonald.html.

In Marfa, the Chinati Foundation — 1 Calvary Row, (432) 729-4362, www.chinati.org; \$10 — is a contemporary art museum that sculptor Donald Judd founded in the late 1970s. Dedicated to permanent installations of large-scale works, it features art by Judd, Claes Oldenburg, John Chamberlain and others. The scenic loop, a 75-mile drive through the Davis Mountains, is full of surprises, from Sawtooth Mountain to the cattle that just might be taking a snooze in the middle of the road.

INFORMATION: Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce, (800) 524-3015, www.fortdavis.com; Marfa Chamber of Commerce, (800) 650-9696, www.marfacc.com; Alpine Chamber of Commerce, (800) 561-3735, www.alpinetexas.com.

— Zofia Smardz

lady minding the desk one day in the town's curio-filled Overland Trail Museum told me. (A dusty, unpaved stretch of the local "overland trail," the San Antonio-El Paso stagecoach road that ferried 19th-century travelers between the two towns, still runs through the heart of Fort Davis.) "They decide who gets to move in and who doesn't," she said conspiratorially, as I leafed through a bin of old, laminated turn-of-the-20th-century photos. My husband and I were her only visitors that day. "That's why you don't see a McDonald's or any chain stores around here," she said. "They want to keep Main Street looking like it did 100 years ago."

NO HURRY

She didn't sound exactly happy about that, but I was. None of us missed McDonald's. And fast, I'm sorry, just isn't the mode in these parts. "What's your hurry?" Betty Nunnally, the proprietor of Starr's Emporium in Fort Davis, chided my menfolk when

they tried to pry me away from her eclectic shop on our most recent trip. "You're in far west Texas now. You got to slo-o-o-w down."

Seems like the right prescription to me. Fits the spell of this place. It tickles me that our cell phone doesn't work everywhere down here, that the Limpia and its sister hostel, the Hotel Paisano in Marfa, don't have phones in the rooms. I love that you might see someone riding horseback down the highway, that you can catch the occasional glint of spur on someone's cowboy boots around town, that one of the oldest working dude ranches is around the bend from Fort Davis. I savor the sense of having stepped into another world, of being in a place that, while modern enough, is still cut off from the narcissistic, plugged-in present.

So I'm sure you'll understand my reaction when, after having read that Marfa's experiencing a yuppie boomlet, I saw a couple of bikers in full tight-shorteds,

speed-helmeted racing regalia working the scenic loop the day we drove it last July. "Where did you come from?" I screamed. (Don't worry, the car windows were all up.) "Go away!"

The Marfa lights have been around since at least 1883, when a rancher by the name of Robert Reed Ellison supposedly first saw them shining in the distance as he bedded down in the desert one night. Ellison assumed they were Indian campfires. Only when he rode out the next day to the area where he'd spotted them, he found — cue *Twilight Zone* music — no remains of any campfires.

Today, there's an official viewing area erected by the Texas Department of Transportation, complete with telescopes and restrooms. It's a little weird to have someone lay out the red carpet for what some people think could be UFO landing lights, but it's nice to be told where to have the best look-see.

is, the climate's actually a draw; in the old days, wealthy merchants and entrepreneurs from Dallas and Houston traveled to the Davis Mountains to put up at the Hotel Limpia and enjoy the dry air and pleasant breezes. Yes, the temperatures can reach 110 degrees in the shade, but as you've no doubt heard, when it's this dry, you don't feel it.

What you do feel is the haunting nature of the place, the way it launches you back to another time. A frontier time,

UFO-Bigfoot Connection?

Having reported the story of the Bigfoot mystery in these parts for some 39 years I have also read a good many news accounts and books on the subject over those years. While there has been a tiny hint of something's being out there besides what meets the eye, the research and reporting has been pretty much dealing with the subject in a biological manner.

That method of explaining this mystery might just have reached a point in time where something else should be looked at or, that scientific research explore other facets.

We speak of, and toss it out here with fullest expectation of mixed emotions, the idea that Bigfoot and the UFO could have a connection.

It is a connection that got only the briefest of mention in my first book, "Bigfoot of the Blues." There was the account told by the late Wes Sumerlin, who was camping with friends on the Wenaha River South Fork and saw one or more Bigfoots. They not only saw the creatures, they also saw a "silvery, silo-looking thing" setting on the hilltop above them at the time!

Like I said, the incident got but the briefest mention in my book, but it did get recorded. I have heard another story which concerns a Blue Mountains elk hunter who had seen a hovering UFO overhead, saw it dart off and then return a few minutes later, only to suddenly disappear again. Then, as he dressed out his downed elk, there observing him on a nearby knoll was a Bigfoot.

This matter of a Bigfoot-UFO connection gets put into the sharpest perspective in a fascinating Bigfoot book I have just read. It is "The Psychic Sasquatch," by Jack "Kewaunee" Lapseritis, B.A., M.S., a holistic health practitioner who now makes his home in Duvall, Wash. Although I hadn't heard from him in some time, he was not a stranger when he called recently. I mentioned Lapseritis in "Bigfoot of the Blues" as one of two people who held some ideas about the Bigfoot mystery which were not universally accepted.

Telepathically communicating with the creatures was one and it is a facet detailed in Lapseritis' book.

Lapseritis was first telepathically contacted by a sasquatch back in 1979, an experience which not only was a shocker to him but it was something that thoroughly changed his life, he says. He further feels that through the contact he developed psychic ability overnight, "which triggered a spiritual transformation."

At the time, Lapseritis was assistant director of an Indian agency, worked as a hypnotherapist part time and was a lecturer at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He further comes to the writing of a book about his experiences (and those of many others as well) as a guest on more than 100 radio and television programs and has been a feature in newspaper and magazine articles around the world. He has also lectured and presented papers throughout the U.S.

"There are people all over the globe encountering Bigfoot and UFOs simultaneously while the beings share information about themselves, human history and the future of our planet" says Lapseritis.

And, Lapseritis extends an invitation to all who would like to share such experiences with him and promises to answer all correspondence. His address is PO Box 1062, Duvall, WA 98019.

As we spoke on the phone the other day, Lapseritis often used the word "people," and "nature people." I asked him if he meant a creature that walked like a man, was covered with long hair and stood eight to 10 feet tall. His answer was "yes."

And that sort of sets the tone for his book, with much discussion about the Sasquatch coming here via the UFOs, the Sasquatch communicating with him and with many other people, and of the history of the UFO and Sasquatch down through the millennia of the life of planet Earth. His book is in large part a presentation of the many interviews he has had with people who tell of their experiences with Sasquatch who have told them of their relationship with UFOs and the "Starpeople" who brought them here.

A former Walla Wallan, Dick Robinson, creator of the film feature, "Grizzly Adams," has praise for the Lapseritis book as one which "will

certainly bring forth thought-provoking concepts to contribute to a positive human transformation."

And, indeed, Lapseritis does just that in my opinion as he calls for science to reevaluate its methodology in the search for the truth behind the Bigfoot/Sasquatch mystery. One such point is to quit considering the Bigfoot as a lower scale humanoid ("missing link", etc.) and to instead factor in that the beings are gentle creatures of the highest order in intelligence.

To this extent, Lapseritis has devoted his life to the type of research he calls for, countless interviews and spending weeks alone in the forest, trying to communicate with them, rather than to hunt them down, be it with camera or gun. A reading of his book provides the details he has learned through this research. Their connection with the UFOs and why they are so difficult to pin down is also detailed here.

This matter of Bigfoot elusiveness was recalled by Bill Laughery, Columbia County native and onetime regional game warden, now making his home in West Richland. He recalled the time he and Wes Sumerlin and Paul Freeman saw into a trio of Bigfoots in the mountains south of Dixie, but it was the briefest of time spans. "They are extremely hard to see," he noted. "We saw them then just like that they disappeared." Laughery is also convinced the Bigfoot is "a thinking animal" and seemingly wants to communicate.

This is the Lapseritis belief, only so much stronger. He feels keenly that the Bigfoot is here to provide assistance to a world in dire need of help. It is in that vein that the author calls for a major change in the way science is dealing with the Sasquatch "problem." He states it this way:

"The scientific paradigm is in dire need of revamping. It is clearly incomplete when trying to apply its limited measuring ability to elusive anomalies. I propose that the scientific establishment expand its variables of measurement in order to become comprehensive, holistic and more complete in its efforts to define the world around us, so that all may better understand

universal reality.

"At present, science is dysfunctional because it has divorced itself from nature.

"I propose a paradigm that is empirical AND experimental (to act as an adjunct when measuring parapsychology, metaphysics, spirituality and other elusive phenomena).

"Science needs to be humble by 'molding' itself to nature, not unnaturally construing a scientific model that superimposes itself on nature!"

A leader in the ongoing investigations of the UFO, Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, PhD, says what Lapseritis has to say warrants the scrutiny of scientists. He writes:

"Yes, there is need for skepticism. No, there is no need for scoffing. Yes, there is a need for caution in interpreting reports of encounters with Sasquatch and UFO entities. No, there is no need to reject these reports and ridicule those who describe these experiences."

It seems highly apropos to quote one of our foremost scientists, Dr. Albert Einstein:

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious: it is the source of all true art and science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead, his eyes are closed."

"There's no doubt in my mind about UFOs."

For UFO expert, sci-fi is real life

By Jeremy Meyer
Denver Post Staff Writer

Aurora — Two or three times a month, someone in Colorado looks into the sky and sees something he cannot identify.

Often, that's when John Schuessler's group gets a call.

Schuessler, a retired Boeing engineer who moved to Jefferson County, is the international director of the Mutual UFO Network, a 3,000-member nonprofit group that investigates UFO sightings and promotes research on the phenomenon.

His group runs a website on which people can report their experiences and sends investigators to interview people who spy something strange.

"We're not a lot of starry-eyed believers," Schuessler said. "We're a fairly skeptical group. There's no doubt in my mind about UFOs. We have firm evidence of it. We have videotapes. And the testimony by credible people is beyond question. ... Some of the most definitive documentation is by the government — 300,000 documents that all attest to the reality of UFOs."

Schuessler will speak Sunday at the Aurora History Museum, which through Sept. 18 is featuring an exhibit celebrating a century of science fiction.

He will talk about UFO sightings across Colorado — from the storm chaser in Jefferson County who reported a bowling-ball-like object flying out of clouds to a park packed with people who saw a strange craft 500 feet above Lakewood that zoomed straight up.

There seems to be an unending number of sightings in the San Luis Valley.

"They call that the 'mysterious valley,' and I can see why," Schuessler said.

He will explain how his group, in cataloging and investigating UFO sightings around the world, is building a body of evidence that "there is something real (in the skies)."

He added: "It's unusual, it's not ours, and it's something worth looking at."

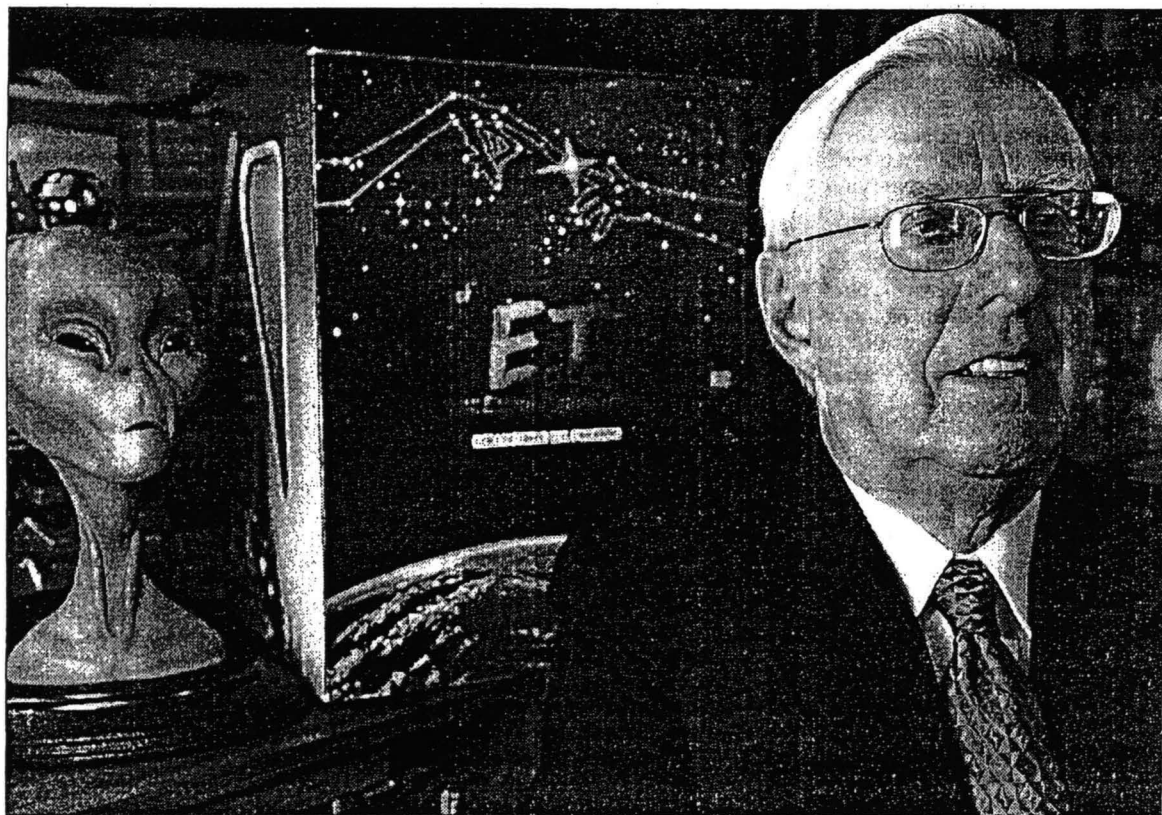
Perhaps that won't be much of a surprise to the visitors to the museum's popular "Science Fiction Century" exhibit, which opened July 4.

Curator Matt Chasansky worked through various science-fiction groups in the Denver area to build the display, which includes everything from Star Wars costumes to first-edition books by H.G. Wells.

The experience has been an eye-opener for Chasansky, who was never really a sci-fi buff until the exhibit.

"At first I thought (science fiction) was escapism," he said. "People want somewhere that is totally invented that they can separate themselves from."

But he realized it was more reality-



Meg Loucks | The Denver Post

John Schuessler, international director for the Mutual UFO Network, is surrounded by books and paraphernalia dealing with UFOs and extraterrestrials at his Littleton home. He will speak Sunday in Aurora.



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Clockwise from left, Shannon Huddleston, 10, Hannah Dinkel, 6, and Katie Scarafiotti, 9, move in a ring meant to simulate a space capsule at the Aurora History Museum. The St. Pius X Catholic School summer campers were enjoying the "Science Fiction Century" exhibit.

based than other pop-culture genres such as horror or fantasy. Science fiction extrapolates actual scientific discovery. For example, Jules Verne's 19th-century stories about moonshots became reality by the 1960s.

Schuessler doesn't see a conflict in talking factually about UFOs at an exhibition of science fiction.

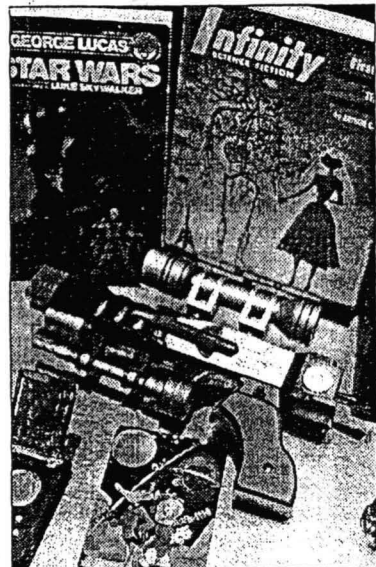
"We are living a real science-fiction situation that most people want to just read about," he said. "It is futuristic stuff. The characteris-

tics of the UFO sightings are beyond our technological capabilities."

Schuessler leaves conjecture — "Who is flying these vehicles?" "Why they are here?" — to the sci-fi buffs.

"They come up with ideas based on reality but beyond reality," he said. "It's where the two merge — reality merges with science fiction."

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The exhibit "Science Fiction Century" features 100 years of artifacts showcasing the works of authors, scientists and filmmakers.

Talk on UFOs

Mutual UFO Network director John Schuessler will discuss UFO sightings in Colorado from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Aurora History Museum, 15051 E. Alameda Parkway, at the Aurora municipal campus.

Schuessler's presentation is for all ages and costs \$3 for Aurora residents and \$4 for nonresidents.

To register, call 303-739-6660.



FOREIGN NEWS

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CORNISH NASTIES

By Martin Evans

NEVER mind its picturesque coastline. Forget its maritime heritage. If you are seeking ghosts, hobgoblins and UFOs, then Penzance is the place to go.

For the quaint old Cornish town has been named Britain's spookiest spot.

Researchers into the supernatural have no doubt about it. In fact, they have dubbed the region around Penzance 'The Cornwall Triangle'.

That was after locals reported more paranormal activity in the area than anywhere else in Britain.

According to researchers who have been documenting supernatural sightings, you are twice as likely to spot a UFO down Penzance way than anywhere else in the country. And three times more likely to meet a ghost.

Take the Dolphin Inn at Penzance, which was used as a courtroom by the notorious Hanging Judge Jeffries in the 17th Century. They do say it's haunted by the spectre of a wrongly executed sea captain who still roams the corridors.

The Cornwall Triangle, which covers some 216 square miles, boasts more than its fair share of strange beasts and creepy creatures.

Zennor village claims to be home to a beautiful mermaid, while several visitors to the village of Mawnan report seeing a fierce winged creature called the Owlman.

Then there is the winged Sea Monster of Morgawr, which turns up in Falmouth Bay, so 'tis said. Not to mention the more recent big cat, the Beast of Bodmin...

Researchers found 102 reported paranormal sightings inside the Cornwall Triangle, including 33 ghosts and 23 UFOs. In 1997

Penzance, with its beasts, monsters, ghosts, ghouls and UFOs, is named the supernatural capital of Britain

the town crier of Penzance, Philip Glett, reported seeing a large UFO above his home. He described it as a shimmering oval shape which hovered for 20 minutes before vanishing.

Cornwall also boasts the famous Jamaica Inn, high on Bodmin Moor, which is considered one of the most haunted houses in the country.

Murdered

There walks the ghost of a murdered sailor who returns at intervals to finish his last drink.

The supernatural study was conducted by Lionel Fanthorpe, a leading authority on paranormal activity. He spent two months collating all documented cases of UFO sightings, crop-circle phenomena, ghost sightings and reports of inexplicable creatures.

The study was commissioned by the Sky Travel channel for a new Mysterious World season, which was launched yesterday.

The second most spooky place in Britain according to the researchers is in Yorkshire, where there are a high number of UFO sightings.

The Yorkshire Triangle encompasses an area between York, Harrogate and Leeds and is home to all manner of paranormal activity including the ghosts of Vikings.

Third place in the spooky league table goes to an area of north-east Norfolk. In 1996 more than 30 calls were received by police in one night concerning a series of strange lights in the skies.

And, yes, the headless host of Anne Boleyn, has also been spotted by a number of people at 17th Century Blickling Hall.



BEAST OF BODMIN



MERMAID OF ZENNOR



MONSTER OF MORGAWR

Boulmer reports of UFO sightings were hushed up

THE X-Files came to RAF Boulmer as strange flying objects were spotted hovering over the North Sea by a fighter pilot at the base.

In a case that would intrigue TV's Mulder and Scully, bright objects were spotted by RAF staff in 1977. They changed shape as they watched.

So sensitive was the sighting that all records of it were hidden from public gaze and have only just been released under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI).

It was stored in the Ministry of Defence's 'possible extra-terrestrial contact' department, known only by the code name SF4.

It is one of many sightings listed by the Government where credible witnesses, such as military staff, policemen and airline pilots, have reported UFOs.

The drama started in July 1977, when Flight Lieutenant AM Wood re-

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ported seeing the objects, saying the nearest was luminous, round and four to five times the size of a Whirlwind helicopter.

The two possible UFOs were seen hovering at a height of around 5,000 feet and were three miles out to sea.

His report is backed by those of Corporal Torrington and Sergeant Graham, who say the objects parted, with one going west and changing shape as it went.

The objects, with one then looking body shaped, were watched by the three men for one hour and 40 minutes.

A radar station at the base also picked up the objects in the same position before they vanished. Checks were made to RAF West Drayton to see if it had spotted them.

Flt Lt Wood is described as 'reliable and sober' in the report, which adds

that radar staff at RAF Staxton Wold also picked up the strange objects.

The RAF Boulmer report was deemed so sensitive that instead of being released to the public 25 years later as normal a further three-year ban was imposed.

It is only because of the FOI Act, which came into force on January 1, that the case was reviewed and the details declassified.

Other released reports show that fighters were scrambled in July 1976 when a British Airways pilot reported strange, white cigar-shaped objects over Portugal.

Nearer to home Chief Supt Hobson, of Manchester Police, watched a bright light for two minutes and followed it along the A62 on July 3, 1976.

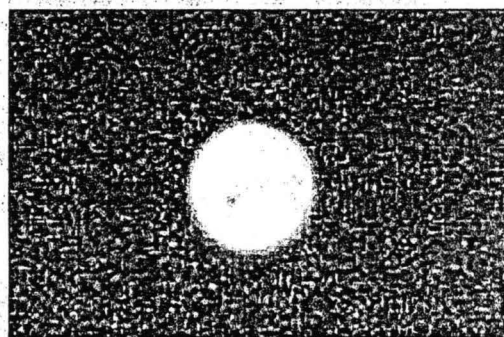
The reports will add to UFO hunters' belief that governments have deliberately stayed silent on possible visits by space craft over the years.

HERALD, Tamworth, England - April 7, 2005

Did a UFO fly over Dordon?

AM I losing it again?
I was sitting, minding my own business, watching TV after scrubbing the oven, when a large orange light shone into my lounge. It certainly made me jump - it was only a few yards or so above my garden. I couldn't hear a plane or helicopter, so it wasn't one of those type of people or crafts. Then it quickly shot forward, 100 yards, then got brighter before shooting off. I stood by the patio door for a while longer after grabbing the camcorder in case this thing came back, but of course, it didn't.

So what was it I saw?
Was it a UFO that everyone talks about, or did I just inhale too much oven cleaner, as my husband thinks I did? (Ha ha).
So, did anyone else see this big, bright light over Dordon?
It was Wednesday, March 23.



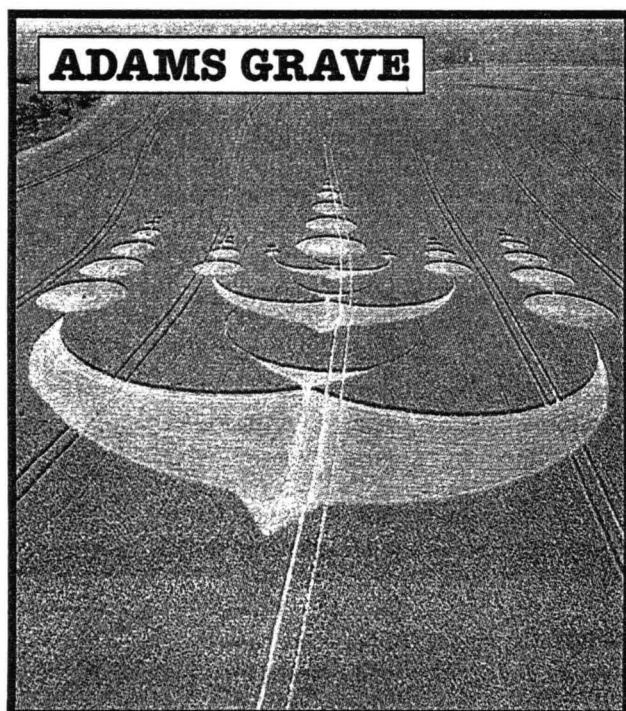
This orange ball was spotted over Cannock and Shenstone in January. Did a similar unidentified object pass over Dordon at the end of last month?

Also, on a separate point, did anyone else see the amazing sight of the spitfire that flew over very low, March 6, about lunchtime?

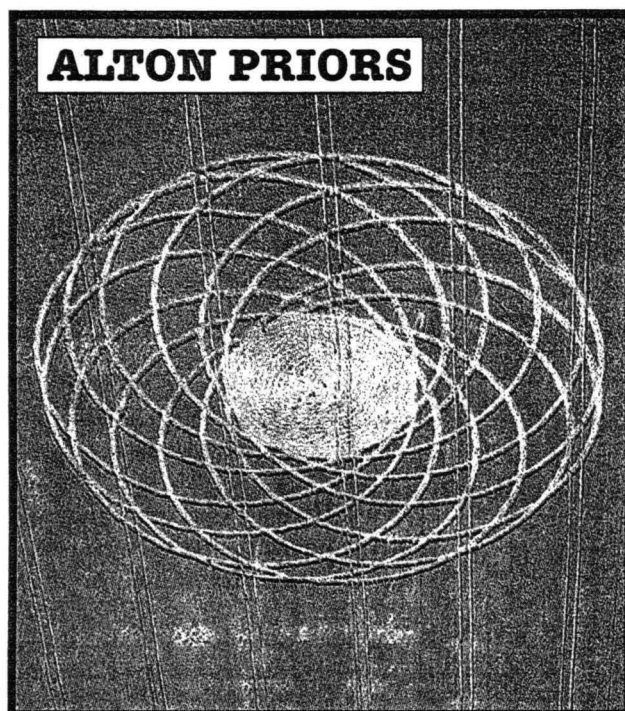
It was an amazing sight and extremely loud.

Paulette Horobin,
Dordon.

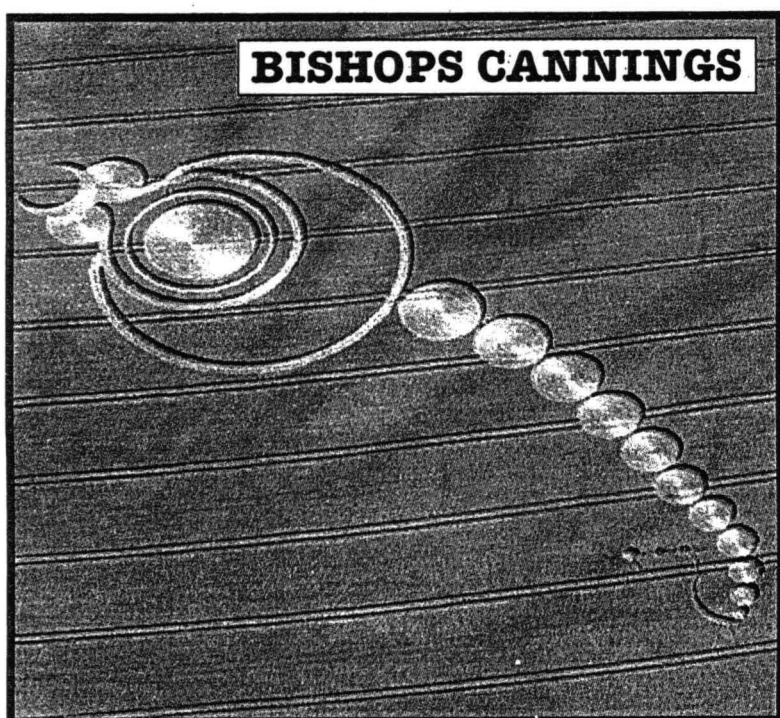
The cream of the crop circles



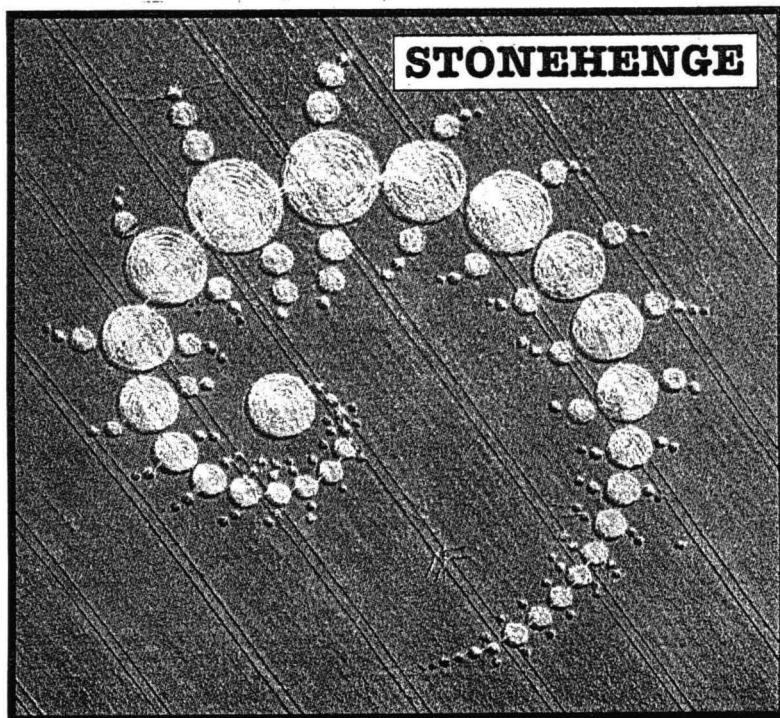
ADAMS GRAVE
SWALLOWS: This stunning flock appeared in Wiltshire August 2003



ALTON PRIORS
CIRCLES: Twelve, extending over 300ft, seen in Wiltshire on July 11 1997



BISHOPS CANNINGS
DRAGONFLY: This larva formation, longer than Big Ben, emerged in Wiltshire in July 1994



STONEHENGE
SPIRAL: This elaborate design of 151 circles was spotted opposite Stonehenge on July 7 1996

By Rachel Porter

CROP circle enthusiasts were waking up today with bated breath.

For them July 22 marks the peak of the season - the day cornfields are most likely to receive an extra-terrestrial makeover.

And their reasoning is straightforward enough, for any one with a reasonable grasp of mathematics.

It is explained by the fact that 22 (the day) divided by seven (the month), equals Pi. The mathematical constant Pi represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.

Although most people believe crop circles are nothing more than an elaborate prank, believers, like author Michael Glickman, say that

the ever-more sophisticated formations are "miracles" to inspire and stretch the human imagination.

The first circles were officially reported in his home county of Wiltshire in 1980. But there is some evidence to suggest they may have been baffling farmers for centuries.

In his book, *Crop Circles*, in which he charts their evolution, Glickman claims: "The phenomenon is overwhelming in its scale, gargantuan in its range and breathtaking in its inventiveness."

"Though England remains the heartland, there are reports of events in over 20 countries. Like exotic migrating creatures, the crop formations visit their favourite landing grounds in Wiltshire and Hampshire every summer."

"We cannot know when or where they will land or how many there will be. We cannot predict what form they will take or what lessons, year by year, they might bring."

"However, we can be sure that, at the end of the summer, the fields will be harvested. Only the photographs and the drawings will remain to confirm the reality of what we have witnessed."

UFO interest

I WAS most interested to read about the UFOs spotted off the coast of north Devon and Cornwall. (Indy, last Sunday).

UFOs are spaceships from other planets, mostly Mars and Venus.

The reason we don't always see them is that they normally reside at etheric level, which is subtler than our physical world.

For more information on UFOs, and on the emergence of the Lord Maitreya, who is constant contact with our space brothers, readers can contact PO Box 3677, London NW5 1RU.

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SUNDAY INDEPENDENT, Plymouth,
England - June 12, 2005

Experts battle it out over UFO sightings

By Oliver Cartwright

As *Revenge of the Sith* hits Shropshire's cinemas, county residents will soon be hard pushed to forget about inter-planetary fighting, giant spacecrafts and aliens from other galaxies.

However, there is currently a battle going on closer to home between an MoD expert and a university lecturer over a "sensational" sighting in north Shropshire more than 10 years ago.

'War of the worlds' has been replaced by 'war of the words' over the RAF Shawbury sighting on March 31, 1993.

Nick Pope, who was a UFO desk officer for the Ministry of Defence from 1991 to 1994, said the incident was one of the most important of his career.

He had said it was a truly "sensational" case which saw a triangular craft fly over RAF Cosford and RAF Shawbury.

However, Dr David Clarke said the object was simply a rocket re-entering the Earth's atmosphere.

The lecturer at Sheffield University's school of English worked with NASA experts to plot the trajectory of the Cosmos 2238 radio satellite and believes it has a direct link with the reported sightings.

Image

He said: "The computer simulation matches all the sightings."

"And the rocket split into two, and with debris would create a triangular image."

"There is no doubt in my mind what people saw."

But Mr Pope has hit back and said: "We were well aware of the Cosmos 2238's re-entry but quickly eliminated it as neither the timing nor the location matched any of the UFO sightings."

He said when he had been working for Secretariat 2a they were aware about re-entries and there was nothing unusual about them.

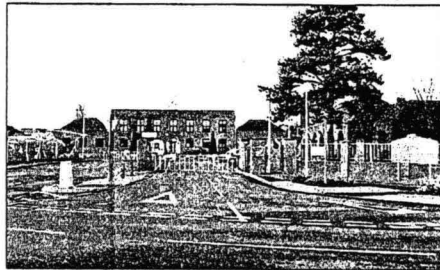
He said: "Every day, several pieces of space debris break up as they penetrate the Earth's atmosphere."

"The UFO sightings occurred over a period of several hours and the re-entry would have been visible for only a few seconds at the most."

He said the Shawbury incident was one of the five per cent of cases where logical explanations had been ruled out.



Claim - Nick Pope



RAF Shawbury - scene of a UFO sighting?

SELBY CHRONICLE, Wakefield, England - Feb. 11, 2005
Record UFO sightings reported

SPACE PLACE

MYSTERIOUS sightings of alien spacecraft in Selby skies are soaring so rapidly the town is set to become the country's UFO capital.

Leading underground amateur enthusiasts this week made the out of this world revelation after results of their first national survey in more than a decade revealed an unprecedented 33 cases of X-File phenomena recorded locally last year alone.

Such a cosmic explosion in observations of unexplained objects has shot Selby district to third spot in the British UFO Hunters' activity top ten. While Filey remains in first place, experts predict 2005 will witness record intergalactic incidents in the area.

Intelligence network founder and co-ordinator Chris Patr said: "It's nothing short of incredible to have this many reported sightings in one town. Some incidents can be attributed to military aircraft manoeuvres but that still leaves many with no earthly explanation."

"We've sent teams down to Selby on many occasions to check reports. We're very excited about activity there. I think 2005 will be the year it overtakes Filey as the UFO capital of the country."

Ministry of Defence chiefs have even been alerted to strange lights in the sky, with findings released this month under the new Freedom of Information Act that came into force this year.

One of the most significant incidents involved two independent observations of a unexplained, silent "boomerang-shaped" object hovering at about 2,000 feet above Drax Power Station.

Witnesses reported how on April 19 and 22 last year they saw a fighter jet circle it several times before the mystery craft disappeared from view.

Fellow British UFO Hunter Russell Kellert claims to have dramatic footage of district incidents,

many of which will feature on the *Video Vigilantes* documentary, scheduled to be screened on the Bravo TV channel on March 7.

"It was me who sent the Drax report to the MoD but it claims investigations revealed no such incident. I spoke to a travelling salesman who spotted the boomerang-shaped object hovering above the power station at 4.15pm on April 19 but he lost sight of it as he travelled towards the M62."

"Then to have a second sighting in the same week was extraordinary. Selby is a real hot spot. Perhaps it's to do with the energy source from the power stations that could be attracting UFOs."

WHAT do you think? Selby Chronicle sister paper Selby Times welcomes all readers' letters on this subject. Write to 74-76 Gowthorpe, Selby, YO8 4ET, fax 01757 705468, log-on to www.selbytoday.co.uk, e-mail editorial@selbytoday.co.uk, marking all correspondence with your name, address and telephone number.

EXPRESS & STAR, Birmingham, England
June 6, 2005

UFO expert to put spotlight on aliens

Celebrated UFO author Timothy Good is to give a talk in Stourbridge about alien life forms.

The British author, who shot to fame in 1987 when he released previously top secret documents about the discovery of four "human-like" bodies in the US, will be guest speaker at the event in Stourbridge Town Hall on July 17.

The 63-year-old author, described as Britain's leading UFO expert, will address a meeting of Stourbridge-based UFO Research Midlands. He achieved prominence after releasing US government documents relating to an air crash in July 1947, the details of which were allegedly

hushed-up by the authorities.

Reports of the crash, in New Mexico, were very vague at the time, not giving any details about the type of aircraft involved, or of the bodies found. But 40 years later Mr Good released United States government documents which referred to Operation Majestic-12 and described the recovery of wreckage and the bodies of "four small, human-like beings".

A panel of scientists concluded that the bodies were those of extraterrestrials.

Mr Good will be supported by author Graham Phillips. Tickets for the event, priced £12.50, are available by calling 07941 833842.

Heavens above! It's a UFO!

By ADAM JOHNSON
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A HOUSEHOLDER has called on UFO experts to help him seek the truth after catching on video mysterious objects hovering in the night sky over his property for the last five weeks.

John White, of Llanefydd, has spent more than nine hours capturing mysterious sphere-shaped objects on video after seeing them for the first time at night in mid-March.

Since his first sighting, the objects have continued to appear and the 60-year-old store manager has bought new equipment to capture the UFOs after claiming his old camera could have been damaged by taking shots of the mystery lights.

Denbigh and the surrounding area is no stranger to UFO activity as ufologists have reported a number of sightings in the sky over the years, including those over Denbigh Moors and over the land surrounding the North Wales Hospital.

John says he is determined to get as much evidence as possible to seek out the truth on the mystery objects which he has been logging in the night sky since March.

The objects change colour from red, blue, purple, green to dashes of bright white.

John added: "It's a sphere and it pulses lights off it ... if you can imagine a kaleidoscope, it's like that. I don't know what they are. I see them most nights when there's no clouds, you get a break in the clouds and you can see them. One night I spotted 13."

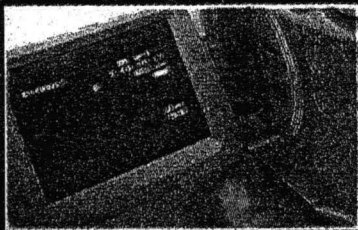
The MOD has been informed of the mystery visitors to the skies of Llanefydd but has yet to come up with an explanation.

"When I first saw them on a Friday night I called Colwyn Bay police and they gave me a phone number for the Ministry of Defence," John said.

An RAF member who called up a radar screen, failed to identify the flying object gracing his monitor, he added.

John's last encounter with the mysterious objects came on Sunday evening.

"You will have to see it to believe it," he said.



Pictures by KATY MORGAN

Star struck: John White of Llanefydd has been baffled by strange lights which he has captured on video, inset.

Close encounters

Meet UFO enthusiasts who call London home

By JO McDERMOTT

IF YOU thought encounters with aliens were the preserve of people who live near cropfields in America, think again.

Richard Lawrence, a former music teacher at Henry Compton School in Kingwood Road, Fulham, is one of the world's leading experts on UFOs and extra-terrestrial life.

He gave the first of two seminars at the Inner Potential Centre in Kelvedon Road, Fulham, this month about documents released under the Freedom of Information Act, which reveal secrets about aliens.

He says Fulham is a nucleus for extra-terrestrial enthusiasts as it is the home of the European HQ of one of the world's largest UFO contact organisations, The Aetherius Society.

Mr Lawrence, who taught at Henry Compton for two years in the late 1970s, said: "When I covered for the religion teacher and I would tell the pupils things like the star of Bethlehem was a UFO. They were fascinated."

Aetherius Society member John Stephenson saw a UFO while he was waiting for a Tube train at Parson's Green at about 11pm on August 26, 1961. He was with two friends, travelling towards central London.

The 61-year-old said: "We were waiting



IS ANYONE OUT THERE? Richard Lawrence is convinced that there is

a long time for a train so I walked down to the end of the platform, towards Putney. I looked up at the sky because I have an interest in astronomy.

"I saw a dish-like shape with a red light, pulsing slightly but floating silently. We were terribly excited. We were jumping up and down. It seemed to tilt and then flew away silently towards Putney."

Mr Stephenson who is now retired but used to work for an electricity company

said: "My advice is 'keep on eye on the sky'. Not enough people look up."

Dr George King set up The Aetherius Society in Fulham in the 1950s. It now has members across Europe, in America and Africa.

Mr Lawrence added: "Dr King was claiming the existence of government cover-ups back in the 1950s. It all started in Fulham."

To attend Mr Lawrence's next seminar on June 11 call 020 7731 1094.

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Enthusiast: Anthony Beckett is fascinated with the study of UFOs. Picture by Stephen Garnett 23/5/12

UFO fan believes the truth is out there

IS there anybody else out there? It's a question that haunts people around the globe and is one a Steeton man dedicates much of his spare time to.

Project scientist Anthony Beckett, 30, of Queen Street, has been interested in ufology - the study of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) - since he was a student at Loughborough University.

His research into what could be out there has, he admits, become a bit of an obsession and this year he attended the

second X-Conference in Washington DC.

Around 450 people gathered at the conference to hear witnesses and researchers discuss extraterrestrial activity and its political implications.

The event also incorporated lectures, workshops and speeches.

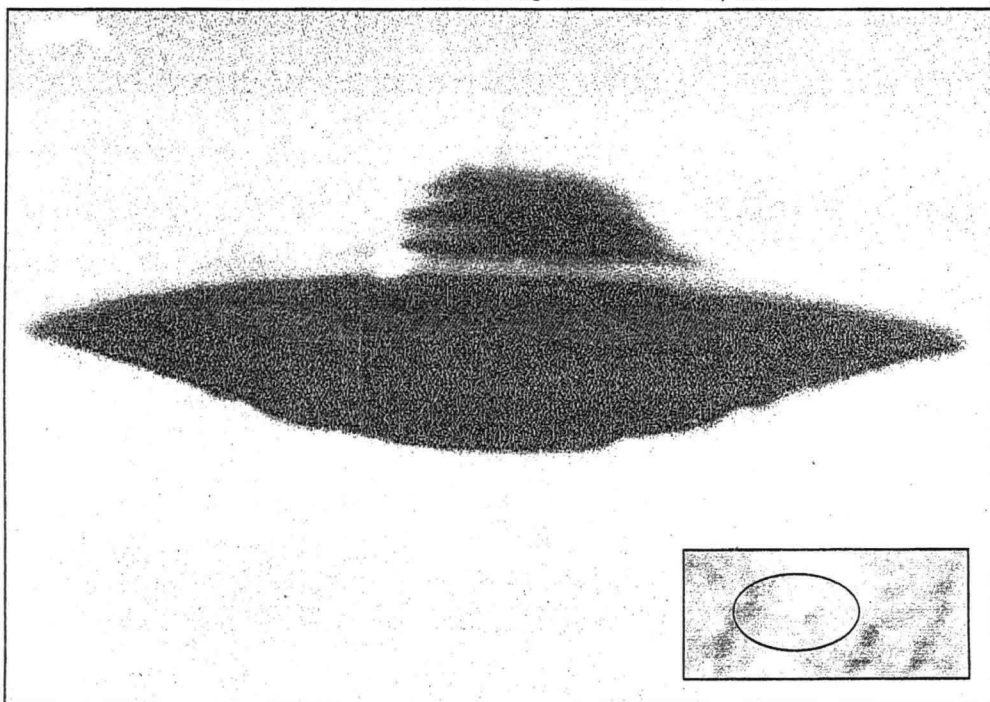
Anthony was so taken with the event that he decided to put pen to paper and now his reflections of the three-day conference are being included in a two-

part feature in the on-line publication UFO Monthly.

He said: "People who have said they have seen unexplained things are not just people like you and me, but credible people, like military officers."

"There have been sightings from at least 50 years ago and they are still going on."

"I would like to see a UFO, it would be interesting and it would certainly clarify things for me."



LOOK TO THE SKIES ... a UFO, like the one pictured above, is filmed in the skies above South Shields by Bethany Isaacson, circled inset.

Odd happenings indicating UFOs

By MIKE HALLOWELL

I WAS delighted to get a call from Bethany Isaacson of South Shields last week, telling me that she'd filmed some rather odd objects in the sky.

Within two hours, I was ensconced upon her living room sofa listening to a very interesting tale indeed.

But let's not run ahead of ourselves.

Bethany's strange tale actually begins several days previous to her unusual encounter. With hindsight, she now suspects that something odd was happening and that the chain of events may have been connected.

On Monday, February 14, Bethany and her partner Jason were relaxing in the lounge watching TV when, without warning, they heard the alarm clock go off in the bedroom of their oldest daughter, Jade. It was 9.30pm and the alarm should not have activated until the next morning.

Jason went upstairs and switched it off, noting that Jade was still sound asleep. Strange, perhaps, that the noise didn't awaken her.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nothing untoward happened, but Friday proved to be different. In the early hours of the morning Bethany woke up with a start. The first thing she noticed was that the room was unusually cold.

She was just about to go back to

sleep when she heard a noise - the sound of her oldest daughter, Jade, running along the passage towards her room. Bethany waited a few seconds, obviously expecting Jade to enter. Nothing happened.

Curious, Bethany got out of bed and opened the door. No one was there. She checked on her daughters and found them both asleep. Whatever had made the noise, it wasn't Jade and, yet, Bethany is convinced that it was exactly the sound of Jade running along the corridor that she heard.

The next morning Jason had been messing around with a novelty gadget that he'd had for years; actually a small machine that makes daft noises and can listen up a party - you know the sort of thing.

Their two children loved to play with the gadget as it would inevitably make them laugh hysterically every time they switched it on.

At some point, Jason left the machine on the bed and went downstairs. Suddenly, just like Jade's alarm clock, it burst into life even though no one had touched it.

Jason went upstairs, switched off the gadget and brought it downstairs. Neither he nor Bethany could

explain why it should have mysteriously burst into life. Jason placed it on the lounge window ledge and thought no more about it; until later that day when, to their surprise, it suddenly switched itself on again. At the time, the entire family had been in the kitchen.

Sunday got off to an interesting start. The grating which underpins the fire in the lounge suddenly decided to disgorge itself and land with a clump upon the hearth. Other similar incidents followed for which no explanation was forthcoming.

To sceptics these incidents probably seem like trivial coincidences for which rational explanations can be found, if we only look hard enough.

However, to those who believe in the reality of paranormal activity, strings of odd occurrences, like this, may be seen as the precursors to something far more profound. This was certainly true in the case of the Isaacson family.

It is known that those who see UFOs are often subject to strange occurrences just before and/or after the incident. These may include missing time - where the witness inexplicably cannot account for several hours of their life - and poltergeist phenomena wherein objects may move without being touched and strange noises can disturb the tranquillity of an otherwise peaceful home.

Next week, I'll tell Bizarre fans what transpired during the amazing finale to this strange tale and how spacecraft from another world may well have been caught on tape.

You can write to me at the Gazette or e-mail your stories directly to: biza refans@tiscali.co.uk

STAR, Sheffield, England - May 31, 2005

War of the Worlds will spark an outbreak of sauceritis

EXPECT an outbreak of flying sauceritis in July when Steven Spielberg launches his new film *War of the Worlds* and there will be plenty of sightings of city ufologist Dr David Clarke.

He's appearing in a two hour Channel 4 special, *An Alien History of the Planet Earth*, filmed in a nuclear bunker somewhere in Essex, talking about conspiracy

theories of government cover-ups over Little Green Men.

"Then I'm off to Sicily to talk about the RAF and flying saucers," says David, from Walkley. "I don't speak a word of Italian so I hope there will be a translator!"

David, author of several books on UFOs and all aspects of the supernatural, has a line or two to add to the piece in the *Diary* last week about a

rival ufologist looking for a film of a sighting over Walkley in 1962.

"I live just 500 yards away. I know the film was acquired by BUFORA, the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, but has gone missing from its archives."

"But you never know, it might turn up in someone's attic."

"It coincided with the biggest flying saucer flap Sheffield has seen sparked off by a picture taken by a 12-year-old schoolboy."

"He later admitted the flying saucers were painted on glass but has since retracted that."

■ The TV programme is on July 27.

GUARDIAN, [City Unknown], England - June 23, 2005

Far out

Phantom flyers

The notion that large, hitherto unidentified creatures may exist in our oceans and wildernesses is one that most people are comfortable with. But could colossal, primitive lifeforms, invisible to human eyes, also populate our skies?

Trevor James Constable, sailor, aircraft historian and scientific iconoclast, certainly thinks so. Inspired by Wilhelm Reich's orgone energy, Ruth Drown's radionics, the writing of Charles Fort and Arthur Conan Doyle's story *The Horror of the Heights*, Constable became convinced that the UFOs he heard so much about in the 1950s weren't alien spacecraft, but living beings.

Armed with a camera fitted with high-speed infrared film and an ultraviolet filter, Constable set out to reveal these sky beings to the world. His photographs certainly show something. To the untrained eye they look like discolorations produced during the developing process. But stare long enough and they take on the appearance of floating, zeppelin-sized amoebas.

In his 1975 book *The Cosmic Pulse of Life*, Constable calls them "critters". "As living organisms," he writes, "critters appear to be an elemental branch of evolution probably older than most life on Earth, dating from the time when the planet was more gaseous and plasmonic than solid... They will probably one day be better classified as belonging to the general field of macrobiology or even macrobacteria inhabiting the aerial ocean we call the sky."

The critters are, thankfully, usually invisible to us, existing for the most part in the infrared range of the electromagnetic spectrum. When they do stray into our frequency band, they are mistakenly identified as flying machines.

Constable's theory, a synthesis of science, ufology, occultism and cryptozoology, struck a chord with readers at the time; one zoologist named the creatures *Amoebae constableae*, after their discoverer.

Thirty years on, even ufologists consider Constable a fringe character. But his spirit lives on in lesser phenomena such as "rods" - alleged airborne lifeforms that can be captured only on digital camcorders - and "orbs", balls of light, beloved of ghost hunters, found mainly in digital images.

These modern variations have been effortlessly trapped and dismissed by digital debunkers while, somewhere up there, Constable's sky-whales roam free. Mark Pilkington

SUNDAY INDEPENDENT, Plymouth, England - July 3, 2005

World changing

WITH all the interest building up again regarding UFOs, including a special programme due to begin in the United States in October under the title *Strange*, I feel that it might just be appropriate to mention that I have recently completed an article on this very subject.

UFOs are simply unidentified flying objects. However, the important thing is not what they are but from where or who they originate.

Much has been made of the idea that they originate from outer space etc. yet certain information which has been brought to my attention defines the differences between EBEs and EMES.

The first is a term which refers to extra-terrestrial origin.

The second is a term which refers to extra-materialised entities, which we now know is exactly what this is.

It is completely in the interests of the present world governments to let people believe that UFOs are of extra-terrestrial origin and that so-called ghosts etc are spirits of dead people, when, actually, both originate specifically from one common source.

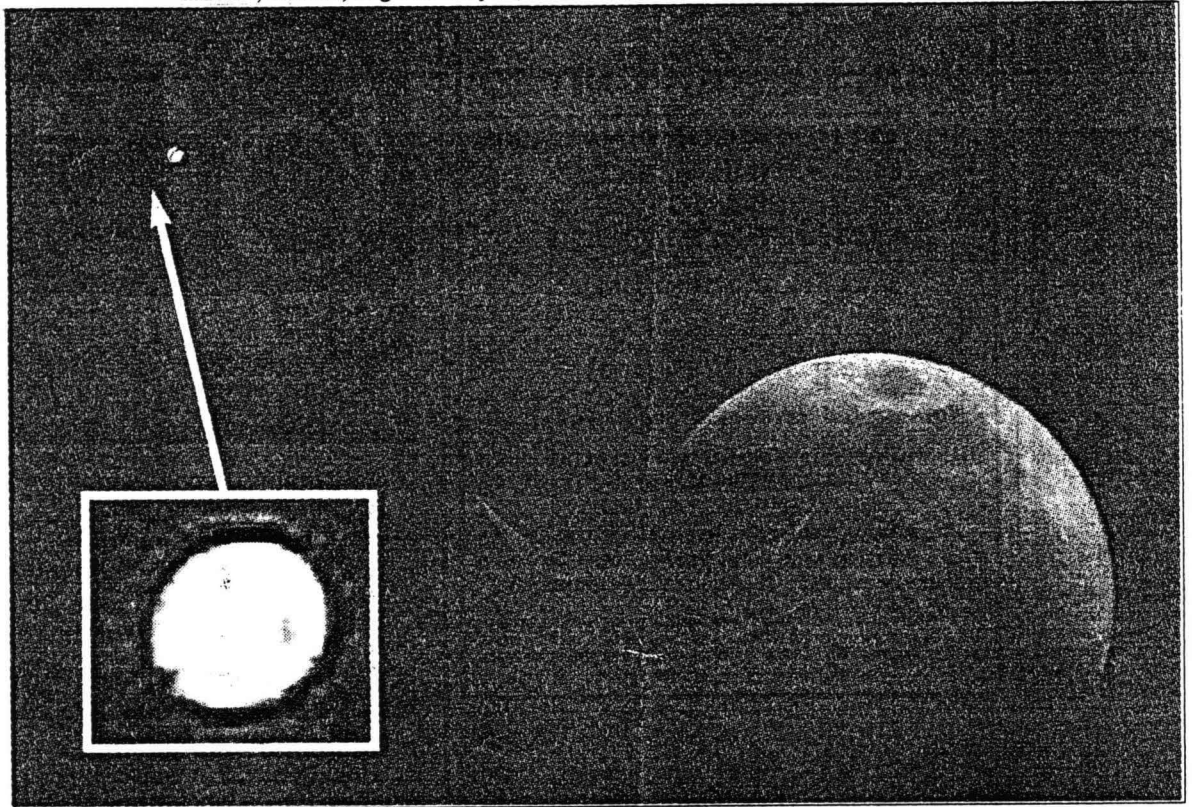
If this actual source was officially revealed and confirmed by these authorities, the whole world would change overnight.

As a Theocratic scholar and researcher, it has been necessary to investigate, down to the last detail, the specific reason for this vast deception which has plunged mankind into an abyss of confusion.

ALEXANDER WINSLOW
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Is this speck a visitor from outer space?

IS IT a bird? Is it a plane? Or could it be the Death Star hurtling towards Earth? This UFO blazed a trail across the skies in broad daylight just days before Star Wars fever gripped the nation. Visible for just 20 seconds, the silver object moved across the heavens before disappearing behind the Moon. The pictures were snapped by Lewis Whyld, who was busy taking photographs at an athletics event in Manchester, when the object appeared in the skies. The 28-year-old from Bristol, said: 'Something caught my eye. I looked up and a huge silver disc was moving across the top of the Moon, at quite a speed. It started out as a dot but got bigger and bigger. It vanished behind the Moon and was gone. I'm not sure if it was dropping off or picking up.'



Star struck: Is this UFO the Death Star flying in for the premiere of the latest Star Wars movie?

GAZETTE, South Shields, England - April 14, 2005

Air base UFO claims denied

By MIKE HALLOWELL

RAF Cosford is to be found in picturesque Shropshire, 150 miles north west of London.

Since it opened in 1938, the base has provided excellent training facilities for RAF ground crew and it now enjoys an international reputation for excellence.

In fact, it is the RAF's largest training facility of its kind.

Units currently based at Cosford are the Birmingham University Air Squadron (operating the famous Grob Tutor T1 training aircraft) the No633 Volunteer Gliding School (with the equally excellent Vigilant T1) and the No1 School of Technical Training.

Imagine you are a past visitor to RAF Cosford in Shropshire.

It is the evening of Tuesday, December 10, 1963.

The clock has just struck 11.30pm and two young apprentices are scurrying back to their barracks after returning late from a night out.

By shinning over a fence, they hope to avoid detection by the guards and subsequent punishment.

But then something strange happens.

A large, dome-shaped UFO lands within the confines of the base and begins to bathe the surrounding area in an intense green light.

The young men hide in between two hangars.

Terrified, they watch the UFO as it raises itself to a height of 10ft, still pouring out its strange, green fluorescence.



After a minute or two they decide to make a run for it. The young airmen raced to the guardroom and blurted out their story, but what happened next was predictable.

The duty sergeant, suspecting they were a tad inebriated, impolitely told them where to go.

He point blank refused to investigate, and, by the time anyone did bother to look, the UFO had vanished into the ether.

As you can imagine, the incident caused a furore.

However, a month was to pass before word of the incident spread outside of the camp.

Then, one evening in nearby Albrighton, UFO investigator Wilfred Daniels had a chance meeting with the chaplain of RAF Cosford - a genial Reverend by the name of B. G. Henry.

Allegedly, Henry spilled the beans about what had happened to Daniels, something which the Reverend later hotly denied.

At one point, he even threatened Daniels with legal action.

However, the genie was out of the proverbial bottle and extremely reluctant to go back in.

Suddenly, RAF Cosford was under siege by the nation's press and the Ministry of Defence people were furious. That something happened at RAF

Cosford is beyond doubt. The RAF accused the apprentices of being inebriated.

The Air Ministry went as far as to suggest that they were both trying to get themselves discharged from the RAF - presumably by attempting to appear unhinged.

What the Air Ministry couldn't explain was what had caused the strange scorch marks at the location where the UFO had apparently landed.

Neither could they explain how others had seen the eerie green light.

A basketful of explanations were put forward by the MOD: The airmen were drunk (possibly true, but were they that drunk?); the light was from a steam train travelling nearby (it would have been invisible from where the airmen were standing) and the scorch marks were from "a barbecue held in a nearby property". Err ... of course. I mean, doesn't everyone hold barbecues at midnight near air base runways?

Not surprisingly, the public refused to believe a word of it.

Heavyweight researchers like Waverley Girvan were sure that there had been a cover up.

Articles appeared in specialist journals like the Flying Saucer Review, closely followed by pieces in the Kensington News, the Wolverhampton Express & Star, the Daily Sketch and the West London Times.

The Air Force, the Air Ministry and the MOD have never admitted that a UFO invaded RAF Cosford on that cold December night in 1963.

I know what I think, but Bizarre fans will have to draw their own conclusions.

Send your spooky stories to me at the Gazette, or e-mail me at bizarrefans@tiscali.co.uk

Bracknell's X Files – the mystery deepens

It's another close encounter as second UFO flies over town

EXCLUSIVE
by **SARAH CLARK**

A **SECOND** unidentifiable flying object has been spotted in the sky above Bracknell.

Last week the *News* revealed that residents living near the Coppid Beech Hotel saw what they thought was an alien space craft.

Now another witness has reported seeing a strange object in the sky above Bracknell, and he wants help identifying what it might have been.

Terry Campbell said he and two colleagues were installing a new synthetic hockey pitch off Ringmead



Sighting: Last week's *Bracknell News* front page.

in Birch Hill around 3pm on Sunday, June 26 when he saw what he describes as an object the shape of an ash-tray in the sky.

Mr Campbell, a surface

technician said the sky was clear and blue.

He said: "Imagine a round ashtray – a deep round ashtray. It was stationary, but the sunlight was glistening on the paintwork or metal work."

Mr Campbell added: "It was like somebody holding a mirror and flashing it on and off in your eyes – there was sunlight off the side of it."

He said: "To the naked eye it could certainly be the third of the size of an average aircraft."

Mr Campbell said the trio watched the object for about 15 minutes and it appeared to be hovering.

Clouds then went across the sky, and when they had

cleared the object was gone.

Mr Campbell said: "There was nothing frightening or alarming about it other than the fact it was there."

"We didn't know whether it might have been a weather station, or satellite or something."

He said: "There's hundreds of things up in the sky, there could be a logical explanation."

"I just want a simple explanation. If there's not then obviously my eyes are open to the fact there could be UFOs out there."

■ Did you see the "flying ash-tray"? Or have you seen another mystery object in the skies? Call the *News* UFO hotline now on **01344 456611**.

TRANSLATIONS

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July 11, 2005 — Argentina: UFOs and Transmission Towers by Raul Oscar Chaves - *CIUFOS/LaPampa* — The person in charge of a farm located in the jurisdiction of Peru, Province of La Pampa, found himself witnessing the path of a low-flying luminous object that shifted colors constantly: from red to green and through an intermediate orange phase.

It should be noted that the farm is crossed by a 132 KV high-voltage power line that links the towns of General Acha and Guatrache.

The time was 19:30 hours and Alberto S. (the witness) noticed that intense sparks and electrical arcing was taking place over the high-voltage lines in question. Filled with fear, he decided to return to the farm's residential area, where he discussed the event with other employees.

On the next day, he returned to the place where the sighting took place and found that a maintenance crew from the Administracion Provincial de Energia (Provincial Energy Administration - APE) was already on-site. The repairmen were searching for a failure detected by the control station and were trying to ascertain the precise location and cause of the interruption in the power supply. Having located it, they proceeded with the needed repairs.

The repairmen found that one of the connecting elements joining two lines had melted and shrunk lengthwise, leaving behind only a small 7 centimeter chunk. These connectors, known as "puentes" (bridges) are metallic and are normally 1 meter long and 25mm thick.

While no evidence regarding the cause of the power failure was found at first, they found a circle measuring approximately 5 meters in diameter burned into the grass. They also found that the soil presented a high degree of hardness and compactness.

After being told of the farmhand's experience the night before, the technicians concluded that a collision must have occurred between the electromagnetic field of the high-voltage line (132 Kv) and the energy field of the unidentified flying object.

The transmission tower in question has an approximate height of 15 meters and features three spacers distanced from each other by 2 meters, two on the one side and the third on its own on the opposite end.

July 15, 2005 — *INEXPLICATA, The Journal of Hispanic Ufology* — MORE UFOs OVER SINALOA AND THE FEDERAL DISTRICT by Prof. Ana Luisa Cid — Mexico continues generating proof of the UFO phenomenon, this time in the cities of Culiacan (Sinaloa) and the Federal District.

The image captured by the author was taken on May 23, 2005 at 1900 hours in the northern end of the Mexican capital. Chiquihuite Hill can be seen in the background.

Subsequently, on July 3, 2005, Juan Antonio Lopez Quiroa photographed a similar object over the city of Culiacan (Sinaloa) in northern Mexico at 1100 hours.

Both images were, taken using digital photographic equipment and with the peculiar detail that the eyewitnesses saw nothing unusual in the sky. In other words, we are dealing once more with so-called "invisible UFOs."

July 15, 2005 — *El Litoral*, Santa Fe, Argentina — POLICE COMB AREA AFTER UFO SIGHTING — ***An Alert in San Lorenzo*** — ***Woman reports seeing unidentified flying object near San Lorenzo*** — Notified duty officer at Empedrado Prefecture and the search commenced immediately. According to witness, who was driving along Route 12 at around 6:30 a.m., a brightness lit up the road. It was a fireball in free-fall, she said.

Elements of the Provincial Police, the National Gendarmes and the Naval Prefecture carried out a broad joint operation in the jurisdiction of Saladas, near San Lorenzo, in order to determine the truth of a complaint made by a woman who, driving toward that area, saw a fireball falling toward the ground bordering the Parana River.

According to the report, filed yesterday at 6:30 a.m. at the Empedrado barracks of the Naval Prefecture, the glow moved from southeast to northwest. "It was a fireball, like a small plane disintegrating after an explosion."

This was [the] description given of the UFO that the driver gave to the Prefecture duty officer. Elements immediately reported this to the San Lorenzo Sheriff's Office and the combing operation and information sharing began shortly after. The Gendarmerie also provided a support group.

The sun was not quite up when the uniformed personnel made their way across the alleged impact zone. They inspected the fields adjacent to the river, the ranches and all of the San Lorenzo rural area, but no one found traces of the object sought.

Most of the locals were interrogated, but none of them even heard their dogs bark. For this reason the unsuccessful field operation was transferred to the communication rooms of the teams involved in the operation.

It was then that the story of a member of the road control police of Cuatro Bocas (Saladas) became known.

According to this police officer, an eyewitness to the event, the glow truly existed, but at a greater height than a private plane can reach in flight. This possibility was dismissed in order to concentrate on the likelihood of a meteor impact.

The search continued but no trace of rock or space junk was found. A communique was issued from the Empedrado Prefecture to the barracks at Goya, Bella Vista and Corrientes. By evening, nothing further was known about the matter, according to a report by prefect Andres Ramirez to this newspaper. Ramirez is a subofficer with the national naval institution located on the "Pearl of the Parana River."

Nor was any information forthcoming from the Saladas Regional Unit of the Corrientes Police. But investigation will proceed until some element is found that can substantiate the report made by the driver, whose name was not released.

NOTE: the San Lorenzo and Empedrado regions of the Province of Corrientes are on the Parana River, facing the coastline of Chaco Province. — CREDIT: Christian Quintero, *Planeta UFO*

July 15, 2005 — *Corriente Noticias*, Argentina — ARGENTINA: COMMOTION OVER CHACO FLYING OBJECT CONTINUES — One of the eyewitness accounts came from Sergio Acosta, who said that between 6:05 and 6:10 yesterday, as he was throwing out the trash, he noticed "a powerful light that lit up the sky." He informed LT-16 Radio Santa Esmeralda that he "looked upward and saw a something like a giant star, flying at high speed, at an altitude that did not exceed 1000 to 1500 meters in an East to West direction until it became lost in the horizon."

Apparently, he was so alarmed by the strange object's flight pattern that some details were burned into his mind: "It lost a chunk of its luminous body in flight, and in its rear it had something like a 'little tail' following it at a close distance, like a hot coal, as though it was a jet engine or navigation light. But it was a very large object," Acosta remarked.

This was one of the most detailed accounts of the sighting. But there were at least 4 other witness who claimed having seen this light with similar characteristics -- and at the same time -- crossing the sky. It was even said that one of the witnesses made a drawing to depict the object he had seen.

When asked if it could have been an airplane, he said it was unlikely because: "it was noiseless. It drew my attention because it was [flying] in total silence. I thought it was a shooting star, but I've seen shooting stars before and they make a whistling sound. This one made no noise whatsoever."

"Furthermore it wasn't fiery colored, but rather had the same color as a star; like a satellite, but very large, and it even titillated [scintillated?]. It was so fast that it took between six and ten seconds to cross the sky, which was completely clear." He also remarked that, "I looked to see if it would fall, but it didn't. It crossed the horizon. I'm not sure if it fell later on. I say it was a UFO because I have no other way of describing it," said this witness.

"I saw that thing, and night was turned into day. It lit up everything," said Cesar Gustavo Blanco to a local FM station. Blanco is a rural worker who was on his way to his field, north of Napenay. Nervous after having seen the object for which he was still trying to find an earthly explanation, he said: "I turned off my pickup truck's engine, because I was shocked. and there was silence. But I could hear something, like a whistling sound, and I felt fear, because that was really the sound of silence," he insisted. — CREDIT: Christian Quintero, *Planeta UFO*

July 15, 2005 — *Norte Digital Edition*, Argentina — ARGENTINA: FIREBALL SWEEPS ACROSS SKY OVER CHACO — This was the talk of the town over the radio, in bars and in newsrooms. What was it that crossed the Chaco skies in wee hours of the morning? Phones rang off the hook at local radio stations with eyewitness accounts suggesting that around 6 in the morning a "Fireball" crossed the sky at high speed, leaving a long blue wake in its path.

The most frightened callers wanted to alert listeners to the possibility that some stricken aircraft was hurtling to the ground enveloped in flame; a situation which was rejected by the Northeastern Air Region (RANE) by the lack of any incidents, not even involving a heavenly body.

Moreover, there were witnesses not only in the capital, but also in the interior who contacted *Norte* to

confirm that they'd witnessed the passage of the "heavenly fireball."

Finally, some subjective remarks suggested that yesterday's incident was also a clear invitation "from some Higher Authority" to attend the Meteor Festival being held this weekend at Gancedo. — CREDIT: Christian Quintero, *Planeta UFO*

July 17, 2005 — *Planeta UFO*, Argentina — ARGENTINA: UFO WAVE IN THE WINGS? — According to statistical studies and the Decimal Hypothesis put forth by researcher Luis Burgos (UFO manifestations every 10 years in places prone to such visits), there is a great possibility that Argentina and its neighboring countries will become the target for new massive UFO incursions during the second half of this year. According to Burgos, director of the Fundacion Argentina de Ovnilogia (FAO) headquartered in La Plata, unidentified flying objects would be mainly seen in the provinces of Buenos Aires, La Pampa, Cordoba and certain areas of the littoral and Cuyo between the hours of 21:00 and 02:00 hours. According to his calculations, potential witnesses would see "luminous phenomena in the heavens, report creatures on the surface, would detect prints in the fields, perceive explosions at high altitude and capture photo or video evidence." In other words, events similar to the ones that occurred previously in 1965, 1975, 1985 and 1995 throughout the South American region and which had a predictive efficiency of between 70 to 80%. The most immediate background event goes back to spring of 2005, when at least fifty "strange impressions" were reported, accompanied by several cases of unusual lights in various points of the province of Buenos Aires.

Finally, Burgos explains that this announcement is independent of any effect on the population, whether it be the recent cinematic debut of "War of the Worlds," as well as the upcoming nearby opposition of the planet Mars to Earth, scheduled for the month of October, since these [the UFO] studies were conducted, as well as in previous years, many months in advance.

For more information: Fundacion Argentina de Ovnilogia (FAO) — www.cienciaovni.com.ar — CREDIT: Christian Quintero

July 18, 2005 — *Planeta UFO*, Argentina — ARGENTINA: WATER TANK MYSTERIOUSLY EMPTIED — [TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: Readers of INEXPLICATA will recall the enigmatic disappearance of water from storage tanks and swimming pools in Argentina's La Pampa province during the summer of 2002. No proof of leaks or seepage was ever found in those cases.]

On July 1 of this year [2005], 70,000 liters of water vanished from the tank customarily employed to provide drinking water to animals in a farm located near the town of Parera in the province of La Pampa.

This was the statement made by Adolfo Ziegenfuss, the tank's owner. He added that "on Friday evening [the tank] was full and in the morning it was completely empty. Nothing but mud was left in the bottom."

He stressed that the seventy thousand liters vanished from dusk to dawn without a trace and without any signs that could account for the loss of the water.

The rancher noted that he "...could not find a reasonable explanation to the events that occurred last Saturday morning," adding that "...these are things that cannot be explained."

Ziegenfuss, who has been living in the area for years, witnessed the discovery of mutilated animals on his field at the time when the phenomenon declared itself openly on Pampan soil. — CREDIT: Raul Oscar Chaves

July 18, 2005 — *Prof. Ana Luisa Cid* — MEXICO: UFO SIGHTING OVER CUAUTLA, MAY 2005 — Mr. Luis Roca Cerezo was driving along the highway toward Mexico City in the company of his father on May 7, 2005. He suddenly became aware of a strange light in the sky.

The witness thought at first that it was a reflection, but upon realizing that the object had movement, he reached the conclusion that it was an object actually moving through the air. Fortunately, he had with him a photo camera that allowed him to record the unusual event.

It was precisely in this region of the State of Morelos that numerous sightings of possible plasma-type vessels have been recorded, mainly over the cities of Cuernavaca, Cuautla and Tepoztlan.

It should be noted that the area borders the volcano zone, a probable factor for UFO incidents.

(Research by Carlos Clemente with acknowledgements to Maussan Productions)

July 21, 2005 — *Planeta UFO*, Argentina — La Arana: When Time Stood Still by Luis Burgos (FAO) — While the return of a considerable part of the "unidentifieds" to the scene of the crime (the basis of my Decimal Hypothesis) is a constant that is disputed by very few, field researchers are clearly aware of the window areas (relatively short intervals of non-recurrent sites) versus "hot zones" (fixed periods of recurrence). Perhaps in-depth area surveys would enable us to weave a hypothesis as to the "why" of the matter. This is the case with La Arana and other places of La Pampa province, one of the most visited ones by UFOs.

La Arana is a rural location some 50 km west of Santa Rosa, capital of La Pampa. It can be reached along Route 14 passing through the town of Toay. At present, the ghostly aspect of this location hovers in the air like the aged reminiscence of a past with a legend: an abandoned schoolhouse, a lonely house in the vicinity and a ruined building that housed an ancient "lawn bowling" facility, famous for its dance parties in the 1950's and 1960's, are mute testimony to unusual UFO events that commenced in the early '60s and continue to our times. It is as if something magical enveloped this enigmatic landscape, cited in books on the subject, newspapers of the time and spread from mouth to mouth by local residents aware of the prowling of the "bad lights." Today, Quique Mario of the CEUFO organization chose it as his favorite site for holding UFO skywatches. Raul Chaves and Ester Urban of CIUFOS also have the suspicious area under surveillance.

It could not have been otherwise: this location and other points of La Pampa and six other provinces were affected by the "great Argentinean UFO wave" and in the early hours of May 13, 1962, reflected by Hector P. Anganuzzi in his book *Historia de los Platos Voladores en Argentina*, in which he retells the experiences of the partygoers who attended one of the dances at La Arana. After 0400 hours, they noticed a large light on the ground at relatively near distance. Some of the locals approached the source of light and at that precise moment, an object started rising into the air while a number of similar objects -- not seen previously -- accompanied it. As they receded, they appeared to spin on their own axes. The *La Prensa* newspaper also echoed this encounter in its May 16 edition.

In the 1970's, other dance-goers saw a UFO that was readying itself to land only a few meters away. It tore through a barbed wire fence as it landed, followed by a series of shudders ("like a chicken dusting itself off") before taking off again before the confused gaze of the lucky eyewitnesses. This episode forms part of the 50 most incredible cases of the Argentinean national UFO case histories.

One night in 1979, a hunter was startled by a flying object that "fell on him," leaving him no choice but to open fire against it. The bullet hit its mark, since he heard the projectile strike the unusual "prey." At that time the UFO turned off its lights and he didn't see it again ... nor did he find the bullet. In the late 1980's, a motorist

heading down Route 5 at night reached La Arana to be treated to the sight of a very bright, large UFO on the side of the road...a UFO with the strange shape of a fish.

At around 1500 hours on a hot afternoon in January 1990, Jose Luis Lopez and his assistant were engaged in farmwork when another worker warned them of the sudden appearance of a "giant" oval object, dark brown in color, that passed over them at low altitude on a southward trajectory. The artifact, which made a slight whistling sound, was practically ignored by the local animals. The observation lasted some 10 minutes and according to one of the witnesses, "it seemed as if time stood still..."

On Thursday, December 15, 1994, Mr. Nestor Fernandez and a companion were traveling from Cerro Quemado, to Santa Rosa. As they crossed La Arana, they noticed a brilliant UFO that startled them to the point of reporting their experience to reporters from the *La Arena* newspaper.

The field visit by CEUFO researchers with the goal of the "First UFO Alert," proposed by Project Condor could not have been better rewarded: From the afternoon of May 8, 1999 to the morning of the 9th, they installed themselves at the site, taking numerous photos of the local geography; road, fields, sky, etc. In one of these pictures, a white-colored luminous body surrounded by a red halo appeared at random, turning it into one of the very few nocturnal photos of a "ghost UFO."

In 2002, while the mutilations were in full swing, La Arana did not escape these incidents, which continue in the inhospitable area to this very day.

To keep enumerating cases would be repetitive. The UFO phenomenon prefers this area as one of its targets and without a doubt, to be there is to breathe in a little of the Pampean saucer history and therefore, Argentina's own history. Without a doubt, something is moving, gliding, intruding, appearing and disappearing there, becoming invisible in the desolate Pampean landscape. The question is obvious: What was there, or what will be there? The question remains unanswered. — CREDIT: Guillermo Gimenez, *Planeta UFO*

July 28, 2005 — *El Manana*, Ciudad Valles, San Luis Potosi, Mexico — UFOs DUMP SPACE JUNK — ***Event causes commotion among eyewitnesses*** — ***They were more than 10 and cast out strange objects over the Praderas del Rio and La Diana neighborhoods*** — Story by Antonio Martinez Chavez — Unidentified flying objects appearing in the skies over Ciudad Valles for the past 3 months have caused a commotion and a series of reactions ranging from fear to uncertainty. Their most important manifestation, however, occurred on the 15th of this month at 2 p.m., when at least a dozen UFOs remained visible for nearly 5 minutes in the sky over the city's southwestern quarter and expelled what witnesses referred to as "space junk."

Days later, on Thursday the 21st at 10:00 p.m. this same month, a new UFO remained stationary to the south of Valles, in the vicinity of the Regional Hospital, long enough to be photographed by a photojournalist with *El Manana*.

The case that has attracted the most attention due to the abundance of eyewitnesses, the time of day and the casting of unknown objects was the one that took place over the La Diana and Praderas del Rio neighborhoods. That day, as the temperature reached 40 Centigrade, Miroslava and Luz Esmeralda Martinez Hernandez, Prof. Ruth Sandoval, Mr. Enrique Sandoval and other persons residing along 16 de Septiembre Street in La Diana discovered --while they went about their daily activities and happened to look skyward--a long row of silvery, oval shaped and semi-circular objects moving slowly to the east of Valles and over the Valles River.

"I counted some ten objects. Nine of them were small or at least appeared so at a distance. Then there was a larger one at the end of the row," said an excited Miroslava Martinez Hernandez. She explained, still overwhelmed, that some of the objects made pendulum-type motions, in other words, they rocked from side to side "like a baby's cradle" and when the largest object appeared, they surrounded it, forming a kind of ring.

"Look, they were exactly there," she said, pointing at a radio antenna atop a house in Praderas de Rio.

"I even got the impression they were studying the antenna," she added.

The account was corroborated by Luz Esmeralda, holding her child in arms while she explained the UFOs' movement and shape with hand gestures. "Yes, I also managed to see how they were shaped, moving very slowly. The largest was behind, but the one I saw was circular-shaped, like a plate," she added.

Both indicated almost at the same time that detail that surprised them the most: that the objects expelled some sort of paper or metal sheets that were red and black in color. "The red was so bright that it even hurt one's eyes ... could it have been self-luminous?," wondered Miroslava.

"The objects expelled seemed to be moved along by the air, and they fell in different directions. We already went looking for them but couldn't find them."

Prof. Ruth Sanchez Sandoval, a neighbor of Miroslava and Luz Esmeralda, stated while she pointed to the clouds in the sky at the time that, "frankly, it seems to me they emerged from that cloud."

She said that she was in the backyard of her house while her brother Rodrigo was inside. He had just arrived from the U.S. when the sighting occurred. "I was stunned by what I was seeing, because although I'd had the opportunity to see UFOs elsewhere in the country, and even my husband Daniel Aguilar saw the army capture one of those objects in 1968, when it fell in Oaxaca, near Monte Alban, but it got away. This was different."

What drew her attention, she explained, was that within the largest UFO there were yellow or orange lights, and the other smaller ones surrounded it. "It's as if they had been waiting and once together, began moving slowly and then vanished from sight. I wanted to record them with my brother's camcorder, but I didn't want to leave the spot to go and ask him."

Ruth Sandoval explained that when she saw the UFOs, they expelled red and black colored things. "To me they were hexagonal in shape, but very thin, like paper or metal sheets, and they fell in different locations."

Facing Miroslava, Luz Elena's and Ruth's homes, Mr. Enrique Sandoval, at first hesitant, explained that he had in fact seen the very same thing as the women.

"The only thing I disagree with is the number, since I managed to see some thirty objects in the same direction. They were metallic-colored and I also realized that they threw out things after being suspended for a long time."

Prof. Sandoval explained that the UFOs were neither airplanes nor helicopters. They were noiseless, stood still in the air and then moved away slowly and then swiftly.

The mystery that occupied the minds of all witnesses -- there were more, but they were not available for the interview -- was the nature of the objects cast out by the UFOs.

Teacher Ruth Sandoval repeated the phrase: "Maybe they're dumping space junk, but what if they're technological items unknown to us?"

Despite the fact that the witnesses followed the route of the objects, no one could specify exactly where they fell. "It could be that they dissolved or that they were sophisticated technological items programmed to fall in certain places, in the bush or underground, so that we could not see them," they said, full of uncertainty. — CREDIT: Prof. Ana Luisa Cid



UNFRIENDLY FORESTS

Neither moose, nor bear, but 'something big' lurks in Yukon

BY NATHAN VANDERKLIPPE

TESLIN, YUKON • It was a quiet night in Teslin when the woods began to crackle and the dogs started to howl.

Melvin Harper heard it, and saw a figure flitting near a neighbour's light post, then through a forested island next to the log houses in this Yukon town of 400.

"It was something big, about eight feet tall. It's black, hairy muscular. It was huge," he said. "He was like teasing us, making noises in the bush, coming back and forth."

"It was like a sasquatch," said Tom Dickson, who also saw the creature. "Like how you see it on TV, how they advertise it — the same image. You can't see no eyes, nothing, just black. But it was moving pretty fast."

Roger Smarch heard it, too, and went to look the next morning. It's at least the third sighting of a bush creature in Teslin in a year, leading locals to surmise that perhaps a sasquatch — or a family of them — has migrated north from more typical haunts in northern California and the interior of B.C.

Looking in the woods near the place where the creature was last heard, Mr. Smarch found crushed meadow flowers and

small trees snapped in half more than two metres up their trunks. And he discovered a track more than 30 centimetres long and printed deep into the mud. When his 297-pound uncle tried to make an impression beside it, he couldn't make a dent.

"I think it's Bigfoot," he said as he pulled back the rubber mat and wooden crate that he placed over the print to protect it, more than a week after the strange night.

Some local hunters have said it looks like a print left by a moose that slipped in the mud, but Mr. Smarch won't hear of it.

"It's not a bear, not a moose. It's definitely something," he said. "Whatever it is was that made that track was big."

Mr. Smarch also found something else: a tuft of dark chocolate-coloured hair on the forest floor that he says was left behind by the creature.

Yesterday morning, Philip Merchant inspected the tuft of hair in his lab at the Yukon environment department. The hair is not hollow, ruling out moose and caribou. It's too long to be horse, and the sample also includes a downy underfur, which rules out humans — and perhaps other two-footed creatures.

"We probably can rule out primate," said Mr. Merchant, a wildlife technician. "But I don't know. Are sasquatches primates?"

That leaves a few options: grizzly bear, muskox and bison.

"If somebody brought me this chunk of hair and there was no other information at all with it, I'd say I'm virtually certain it's a bison," he said.

"But of unknown Yukon mammals the possibilities are endless. Is it sasquatch? I don't know."

Those who didn't see it are near uniform in their skepticism. The group of people who reported this sighting is almost identical to the group who said they saw a mystery creature a year ago. Some had been drinking Kokanee beer, as the joke in town now goes, and the sighting happened about 1 a.m. — not pitch black in Yukon's long summer days, but not exactly midday, either.

Whatever the creature was, those who saw it took it seriously, said Marion Gagnon, a student who moved to Teslin from Saskatchewan to work for the summer. She was biking home when she came upon men looking for it. They ordered her to stay with them for safety.

"Some of them were armed

with axes and bow and arrows," she said. "It was actually kind of comical. I remember laughing because it reminded me of Beauty and the Beast, when they go out to kill the beast."

"Do I buy it? No I don't. Not in the least," said Robert Wiseman, who grew up in Teslin. "I think maybe a bear."

Mr. Merchant plans to run a few tests on the hair over the next few days, but it may be impossible to know its origin for certain without DNA testing — and at this point, the Yukon government isn't exactly eager to spend taxpayer dollars on the search for bigfoot.

Rodney Smarch and Alex Lindsay hope they will, if only to put their fears to rest. The two teenagers cowered in a grandparent's house when they heard the creature knocking at 5:30 a.m. When they looked out, they saw it hiding behind a car.

"It was kneeling down looking at the house and you could see the knees over the car," said Mr. Lindsay.

"A bunch of guys were drinking for a couple of days. One of my friends said if you drink lots, your spirit leaves you and stuff comes to bug you," he said. "I guess it came to bug them. And after that they never drank again."

Ninety per cent of Teslin's population is native, mostly Tlingit people whose lore includes references to a mysterious character called the bushman that's usually used as a story to scare children.

But Mr. Harper is certain it's true, no matter what the hair sample or common sense might say.

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PEOPLE

Local man focuses on Sasquatch

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THE BELLINGHAM HERALD

Jason Valenti, hominid researcher, is the man behind this weekend's Sasquatch Research Conference in Bellingham, bringing together Big Foot researchers and artists with the devoted and the curious.

Question: Why put on a Sasquatch conference?

Answer: "It's high time we had a professional conference. ... We want to get the academic community at large to take us seriously."

Valenti expects more than 250 people to attend. "What is exciting about the conference is the exchange of info that people have been doing in the field that is new and innovative."

Q: What is your fascination with Sasquatch?

A: "My passion and interest for the topic started when I saw one. We almost ran one over."

Valenti said he and a friend saw a Sasquatch in Florida in 1996 near the Apalachicola National Forest.



BEN ARNOLD THE BELLINGHAMHERALD

Jason Valenti, who organized this weekend's Sasquatch Research Conference, is shown at his home on Lummi Island.

He said the creature was roughly 7 feet tall, muscular, with white skin, an hourglass figure and blond hair all over its body. "To see the palms of her hands was so amazing. They looked so human."

Q: Are you offended by names like Big Foot?

A: "Not at all. ... Out of respect to the Native Americans, I like to call them Sasquatch."

Q: Where have Sasquatch been reported

in Whatcom County?

A: "Anywhere up and down the Nooksack River. There's been sightings all over the county. Rivers are significant because salmon is one of its major food sources."

From scanning Sasquatch Web sites, Valenti estimates that Washington state has the highest number of reported sightings.

Q: Why are there no captured Sasquatch?

A: "They are doing every-

SASQUATCH CONFERENCE

When: Today and Sunday
Where: Hampton Inn, Bellingham
Cost: \$50
Details: www.sasquatchresearch.com

thing sophisticated to hide from us, because people go after them with guns."

Also, Valenti said a doubting academic community won't investigate sightings and discounts Sasquatch research.

"They just happen to live in ecological niches where we don't go."

Q: What does a Sasquatch look like?

A: "Sloping foreheads; primate-looking; hair-covered; fingertips that swing down around the knees; large, padded feet ... very strong body odor."

Q: Why is finding Sasquatch important?

A: "It would answer so many questions that humans have about their existence."

VANCE ORCHARD: Touchet Valley Ramblings

Did Bigfoot know about TV?

One could almost get the impression the Bigfoot creatures were alerted ahead of time a television documentary crew was coming to their neighborhood to shoot some film.

Or, it seemed that way when the crew from Planet Grande Pictures, of Malibu, Calif., showed up and interviewed some of the Walla Walla people who have been involved in this Bigfoot matter for many years. It's an issue which zoomed off into national publicity for this area when the late Paul Freeman reported having come upon one in his patrol duties with the Forest Service in 1982.

No longer is it any secret the creatures possibly make their home in the nearby Blue Mountains (and there has been evidence of a "family" of two juveniles and one or more adults, judging from tracks on more than one occasion.)

So, it was somewhat of an anomaly the TV program is titled "Small Town Secrets," viewed here on cable channel 43 (CMT) coming on following "The Dukes of Hazzard," at 8 p.m. on a Friday.

Invited to appear for interviews were Brian Smith, Dar and Mark Addington and myself, all from Walla Walla, and Bill Laughery of West Richland. The family of the late Wes Sumerlin were scheduled for interviews but apparently time ran out for the TV crew. This amounts to a major mistake because there is likely no other group of people more knowledgeable about this feature of the Blues, as they have witnessed it over many years and some of that prior to that 1982 report by Freeman.

The crew was Tiller Russel, director; Loren Mendell, cameraman and Curt Miles, sound man. Veterans of many such filmings for the TV program about some of the things that go on in small towns, the men were eager to get into their tasks as "stuff about Bigfoot is No. 1 for viewers," one said.

Laughery and I led off the interviewing and provided some background for the program. Laughery has been involved in this for several years and is an admitted "one time skeptic of the whole thing." Until he saw his first

track, that is. The one time game warden and Columbia County native son has seen a couple of the "real things" too.

The Bigfoot thing has been high on my personal agenda of Blue Mountains subjects since I wrote a story about a motorcyclist having come across some "really humongus" tracks on the Mill Creek Road above the intake

Smith said the tracks did not prove to be of first class quality due to the pounding rains the area had prior to the camera coming along. Hopefully, the photo accompanying this column will reveal some details. Smith said the tracks measured 54 inches to 56 inches apart as the creature strode along.

"You know, your average,"



Muddy prints found when television videographers visited a well-used Bigfoot pathway.

— Orchard photo

back in 1966. The AP story was read in Yakima by the late Roger Patterson and he came over here to check them out. My interest grew to include a pair of books about the Bigfoot.

So, it really hasn't been exactly a well-kept small town secret!

A unique aspect of those who hunt Bigfoot around here are the pack goats raised by the Addingtons on Locati Lane. One, a smallish doe critter even might tip them off some day to a Bigfoot. The animal has a keen nose and eye for the unusual items when on a woods trip, picking up a lone bear or elk on a sidehill long before her owners do. So, the Addingtons escorted Russel, Mendell and Miles up to the Five Points region above Dixie to show how the goat does her thing.

However much we might have been of help to the TV crew, it remained for the guy who is the prime hunter of Bigfoot around here these days, Brian Smith of Walla Walla, to really give the show a boost.

Smith took the guys right to a spot which has been a Bigfoot crossing in past years and bingo! A set of 14 1/2-inch tracks and lots of them!

Just like I said: Almost like the critters knew the TV people were coming!

Smith wryly observed with a grin. "Going down a slope they increased to 60 inches apart."

The Bigfoot seemed to be "just striding along, not running or anything like that," Smith added.

The tracks were found at the top of the Scenic Loop Road, close to where Mormon Grade meets this roadway, Smith said. It was from this area 10 years ago tracks of three creatures were found and followed several miles across a side-hill field down to the Meiners Road, then up it and back to the mountains.

Smith said he had asked the finder of the Skookum body cast prints in western Washington recently, Richard Noll, to check out the Scenic Loop tracks. Noll agreed that while the tracks were admittedly washed out and not in great shape they "were okay," Smith added.

So, if we had a "little kept secret" about the Bigfoot matter, it likely won't be a secret of any kind after the program "Small Town Secrets" hits the national TV air waves.



Photos by Victor Calzada / El Paso Times

Stanton James uses a flashlight to show the translucence of a rock he has had analyzed in an effort to find its origins.

El Pasoan still searching for mystery rocks' origin

By Erica Molina

El Paso Times

Wrapped in plastic bubble sheets and kept out of harm's way, plain-looking gray rocks continue to perplex Stanton James, a Northeast man who came across them more than three years ago.

"You could see these and just walk right past them," James said.

But once the lights are out, the muffin-shaped rocks can show what makes them special. A flashlight held up to one end will make the rocks light up like small lamps. A black light reveals spots on them that glow green and then fade slowly after the light is turned off.

Although James has turned to experts for help in figuring out whether the rocks are some kind of fossilized organism, he has only been able to find out that they are made of silica — a commonly found mineral. He thinks that silica could have replaced the organism.

After James asked for help from the public in October 2003 in figuring out what the rocks could be, several people contacted him who were concerned for his safety.

"They thought they might be radioactive," James said.

A test with a Geiger counter showed they were safe.

He approached professors at the University of Texas at El Paso last spring to get their opinions on his specimens. They ran a test that determined the rocks were made of silica.

But James wants to know more. He suspects the rocks might have once been living, judging by their similarities in appearance. He has not yet found a scientist who agrees with that theory.

He even wrote to the Smithsonian Institution, asking for any help they could give. The response he got was an idea of what they could be made of — silica — but he was told experts there needed details about where the rocks came from to answer with more certainty what the specimens could be.

"Part of our problem is Mr. James doesn't know where these came from. If we knew where they came from, we could look at the area and figure things out," said William Cornell, a geology professor at UTEP. "Since we have no idea, we're kind of stuck. There's not much we can do to identify them."

James bought the rocks for \$5 about three years ago from a man in Chaparral, N.M., but James doesn't know where the man got them, nor does he know where the man lives. He said that at this point he is fairly sure the rocks are not organic in origin.



Stanton James is searching for the origin of two rocks he bought about three years ago from a man for \$5.

More details

- The rocks have a dome-shaped top.
- They have a rimmed edge.
- Each has a concave bottom.
- Each has slight fluting from the bottom to the rimmed edge.
- A thumbprint-size depression is on the rock's bottom.
- If you have a similar rock or would like more information, call Stanton James at 755-0763.

James hopes someone might recognize his rocks as similar to rocks that other people might have in their private collections.

"If they're out there hiking in the mountains and think they see a rock with this profile shape, please don't disturb it," he said. "Note it's location and notify a member of the scientific community."

He said that determining the origin of the rocks could mean great things for El Paso.

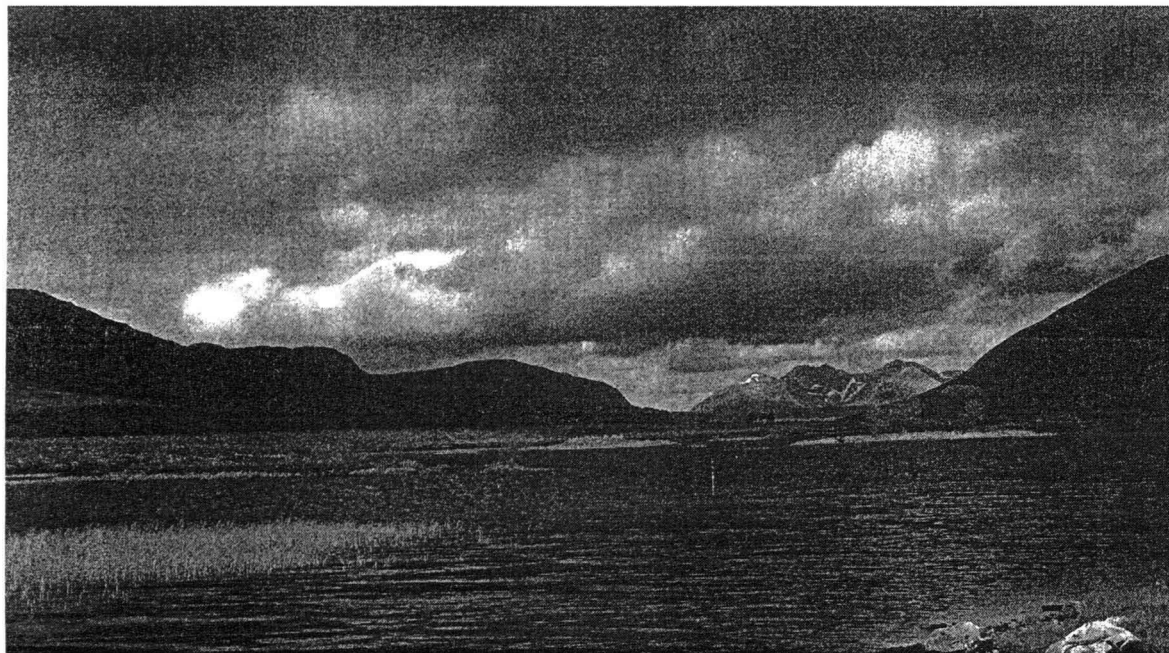
"After three years of asking and three years of looking, I'm convinced" this is something new, James said.

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Sasquatch (or something) seen in Yukon

The town of Teslin in the Yukon is the site of the latest reported sasquatch sighting after nine people claimed to have seen the legendary mountain-dwelling creature. Residents at Teslin's restaurant and village hall confirmed the town is abuzz with talk of sightings of an inhumanly large creature over the weekend. ■



For centuries, stories about the Loch Ness Monster have abounded in Scotland and beyond. Hundreds of eye-witnesses claim to have spotted the reptile-like animal throughout the years, but no solid evidence of its existence has ever been retrieved.

Rumors of Loch Ness Monster Sightings Persist

By HEIDE B. MALHOTRA
The Epoch Times

The earliest sighting of the Loch Ness Monster, or "Nessie," as locals call it, goes back to 565 A.D. as mentioned in the biography of Saint Columba, who allegedly introduced Christianity to Scotland. His sighting entailed seeing a large beast in Loch Ness Lake attacking a human swimmer.

A carving by the Picts (or painted people, for the tattoos that covered their bodies) dating back about 1,500 years shows an aquatic animal with a long beak similar to a crocodile, and feet that are useless on land.

Most eye-witnesses, and there are hundreds from the kitchen maid to well-renowned scientists and researchers, tell of a large animal with two to three humps, a tail, long neck and a small snake-like head. Some claim the animal is 10 feet long, while others estimate it is 20 feet long. Some have seen more than one Nessie in one sighting.

No need to visit Scotland to have a sighting of your own. Through a camera connected to a satellite phone that displays a live feed over the Internet, you can look over a large portion of Loch Ness Lake. Take a peek at: <http://www.lochness.co.uk/livecam/>.

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It has been suggested that our Nessie is of the pliosaurs family, which includes crocodiles, turtles and dolphins. This idea has not been given much merit, as the food chain needed for such an animal is not available. However, it could plausibly be an eel anguilla, which reached the Loch after being spawned in the Sargasso Sea. Others have suggested that Nessie is a catfish or sturgeon. A sturgeon is a genuine prehistoric fish that has not evolved for millions of years and is still not extinct.

To prove Nessie's existence, the Loch Ness Investigation Bureau was established in 1962. In 1964, the Bureau set up camera stations and underwater listening devices. The search included submarines, sonar scanners, and other underwater search devices. No live Nessie was found, but large objects that could not be explained were seen on the sonar.

In October 1986, Operation Deepscan, with a budget of US\$1.8 million recorded three large sonar contacts at 256 feet, 590 feet and 570 feet. The objects responsible for these contacts were not found.

In 1992, Project Urquhart, the Natural History Museum of London, The Freshwater Biological Association,

Simrad (a marine electronics company) and the British Discovery Channel sponsored a study of the Loch. In 1993, the 65-foot research ship Calanus, carrying the most sophisticated sampling devices and sonar equipment was brought in. It found some large targets, which according to Birnie Les (senior Simrad engineer) were "far too large for any known Loch fish."

Loch Ness, about 10,000 years old, is the largest fresh-water body in all of Great Britain and is close to 800 feet deep, 22½ miles long and about 1½ miles wide. The Loch may still be deeper than known at this time. Six rivers, including the Oich, Tarff and Enrich feed the Loch. It is also in line with the Great Glen Fault, which splits the Scotland Highlands from Fort William to Inverness.

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Diane Bell

It's raining shrimp? Get sauce



"Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs." That's the name of a children's book about the strange town

of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and snows mashed potatoes. All the town's food is delivered by the weather.

Up on Mount Soledad, Janet Andrews is reporting it rained shrimp on April 28. She and others found masses of baby shrimp on the tennis courts of the Summit residential development.

"They're not crazy," says Bob Burhans, curator of the Birch Aquarium at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla. "I haven't heard of it raining shrimp, but I have heard of it raining fish." About 15 years ago, a Chula Vista man reported that hundreds of minnows had dropped out of the sky onto his driveway, yard and roof. A marine biologist at Scripps identified the airborne fish and theorized they were from the Sweetwater Reservoir.

The most likely delivery system: a wind funnel that formed over the water, picking up surface creatures and then dropping its load as it dissipated.

So it probably went for the shrimp. When the weather gets rough, juvenile shrimp at the ocean surface tend to gather in large numbers in the shallows, Burhans explains.

"There were warnings of potential sea spouts a couple of hours before that storm came in," says Burhans, adding that a sea spout can travel a mile or two, or even farther.

"If I hadn't heard about the minnows," Burhans says, "I might have thought these people were crazy."

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Forums on Sasquatch, UFOs land in Seattle

BY MARK RAHNER
Seattle Times staff reporter

For devotees of the bizarre, it's the weekend equivalent of the old McDLT sandwich that kept the hot and cold sides separate — but make that the McDET. For its fifth year, the Northwest UFO/Paranormal Conference is adding a Seattle Sasquatch Symposium — scheduling the UFO/paranormal

material for Saturday and the Sasquatch stuff for Sunday.

The featured guest is Robert Gimlin, of the widely scrutinized 1967 Patterson-Gimlin footage that some believe shows a Sasquatch strutting in a forest and looking back over its shoulder.

It all takes place from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. both days in the North-

west rooms of the Seattle Center. The cost: \$12 per speaker or \$50 a day — with discounts for members of the Seattle Museum of the Mysteries, which is sponsoring the event; \$140 buys the whole shebang plus banquet buffets both nights. See www.seattlechat.club.org/2005Con.html for the full details and schedule.

Other guests include:

- AGHOST — Ghost Hunters of Seattle Tacoma.
- Dr. Nick Begich, mind-control expert.
- Peter Davenport, director of the Seattle-based National UFO Reporting Center.
- Budd Hopkins, alien-abduction author.
- Dr. John Bindernagel, a wildlife biologist asking, "The Sasquatch: Is it North America's Great Ape?"

There will also be several other guests from both sides, a threemin demonstration, a Bigfoot panel and more.

And if Sasquatch turns out to be an alien, there might be a reorganization of the event next year.

A case for immortality

Valued reader, the original version of this column was published in July 2001. Since that time, Dr. Gary Schwartz has published a second related book, "The Afterlife Experiments," which uses further research to amplify and support his controversial theory that the mystery of consciousness does survive physical death.

Northwest Arkansas has bid farewell to several of its best and brightest. Laura Dawson, Marcus Jones and Donna White traveled beyond this place well before those who loved them were ready to say good-bye.

While death is as much a natural part of existence as life itself, it remains the part that is most mysterious and even terrifying to those left behind for the moment.

It was the death of one's father that prompted two Ph.D. researchers at the University of Arizona to initiate a scientific search to discover whether consciousness survives physical death. And when you read their groundbreaking 1999 book, "The Living Energy Universe," the conclusions are persuasive that consciousness does not die when our bodies fail.

In essence, Gary Schwartz and Linda Russek developed a logical theory and a related formula based in the concept of memory that they have challenged any scientist to logically disprove. To date, they say, none has.

They explain that everything from subatomic particles to cells and souls is alive and capable of memory. By employing scientific techniques, they demonstrate that all is eternal and continually evolving. For example, they provide evidence that each thought and idea and "awareness ever generated remains in the universe as information (or memory) and that consciousness does survive death and that God does exist and is ever evolving. In short, everything remembers."

When these two scientists say "ev-

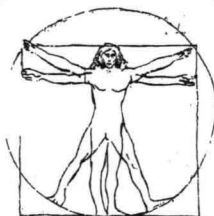


Mike Masterson

everything," they mean your jewelry, shoes, blood, heart, hair, water, air. And by forging ahead with such unconventional research, they encourage others to think outside the envelopes created by the rigid bureaucracies whose politics and egos too often disparage original exploration and innovative thought.

Schwartz, director of the Living Energy Systems Laboratory at Arizona, developed the essence of this theory during the early 1980s while a professor at Yale. He said he inadvertently discovered a controversial living universal memory hypothesis "that potentially changed my scientific credibility as well as my entire world view." When he told his female colleague, Russek, about his discoveries a decade later, she excitedly exclaimed without hesitation, "This story must be told."

Fueled by her abiding curiosity about the whereabouts of her own departed father's consciousness, Russek set out with Schwartz, in the face of hearty skepticism and uncertainty, to perfect his original theory.



The logic behind Schwartz's initial discovery led him to predict that all systems, which are always in the process of becoming and remaining whole, store information dynamically as universal living memory.

"This implied not only that all systems were 'alive,' but also that this information continued as a living, evolving system after the physical structure had deconstructed," Schwartz explained in the book. "Everything I knew about physics and psychology forced me to entertain this hypothesis. . . . [I]n the vacuum of space, information continues forever (as universal living memory). If some fundamental integrative

process brings the information to life in a dynamic, evolving way, and this process continues forever, then life, too, continues to evolve forever. And if consciousness involves information . . . then consciousness stays alive and evolves, too."

I'd advise putting it all into clearer context by reading "The Living Energy Universe" for yourself. Although I will not delve further here into the specific basis of their discoveries and formulas, the results, they say, allow them to make confident predictions such as the following while remaining "deeply aware of the scientific and moral responsibilities in making such controversial claims":

- Heart cells can have memory, which provides a plausible explanation for the controversial claims for cellular memory in heart transplant patients.

- Water molecules can have memory, which could help explain the controversial claims of homeopathy.

- Atomic systems can have memory, which provides a plausible explanation for the controversial claims for so-called "cold fusion" energy sources.

- Pre-energy systems in the vacuum can have memory, which could explain the controversial claims of out-of-body, near-death experiences, survival of consciousness after death and even communication with "The Source" (also called the Great Spirit, the Supreme Being, the Creator or simply God).

What these two academic researchers have discovered should bring comfort to those who have lost loved ones, as well as perhaps help explain why sometimes we can still "feel" those loved ones offering guidance in this much denser realm.

"Our eyes and ears and brains and hearts, in fact, our 'everything' exist as living energy systems in the vacuum," Schwartz contends. "And once our 'everything' exists as a living energy system within the vacuum, it will continue and evolve forever. The logic is unavoidable."

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Country music channel puts Bigfoot spotlight on Walla Walla

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Bigfoot buffs won't want to miss this broadcast.

On Friday, Walla Walla will be part of a Country Music Television documentary as some of the area's most recognized Bigfoot trackers take a camera crew on a backwoods search for the creatures.

Although a Bigfoot was reportedly not caught on camera by the crews with Malibu, Calif., company Planet Grande Pictures, Walla Wallan Vance Orchard said they did come upon lots of tracks at the top of Scenic Loop Road.

"I don't know how old they were," he said. "But they were about 14½ inches long."

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Walla Walla's Bigfoot segment will air in CMT's "Small Town Secrets" at 9 p.m. Friday on Channel 43.

Orchard, who began following reports of evidence and sightings of Bigfoot in the Blue Mountains as a reporter for the Union-Bulletin in 1966, was one of several local people tapped for the piece about two weeks ago.

Others include Brian Smith, one of the area's prime hunters of Bigfoot, and former Dayton game warden Bill Laughery, now of West Richland.

Dar and Mark Addington

also brought one of their pack goats on a trip with the crew up to the Five Points area above Dixie. The goat's acute sense of smell can pick up a lone bear or elk long before her owners can, according to a column Orchard wrote about the experience.

Missing, Orchard said, were interviews with the family of the late Wes Sumerlin, considered by local Bigfoot fans as one of the area's most knowledgeable families about the creatures.

Whether or not the experience made believers out of the crew remains to be seen.

"Hopefully they will present a picture of what some of us have been doing here on the subject," Orchard said.

Other topics covered in the series "Small Town Secrets" have included a circus sideshow with human oddities and a woman in Florida known for her advocacy of chickens in Key West.

Friday's program, titled "Bulls, Bullets and Bigfoot," will also feature a patrol with Minutemen in Tombstone, Ariz., and firing machine guns in Billitt County, Ky.

According to the CMT Web site, the documentary series "Small Town Secrets" takes a "peek behind the picket fences of small-town America" on an expedition to find curious happenings and interesting characters.

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