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UFO buffs plan summer summit in Charleston

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Is the truth really out there?

For the answer to that and more questions that have persisted after the landmark Roswell episode, make plans to attend a UFO summit in late summer at Charleston's old Capitol Theater.

Billed as the "Flatwoods Monster 55th Anniversary and A Flying Saucer Extravaganza," the two-day event promises to be more than the usual fare surrounding the issue.

Headlining the event will be author-illustrator Frank Feschino, who penned "The Braxton County Monster: The Cover-Up of The Flatwoods Monster," and has a follow-up book in publication, titled "Shoot Them Down," detailing aerial combat he says was waged in 1952 between U.S. aircraft and alien ships.

Joining Feschino will be world-renown UFO investigator Staton Friedman, a nuclear physicist who took the lead in ferreting out information on hold in the alleged government cover-up of the Roswell incident in 1947.

Added to the mix will be Freddie May, an eyewitness to the Braxton County's own special "monster."

Skeptics could be in for more than just a couple of days of amusement.

"I believe if you come to this show you'll see some hard evidence," says promoter Larry Bailey, himself a believer that alien spacecraft have been scoping out this planet for quite some time.

"You're going to see some hard evidence. That's a promise. That's not just promotional talk."

Bailey, who promotes a series of automotive shows, says his belief in aliens has been reinforced since he began drawing up plans for the Sept. 7-8 event, even though he has never actually witnessed an unidentified flying object or anyone on board them.

Besides actual physical evidence, doubters often ask the faithful why aliens with the intelligence to navigate craft through the galaxy always pick a lonely wheat field in Kansas for maneuvers, but never land in downtown Chicago or, say, the Rose Garden at the White House to meet the leader of the free world.

"Maybe where they were coming from when they landed in Braxton County in 1952, they were superior at that time," Bailey said.

Bailey says he cannot rule out the prospects of life on other, unexplored and unknown planets, far beyond man's ability to investigate, and that some inhabitants of other worlds have been paying Earth some visits in recent decades.

"I can't say for sure," he said.

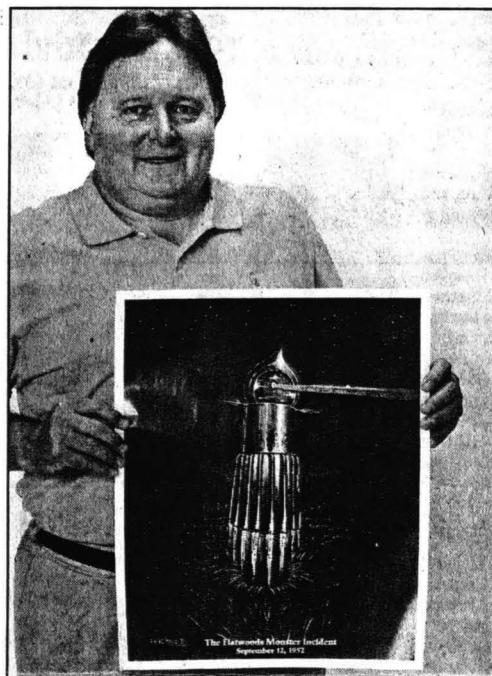
"I've never seen them. But being a believer of God, I think He's the Supreme Being. How could this (earth) be the only thing? I'm not closing the door on it. If it flew down in front of me, I wouldn't say, 'Oh, my gosh, I couldn't believe that.' I would say, 'that's proof, evidence, right there.'"

Friedman, likewise a believer, has taken his message on hundreds of radio and television programs, among them, "Nightline," "Larry King Live" and "Unsolved Mysteries," while preparing some 80 papers and poring over records stashed in 20 government document archives.

Based on nearly half a century of research after the 1947 incident in Roswell, N.M., the nuclear physicist is convinced some UFOs are genuine, and that the government has been aware of this since Roswell but covered up evidence in what he terms a "cosmic Watergate" and considers the biggest event in a millennium.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Roswell incident, still a source of controversy amid growing suspicion the military covered up the landing of a spacecraft and hid the hard evidence — fragments of the ship and the bodies of tiny aliens.

In preparing his Braxton County



Charleston promoter Larry Bailey displays a poster of an artist's conception of the ballyhooed "Flatwoods Monster," considered one of the more provocative incidents in UFO lore. It was 55 years ago the bizarre episode unfolded on a hillside in rural Braxton County. **Related story on Page 6B.**

LEW WHITENER/
THE REGISTER-HERALD

book, Feschino invested 14 years of research into the 12-foot oddity in Flatwoods. He plans to present a 53-minute documentary on his findings, joined by May.

Bailey is anticipating a large turnout in the 660-seat theater for

the UFO summit.

"We're getting a lot of response from out of state," he said. "The Midwest. Up in New England. It's really being pushed."

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Alien link to crop circles?

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WEST ASHEVILLE — The work of pranksters, or an alien landing zone?

The 100-foot interlocking circles that mysteriously appeared in a hayfield this weekend have local residents trying to answer that question. The crop circle, near the intersection of Huffman and Oak Crest drives, is about 100 feet long and half that wide.

Rick Hawkins, 28, who lives nearby, favors an extraterrestrial explanation. He saw bright lights overhead Saturday night and initially assumed it was a plane.

"But now I don't know," he said Tuesday, examining the mashed grass. "This is freak city, after all."

Asheville police Capt. Tim Splain said the department has had no reports of unusual activity. The property owner is



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Asheville resident Danny Tetrault sent in this photo of what he called a crop circle he saw in West Asheville.

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deceased.

"With all that detail, it probably would have to be some kind of extraterrestrial intervention — it absolutely could not be human," Splain joked, adding that most crop cir-

cles in the U.S. have been debunked as the work of humans, not space creatures.

Fairview resident Lindy Tucker, the local representative of the Independent Crop Circle Researchers Association, said her organization investigated the site Tuesday afternoon. Early evidence suggests a human culprit, although Tucker emphasized she hasn't filed a final report yet.

SIXTY YEARS LATER, WE'RE STILL ALONE

SCOTT VAN WYNSBERGHE

In June, 1947, an Idaho businessman invented the idea of 'flying saucers.' Thousands of supposed sightings later, the world remains alien-free

Sixty years ago this month, on June 25, 1947, an Idaho businessman named Kenneth Arnold showed up at the offices of an Oregon newspaper, the *East Oregonian*. He had quite a story to tell.

Arnold claimed he had seen something strange near Mount Rainier, in neighbouring Washington state, while piloting his own plane the day before. It was a bizarre formation of aerial objects scooting around at what he reckoned was over twice the speed of sound. The objects moved, he said, "like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water." At that moment — as described by aerospace historian Curtis Peebles in his 1994 book *Watch the Skies!* — the concept of the flying saucer was born, and the UFO movement began to stir.

Exactly what Arnold saw remains uncertain, but he did not help his case when he fell in with Ray Palmer, a science-fiction editor who had been boosting the sales of his magazine by printing the ramblings of a paranoid schizophrenic about the existence of a scientifically superior race living under the earth. Palmer became such an unflagging popularizer of UFOs that Peebles has dubbed him, not Arnold, "the man who invented flying saucers."

Generations later, the Arnold incident still pretty much sums up the field of unidentified flying objects, as repeated in countless similar episodes all over the rural United States: Something supposedly was seen and reported — and then a lot of fuss is stirred up by an irresponsible element. Once the dust has settled, we invariably are left with no proof that the sky has yielded anything unusual, and so no proof to dispute the default assumption that we are alone in the universe.

This unchanging pattern over six decades should be sufficient grounds to dismiss the possibility that our earth is being visited by space aliens. But in case you aren't convinced, here are 10 more reasons.

1 Humanity has yet to detect a single, extraterrestrial civilization. For decades, the heavens have been scanned by both government and private agencies for unusual, electromagnetic emissions, with no significant result. A turning point may have been reached in 2000, when *The New York Times*, *Time* magazine and *Scientific American* all reported on the growing pessimism even among UFO enthusiasts.

This is as it should be, because much of their enthusiasm was based on false assumptions made by an astronomer named Frank Drake. In 1961, Drake devised a famous equation proving (he thought) that our galaxy was teeming with advanced species. Alas, in a 1997 book, *Yes, We Have No Neutrons*, science writer A.K. Dewdney showed that a simple — and logical — reinterpretation of the equation yields a result of just one species. "That," Dewdney commented, "must be us."

2 People have always seen too much in the night sky. Astrology, for example, has stubbornly survived, based on ancient, esoteric interpretations of random star patterns.

Comets, too, have regularly been interpreted as mystical portents. We seem to have some inborn need to look to our sky in search of existential succor.

3 Human perception is shaky. By the mid-1970s, it was already understood by both UFO believers and skeptics that eyewitnesses could be wrong. J. Allen Hynek, a prominent believer, conceded in *The UFO Experience* (1974) that claimed sightings always occurred more often at night, when human visual perception is weakest. Philip J. Klass, a debunker, spent a whole chapter of his own *UFOs Explained* (1976) on the impossibility of estimating the size, distance, and altitude of an unknown, aerial object in the absence of any known point of reference. (A frisbee one yard away looks much like a giant flying saucer one mile away.)

4 Consequently, almost all UFO sightings are explainable. At a 1977 UFO conference in Chicago, American researcher David M. Jacobs observed that the rate for explainable sightings was "90% or more." In recent, annual surveys, Canadian researcher Chris Rutkowski has arrived at such rates as 83% (2003) and 88% (2006).

5 And the "unexplained" sightings may not be unexplained at all. So much is now known about CIA and Pentagon activities involving balloons and spy planes in the post-war

years that the history of UFOs for that era has had to be completely rewritten. Peebles, cited earlier, is also an authority on U.S. aerial reconnaissance in the Cold War, and his book *Shadow Flights* (2000) makes clear that U.S. authorities chose to allow "UFO" sightings to spread rather than admit to the existence of widespread airborne intelligence. In one case, Peebles uses declassified records to produce an exact match between a balloon launch on May 21, 1952, and a same-day "UFO" sighting that was documented by flying-saucer enthusiasts Jim and Carol Lorenzen. Historian Gerald Haines has estimated that "over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950s through the 1960s" were caused by spy flights.

6 Nor is there a government conspiracy to conceal alien visitations. For example, in the case of the widely claimed "UFO crash" at Roswell, N.M., in 1947, a 1994 study by the U.S. Air Force found that reports of mysterious wreckage actually involved yet another intelligence effort. It was called Project Mogul, and it used specially equipped balloons to detect atmospheric traces of Soviet nuclear tests. One of the secret balloons came down at Roswell.

7 There are no alien abductions. In the late 1980s, UFO skeptic Klass noticed that almost all abduction claims came from the U.S. To him,

that suggested a cultural problem, not a cosmic one. In 2005, Harvard psychologist Susan Clancy argued that even the apparently sincere claimants of abduction were probably just victims of sleep-related hallucinations, recklessly administered hypnosis, and social influences.

8 UFO activists are their own worst enemies. A 1995 article in *Saturday Night* magazine detailed how abduction researchers muddled the waters for decades through unprofessional, investigative techniques. It was not until 1994 that the efforts of a Toronto-based psychotherapist, Dr. David Gotlib (who became aware of the problem through his patients), convinced them to adopt a code of conduct. (Meanwhile, in 1996, three UFO fanatics on Long Island were arrested for plotting to assassinate local politicians and officials suspected of covering up the "truth" about aliens.)

9 The study of UFOs is riddled with fraud and hoax. As early as 1950, a convicted swindler in Denver, Colorado, named Leo GeBauer began passing himself off as a UFO expert, "Dr. Gee." A few years later, Californian handyman George Adamski declared he was in contact with spacemen, but his only evidence was blurry photographs and witnesses who later recanted. From the late 1950s until his confession in 1966, U.S. Navy radio operator Z.T.

Fogl mischievously spread doctored photographs across the flying-saucer community.

In the 1980s, the UFO world was rocked by a 1947 U.S. government document that mapped out a flying-saucer cover-up entitled "Majestic 12" (or "MJ-12"). The document was a forgery, and such activists as Kevin Randle have since denounced it. Beginning in 1991 (and as recently as 2002), British tricksters have come forward to admit responsibility for huge numbers of crop circles that appeared in their country.

10 In the end, UFOs are just an overgrown offshoot of science fiction. As noted above, science-fiction editor Ray Palmer was present at the birth of the field in the 1940s, but the groundwork was prepared as far back as 1898, when H.G. Wells brought out his alien-invasion novel, *The War of the Worlds*. Orson Welles turned that book into the infamous radio broadcast of 1938, and Kenneth Arnold's sighting occurred just nine years later. In turn, the flap caused by Arnold helped inspire science-fiction writers and filmmakers in the 1950s.

From art to "sightings" to art: That has a neat circularity. Perfectly round. Almost like, well, a flying saucer.

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A scene from *War of the Worlds*.



THOMAS ONDREY | THE PLAIN DEALER

Eastlake resident Michael Lee Hill often visits the Lake Erie shore, along with his Sony Handycam, searching the horizon for UFOs. He recently shared one of his recordings with the world by posting it on YouTube.

Eastlake man gains national attention with Lake Erie UFO video

MICHAEL K. MCINTYRE
Plain Dealer Reporter

It was a beautiful summer night, and Michael Lee Hill went to the water, as he often does, carrying a camcorder and a quest: Record the UFOs.

A true believer

The aliens send messages to the Eastlake resident, sometimes through weird coincidences or just by urges he feels. Yeah, yeah, he knows it sounds crazy. But he gets a "feeling" about where the UFOs will be, and he shows up with his recorder and there they are.

"I'm positive that they know I'm filming them," he said.

So one evening last August, he and his friend Chris Miheli stood at the Lake Erie shore at Willowick Lakefront Park as night fell, in a spot not far from a famous 1988 sighting chronicled in a Coast Guard report.

And there they waited until, in the black sky, two objects appeared, pulsing brilliant, multicolor lights. One

hovered above the other, then zipped away. Hill switched his camcorder to night mode to prove that these were not ships' lights — the objects appeared to be airborne over the water.

For Hill, the video was further evidence that aliens visit Earth. He thought his fellow believers would see

it and welcome it as a weapon in their struggle for credibility.

California filmmaker David Sereda certainly did. Sereda already had used some of Hill's clips in his film "Dan Aykroyd Unplugged on UFOs," in which the comic actor described his views on the existence of UFOs and

the possibility of another dimension.

Now, Sereda had video of another sighting that would fit nicely in his new film, "From Here to Andromeda," due out on video April 15. Hill, a gifted guitarist, got work as the co-producer of the film, allowing him to quit his job selling guitars at Sam Ash.

Sereda recently appeared on Fox News Channel's "Heartland" show to talk about his upcoming film. He brought with him the Lake Erie UFO clip, which Hill then posted in its entirety on YouTube (view it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Njo7TWfoZqs).

And that's when Hill learned that, when it comes to skeptics, no one is tougher than the true believers.

"Good try stoners, but yer [sic] 'Whoa, man!' every five seconds gave you away," wrote one visitor to the message board the UFO News Web site (ufonews.tv).

"While UFOs may very well exist, it doesn't help to get all amped up over obvious frauds," wrote another.

A true believer

"I'm impressed that an alien would equip his craft with red and green navigation lights, just like our boats and planes here on earth. Very considerate of them. Oh wait, maybe they didn't do it on purpose and it's a coincidence they just happen to use the same red = port, green = starboard that we use. What are the odds? Dude?" wrote a man identifying himself as a pilot.

It didn't help that on the video, Hill and Miheli sound like they were filming, "Dude, Where's My UFO?"

"Dude, it's beautiful . . . I'm filming it, dude," says Hill, 38, the crashing Lake Erie waves providing a backdrop as he works the camera.

"Dude, we just saw something amazing," says Miheli.

Another doubter posted his own video on YouTube showing similar-looking lights that turned out to be a plane, which passed overhead.

Skeptics variously claimed Hill's video was of planes or ships. Those unfamiliar with that area of Lake Erie claimed the lights were those of police cars on a distant hill or bridge.

"How can you watch this video and not see that you have been fooled?" wrote one skeptic.

"Michael Lee Hill or Pinocchio," wrote another.

Hill, who has not filmed much lately because of cold weather and his work producing the "Andromeda" movie soundtrack, takes it in stride.

"I don't really care," he said. "I know what I see. I've learned to separate myself from other people's energy. It doesn't really affect me."

He has defended himself online, posting the opinions of those who believe him, such as the proprietors of the UFO News site and Sereda.

"Cars don't float in the air and landing aircraft eventually land. These UFOs never leave the immediate scene," reads the UFO News post. "Let's stop hating each other and start trying to find out what the heck is going on in our skies!"

Said Sereda: "What amazes me about this footage is that there is no noise from jet aircraft, helicopters, etc., and a UFO comes so closely by to hover right on top of the other UFO and then flies back out the way it came in. No airplane could do this. Also, when the video camera switches to night-shot mode, we can see the UFOs are not boats on the lake. They are hovering a good 50 to 100 feet above the water."

The video has people talking, which is a good thing. The fact that some of that talk is attacking Hill makes no difference.

"You know . . . whatever," he said. "Sooner or later, everyone is going to see them with their own two eyes, and it won't matter if they believe me or not."

Hill knows this: Aliens are out there. They have visited. They mean good. They may even want to help us save our planet. He has video of multicolor single orbs; what appear to be flame-like flickers on Lake Erie; and a purple blob hovering in the night sky.

"I think the universe is teeming with life," he said. He can't explain the night he believes he was drugged and possibly examined by aliens. It's all a blur. He woke up in his bathroom with his jaw broken in three places.

"We are on the verge of becoming a galactic society that is on the verge of joining the cosmic community," he said. "When first contact happens, it won't be a question. It will be apparent that they are here. I've got a new phrase I've been telling people, 'Just look up!'"

Lake Erie a UFO sighting hotbed

Whatever Michael Lee Hill filmed from a lakefront Willowick park last August, he wasn't the first to spot something unusual in the skies over or near Lake Erie.

The shallowest of the Great Lakes, Lake Erie is something of a hot spot for UFO sightings, so much so that some theorize aliens have an underwater base in the lake.

Hill has shot a number of videos of mysterious objects over the lake.

But perhaps the most famous sighting was in March 1988, when a number of Eastlake residents and Coast Guard officers described seeing an

enormous gray craft hovering above the frozen lake. Smaller, brightly lighted objects shot in and out of the bigger object, which at one point seemed to settle on the ice.

The official explanation was an unusual conjunction of Jupiter and Venus in the evening sky.

There is no official registry of sightings, but the Cleveland Ufology Project, the oldest continually meeting UFO group on the planet, has listing after listing involving unexplained objects over the lake and in cities near its shore.

— From staff reports

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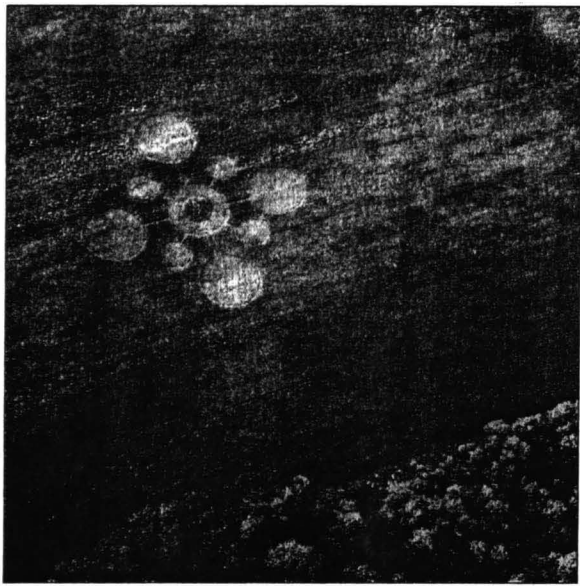
UFOs Northwest

Did you see the UFO over Gearhart?

UFO? A gentleman (he prefers to remain nameless) spoke to the Ear about an unusual sighting in GEARHART the night of MAY 11 around 10:20 p.m. His sister-in-law stepped outside to check out a skunk odor, and happened to look up. She noticed bright light out of northeast that was traveling across the sky to the southeast. Other relatives happened to show up and saw it, too, and that is when our caller went out to look.

He said there was no sound, that it was not like an aircraft and bigger than a star. The brilliant light jiggled around a little bit and was strobing with four rapidly changing colors: red, blue, white and green as it traveled across the sky. He saw it for about a minute and a half of the approximately four minutes it was visible before it faded and disappeared.

Intrigued, the Ear told the caller to report the incident to UFO's Northwest (www.ufosnw.com) to see if anyone else saw it, too, and if so, if there's any logical explanation available. Did any of our other readers see it?



MARK BORING/MONROE COUNTY BUZZ

Jeff Wilson, director of the Independent Crop Circle Research Association, is investigating the formations found in a Monroe County wheat field last month, seen here in an aerial view.

Monroe County thrown for loop by crop circles

Researcher says discoveries in wheat field not man-made; rumors still making rounds

BY HUGH G. WILLET
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MADISONVILLE — The experts have weighed in, but there are still plenty of theories about the origin of the mysterious crop circles found in a Monroe County wheat field last month.

Local theories range from ancient Cherokee Indian curses to natural electrical or atmospheric disturbances, extraterrestrials and even high school kids with too much time on their hands.

It all started May 14, when Captain Bryan Graves of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office was piloting his small plane in the skies above Madisonville. Graves noticed a strange pattern cut into the fields below. It appeared to be a

large circle surrounded by a number of smaller circles.

Investigation on the ground showed that a large field of wheat had been flattened in a circle 170 feet across. Smaller circles radiated out

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■ Read the ICCRA report on the Madisonville crop circles.

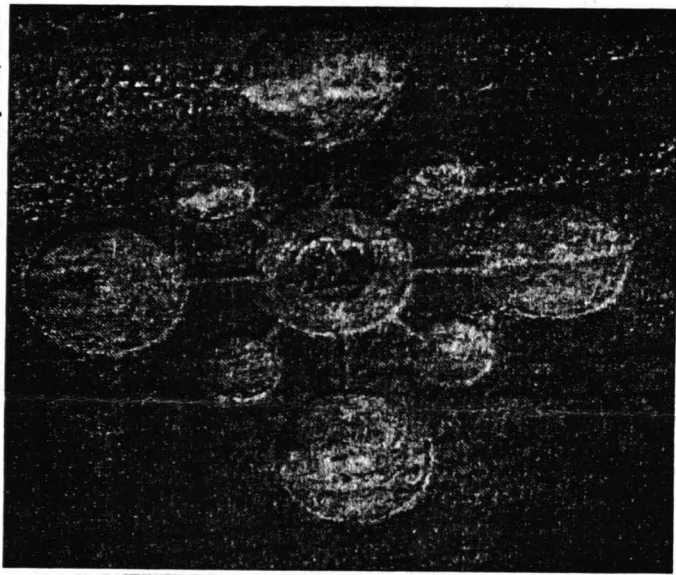
in a pattern that has been described as a "Celtic cross."

The owners of the land had no idea how the patterns were cut into the field and said they had noticed no

unusual activity.

The sheriff's office did not formally investigate the incident, but Graves said he walked the field and found nothing that would indicate how the patterns were made or who made them.

"If a complaint had been filed by the land owners, we would have approached it from the



Do-do-dah-do, do-do-dah-do... What Does It Mean?

A mysterious "crop circle" has appeared upon the landscape of Monroe County. Its origin is unknown.

The geometric pattern and what the pattern represents is also unknown.

Although the picture was taken from the air by the BUZZ on Tuesday, and the location is known to only a handful of individuals, the actual site of the phenomenon will be withheld until further investigation of this mysterious symbol is complete.

However, it can be said that this "crop circle" is within nine minutes of downtown Madisonville. It is very close to habitation.

Local families living nearby apparently are unaware of its existence and no one seems to know who, or what, made the image.

Historically, crop circles first appeared in the 1970s in England, primarily in wheat fields. Most patterns were intricate and complex and were attributed to aliens from outer space.

Some scientists speculated toward the end of the 70s decade that the designs were communications from visiting

spacecraft, maintaining that the aliens were attempting to communicate using the ancient Sumerian symbols.

Other scientists think the strange geometry is religious in nature because the formations are clearly related to ancient myths and early religions.

One local researcher believes the Monroe County pattern is indicative of a Native American Sioux prophecy which anticipates earth changes and as changes proceed to get underway with greater frequency, the meanings of the symbols will become clearer.

The Monroe County crop circle, he said, is reminiscent of a great Tibetan "dharmic wheel," similar to a circle surrounded by more circles which was found in a dry lake bed in Oregon in 1990.

The local pattern could also be a variant of the Celtic Zodiac, he said, which is a symbol of spiritual development. Its cardinal points line up almost perfectly with the compass directions of north, south, east, west.

The intercardinal points of the circle likewise point to the north-east, southeast, south-

west, and northwest.

To date, some 10,000 crop circles have been catalogued around the world. What is common to each and every circle appears to be irreproducible: plants bent an inch above the soil and gently laid down in precise patterns with no physical signs of damage, with light burn marks at the base of the plants.

"As far as the design," the researcher told the BUZZ, "it is symmetrical from all angles. It is highly reminiscent of a Hindu mandala, which is said to be an expression of the vibrations of the universe."

BUZZ NOTE: The site of the crop circle is within a few hundred yards of the last place the Monroe County Birdman was last seen over 30 years ago.

perspective of vandalism," Graves said.

Hundreds of locals flocked to the site before no-trespassing signs were posted about a week later. Rumors have since circulated about residents seeing lights in the sky and even some who claimed to have seen the formations in dreams months before the circles were discovered.

"I've heard a lot of different stories," said Mark Boring, editor of the "Monroe County Buzz," a local newsletter. "Nobody really knows how or when the formations appeared."

Fortunately, for those with an interest in knowing, there are specialists in this kind of thing, and they have delivered their findings over the past couple of weeks through various organizations and on international Web sites devoted to studying crop circles that pop up worldwide.

"We now have enough scientific evidence to conclude that this formation was not man-made," said Jeff Wilson, the Cincinnati, Ohio-based director of the Independent Crop Circle Research Association.

On Memorial Day weekend, Wilson, 38, led a team of volunteer researchers from around the country to the spot near Madisonville where the circles are, off Rocky Springs Road on land owned by the family of former Tennessee Sen. Estes Kefauver. Wilson's team took more than

1,500 samples from the site.

The nodes of the wheat were microscopically analyzed and found to show unnatural elongation, Wilson said. Furthermore, the stems of the wheat showed evidence of "expulsion cavities" usually not created by natural means but reproducible through the application of heat such as might be produced by microwaves.

The area within the circle also showed higher-than-average levels of radiation and electromagnetic activity. These characteristics have been noted in other plants where crop circles have been found, he added.

"We are using the only peer-reviewed scientific process for analyzing this phenomenon," said Wilson, a network analyst with a master's degree in general science who has been investigating crop circles for almost 20 years.

About 20 to 25 crop circles are reported in the U.S. each year, and the ICCRA is able to investigate about 10 to 15 of them.

Wilson says he considers atmospheric activity, such as tornadoes and electrical storms, and human activity, including military communications equipment and outright hoaxes.

"In about one in five cases, we can show that they were not man-made," Wilson said. "In about one in five cases, we can show that the circles were man-made."



CALL FOX MULDER

Forget the X-Files, check out this sighting 21 years ago in Denver in the On this Day section of a UFO Web site.

APRIL 7, 1966: Six teenagers at Daniels Park, 1315 Welch St. in Denver, heard footsteps on the roof of the shelter they were in. Then they heard a buzzing noise and saw two red lights about a foot in diameter. When they saw a tall man dressed in black, they headed to their car.

When the buzzing started again they saw two blue lights in the sky, which were joined by a bright white light. Watching from the car, they continued to hear the sound, and saw "four things like footballs with domes on them."

They drove away — with difficulty, for the engine kept stalling — and were followed by a "huge light," which did not reflect in the rearview mirror.

Source: ufoinfo.com/onthisday/April07.html

CR: P. Noonan

POLK CO. ITEMIZER, Dallas, OR - April 18, 2007 Trying to learn more about UFO Incident in Dallas

I am hoping that you or any of your readers can help me.

I was speaking with my family a few weeks ago and they mentioned that my grandfather, a longtime resident of Dallas, was working years ago at the local mill when many witnesses saw UFOs of some sort hovering above the mill for a long while.

It sounded crazy to me, but my Grandpa was not a wild kinda guy.

Can anyone pinpoint the date

Kittitas County is super for the supernatural

Many say they've seen UFOs in the Kittitas Valley

By LIZ BRYSON
for the DAILY RECORD

The expansive Ellensburg horizon has turned up more than just strong winds and sunny skies over the years.

Many residents have seen some strange things flying over the Kittitas Valley. A vast number are skeptics and think perhaps what they saw came possibly from the U.S. Army Yakima Training Center. Others are pretty sure what they saw was not from around this neck of the galaxy.

"It is easy to joke about UFOs, until you've seen one," said Ellensburg resident Sue Marvin, who saw three dome-shaped objects over Manastash Ridge on July 31, 2005.

Marvin spotted the objects about eight miles from her house, which sits on a hill overlooking the valley at the north end of Wilson Creek Road. It made a big impact on her, and a few days later she reported it to the National UFO Reporting Center, located in Davenport, Wash.

Washington has the second-highest UFO reporting rate in the nation, after California, according to the center's Web site, nuforc.org. The center has posted 2,464 reports of UFO sightings in Washington, and 16 of those came from the Ellensburg area. Washington's latest report, added March 7, is from Ellensburg.

On that July evening, what caught Marvin's eye were three, extremely bright lights on the horizon. They resembled football field lights, she recalled. After watching them for a few minutes, she grabbed her binoculars.

What she saw then was "truly hair-raising," she said.

"There were three dome, top-round objects with lights around the bottoms or centers," she said. "They did not move. At times all three crafts were visible, then one would fade completely out, then another, then one or two would light back up again."

The disks lingered in the area for more than 15 minutes before simply fading away without moving, she said.

The fading and reappearing lights that Marvin saw are not uncommon in UFO reportings.

Thousands of people saw something similar on the night of March 13, 1997, throughout the state of Arizona. The unexplained event, known as The Phoenix Lights, lasted hours and, like Marvin's sighting, those who witnessed it reported lights fading and re-emerging.

Fife Symington, who was governor of Arizona at the time, denied the event and made a joke of it by dressing one of his staff members in an alien costume for a press conference. However, in March, one decade

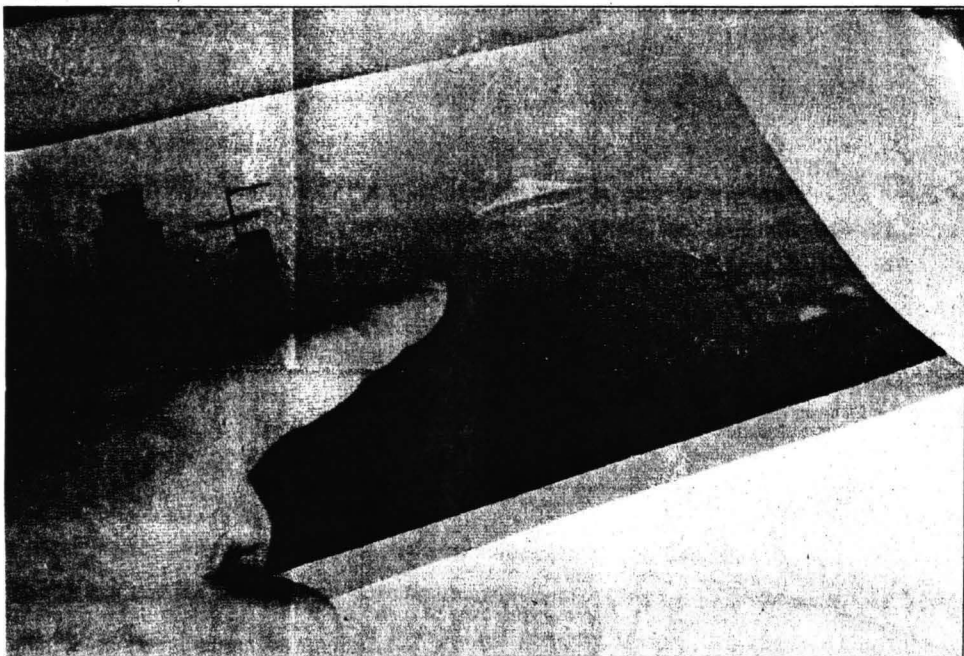


photo illustration

later, he went on record to say that he had in fact seen the objects and thought they were UFOs.

Symington wasn't exactly known for his integrity as a public figure, and that Arizona event has never been explained, although the government claimed the lights were flares dropped from airplanes.

Despite the denials and confusion, the event is to this day the biggest on record in terms of how many witnesses were involved. In most unidentified flying object cases, only one person sees the object.

Such is the case with Ellensburg resident Charlene Schulz, 55, who saw a strange object in the sky from her deck in June of 2005, only a month before Marvin's sighting.

It was on a sunny, cloudless day, Schulz said. She was relaxing on her deck, which overlooks the valley, when she saw something "shaped like a torpedo" appear in the sky.

"It was gray. There was

nothing else in the sky," Schulz said. The object didn't look solid, she added, but looked more like a cloud. From where she was sitting, it appeared to be as large as a submarine, and had a similar shape.

"It was just creepy," she said.

The object slowly moved across the horizon in a straight line. Then, suddenly eight helicopters came flying out of the cloud.

"It could have been from the Yakima Training Center, but it was the weirdest thing I've ever seen." Only seconds after the helicopters appeared, the cloud vanished, she said.

Central Washington University physics and astronomy professor Bruce Palmquist agrees that most of the objects people spot in the valley are likely products of the U.S. military.

"There are a lot of test cases, things that the military doesn't want you to find out about. Perhaps it was a dud, and they spent billions of dollars on some type of

new aircraft that just doesn't work."

He does believe the chances for life on other planets is likely, and that perhaps some of that life is more technologically advanced than ours.

The chances of life visiting Earth, however, is slim, he said.

"From a statistical standpoint, the chance of alien crafts visiting earth seems slight." The vast, expanding universe is like a beach, and Earth is a grain of sand, he explained.

"What are the odds of them coming here? I mean, just thinking about Roswell, New Mexico, and the alien craft that crashed. That's funny to me, that these aliens could develop craft that could get from their distant planet to ours and then crash in New Mexico and get herded up by small-town police.

"They have the technology to build this craft, and then they're captured by Barney Fife, his pistol and one bullet? That story strikes me as a bit odd."

DAILY REVIEW, Hayward, CA - April 23, 2007

Close encounters in Union City

■ UFO guru to lecture at coffeehouse

By Matthew Artz

STAFF WRITER

UNION CITY — It's not unusual for strangers to call Ruben Uriarte in the middle of the night.

Maybe they saw a bright light in the night sky, or a spaceship shaped like a teardrop. They might even think they were abducted.

More often than not, the phenomenon they describe turns out to be a hoax, delusion, military plane or camera defect, said Uriarte, Northern California director for the Mutual UFO Network and Union City's resident expert in the supernatural.

The cases he can't disprove, however, have convinced him "something very unusual is happening in our skies."

seen a UFO and admits he still can't prove their existence.

He's toured more than 100 crop formations, but doesn't discount the possibility that every one was a hoax. He tends to believe in alien abductions, but isn't 100 percent convinced.

Some of the best evidence for UFOs, he says, is the accumulation of testimony from pilots and astronauts.

He also notes that a firefighter textbook includes a chapter titled "Enemy Attack and UFO Potential."

"Why would they put this in a standard textbook?" he asked.

This year alone, Uriarte, 55, has fielded 27 reports of possible UFO sightings.

He will lecture Friday on the latest happenings in the world of UFOs.

There is much to report, he said.

The United Kingdom and France recently declassified many of their UFO files, and more high-profile people such as former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington have acknowledged possible sightings.

Uriarte also will present his findings on a possible 1974 UFO encounter in Mexico. The incident formed the basis for a History Channel documentary and a soon-to-be-published book Uriarte co-authored, "Mexico's Roswell: The Chihuahua UFO Crash."

Uriarte is not out to convert skeptics. For all his work, he can't say for sure that he has

Job duties

Uriarte's volunteer position with the UFO organization requires him to track sightings, collect evidence and present the analysis.

Take for example an incident Oct. 8: It was Fleet Week in San Francisco, and a computer animation student in San Rafael snapped some photographs of the Blue Angels overhead.

When the pictures were developed, the student noticed a fuzzy cylindrical object in the sky and contacted Uriarte.

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INDEPENDENT, Massillon, OH
May 23, 2007

UFO sighted flying over Massillon last Friday

This is definitely for sure. A UFO was traveling over Massillon Moose on Friday, May 11, at 10:40 p.m. Us two barmaids went outside in the back of the lodge, we looked to the west to see an object approximately 60 to 70 feet above us. It was traveling east at about 15-20 mph with all white fluorescent lights illuminating the whole underside. It was approximately 50-60 feet in diameter.

UFO sighting of '48 has Mancos residents talking

BY PAMELA SICHEL
MANCOS TIMES EDITOR

"In 1948, if you were sworn to secrecy by the U.S. government, you didn't question it."

Scott Ramsey
author

North Carolina author Scott Ramsey has spent the last 20 years researching what some call an urban myth — an alleged 1948 crash of a UFO in Aztec, N.M. The trail has led to Mancos.

The story goes that on March 25, 1948, at around 5 a.m., a group of workers from the El Paso Oil company were called out to Hart Canyon Road, northeast of Aztec, N.M., to respond to a brush fire near some storage tanks.

Ramsey said that after discovering the brush fire was not a threat, the workers noticed "A very large, 'lenticular' dish on the ground."

Ramsey is still discovering the number of witnesses who saw the object that day, but said his research shows that ranchers, emergency workers, oil field workers and spectators, including two police officers, saw the object.

There were probably between 16 and 18 people. That area is extremely desolate, even today.

Ramsey added that the area has been a hotbed of UFO sightings for many years. "I get calls all the time. People see stuff around Highways 550 and 160 on a regular basis." He added that some believe the Pre-Puebloans that lived in the region saw the objects as well. "They've been sighted far enough back that several petroglyphs show saucer or disk-shaped objects. I have no theories as to why these things happen in the Four Corners area," he said.

Ramsey said he is not a student of UFOs, but is planning a book on the 1948 Aztec crash. It all started on a business trip to Durango in October 1987. "I heard about the crash and it piqued my curiosity. The more I looked into it, the more the story developed," he said. Since then,

Ramsey has interviewed dozens of witnesses and worked to declassify government documents.

Ramsey has kept a low profile during much of his project. "It's easier to get authorities to declassify information when they think you are just doing personal research. It gets more difficult when they think you are going to air the information on The History Channel." Ramsey has, indeed, appeared on The History Channel in a program called "UFO Files." That episode was titled "Hangar 18." It originally aired Nov. 4, 2006, but Ramsey said it will probably be rerun in the future.

Much secrecy has surrounded the incident — Ramsey said that witnesses have been consistent in saying that government agents swore them to secrecy for 50 years.

"In 1948, if you were sworn to secrecy by the U.S. government, you didn't question it," he said.

Fifty years later, witnesses willing to speak about their experience have told Ramsey that after the disk was found, military personnel quickly cleared the area, but were not clear which branch of the military they came from. Ramsey suspects it was a group attached

to the 5th Army Division of Colorado.

"It was a two-week recovery operation. It was one of the largest craft the military had allegedly recovered. They kept the area well clear of civilians during the recovery. They had armed sentries posted at all the major peaks of the mesa's surrounding areas."

Traces of the recovery project remain to this day.

"The military had to cut a road into the mesa. In 2000, I interviewed a retired Air Force officer who gave me a few hints to look for. He said after they cut the road, the soil was loose and a concrete footer had to be poured to support a crane."

Ramsey said a Farmington, N.M. resident, Randy Barnes, discovered the concrete slab while conducting his own research.

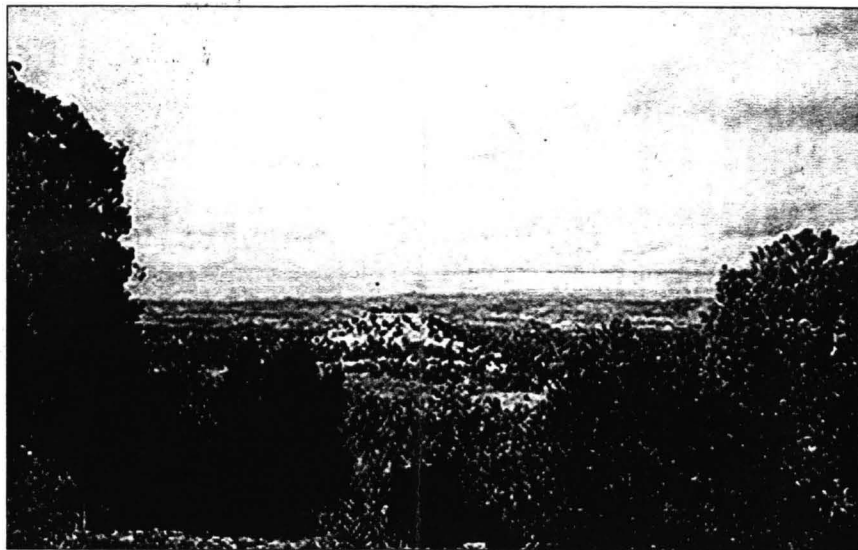
"We were puzzled why the slab, heavily reinforced with steel rebar, would be out in the middle of nowhere," Ramsey said.

The Air Force officer Ramsey interviewed had not been at the crash site, but had been working behind the scenes.

"His family is adamant that his name not be released," Ramsey said.

The information trail led to Mancos, where Ramsey learned that Walt Sayre, a former Mancos resident now living in Montana, had a story about Pastor Autrey Brown of the Mancos Baptist Church in 1948. Sayre said that Brown told a few close friends, including Sayre's father, about the disturbing experience of stumbling into the crash site.

"The preacher told friends that he had just come back from the Aztec area and had noticed a lot of activity on Hart Canyon Road. He said he had gone to see if he could be of assistance and came across the activity around the downed



THE SITE OF the alleged UFO crash northeast of Aztec, N.M.

disk. Brown said the military had whisked spectators away, but not before he administered last rites to "little bodies" scattered around the crash site."

Sayre reported to Ramsey that Brown was "very, very upset by the experience, and was crying when he recounted the story."

Ramsey said that the witnesses all reported the experience had changed their lives.

"I think their belief systems were challenged," he said. "The interesting thing that is also consistent is that it was a lenticular craft, 100 feet in diameter with no damage, as if it was a controlled landing."

All saw at least two bodies through a mirrored portal window and described humanoids 3 to 4 feet tall with almond-shaped heads. Ramsey said the witnesses reported that all appeared to be burned.

"Two of the military witnesses said there were 14 to 16 bodies

placed in body bags," Ramsey said.

In the weeks prior to the alleged crash, according to declassified Air Force documents, residents of Cuba, N.M., reported seeing large structured disk-shaped crafts. Ramsey also learned from declassified military documents that the Air Force sent Dr. Lincoln LaPaz to Cuba with two high-ranking Air Force officers.

"The group spent three days in Cuba explaining to the townspeople that what they were seeing were meteorites," Ramsey said. "In another declassified report, LaPaz reported seeing the large structured craft. LaPaz wrote, in the report, that 'the government was going to have a hard time explaining the craft.'"

Ramsey has relied heavily on declassified documents to research the crash. "Interviewing witnesses is always exciting, but I really rely on military

records. The Aztec incident was an extremely busy topic with the Air Force, the FBI, the CIA and the U.S. Army," he said. He added that his research shows that in 1952, the FBI set up a sting to intercept the sale of black and white photos of the crash in the Edelweiss Bar at the Merlin Hotel in downtown Denver. Ramsey has not seen photos, but believes they exist.

"Civilians did take pictures but claimed they were confiscated by the military," he said. Ramsey is wrapping up his research, but welcomes new information.

"I would like to flush out some more people that Autrey Brown confided in. I believe they are still around," he said.

Ramsey can be reached at (704) 507-0900 or by e-mail at scottr@aztec1948.com.

"Whatever we talk about is kept in the strictest of confidence," he said.

RUBEN URIARTE of Union City is Northern California director of the Mutual UFO Network and the co-author of a soon-to-be-published book on a possible UFO sighting in Mexico.



AMIA CHU — Staff

Uriarte asked a retired engineer who worked on fighter planes to do the research. After interviewing the student and reviewing Federal Aviation Administration tower reports, the pilot blew up the image and noticed

two appendages on the object.

"Could these be vertical stabilizers?" he asked in the report.

There wasn't enough evidence to rule out a UFO. But the pilot wrote that the object might well have been a military surveil-

lance plane.

Dealing with the public

Being a noted UFO guru is sometimes a grind, Uriarte said. Besides those occasional calls at ungodly hours, he deals with people who are truly frightened by what they saw or think happened to them.

"I hear so many different stories," he said.

Uriarte sometimes plays the role of confidant and counselor, referring people to support groups for those who think they were abducted. Messages about sightings or abductions are on his voice mail and e-mail. His inbox contains 538 unread messages.

Uriarte said he feels accepted among UFO skeptics in his hometown.

At a coffee shop Wednesday, Councilwoman Carol Dutra-Ver-naci, who attended Logan High School with Uriarte, introduced him to her friends as a "UFO expert."

UFO roots

Despite his fascination with the paranormal, Uriarte is no geek. He was on the high school wrestling team and wasn't a "Trekkie." Although he's put on some weight since those days, Uriarte still wears sweats and keeps his salt-and-pepper goatee neatly trimmed.

Uriarte graduated with degrees in psychology and Latin American studies from California State University East Bay, and spent most of his professional life as a hospital safety administrator.

He devoted himself full time to UFO analysis last year when his most recent job as energy and safety supervisor for the New Haven school district was eliminated because of budget cuts.

When Uriarte was about 6, he saw what appeared to be a balloon motionless in the sky. A couple of days later, he said, his friend screamed that he saw a

flying saucer. Uriarte never saw it, but that didn't matter, he said. "When my friend said that, something just connected with me."

His closest encounter with a UFO occurred on a 1994 tour of crop formations in England. "We saw very strange lights, amber and bright orange in color," he said. "Someone went to photograph them, and, bloop, they disappeared."

For someone convinced that the Earth has been monitored by beings more advanced than ourselves, Uriarte seems amazingly at ease.

"What gets me worried is what's happening on our planet," he said, pointing to a picture of a victim of the genocide in Darfur affixed to the wall of the coffee shop.

"If I was from a higher-level civilization and I saw what we are doing here on Earth, I don't think I would want to make contact."

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OBSERVER, Crawley, England - Jan. 24, 2007

Unidentified Floating Objects

IT was Thursday morning when the first report of 'mysterious lights above Ifield' reached the Observer - and we were sceptical.

The eyewitness described a cluster of 45-50 orange lights seen moving slowly across the sky above Ifield Drive at about 9.30pm last Wednesday (January 17).

When a second member of the public called in to report a similar sighting, we knew we had to investigate.

One Ifield West resident, who preferred not to be named, was travelling home from a meeting with her friend when she noticed the other-worldly objects in the sky. She got out of her car to have a closer look and likening the experience to the film *Close Encounters*, said: "I was coming home from a meeting when I saw lots of bright orange lights in the sky in front of me. There were about 50 of them.

They were too big to be stars, about twice the size of tennis balls. We first thought they were fireworks but they didn't make any noise or fall down to the ground. I considered meteorites but they also fall to the ground, they just drifted higher and higher and disappeared up into the atmosphere.

"When I told my husband he looked at me and said 'were you drinking at the meeting?' but we weren't, there was no drinking at all," she added.

The lights stayed for about five to 10 minutes drawing up to 10 people outside to get a better look.

Another on-looker, who also wishes to remain anonymous, watched the phenomenon from the corner of Ifield Drive near Shipley Road.

He said: "I saw all these lights directly above us. I expected it to be a helicopter or a firework but it wasn't. A couple of minutes later we saw some more lights coming along. All of them were coming up over our heads, one

By STACIA BALDOCK and ED SEXTON

of them even appeared to slow down. A little while later they disappeared and one went off into the distance.

"Normally, if someone said they saw something like a spaceship I would think 'yeah right' but my neighbour and my partner saw it and there were about nine teenagers over the road who saw it too. It wasn't scary but I don't like it when I can't explain something, I just can't think what it might have been," he said.

Crawley police received three calls from members of the public and a traffic officer also reported the strange anomaly, despite this, police say the lights were not UFOs. Inspector Jon Brydon said: "There were what appeared to be a number of parachutes with candles underneath. We don't know where they are from but they are not UFOs."

And the National Air Traffic Services said they had nothing in their log book to explain what the lights might be but stated they received regular calls from people seeing strange lights.

James Swift, secretary of Crawley Astronomical Society, said: "We are baffled but interested. We believe the lights were terrestrial but not astronomical."

Intrigued, reporter Ed Sexton went out to Ifield to see if he could track down any alien life forms.

He said: "I gazed into the skies hoping for a glimpse of the mysterious lights that were seen earlier in the week but the rush hour traffic must have scared any possible visitors away from Ifield Avenue."

"There was little to be seen apart from the freezing rain that was beating down and I had to retreat back to the office."

● Can you help solve the mystery? Maybe you captured an image of them? If so call the Crawley Observer on 01293 562929 or e-mail stacia.baldock@sussexnewspapers.co.uk



THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE: Reporter Ed Sexton scans the night sky for any sign of alien visitors JNY_5220

IRISH DAILY STAR, Dublin, Ireland - Jan. 29, 2007

I saw two GHOSTLY balls of light in jail

GHOST HUNTER TELLS OF CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH SPIRITS



FILM: Carl Nally



CELLS: Butler

IRELAND'S leading ghost hunters had close encounters with two mysterious balls of light during an overnight stay at the old Wicklow Jail yesterday.

Carl Nally of UFO Paranormal Research Ireland (UPRI) saw two light orbs appear out of the dark in the prison - closed since 1924 - that then darted past him and his colleagues.

He described the white glowing orbs as being the size of tennis balls and that they could only be seen through the viewfinder of his night-mode camera recorder.

His colleagues - Dermot Butler from UPRI, Betty Myler from the UFO Society of Ireland and Moya Henderson from the Divine Society of Ireland - did not see the orbs, but felt their presence.

They spent 13 hours from Saturday night until 6.30am on Sunday in the dark prison hoping to capture images or sounds of one of the Jail's famed ghosts.

By KEVIN JENKINSON

Nally confirmed there are ghostly goings-on in the prison - as have been reported by many of its carers and visitors.

Myler and Henderson first carried out tests on all the cells looking for "feelings" that would indicate if there were ghosts or high levels of mysterious energy.

They both found that cells five and 12 were the most haunted, of them all.

Friendly

But they said the spirits felt friendly and non-threatening.

Nally said that as soon as he walked into cell five with the camera he saw an amazing orb that froze briefly before darting off to his right out of the cell.

"It was amazing," Nally said. "I may never see anything like it again."

Despite filming it, the incident did not play back on the camera, which seemed to not work properly inside the cell.



SPOOKY: The Jail

This occurred at around 3am, which is known internationally as the "witching hour" when spirits are closest to the living world.

The team then went to the first floor in the jail when the second orb dashed past them.

Nally believes they might have captured this on the tape, which is being analysed along with hours of other footage.

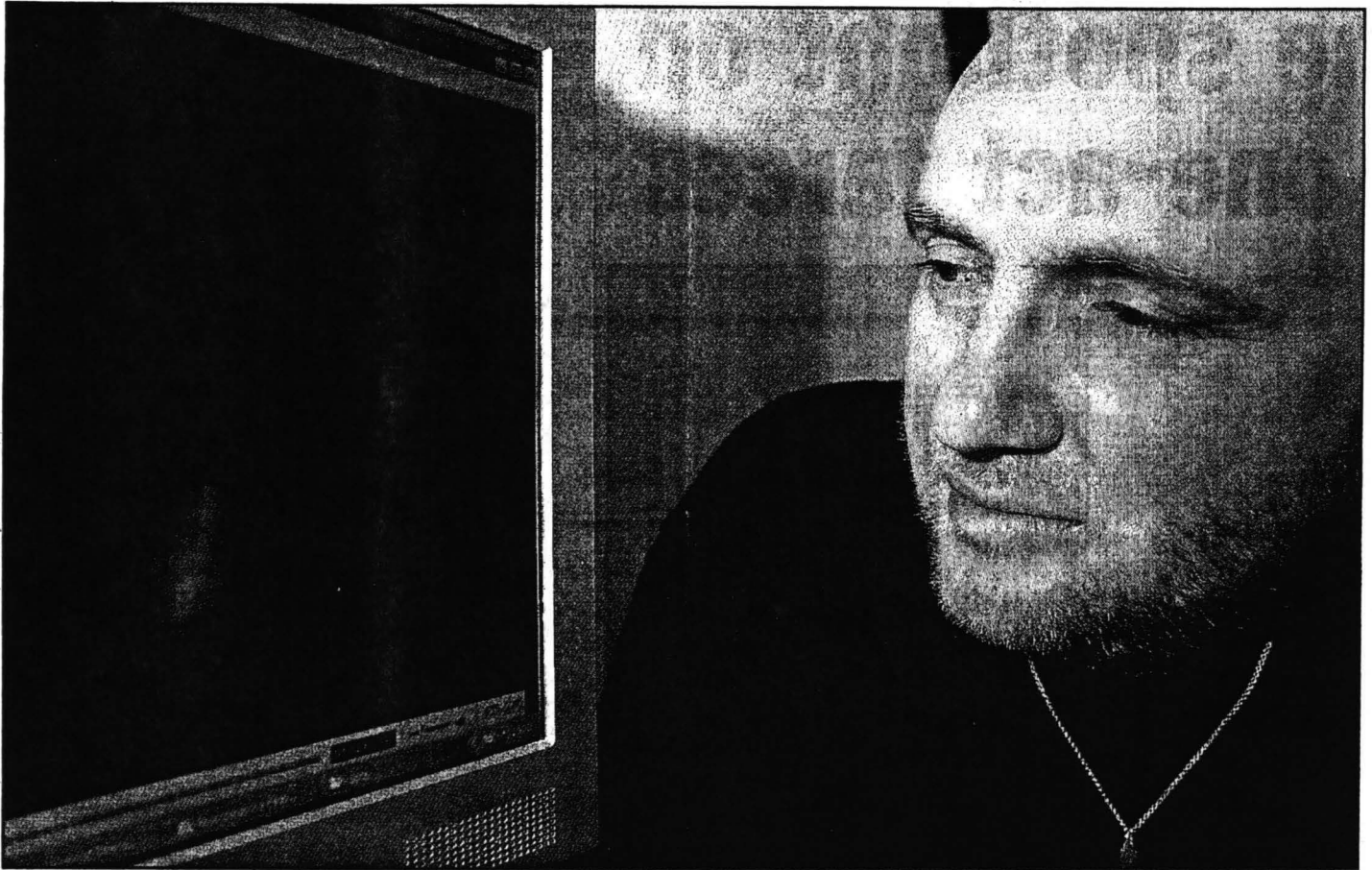
HISTORY OF THE PRISON

WICKLOW jail was built in 1702 and was notorious for its hellish conditions.

Many of its inmates were Irish rebels and there were many gory hangings there.

The jail shut in 1924 and is now a museum.

Thousands view Tony's spaceship footage on Youtube



■ Film star – Tony watches the image captured on his film

Picture: MAXINE CLARKE ZBTNW15

I captured UFO's flying visit on film

A UFO enthusiast has captured what he claims is startling camcorder footage of a possible alien craft hovering in the night sky.

Tony Hicks's video, shot from his back garden in Danescroft Drive, Leigh, has already attracted more than 3,500 hits on YouTube and his own website.

The film appears to show a white flashing object plummeting to earth, then suddenly

■ By ELIZABETH BARRETT

coming to a halt, before disappearing.

Tony, 39, says the incident happened on February 28.

He said: "I was standing near the back door and it was a clear night. All of a sudden I saw what looked like a bright star fall from the sky.

"I thought it looked a bit strange, so I stopped what I was doing and managed to film it, then

it stopped in mid air. I carried on filming it for four minutes while it just hovered, then it shot off," he said.

This isn't the first time the father-of-one claims to have seen a UFO.

He captured a mysterious black triangular craft while taking a photo of his son at a Hadleigh fire station open day two years ago.

Tony added: "They are around everywhere, it's just a matter of getting the perfect piece of

evidence to prove it. When you play the film and pause it the object changes shape and colour, it does seem very genuine. It gave me the shakes, I thought it was going to crash.

"I do think they exist, but are very intelligent. This one was trying to fake being a star falling from the sky and when it thought it was being seen it zoomed off."

Mr Hicks is no stranger to unexplained events after a lifetime of seeing ghosts and is part

of a team which investigates paranormal activity around the country.

Earlier this month, the Echo reported a spate of possible UFO sightings by seven residents in Basildon and Southend.

However, astronomer Bryn Jones from Queen Mary, University of London said the reports could be due to people mistaking Venus or meteorites for UFOs.

To view the film visit www.ghosthunterextraordinaire.co.uk

RECORDER, Basildon, England - Jan. 5, 2007

Where are they now?

Girls who saw a UFO

I AM in the process of completing two volumes of 'Haunted Skies which examines many hundreds of UFO sightings which took place over England during the seventies.

Can anyone put me in touch with two teenagers at the time - Jill Taylor, of Broomfields Place, Basildon, and Doreen Moore, of Broomfield Mews. They were on their way to a school keep fit class during the early evening of January 29, 1976, when they saw a saucer-shaped object hovering over the suburb. It was still there at 10.30pm.

From the sketches submitted, a local UFO organ-

isation it is clear that what the girls saw could not be explained away rationally.

The object is fairly common to many other similar sightings I have come across over the years.

Can anyone help? The girls would now be in their mid forties.

Perhaps others may be able to help me with any other reports of UFOS seen in the local area.

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GREAT BALLS OF FIRE



FLYING HIGH: Comet McNaught has been seen in Alaska, Canada, Bulgaria - and across Britain.

Teenager 'captures' strange object in sky

STRANGE sightings in the North-east skies this week could be a comet ... but that is not the only possible explanation.

There are two schools of thought about the flashing red ball of light spotted by a number of people in the night sky.

Some say it was probably a natural phenomenon - Comet McNaught which is currently being seen across the globe.

But a UFO expert today called on sky-watchers to open their minds to more sinister suggestions.

Teenager Neil Willox spotted a flashing red ball of light in the sky.

By Suzanne Mackie

Miles away two fishermen saw what they thought was an aircraft crash in the sea near Stonehaven.

Neil, 15, from Longside, said: "I looked up into the sky and I thought it was an aeroplane on fire or something."

"It was quite close, but by the time I ran to get my camera it had moved away a fair bit."

The fisherman also thought they had seen a plane coming down in the sea.

They said they saw a red, flashing rounded object coast across Stonehaven harbour then turn out to sea before disappearing around

one-and-a-half miles off Downie Point. After a search by the Maritime Rescue Institute nothing was found.

The immediate explanation was that both sightings had been of the comet.

But Ian Taylor, who has studied UFOs for 50 years, said the sightings could well be extra-terrestrial activity.

He said: "There is so much going on that people just don't see because they aren't looking for it."

"People need to open their minds to the possibility that there is more to this world and the universe that we don't understand."

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BRIGHT SPARK: Neil Willox took this picture, top, of a flying object in the sky at Longside.

TOTTENHAM & WOOD GREEN JOURNAL, England - March 8, 2007

Woman spots UFO headed for Spurs

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object was spotted over Tottenham this week.

by DAVID GIBBS
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A resident watched gobsmacked from a window of her home off the High Road as a scarlet coloured oval object with flashing red lights soared across the sky.

The woman, who did not want to be named, said: "I've never made a call like this in my life. I've never seen anything like that. I may be barking but was it a visit from one of our friends from another place?"

The mysterious object was spotted last Friday (March 2) at around 10.40am heading in the direction of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.

"I thought it looked like a bit of red tin foil, then as it came a bit closer I thought it was balloons and then I saw that in fact it was an oval object, which seemed to be flying totally unlike a helicopter but with red lights flashing on the side," said the

woman, who has lived in the area for four years.

"It went toward Spurs, then it disappeared. I don't know what it was. The whole thing was all metal and shiny red with red lights."

"You do think of aliens and think that is mad but it didn't fit in with anything - helicopters, planes, the things we use."

The report follows feverish speculation about the origin of 15 orange glowing lights spotted above Archway last month.

Video footage posted on sister paper the Islington Gazette's website sparked a massive response from all over the world.

While some are convinced the lights were UFOs, others believe there were in fact sky lanterns released from a private gathering in Waterlow Park, Highgate.

The mini hot air balloons can rise as high as 1,000 metres.

I believe that aliens have already visited us - just look at Roswell

I READ the voicebox article by Geoff Gay with great interest. He put across his views in a very matter of fact manner, and therein lie the fault lines of the piece.

Mr Gay in my view came across as a number cruncher, a man who can only see things as a government statistics bureaucrat.

I would like to put across my own opinions on a subject that has intrigued me for many years.

Mr Gay mercilessly doubted the validity of aliens ever being able to travel to Earth due to distance, and speed of light issues.

Geoff is obviously a science man of some standing of that I have no doubt. What he fails to take into account is the fact that alien life forms are very probably thousands and more likely millions of years more advanced than us.

To relate and compare their means of transportation with our own primitive means of propulsion is absurd.

Humans will continue to burn fossil fuels for decades to come to propel them forwards.

NASA have recently begun extensive research and development into "anti-gravity" as a means to radically increase propulsion speed.

This exciting research is very much in its infancy and requires years of patient testing.

I fervently believe that we have been visited. Alien beings have reached Earth by means so incomprehensible to us; by "folding space", deploying gateways, or possibly by using worm holes.

I have been studying the Roswell 1947 UFO crash for many years. What did rancher Mac Brazel stumble upon all those years ago?

In my opinion what occurred at New Mexico nearly 60 years ago was of extraterrestrial origin. I came to this view after 12 years of study, carefully weighing up evidence from both sides of the argument.

The US military worked extremely hard to bury Roswell with propaganda and downright lies because they wanted to avoid hysteria and panic among the general public.

Some of Roswell's fiercest critics have an agenda because they are on a government payroll.

In the same way that people of today are taken in by the lies of global warming, the powerbrokers of yesteryear smoothed over and covered up Roswell with their sanguine tongues.

The purpose of my writing this piece is that I feel it is worthwhile to sometimes challenge orthodoxy. A science man will scoff at my Roswell beliefs, that's his/her prerogative. I feel global warming is nonsense, a downright lie. But people are sucked in by it, railroaded into a pen like sheep.

Richard Carl Nielsen,
Loughborough.

Flying saucer's famous landing



An artist's impression of the UFO seen landing at the junction of Ashbourne and Whitfield roads and (inset) Margaret Fry says she saw the saucer

IT WAS July 17, 1955 when Margaret Fry spotted the object as she was making her way to her GP's surgery in King Harold's Way from her home in Hythe Avenue.

Both she and her doctor Dr Thukarta, and around a dozen children playing in the street, saw the strange craft.

Mrs Fry described it as saucer shaped with a "blue/silver/grey/pewter texture, yet none of those colours".

She said it had three spheres set into its base, one of which "flopped out", landing on the ground at the junction of nearby Ashbourne and Whitfield roads.

The children went over for a closer look before it rose into the sky and disappeared from view after a few minutes.

News Shopper ran an appeal in 2002 for any of the children to come forward.

Rodney Maynard, who was in his 60s and living in Belvedere, remembered the incident vividly.

He was 15 at the time and working as a labourer on the building site in nearby Streamway.

Mr Maynard said: "We were on our lunch break when we heard something was happening in King Harold's Way. So we went up there to have a look.

"This thing had landed in the road."

He added: "It took up the whole width of the road and overlapped onto the pavements.

Memories of Bexley's most spectacular UFO sighting have been turned into a book by one of the people who witnessed it.

LINDA PIPER reports.

"It wasn't on the ground. It had about eight massive suckers.

"The centre was still, but the outer rim was spinning slowly and it had white lights flashing, like a camera flash."

He said there were about 30 people watching it and they could hear it humming.

Mr Maynard recalled: "It had what looked like windows, but the glass was concave and moulded together so you could not see in.

"A couple of us went forward to try and touch it, and it began to spin faster."

He said the craft then lifted slowly, tilting lightly and hovered above their heads.

Then it moved slowly until it was over Bedonwell Primary School, where it hovered again for about a minute.

Mr Maynard said: "It shot up into the sky and disappeared."

He says his brother, who was 16 at the time, also saw it.

Mr Maynard says the craft was "black, sleek and streamlined, with a surface like polished metal".

He added: "It was very fine and beautiful. It wasn't a prank."

Mr Maynard said he had never forgotten the experience but did not talk about it because "people would think you were barmy".

He said he and his friends used to talk about it among themselves, "but our mums kept telling us we had not seen anything".

Mrs Fry, now in her late 70s, now lives in Abergele in north Wales.

She relives the experience in her book entitled *Who Are They?* and gives details of other UFO sightings in the Bexley and Kent areas.

Mrs Fry has also been helping UFO enthusiast and retired policeman John Hanson with his books on the subject.

He has been trying to track down other witnesses to the July 1955 incident, some of whom were named by Mr Maynard as Ron Deadman, Tony Savin, Vic Clarke and Tommy Staggs.

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EVENING ECHO, Southend, England - March 8, 2007

Yes, we saw this UFO too – honest!

SEVEN people now claim to have seen a mysterious triangular object with flashing red lights in the south Essex sky.

Electrician Graham Hearson, from Westcliff, was the first to report it, at 5am, over the A127 in Basildon.

Now six more people say they saw something similar. Pitsea couple Michael and Jane Pittaway, of Tyefields, saw the lights at about 11.30pm on Sunday.

Mr Pittaway, 52, thought it was a plane at first, but added: "It went so fast. It went up to the moon, crossed over, then back the other way."

Terry Waller, 29, of Bardfield Way, Rayleigh, said he and two friends saw something on Tuesday night at about 7pm: "It was making a weird noise. It just kept going up and up. God knows what it was."

A woman in the same street, who asked not to be named, experienced flashing lights and a whirring noise.

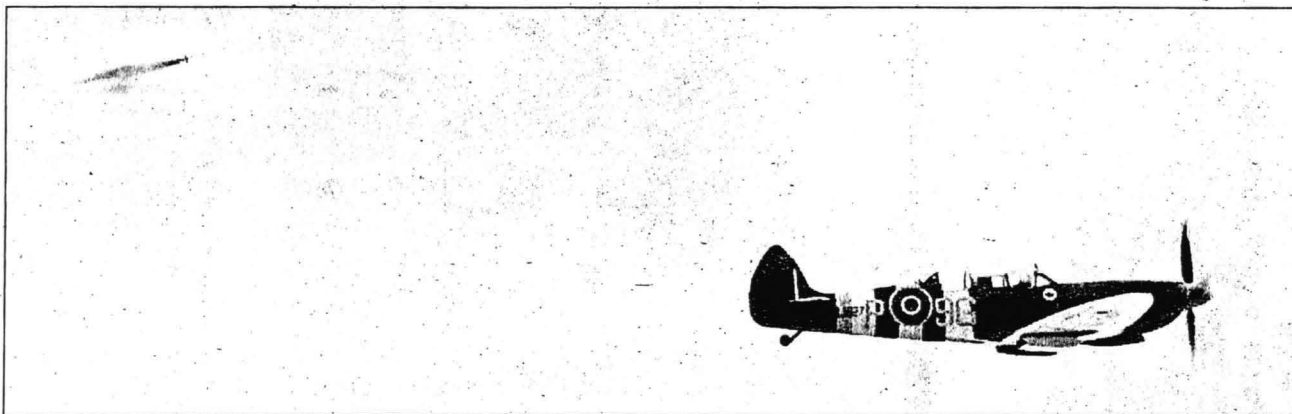
● If you caught the UFO on camera, phone the Echo on 01268 469 409 or send your picture to echopix@nqe.com

40% of Germans believe in aliens

■ **BERLIN** About 40 per cent of Germans believe in intelligent life on other planets, while 4 per cent of the population say they have seen a UFO, according to a survey by the Emnid research centre. The study, published in the *Reader's Digest*, found that 37 per cent of those who believe in extra-terrestrial life think that aliens have already been to the Earth. Emnid surveyed 1,000 Germans over the age of 14.

INDEPENDENT, London, England - Dec. 28, 2006

Telegraph inundated as motorists report strange sightings



• The photograph of the Spitfire and mysterious object taken at East Kirby.

Is this evidence of a real UFO encounter?

THE sky between Grimsby and Louth appears to be a UFO sightings hotspot.

After the Grimsby Telegraph revealed a rock singer's encounter with an unidentified flying object, readers have inundated the newsroom with their sightings.

Most sightings have been experienced while motoring in the Grimsby and Louth areas on the A16.

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Keen aeroplane spotter Paul Day, of Grimsby, took a photograph of a Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

It was taken at East Kirby, close to the A16 in early October.

Mr Day said: "It seems to have a bit of a reflection on the front top side of it, so I think it is a third object."

"The other strange thing is that about 15 minutes after it happened, a Typhoon from RAF Coningsby flew flat out in the same direction. That is a bit strange for 4pm on a Sunday afternoon."

Mr Day was also spooked to discover the pilot of the Spitfire was also called Paul Day.

Mark Woodliff (45), of Mulberry Close, Keelby, said he had a close encounter near North Thoresby in June last year. On the A16 towards Louth he saw a row of objects.

He said: "At first glance, it looks like a cloud. They are sometimes referred to as cloudships. It has a haze, but they fly in triple formation. It is white and oval-shaped. At the end it has a section jutting out like a fuselage."

"The phenomena could be concentrating on that part of Lincolnshire because of ley lines."

He described ley lines as energy fields emitted from the ground.

Thelma McLean (56), of Lytham Drive, Waltham, was driving along the A16, at Burwell, near Louth, at 10.40pm last Monday.

She said: "This thing shot across the front of the car. It was illuminated and had a tail with lights."

"About 30 metres further on, there was a white cross on the roadside. When we told everyone when we got home, they said a carrier bag must have blown in front of the car. But we could not make out what it was. There was no sound, but it was flying very low."

At first glance, it looks like a cloud. They are sometimes referred to as cloudships. It has a haze, but they fly in triple formation.

MARK WOODLIFF

Are we being visited by alien beings in space craft?



• Flashback to the Telegraph of November 29.

Similar accounts flood in

SINGER with Gun 'n' Roses tribute band Jay Navas, whose encounter last month sparked the latest interest in UFOs, said he had received a number of emails from Grimsby Telegraph readers.

He said: "One after the other, it's a similar account but from different angles. They also heard no sound but a fast-moving object towards the sea and the horizon

with a tail. They disappear with a glint of light as if moving towards the sun above the atmosphere."

The singer with Velvet Roses suggested prototype planes have been tested over Lincolnshire by US and Royal Air Force pilots.

A Scramjet X43a or pulse-detonation wave engine fuelled with liquid methane could be being tested, he claimed.

'SQUADRON LEADER ASKED IF I BELIEVED IN UFOS'

'Streaking across the sky backwards'

HAVING seen the *Echo* articles on 'UFOS' I will put down my two experiences.

My first was as an instrument mechanic at RAF Wittering. I had been stationed there for a few weeks working on 'Lincoln Bombers', when I was sent on permanent attachment to the photographic section under 'Sgt Findlay' to maintain their equipment, but also the F24 air cameras.

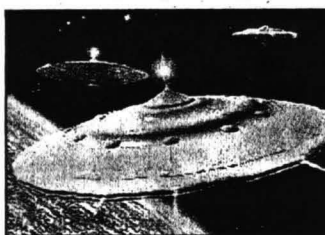
The F24 is a single shot camera with about 6in x 5in frame motor driven with a solenoid shutter release, and the magazine held a roll film of about 100 exposures.

In some time in 1954 I was called to the sergeant's office and introduced to the 'Squadron leader,' who asked me if I believed in 'flying saucers' to which I said I had an open mind.

He then ask if it was possible to fit an F24 camera in place of the bomb sight looking forward, on a 'Canberra Bomber.' Normally the camera was fitted inside the rear service hatch aimed vertically down to photograph the target.

I never saw the 'Sqn Ldr' again, but was allocated a plane to work on and rigged the camera to look horizontal through the bomb sight optical flat. He bought a roll of the relatively new HPS film, I am told costing £300.

It was all set up and a crew briefed to fly the mission taking off around midnight to



fly around in areas where there had been unusual sightings, and take pictures.

Unfortunately they didn't stick to the brief, took off at 20.00 hrs were back by 21.00 hrs still in broad daylight and the film was completely over-exposed. This work was carried out with the sanction of 'Group Captain Sutcliffe', the station commander.

The second more interesting experience was at 'Alsthorpe', in Whetstone. I worked there as an instrument technician from demob in 1957 to retirement in 2000.

In the early 1990s I was working in the 'Engineering Systems', electrical development lab. One of the lab functions was to maintain the site, CCTV system, which generally John Hayward an engineer and myself did.

The security police reported the camera

on the 'High Bay', wasn't working.

This camera could only be reached by climbing over roof tops and up vertical steel ladders.

The TV camera was mounted on an over hung frame in a corner of the parapet wall, and we swung it in over the roof to check the wiring which was OK. The problem was in the camera control unit mounted low down on the wall in a weatherproof box.

I was opening the box when John said: "Hey Paddy (my nickname) quick look at this."

From where we were it was possible to look out over the old Great Central Railway bank into the distance. It was a bright clear day and he pointed to this brilliant silver object appearing to be about the size of a pea.

We decided it was five to 10 miles away in the direction of Market Bosworth.

It was streaking across the sky backwards, forwards, up and down, sometimes stopping dead, at others carrying out instant change of direction.

The apparent movement was about two inches and it stayed in the same area of sky as if it was looking for something. Then like a soap bubble bursting it had gone.

G T E Broughton (Paddy),
Mill Road,
Thurcaston.

TIMES, London, England - Dec. 29, 2006

Weather Eye Paul Simons

The UFO which drove a Warminster man astray



Recently released documents from the Ministry of Defence reveal the enormous effort made to cover up its investigations of UFOs. The files show that thousands of reports were received of unidentified flying objects, but lack of money prevented many of these being investigated. However, those sightings that were studied were "due to more than one set of weather and electrically-charged conditions", concluded the MoD.

One such incident recorded was on August 10, 1965. At about 4.30am, Mr Terry Pell was driving towards Warmin-

ster, Wiltshire. As he approached a bend in the road he saw a red ball of light fly out from the side of a hill about 50m (165ft) in front of him. The ball hovered for a short time and then flew straight at him through the windscreen. Mr Pell braked sharply and ended up in a ditch.

Perhaps this was a case of ball lightning, a mysterious glowing sphere of light that floats through the air, usually during a thunderstorm when electrical activity in the atmosphere is intense.

Other UFO cases are more likely to be meteors. At 3.50am September 16, 2004, a bright light shot through the sky over the village of Iwerne Minster Dorset. Meteors are pieces of extraterrestrial rock that burn up as they shoot through the Earth's atmosphere — not quite flying saucers.

ARE THEY ALIENS OR PLAIN OLD METEORS?

THE plot is thickening over a series of mysterious lights over Swindon this week.

On Tuesday, the Adver reported that college student Chris Moran and his friends had spied strange lights in the dark skies over Cricklade Road and Old Town.

Since then the Adver's phones have been red hot with calls of sightings of the weird phenomena.

Martyn Beck, 24, who lives in Swindon town centre, said he saw the same object near the A419 on Monday evening.

"I saw it whizzing across the A419 at about 10.40pm," he said.

"It was an impressive sight, and in fact I thought at first it was a

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meteor but it seemed far too low.

"It streaked off into the distance travelling from north to south.

"It was just like the guy said the other day - oval-shaped and glowing orange. It wasn't very high."

Another observer, Adrian Lawrence saw a similar shape the Saturday before.

He said: "There was a bright light, orangey red, but it was in the distance.

"It made no sound and was moving quite slowly across the sky in a south-westerly direction."



Students spot mysterious ball of light in the sky

FLASHBACK Wednesday's Adver and, right, a meteor shower

Eighty-year-old Kenneth Hawkes, who lives in Bessemer Road, reported the same thing.

"I was glancing out of my window and I noticed a collection of what looked like four stars close together but the interesting thing was that they appeared to be collected together in an oval-shaped pocket," he said.

"I didn't think any more of it until I saw it in the paper the next day."

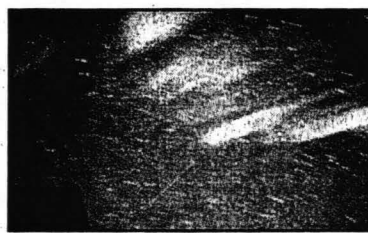
All the people who have seen the lights so far are convinced they are not aircraft or a balloon.

The Ministry of Defence told the Adver it had no information on the sightings over the town.

Some callers have suggested the sightings could be down to strobe lighting being used at Christmas parties in the town.

But Swindon astronomer Andy Maguire believes they could be explained by an annual meteor shower.

Mr Maguire, of Old Town, said: "It's possible these people could be seeing meteors from the Geminids meteor shower."



meteornotes

- Meteors range in size from a grain of sand to a tennis ball.
- As it enters the Earth's atmosphere, the meteor becomes very hot due to friction and becomes bright and seems to streak across the sky.
- The Geminids meteor shower peaks on the night of December 13/14.
- Meteors travel at about 22 miles per second.
- Up to 120 meteors per hour can be seen in really dark areas. This drops to about a dozen in urban areas.

"This would explain how these people could see it in the corner of their eyes and watch it streak away at high speed. The moon is rather small at the moment, which makes them easier to spot."

The shower can be seen every year between December 7 and 16 of the month, with the bulk of the meteors falling between the 11 and 12 - dates which coincide with strange sightings.

But Chris Moran, who first reported the UFO, said: "It's an interesting explanation, and I did consider a meteor but this object looked as if it was travelling in our atmosphere."

FREE PRESS, Bridlington, England - March 15, 2007

More 'UFOs' are spotted

STRANGE lights in the sky seem to be on the increase.

After the Free Press ran the story of David Hinde, of Bempton, who reported seeing slowing spheres of light over the headland, readers have got in touch to give us their experiences.

Donald Rogers, 70, of St Columba Road, Bridlington, believes he saw exactly the same lights from his home at the same time as Mr Hinde on March 1.

"It was around 9.30pm and I saw these brilliant red balls moving quickly in different directions.

"My wife saw them, and more lights, and thought it could be a plane but I don't think they were from the movements they were making," said Mr Rogers, who says he saw similar lights above Sewerby about three years ago.

Connie Shepley, 73, also saw two golden orange points of light hovering over the pumping station off Scarborough Road on March 1.

"They were just still in the sky. I got my binoculars and watched them for about four minutes but they didn't move. I used to live close to Manchester Airport and they were nothing like aeroplane lights," said Mrs Shepley, who saw them around 6pm.

William Lester, 61, of Woodcock Road, in Flamborough, was looking for the laser beam

from The Eye On The Bay site while visiting his daughter in Tudor Close, Bridlington, at around 8.30pm on March 1.

He, his brother-in-law and a friend all saw a set of about six orange and red balls which seemed to be quite low and moving independently of each other in a line.

"They didn't look like any kind of aircraft," he said.

Carol Scholes, 31, and her fiancé Stephen Pemberton, 40, were at home in Scarborough Crescent, Bridlington, at about 8.30pm last Wednesday when they saw lights in the sky over Grindale.

"There were a couple of red lights, then three and then five and they were moving in all directions.

"I don't believe in UFOs but it was really strange," said Carol.

Abigail McKenzie and Shauna Marshall also saw something strange the night after, at around 7.30pm in the Easton Road area.

They said: "It had blue and red flashing lights and it was circular. It went over Old Town and back. We saw it fly across the sky twice."

And Dave Johnson can back it up. He said: "My friends and I were driving towards Danes Dyke when we spotted a bright reddish orange light in the sky fitting the description of the lights Mr Hinde saw."

"As a joke I said to my friends 'look a UFO' then another

appeared.

"Following the appearance of the second light, the first disappeared. Then another light appeared and the second one disappeared, shortly followed by the third.

"Then the most interesting thing happened; we saw all three, close to each other, shining very brightly, then they faded.

"More than anything I would like to know what they are."

Celia Mitchell, of Bempton, saw similar orange and red lights moving up and down and sideways to the left of the Dotterel pub in December.

She watched them for quite a while and her neighbours said they had also seen them.

Terry Edwards, of Jubilee Walk, Bridlington, said his whole family saw the lights in the sky.

Mr Edwards said: "We were looking for the search light on the seafront and then we saw the lights."

"There were two red lights and one more off-white. They were not moving in a normal manner and were not flashing like a plane."

If you have seen strange lights, send a text starting BFPEDITOR followed by a space, the details, your name and address, to 84070 (texts cost 25p plus your standard network charge) or e-mail letters@bridlingtonfreepress.co.uk

TRANSLATIONS

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May 11, 2007 — *La Paz Digital* and *El Universal* — LARGE FIREBALLS REPORTED IN MEXICO AND SPAIN — The one in Spain was seen by thousands of people from Cuenca to Malaga and its explosion was heard. The one in Mexico caused a fire in a Guanajuato school.

Fireball falls on Guanajuato school (Mexico)

El UNIVERSAL - Sat. 05 May 2007 -- A giant fireball of unknown origin fell on a high school in the community of La Capilla, followed by an explosion that caused material losses in the institution and surrounding homes.

The phenomenon occurred at 6:10 a.m. yesterday (Friday 04 May), shortly before the start of classes, according to the Office of Civil Protection. Amidst collective alarm, town residents reported the event to the 006 emergency line. "A fireball flattened the school, it seems to have been a thunderclap," they summarized.

Elements of the civil agency formed a perimeter around the institution while experts inspected the area to determine the cause of the damage. A possible geological fault line is among the alternatives suggested.

According to the initial damage report, one classroom was demolished, roofs and walls collapsed and the glass windows of adjacent homes were destroyed; student desks and materials were buried. As of last night, no traces of ash have been found, although locals insist that they saw a fire.

Municipal emergency personnel explained that classes were suspended due to the fact that the staff had a training session. The agency avoided giving further details about the event. The investigation is ongoing, argued municipal officials.

As far away as Cuenca and Malaga

May 11, 2007 - Residents of the provinces of Ciudad Real, Madrid, Malaga and Toledo were able to witness at 20:00 hours the entry into the Peninsula of an "an impressive and spectacular" bolide that spawned meteorites. The 112 Emergency switchboard collapsed from the number of phone calls received from witnesses shortly after.

All witnesses describe the appearance of an "exceptionally bright fireball" that was even picked up by pilots of the Torrejon de Ardoz air base in flight (altitude of 40,000 feet), said Josep Maria Trigo, an astrophysicist with the Instituto de Ciencias del Espacio de Barcelona to *Europa Press*.

This scientist with the Red de Investigacion de Bolidos y Meteoritos, along with Jose L. Ortiz of the Instituto de Astrofisica de Andalucia (CSIC), is currently attempting to compile the most information possible from eyewitnesses to the phenomenon.

This case is "extremely important" given that several communities in Ciudad Real were able to hear the sonic boom produced by the meteoroid's penetration under the 25 or 20 kilometer barrier, which is indicative, according to this expert, of "the likelihood of the arrival of meteorites to the surface."

For this reason, experts are asking official bodies to investigate the possible video recording of the event. They have likewise set up a phone number (935814778) and an e-mail address (spmn@ieec.uab.es); this address is protected against spambots; an enabled Javascript is required to see it) in order that potential witnesses may provide further information. [*El Digital Castilla-LaMancha*] — CREDIT: Ana Luisa Cid

May 12, 2007 — *IEEE*, Chile — CHILE: A UFO Lands on the Shores of San Antonio? — Around 19:45 hours last Friday (May 4), when a considerable number of households gather around the TV set to watch their favorite shows, some residents of the town of Albatros, Algarrobo Commune, became aware of an unidentified flying object that was clearly visible in the sky.

Despite the penetrating cold of that evening, a bright flash of light that shifted colors momentarily drew the attention of some curious onlookers who went out to the street to notice the details of the heavenly spectacle.

The strange luminous object hovered above the forest near the town, giving the appearance of being near El Canelo beach, in the commune's northern section.

Not a few spectators reached for the photo and video cameras to capture the unusual phenomenon, which gave rise to a wealth of speculation regarding the unknown object's provenance.

Its unusual motion in all directions caused spectators to promptly dismiss the possibility that it could be an airplane, aerostat, satellite or other aerial phenomenon with a rational explanation. A family on Los Pelicanos street watched the light's appearance intently. The impact of their sighting was so strong that they contacted duty personnel at the Third Carabineros Office in Algarrobo, who reported to the scene. Local policemen also reported what they saw.

Nataly Aranda, 20, in the company of her brother Matias, 9, remembers the sighting: "it was like looking at a star, but it would suddenly vanish and reappear. A neighbor recorded it, and when we saw it on the TV set, it looked just like when they show UFOs on television--it was super real."

She added that the object remained suspended in the sky for about an hour. "After that, it began to go away and the person who videotaped it asked a friend to go over to El Caneto to film it, as it vanished in that direction. Over here we could see it almost over the trees."

This was the first time she had faced a phenomenon of this type, like young Matias, who was stunned by the display. "It was a ball that moved everywhere. I was a little bit scared because they told me it was coming to get me. When it vanished [I had the impression] something fell out of it. It also reappeared on Monday, but it was sort of red," remarked the student from the Carlos Alessandri school.

Although she doesn't acknowledge the existence of UFOs, the young woman from Algarrobos says that what she saw that night "was food for thought."

Second Sergeant Nelson Velazquez reported to ascertain the events in the light of insistent phone calls from local residents. "The fact is that a person from Albatros called me, saying that he had seen an unidentified flying object in the air. I reported to the scene and ascertained that there was indeed such an object. Also present was a young man who videotaped on the site for over half an hour. I later withdrew and advised my colleagues at the station. One of them (Carabinero Alvarado) proceeded to make his own recording of the flying object from El Pejerrey beach."

In the policeman's opinion, what he saw that cold evening was a sort of "luminous ball that flew in every direction, from north to south. Apparently it was not a star, airplane or any other thing, as it lacked those

characteristics. It makes one think that it could've been a UFO."

The experienced police officer remarked that in all his years of service in the area, this was the first time he had witnessed a case like this. Something he will not forget during his patrols throughout the Commune.

However, doubts persist, as the Direccion Aeronautica de Santo Domingo reported that weather balloons are launched at that time, and their movement is dependent on wind conditions. What is clear is that no known object performs the movements witnessed by a large number of witnesses. (NOTE: The IEEE expects to receive images for its analysis) — CREDIT: Raul Nunez, IEEE

May 12, 2007 — www.analuisacid.com — MEXICO: Former President's Nephew Photographed UFO in 1973 by Ana Luisa Cid — In March 2007, I received several clippings from the *Novedades* newspaper, dated October 26, 1973, from Ing. Hector Perez Rodriguez, making reference to a sighting by Mr. Juan David Mateos Chanfreau, the nephew of (deceased) former Mexican president Lic. Adolfo Lopez Mateos.

According to the publication, the witness gave his story to the press and provided them with a copy of the photo he took with his Polaroid camera. The snapshot was taken while he traveled aboard his car along the road from Ciudad Camargo to Chihuahua (1973).

Ing. Perez, who kindly provided me a copy of the clippings he has kept for 30 years, believes that it is possible that Mr. Mateos Chanfreau's experience is possibly related to the Coyame Case, which occurred in the same geographic region and on a date relatively close to that of the alleged crash of a spacecraft in the Chihuahua desert (1974).

In another news item from *Novedades* it is said that six UFOs were seen in the USA, witnessed by over 50 people, among them then-deputy sheriff Jim Taylor of Surrey County.

Transcript of the news item from *Novedades*, 26 October 1973:

"Mexican Tells How He Saw and Photographed a Flying Saucer"

The existence of flying saucers no longer appears to be a mere invention of people with excessive imagination or feverish minds. When mechanical means - such as photography are brought into play to determine their reality, only one question remains: where do they come from?

Juan David Mateos Chanfreau, nephew of the deceased former president Adolfo Lopez Mateos, has asked himself this question in vain for two months. But the issue of their provenance is secondary, because there is something more important: he knows that they exist, he has seen one of them and has photographed it.

The account he gives *Novedades* shows the emotion the event produced in him; his satisfaction at the experience surpasses all limits.

Juan David was traveling from Ciudad Camargo to Chihuahua a little over 60 days ago. The day was somewhat hazy but precisely due to the lack of solar reflection, the landscape was clear and placid.

Upon reaching the desert area between Villanueva and the city of Chihuahua, he began to hear a strange sound coming from his car radio. He suddenly looked upward and saw an object suspended in mid-air.

He hit the brakes at once. He was invaded by a stupor and cannot remember if he turned off the radio, but he fully recalls the rigidity that took over his limbs for some seconds. He was afraid that something bad would happen to him. However, curiosity won out over prudence and his arm, guided as if by an electric shock, reached for the glove compartment where his photo camera rested.

"Before taking it, I had the sensation that someone was keeping me from doing so," he says, "and I grabbed it cautiously. I felt afraid again, but the anxiety of having proof of what I was seeing won out, and I stepped out of the car."

The craft, which produced a very slight vibration, rotated displaying its colors of orange, purple and red. Parapeted behind his vehicle, he was about to press the shutter. The artifact, which was to the right of the highway at a distance of some 60 meters and an altitude of 20, did not move. And the photo was taken.

He immediately felt the urge to flee, but some internal sense advised him not to move. Some minutes went by, which seemed like centuries to Juan David. Suddenly the craft began to move. Rising, it tilted until it remained sideways, rising vertically, and taking off at a fantastic speed. He saw no smoke; he was only able to hear an intense vibration that became more painful as the intensity grew. The metal turned into a multitude of dots that rose, blinding his riveted eyes. In a matter of seconds, the saucer was lost to the immensity of space.

Reality took hold and thousands of questions spilled into his mind: where did it come from? Was it terrestrial or not? But among the lack of answers there stood an unquestionable fact: something remarkable had happened and none other than he had witnessed and photographed it. The amazement of the event would suffice - perhaps some day he would find out the rest. — CREDIT: Ana Luisa Cid and Hector Perez

May 13, 2007 — *Planeta UFO* — ARGENTINA: Astonishing UFO Event in Victoria (Entre Rios) by Andrea Perez Simondini — Date of Event: 04/29/07 — Once more, Victoria has astonished us like in the good old days: the event witnessed last night, April 29, 2007, continues to amaze us, showing that there are manifestations occurring in this place that are not properly discussed elsewhere, neither in Argentina nor in the world at large.

We headed toward Cerro La Matanza with Walter Vergara, a member of our team, his girlfriend Georgina, Sebastian, a boy who helps me as an assistant in the UFO museum, and the undersigned. It was a lovely, starry night.

At 20:30 hours, we began to see a bright light with many smaller lights in a circular arrangement hovering over the river (which was quite full, owing to the latest surge, penetrating into the depths of the mountainside) and close to its banks. We used binoculars for this observation, trying to find something that would give us a clue as to its nature, as it was in that location, in spite of being flooded, there was no chance that it could be a vessel. Suddenly, the lights -- or some internal element belonging to them -- began to make tremendous flashes in every direction. One of them was so powerful that it turned night into day. At that moment, a white sphere appeared overhead, its size larger than the full moon, leaving in its wake a sort of short corridor -- a white wake that ended close to where the lights above the river were located.

Everything took place so quickly that we were stunned, unsure as how to react. These lights above the water remained in place until 21:05 hours and suddenly turned off as one, showing us that they represented a single structure, and despite the full moon and the use of binoculars, we were unable to see anything at the site.

A few minutes later, at the same site but slightly over to the left, two closely joined lights emerged. They remained motionless until the time that we decided to head home. But to shake us even further, that wasn't all that occurred that evening.

At 21:35 hours, we saw two airliners heading south from a northerly direction, one of them flying slightly higher than the other. At the same time, another flight was coming in from the opposite direction, flying higher than the other two. We all thought that these were three simultaneous flights: imagine our surprise when the

airliner heading south, and the one flying lower than the other (apparently), exchanged signals with impressive lights, as though greeting each other. We soon became aware of what was going on. The other airliner heading north began to light up in such a way that there was no doubt at all that it was a mustard-colored UFO. After displaying its presence, it vanished and nothing further could be seen.

As I said, it had been a long time since I had such an experience. We will try to learn what flights passed over the area at that time, and as we have done before, will try to make inquiries about their pilots. — CREDIT: Guillermo Ginenez [*Planeta UFO*] and Andrea Perez Simondini [*Vision OVN*]

May 18, 2007 — *INFOBAE*, Buenos Aires, Argentina — ARGENTINA: STRANGE GLOW OVER BUENOS AIRES — A mysterious explosion of lights was seen this morning by thousands of Argentines. The phenomenon startled and frightened many. A Radio 10 astronomer offered an explanation.

Shortly after 7 am this morning, when Argentina was still in the dark, a strange phenomenon was witnessed over the capital city and its environs, but experienced throughout the country. The phenomenon, however, could only be seen if one looked skyward and was outdoors.

A strong, multicolored glow caused wonder in those who saw it, and who were unable to explain the heavenly phenomenon.

"It was a reddish, blue and silver light," according to one witness who was both surprised and startled by the unusual event this morning. However, professor Jorge Coghlan explained that it was "a bolide that entered the atmosphere and was disintegrating as it flew," adding that it probably "had the size of a fist".

"It was seen all over the country," said the astronomer, who said that "it had to be rather large to reach the ground." However, "they always disintegrate and reach the earth as meteorite dust."

Coghlan explained on Radio 10 that "a bolide is interplanetary matter, space garbage" adding that "they cannot be seen at times because they [enter the atmosphere] in daylight hours," although that morning, due to the prevailing darkness at that time, there wasn't enough light to diminish its glow. — CREDIT: Guillermo Ginenez, *Planeta UFO*

May 25, 2007 — *Grupo COLOVNI* — ARGENTINA: SIGHTINGS IN ENTRE RIOS — Sightings in Gualeguay and Colon, Entre Rios Province, Argentina by Daniel Ubaldo Padilla — It is public knowledge that heavenly bolides have been seen in concomitance with alleged UFO sightings. It is precisely that the print and television media - the latter with images - have turned it into a concern at the level of society as a whole, beyond the strictly ufological thinking of a handful of people who have made known their public and personal commitment to making case histories known. My intention here is to compile information aimed at covering a broader spectrum of the events recorded with these mass sightings, and my commitment is to retell specific events in areas to which I have access to investigate.

Mario Navarro, an employee at the Colon terminal, told me about his concern at seeing - in the company of his brother - a light in the island area facing the Port of Colon on Tuesday, May 22 (2007) around 20:00 hours. He was able to see a light, first as a distant luminous point similar to a flashlight, but it was a powerful point that varied in size according to its intensity with regard to an imaginary central dot. They could also see that it traveled at a prodigious rate of speed, noting that what they were seeing was probably occurring in the mainland territory of the Republic of Uruguay, beyond the islands. Using the shadow of the treetops of a eucalyptus plantation in the horizon as a point of reference, they realized that the light suddenly began rising toward the treetops, and that its brilliance magnified at that time, exceeding the 12 meter height of the trees in that plantation, with a size comparable to that of the moon when it appears on the horizon. Its color ranged from intense blue at its core, expanding to white in its periphery. The total observation lasted 20 minutes. After that time, says Mario Daniel Navarro: "... it sort of turned off. Everything was left dark again..."

This isn't the first time that this phenomenon has occurred toward the islands and one Uruguayan territory in that direction. Other eyewitness accounts are completely related to this one, with witnesses describing similar manifestations.

Another incredible event in Gualeguay by Ramon Morgante:

Last night on the *ENIGMA VIRTUAL* program hosted by Julio Degeneve on FM Melody 103.5, transmitted Thursdays at 22:00 hrs., Ramon Morgante, a UFO researcher who lives in the city of Gualeguay, Entre Rios, told listeners that: "...only moments ago, around 19:25 hours, I was able to see and record a luminous object crossing the skies at high speed in a southeasterly direction from the city of Gualeguay. The object was moving from north to south at more or less 20 degrees toward the horizon. At that trajectory, and at 80 degrees, from my standpoint, the object incredibly changed course toward the east. It looked like a bluish-to-white sphere, like the flame of a kitchen burner. At that time several [objects] of this type began to appear from various directions and toward the same side. I was able to see a total of nine unidentified luminous objects with characteristics identical to the first one. I became aware, during these sightings, of what seemed to me a large star with an intensity comparable to that of Rigel, located 85 degrees to the south. Its color varied between orange to dark red. My surprise was that when I aimed the camera in that direction in order to record it, the alleged star turned off. It simply was no longer there..."

Ramon also mentioned that the observation lasted until 21:40 hours, approximately, including Flash-type phenomena. The entire observation was documented with a video camera. — CREDIT: Guillermo Gimenez, *Planeta UFO*

June 1, 2007 — *La Estrella*, Chile — CHILE: TERRIFYING CHUPACABRAS ATTACK IN VINA DEL MAR — Creature appeared in the Recreo Sector by Carla Olivares — Margarita Ugalde's family underwent an experience worthy of a horror movie in the early hours of Thursday morning in the Recreo sector of Vina del Mar after having a face-to-face encounter with the legendary and feared Chupacabras.

According to the woman's story, the event took place at around 4 in the morning when all were asleep and the powerful noise made by the strange animal shook them out of their slumber.

"An animal walked over the roof - it was as though it had come in flying and suddenly landed there. It sounded strong and dragged its wings, walking quickly and making a thundering noise, as though it were very heavy. It's just like the last time. The same happened years ago -- we heard the same noises on the roof," explained Margarita Ugalde.

The family's chickens, kept in the backyard, were nervous and making loud crowing sounds, as though something was happening to them. One by one, the birds went quiet. Seven out of ten chickens were killed.

"I went to the backyard and I saw it. It was like a large bird, standing about a meter, with the bearing of a dwarf. It has feathers, wings and left footprints like those of a goat. It was looking for food, and I think it must've been hungry," she explained.

When the subject of the Chupacabras first emerged into public awareness, Margarita Ugalde experienced a similar situation - the same noises on the roof and the killings of animals. In that occasion, they were among those who experienced the greatest number of losses.

The woman is afraid. She is terrified by this experience. However, she feels sad about her hens, which she had raised from chicks. The birds present one or two small perforations, some on the neck, others on the wings or legs, but the similarity they share is that they are completely dry, without a drop of blood. The family decided to call Carabineros (Chilean State Police) to inspect the site in case there was something to be found.

"They told us it was that (the Chupacabras) and that they had never seen anything like it. They were overwhelmed as well," said the woman.

When the strange animal passed over the roof and reached the backyard, it broke the henhouse door and extracted the birds one by one, for a total of seven. When he was surprised by the homeowner, the Chupacabras took off, flying toward the hills. — CREDIT: Ana Luisa Cid

CREDIT: Jane Thomas Guma

May 13, 2007 — *La Capital Online*, Rosario, Santa Fe province, Argentina — INTRODUCTION TO PLANETARY DEFENSE — Two advisors from the Department of Defense and NASA wrote it — San Francisco — When the extraterrestrials finally invade Earth, maybe we should have listened to Travis Taylor and Bob Boan. And if the invasion follows the plot of a Hollywood box office success, they might also be the people called in at the last moment to save the day.

After all, they wrote "An introduction to planetary defense," a manual about how mankind could defend itself should small green men show up at our cosmic door holding lethal ray guns.

Yes, they are serious.

"The probability that extraterrestrials exist and are sufficiently mature as to have the technology to allow them to come here really does exist," claimed Taylor.

Taylor and Boan are not paranoid basement residents, obsessed with aluminum paper hats and Area 51. Taylor has degrees in Astronomy and Physics, and is a member of the consulting firm Booz Allen & Hamilton. He and Boan have consulted for the Department of Defense and the U.S. space agency, NASA.

But their opinions have won them few audiences aside from the science fiction conventions and their book is published by BrownWalker Press, which specializes in marginal topics with titles such as "Science and Lore of the Plant Cell Wall" and "ESP and Psychokinesis." Taylor acknowledged that the extraterrestrial invasion is hardly a main concern, but said it is naive to assume, as scientists like the late Carl Sagan did, that beings that are sufficiently advanced as to dominate space travel, may have evolved further than wars. "It is a wonderful idea that has no hold on reality," said Taylor.

Taylor and Boan, together with coauthors R.C. Anding and T. Conley Powell, review two subjects that show up frequently in debates as to whether Homo Sapiens is alone in the universe: Drake's equation and Fermi's paradox.

American astronomer Frank Drake's 1960 formula tries to estimate how feasible contact with an extraterrestrial civilization would be, considering factors such as the number of habitable planets.

Taylor and Boan subscribe to what they consider more conservative approximations such as that extraterrestrials cannot travel faster than ten percent of the speed of light.

After crunching the numbers, they said that it is possible that there may be thousands of intelligent extraterrestrial species in our Milky Way and that there are "high probabilities" that one or two of them visit Earth each century.

But if there are so many extraterrestrials there in outer space, why haven't we had news from them yet?

That is the famous question posed by physicist Enrico Fermi in 1950 to reject speculations by his colleagues that intelligent life should be routine.

Taylor and Boan are convinced that Fermi was wrong. Even though extraterrestrials could have used divine technology to jump through thousands of light years in only one day, it would have required millions of years anyway to explore all the star systems in the galaxy.

It may be that they simply may not yet have found us.

Taylor and Boan started to think how to answer to an aggressive extraterrestrial attack during a 2001 debate about the defense against terrorist attacks.

"The only thing that came to me was that the only way in which we Americans would be in an asymmetric war from the other side would be if we were attacked by extraterrestrials."

Everybody laughed, but after a minute, comments were heard," said Taylor.

"We then started to really talk about it and thought that, well, maybe we really need this contingency plan after all," said Taylor.

"The lack of preparation may imply that mankind may have to entrench itself and fight with improvised arms and blitzkrieg tactics, similar to the style in which Islamic extremists have fought the American army in Iraq," said Taylor.

"The insurgents know how to win this war against us. This also tells us that if we were attacked by extraterrestrials, that would be the best defense," he added. (Reuters)

May 25, 2007 — *26 Noticias* (online newspaper), Buenos Aires, Argentina — UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SURPRISED NEIGHBORS — An unidentified flying object surprised hundreds of people that were protesting in the Alpagatas Rotunda in Florencio Varela, demanding the creation of new municipalities.

[Following is a translation of the text above, to the left of the picture. However, as this is a video, if you want to see and hear it all, please visit 26noticias.com.ar — under "buscar" (search), type the title of the article and when the picture appears click on the arrow to start it. — Tr.]

While reporters from Channel 26 were covering protests by some neighbors in the Alpagatas Rotunda, the cameramen focused their attention on a continuous flash of light that appeared in the sky for several minutes to the amazement of those present. Alerted by the presence of a continuous flash of light, the Channel 26 cameras recorded the images, even though it is still unknown what it is.

This is not the first time something like this happened this week. Let's remember that last Friday a luminous cosmic phenomenon surprised the residents of Buenos Aires at 7:12 AM.

Although many thought this was a meteorite, others believed it was a UFO or space debris.

But it was really due to a large sun storm that emitted a jet of neutrons towards Earth, which after colliding with the planet's magnetic field in the South Pole area produced an "aurora australis" of such magnitude that it was also seen in other provinces of central Argentina, as confirmed by professor Sergio Toscano, director of the Villa Cabello Astronomical Observatory in Posadas (in Misiones province, NE Argentina-Tr.).

Toscano based his statement on data provided him by NASA, reiterated the explanation that the Sun entered into a very violent activity since 2001, and said it is very possible that the next sun storm will occur even earlier than the dates forecast by the astronomers.



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Monster Inc.

Nessie's mystery still beckons the masses

Odds of seeing pigs fly during an all-weekend rock concert — pretty good.

Odds of seeing the Loch Ness monster today at the start of a two-day music bash on the shores of Scotland's most infamous body of water — U.K. bookies put it at 250 to 1.

As thousands gather today at Loch Ness for loud and crowded "Rockness," many spectators will be handed instant cameras in the hopes someone will grab a picture of the loch's celebrated water horse. The free disposables are being supplied by British bookmakers, who have offered up a \$2.1 million Cdn reward for anyone who can prove Nessie really does exist.

Just two weeks ago, more than a few would have put down good money on a bet that Gordon Holmes had come pretty close. The amateur scientist made headlines around the globe, after filming what was touted as some of the best images ever captured of the Highland's most reclusive old-timer.

Today, the Nessie expert who gave early weight to that claim admits some reservations. Veteran marine biologist Adrian Shine — of the Loch Ness 2000 centre in Drumnadrochit, on the shores of the waterway — now theorizes the ripples in the water may have started

in the heavens, rather than in the deep water.

After more than 35 years probing Loch Ness — a skeptical interpreter of what happens in the dark depths — Shine is considered the ultimate voice on quiet Nessie.

Given the fact the latest video had some reference points on land and was clearer than many previous images, Shine was originally excited about the find — and still is, but for reasons other than the monster.

Holmes filmed it on May 26, as he was reportedly studying underwater noises. He says he doesn't know what it is, but that it's jet black and about 15 metres long.

"I couldn't believe my

eyes," the 55-year-old U.K. man told the press after he brought the footage to Shine to review through his camera's viewfinder.

Because Holmes panned back while filming, the geographical bearings initially allowed experts to calculate how big the creature was and how fast it was travelling. But Shine has started to take an even closer look, and has discovered something odd — beyond the fact it could be video of a mythical beast.

Legend runs deep

For a moment, Shine hesitates when giving his opinion, worried that he hasn't even yet shared it with Holmes — who did not respond to a request for an interview.

Shine says there is a lack of a second line in the wake moving out from behind the object. Usually an enlarg-

ing V, there appears to be only a single wave in Holmes' video. This has Shine considering that what may appear on the surface of the water is a trick of unusual local winds — a meteorological play between breeze and water.

"I'm no longer sure it's an animal swimming," he tells Sun Media from his office, at one end of Loch Ness.

"What I'm failing to see is that second arm of the wake."

Local hills often give birth to odd wind currents, and he's seen waves moving against the flow of air.

And if it is something living, there's always the possibility it could be a seal that's made its way into the loch, he adds. He wants to mull over the images even more — he's been busy trying to help a bid to have the area given world heritage status — but says even if the film shows a play in the wind, it's proof that Loch Ness is full of unusual sights.

The legend of the Loch Ness monster runs as deep as the lake itself — a mammoth body, deeper than the North Sea. It could, they say, easily cradle the world's population, and have space to spare.

The first sighting dates back to AD 565, by one of the founders of the Christian church in Scotland, St. Columba. But its modern reign as the world's most fantastic phantom — sharing the title with various forms of Bigfoot — began in the



Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water, recent video footage has triggered new interest in Scotland's elusive Loch Ness monster. This infamous image called the "Surgeon's photo" taken in 1934 was revealed as a hoax in the 1990s.

1930s. Every year, a million tourists visit the area, hoping to catch sight of Nessie, which could live 230 metres below the surface.

Rory Cameron's grandfather was one of the lucky ones. The older man, almost half a century ago, spent 50 minutes watching something unusual swim in the lake — the longest recorded sighting.

"There's something there, but I don't think it'll ever be solved just what it is," says Rory, who owns the Loch Ness Clansman Hotel, on the waterway.

Shine says people often see what they're looking for.

"They're interpreting things they expect to see — there's not enough brain to go around, so they see (the monster)," he's come to believe.

"The fact is there is not just one explanation to go around for all the sightings."

Even boat wakes can take on a life of their own.

"I think some of those sightings are from unusual creatures, but not too many years ago we didn't know seals could get in there," Shine points out.

He has a theory that historical sightings may have simply been large sturgeons

— one of the oldest genera of fish in existence — which found themselves in Loch Ness.

To a local, familiar with normal loch creatures, a huge sturgeon would have seemed a remarkable oddity.

Not that there might not be a breed of critter who will one day rise up to shock us all.

"I'm still open-minded," says Shine of the myth. "I don't believe in the Loch Ness (monster) ... yet."

The next time someone does get another picture of video of Nessie, it'll be Shine who will likely see it first.

Which may explain his reaction when told thousands of rock fans are being handed free cameras to try to photograph the monster. Anticipating having to pour over booze-fueled images of everything from floating logs to some guy's "dobber" — the local slang — Shine lets out a monster groan.

"I live in dread," says Nessie's guardian.

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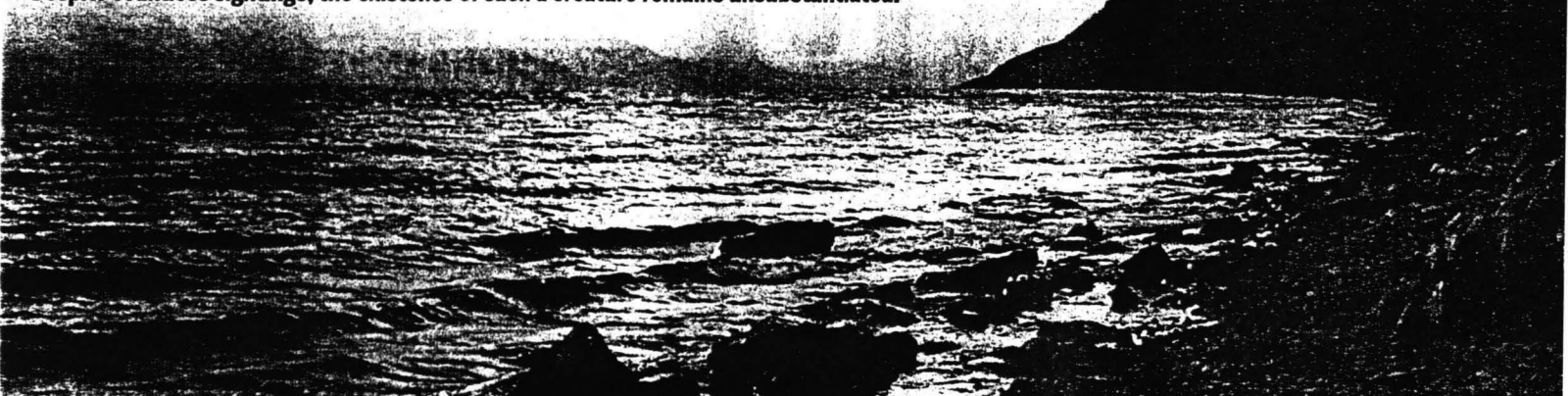
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Kevin Carlyon stands by a statue of the Loch Ness monster as he performs an invocation on the banks of the loch in an attempt to summon the monster in June 2003.

Rumours of a huge animal living in Loch Ness have existed for centuries.

Despite countless sightings, the existence of such a creature remains unsubstantiated.



FILE PHOTOS

Loch Ness in Scotland is the alleged home of Nessie, the Loch Ness monster.



Paranormal Research Forum founder Rick Nelson scans the darkness of Silver Cliff Cemetery, where he brought a group of Metro State students.

Rich Tosches |
The Denver Post

A spirited search of ghostly haunts



RICH TOSCHES
Rocky Mountain Ranger

Somewhere in Silver Cliff Cemetery

The heavy moon, just two nights removed from full, lurked behind the patchy clouds that slid across the ebony sky.

Occasional explosions of yellowish hues sent flickering shadows across the old, sun-bleached gravestones in this place that is, many believe, haunted.

It was creepy. It made the hairs

on the back of your neck do the tango. And it made Rick Nelson happy.

Nelson and a gaggle of students from Metro State College of Denver's Crypto Science Society set up camp Saturday night at the Silver Cliff Cemetery (Protestant) and the adjoining Assumption Cemetery (Catholic), nestled among the wild grasses on the

flank of the jagged Sangre de Cristo mountain range.

Nelson lives in Denver and is the founder of the Paranormal Research Forum, a group that studies things such as ancient Earth mounds, out-of-body experiences, voodoo and spirit-piloted "astral travel." (It's apparently a lot like airline travel, except you leave on time and have plenty of legroom.)

And the Silver Cliff Cemetery, about an hour west of Pueblo, is a famous place, featured over the years by news gatherers from such lofty places as National Geographic and The New York Times ("All the Druid and Hypnotic Regression News That's Fit to Print").

On this night, any study of extraterrestrials and teleportation would have to wait. On this evening, Nelson and the other adventurers looked for the soft balls of light that have spooked the people of Silver Cliff for a century or more, darting blue lights that they claim jump and scamper across the cemetery — the nonworldly lights of the spirit world.

Orbs.

"I believe in them," said Dawn Howdeshell, 37, who has lived in the little town since she was 10. "It's the spirit of a little girl buried there. It's definitely spirits."

Local locksmith Chuck Williams has only heard about them.

"Never seen anything," he said. "I think it's an electro-magnetic field."

Then he glanced at his friend Dawn.

"Or spirits," he said. "It could be spirits."

At the cemeteries, Nelson and the college kids — with permission from town officials — split into small research groups and would share tents on this cemetery sleepover. One research pairing consisted of Emily Moncrief, 25, a recent Metro State graduate, and boyfriend Rod Ortega. They camped between gravestones in the Protestant cemetery.

For Emily, it was like a homecoming.

"I grew up in a haunted house," she said with little emotion. "A 1910 Victorian home in downtown Denver. The people who lived there before us had a son who died. I lived in his room. Things happened. The radio would come on all on its own. It would change stations by itself. You get used to it."

Sure.

Ortega lives in Denver with Moncrief. He said twice this year in the middle of the night the water faucet over their kitchen sink came to life. The sound of gushing water filled the home.

"By the time I got there," he said, "the sink was dry. The first time it happened it scared me. The second time, well, that scared me, too."

The eight young men and women and professional paranormal prober Nelson settled in for the night. By 11 p.m. the clouds had vanished and the moon dazzled. In lawn chairs and wrapped in blankets, they

waited. Saturday became Sunday morning. Some stayed awake. Some did not.

They all came together to talk in the first golden light of the morning.

"We didn't see anything," Emily said. "But I felt things. I definitely had some feelings, like an intuition that someone was out there. And we heard some strange sounds."

Although "we" wasn't entirely accurate.

"I didn't see anything or hear anything," said Rod, giving eerie indications the strange sounds Emily heard may have been his snoring.

Nelson, though, saw plenty. Of something.

"There were orbs," said the man with the whitish beard. "They were translucent light balls." In a few days, he will know whether he captured the mysterious circles on film.

You can believe or not. But the point, Nelson said, was that he and the others spent a night under a stormy and then a stunningly bright Colorado sky, some of them with closed tent flaps but all with open minds.

"You can read about these things and live life vicariously," he said. "But if you are truly curious, you go out and experience it for yourself. There's nothing that compares to that."

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Mysterious prints create speculation



At left, Bob Olson of Deer River prepares one of the footprint imprints for plaster molding. Inset, Olson places his hand next to one of the prints to show its size.

Photos
by Beth Bily

Bigfoot on the loose?

Herald-Review Staff Report

Remote Six Mile Lake Road in eastern Cass County (just west of Ball Club) experienced more than a normal share of traffic this week as curiosity seekers came in carloads to view the large, mysterious footprints left on the edge of the road.

What made the footprints may be anyone's guess, but there are those, such as Bob Olson of Deer River, who believe the prints were made by that creature of popular lore, Sasquatch - or Bigfoot.

Wildlife biologists, however, seem to agree that such creatures live only in myth.

"No such thing exists," said retired Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologist Jim Schneeweis of Grand Rapids. "If there were all these Bigfeet running around, sooner or later somebody would have found a dead one. The DNR has had cameras (in remote locations) for years. How come nobody's ever got one on film?"

While wildlife biologists say that Bigfoot stories are not founded in scientific evidence, that does not seem to stop those who do believe such creatures exist. A simple Google search will

LOCH MYSTERY Videographer claims to have seen Nessie

EDINBURGH, Scotland — The Loch Ness monster is back — and there's video.

A man has captured what Nessie watchers say is possible footage of the supposed mythical creature beneath Scotland's most mysterious lake.

"I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw this jet black thing, about 45 feet long, moving fairly fast in the water," said Gordon Holmes, the 55-year-old a lab technician from Shipley, Yorkshire, who took the video Saturday.

Nessie watcher and marine biologist Adrian Shine viewed the video and hoped to properly analyze it in the coming months.

Holmes said whatever it was moved at about 6 mph and kept a fairly straight course.

Loch Ness is surrounded by myth. It's the largest inland body of water in Britain, and at about 750 feet to the bottom, it's even deeper than the North Sea.

reveal hundreds of reported sightings around the nation and entire Web sites devoted to the tracking of the creatures.

Schneeweis said that he was not aware of any sightings or other evidence reports of the existence of Sasquatch creatures out of the Grand Rapids office, but did say that he was aware of sighting reports in the Northome area in the past.

Olson, who carefully made plaster reproductions of the giant human-looking prints this week to preserve them, said that there have been numerous sightings in northern Minnesota - including some on Winnie Dam Lake Road. The self-described

enthusiast, said that he has heard reports of increased Bigfoot activity in the area for the past two years.

He is not the only one who is interested.

Local resident Wayne Nelson called in the report of possible Bigfoot evidence to the newspaper on Monday, saying that, on his way to go fishing, he saw people taking pictures of the ground between the road and the woods. After pulling over and speaking with the people there, Nelson realized what they were looking at: 17 inch long tracks, about three-quarters of an inch deep into the dirt.

Looking like human foot-

prints, but larger and with toes of all the same size, there was speculation that the tracks were not human because human tracks normally only reach a depth of about one-quarter inch, according to Nelson.

The prints, no matter what the source, have generated curiosity and despite the disbelief of the scientific community, it has done little to sway those who are certain Sasquatch creatures exist.

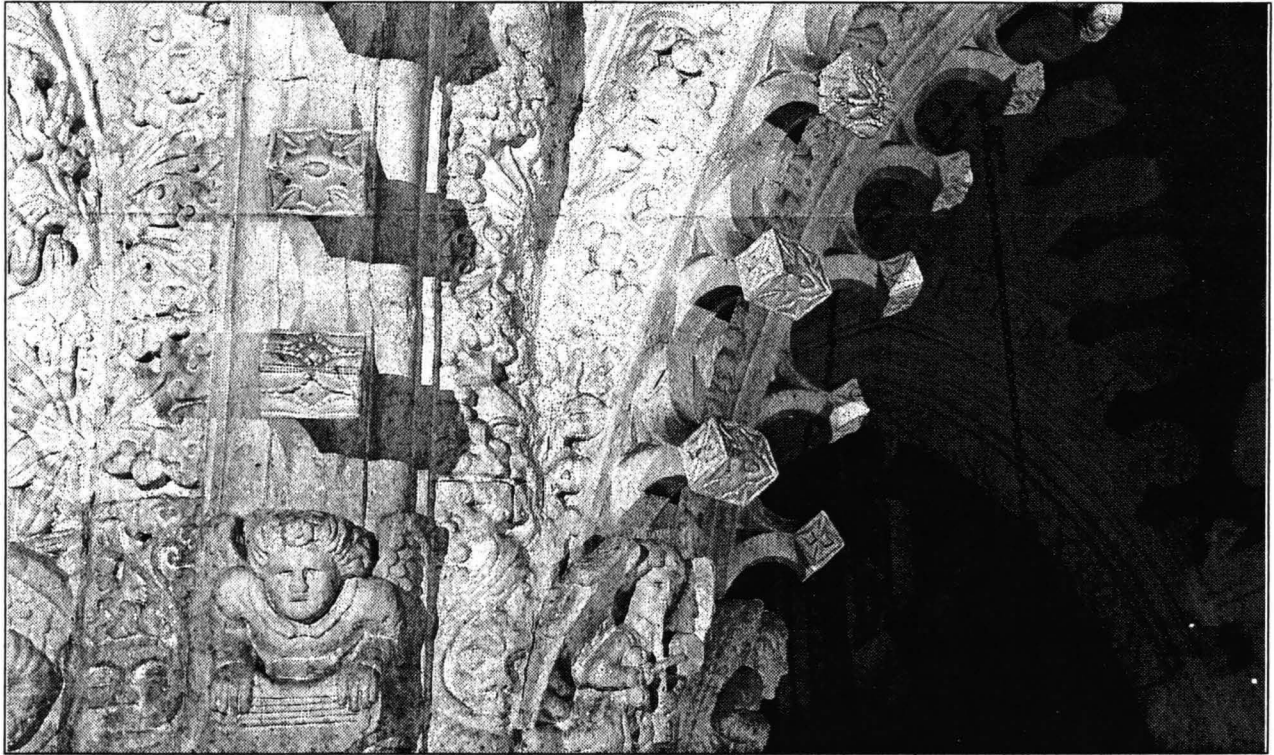
"I know exactly what made it (the footprints) - Bigfoot," Olson told the newspaper.

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"Breaking the code was a true eureka moment. It's like we have been given a compact disc from the past. But unlike the fiction of 'The Da Vinci Code,' this is a tangible link to the past."



Gordon Frazer | The Associated Press

Thomas Mitchell, 75, spent 25 years studying what he believed to be a coded message in a ceiling in the 15th-century Rosslyn Chapel near Edinburgh, Scotland. When he realized an angel, lower left, was holding a musical stave, the former Royal Air Force code-breaker worked with his son to decipher the music, which will premiere May 18.

HARK! A MUSIC CODE

Possible cypher cracked at "Da Vinci Code" chapel

By Ben McConville
The Associated Press

Roslin, Scotland — Like a plot from "The Da Vinci Code," a team of code breakers claims to have found music hidden for 500 years in intricate carvings at the church where author Dan Brown set the climax of the best-selling book.

Father-and-son team Thomas and Stuart Mitchell say they deciphered a musical code hewn into stone cubes on the ribs supporting the ceiling of Rosslyn Chapel in the village of Roslin, near Edinburgh.

"Breaking the code was a true eureka moment. It's like we have been given a compact disc from the past," said Stuart Mitchell, 41, a music teacher from Edinburgh. The music has been recorded, and will get its official premiere in the chapel May 18.

Musical experts reserved judgment but did not dismiss the theory.

"We have 213 cubes (at Rosslyn), and the possibility that they have something to say is by no means implausible," said Warwick Edwards, an expert on early Scottish music at Glasgow University.

The 15th-century chapel, 10 miles from Edinburgh, was built by Sir Gilbert Haye and Sir William Sinclair and is steeped in the traditions of the Knights Templar and Freemasonry.

The elaborate decorations and the mysterious symbolism have inspired many legends, among them that the building is a replica of Solomon's Temple and is the resting place of the Holy Grail, the Ark of the Covenant or even the mummified head of Jesus Christ.

Brown's novel, based on the theory that Jesus married Mary Magdalene and founded a dynastic line that survives today, climaxes at Rosslyn Chapel. "Symbolism heaven," Brown called it. The Mitchells' research centered on

the ribs of a ceiling in the Lady Chapel. Rows of carved angels play instruments above the columns of cubes.

The elder Mitchell, 75, a code breaker for the Royal Air Force in the Korean War, said he spent 25 years working at the puzzle.

"Many of the angels had musical instruments, and some were arranged as a choir, but there was one angel we couldn't work out," he said. "Then we realized she was carrying a musical stave, the lined blueprint for musical composition, and therefore we were looking at a coded piece of music."

If the Mitchells are right about the meaning of the shapes, the people who built Rosslyn Chapel between 1446 and 1486 knew something about the science of sound not generally known in the West until the 1700s. The Mitchells believe the patterns on the cubes are Chladni patterns — created by vibrations of musical pitches.

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Researchers to look for signs of Bigfoot in Michigan

MANISTIQUE, Mich. (AP) — Researchers will visit the Upper Peninsula next month to search for evidence of the legendary creature known as "Bigfoot" or "Sasquatch."

The expedition will focus on eastern Marquette County, said Matthew Moneymaker of the Bigfoot Field

Researchers Organization.

"We'll be looking for evidence supporting a presence. ... We hope to meet local people who might have seen a Sasquatch or heard of someone else who had an encounter," Moneymaker told the Daily Press of Escanaba.

The legend of Bigfoot dates back centuries. But skeptics have challenged accounts of sightings, and practical jokers have staged hoaxes that have included grainy film footage of people dressed in costumes.

But Moneymaker said members of his organization have either glimpsed Bigfoot or gotten close enough to hear the creature in all but three of 30 expeditions in the United States and Canada.

The late Grover Krantz, a Washington State University professor who specialized in cryptozoology, the study of creatures that have not been proven to exist, believed Bigfoot was a "gigantopithecus," a branch of primitive man believed to have existed 3 million years ago.