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Penny Horelica
of Cameron
demonstrates
the maneuvers
made by the
UFO she saw in
1975.
Shirley Williams
Telegram

Close encounters of the Cameron kind

Woman recalls night with UFO

BY JEANNE WILLIAMS
TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

CAMERON — People told stories about encounters with unexplained, slow-moving, glowing objects in the night sky over Stephenville last January. There were reports of an unidentified amber-lighted aircraft that buzzed President Bush's Crawford ranch last summer. Those and the 34 aerial anomalies witnessed in Texas skies last month and reported to

UFO-trackers at MUFON are merely déjà vu to Cameron's Penny Mowdy Horelica.

In the early spring of 1975, Mrs. Horelica, then a C.H. Yoe High School senior, said she was returning home in her 1964 black Ford Mustang from an after-school job at the Safeway Supermarket when, five miles outside of Cameron on FM 1600, she spotted a glowing object in the sky that resembled a bright motorcycle

light floating on the horizon.

As the object maneuvered directly toward her, floating around like no conventional aircraft moves, her first thoughts were that it was a weather balloon or "something Air Force," she said.

Just before she approached the Little River Bridge, the object closed in and chased her down FM 1600 until it rendezvoused with her vehicle, hovering atop the Mustang and floating back and forth as the scared teenager floorboarded her car toward home, she said.

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As the craft got closer, it changed in appearance from an iridescent motorcycle light to a moon-sized, then a sun-sized sphere, and, close-up, matched the dimensions of Cameron fire station's rear parking lot.

"I was so scared I couldn't get away from it," Mrs. Horelica said.

The car interior was illuminated by the craft that produced a low hum. The radio was jammed to static, and the car's headlights went out.

Blinded by the light, she said she kept driving on instinct, with the object hovering overhead. She arrived at her grandmother's house scared out of her wits.

She stopped the vehicle, jumped out and raced to the front porch, where she met her grandmother, pointing out frantically the huge, lighted object that by then floated over a field in front of the house. Her grandmother called neighbors who also witnessed the glowing craft. The aircraft hovered less than a minute before a fireball exploded and it vanished into darkness.

"We never saw anything like that again," Mrs. Horelica said.

The adventure continued the next day at school where history and science classes were devoted to her UFO experience, which had been reported

on a local radio station after she reported the sighting to the Cameron Police Department.

Mrs. Horelica consented to a live interview on the radio, and her experience was reported in two weekly newspapers. Penny Mowdy became famous for a while as the Yoe High teenager who had seen a UFO.

"I got a lot of flack," she said. "But it wasn't that bad because I wasn't the only one that had seen it. Kids and some people were like, 'What were you drinking?' and stuff like that."

Teasing did get so intense by some skeptics at school that she cried. The drive home after her 10 p.m. shift ended was a frightening experience for a while, and she kept searching the dark sky for a lighted object. To date, she has never again seen a UFO, but fear lingers.

"I had trouble with it," she said of the sighting.

The terror she experienced the night she was chased by a glowing and humming UFO doesn't haunt on a day-to-day basis, but it surfaces when she drives at night in a lonely area or sees an aerial light of an airplane or helicopter, or a bright star.

As a teenager, she had no interest in science fiction, UFO sightings or the extraterrestrial, preferring dancing, parties, handicrafts, fashion, friends, movie stars, and lis-

tening to classic country singers such as Hank Williams, Johnny Horton and Marty Robbins.

After high school graduation, she got a job as Cameron police dispatcher, and married Henry Horelica, who today is the Cameron fire chief.

The Horelicas raised their family in the fire station. Today, this busy mother, grandmother and fire department ladies auxiliary volunteer checks UFO reports, watches programs on sightings, and there is déjà vu when newsreels show people describing "something similar to what I saw," she said.

Mrs. Horelica said she is not sure how the UFO sighting was investigated by law enforcement. Records on the sighting could not be found at the Cameron Police Department. Officials said the reports probably were destroyed after sustaining severe water damage from a leaky roof.

Milam County Sheriff David Greene said if a sighting is reported, investigators would take a statement and contact aeronautical authorities after first contacting Fort Hood.

MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, headquartered in Morrison, Colo., established in 1969 by Seguin resident Walt Andrus, recorded a UFO sighting in Texas in 1975, said Alejandro Rojas, MUFON's director of public education

and media relations. That was the year of Mrs. Horelica's sighting.

While Mrs. Horelica saw a round lighted object, the witness of another sighting observed a cylindrical formation of red lights descending from the sky. Lights turned white then scattered and disappeared, Rojas said.

Additionally, in the mid-1970s during the summer, a woman and her cousin were traveling east on FM 2861 from Highway 16 north of Comanche when they saw "a huge formation of red lights in a cylindrical shape heading toward the ground. The lights were very wide in the middle of the shape but not on each end. As it got very close to the ground, the red lights turned bright white, scattered and disappeared," Rojas said.

MUFON, one of three groups in the UFO Research Coalition, sees a rise in the number of reported UFO sightings in recent years. In January, MUFON recorded 549 reports, with 34 of those from Texas.

"However, it is hard to say whether that is due to the public knowing more about us and how to reach us, or whether there are more sightings," Rojas said. "For instance, we received a lot of media coverage during the Stephenville, Texas, sightings last year, and our number of sightings nationwide in-

creased, we believe due to people being aware that they can report their sightings to us. People can go to our site to report sightings, and to view the reports that have been made."

UFOINFO, another tracking organization on the Web, reported a UFO sighting in Milam County on Jan. 6, 2005, identical to a "brilliant object caught on film" at Kaufman County. A Milam County resident who was not identified reported a good-sized rounded type of object with a silver sheen that was trailed by a long blue-white flame and trail of smoke. A year earlier, she and her husband saw three silver, round objects traveling the same path.

Mrs. Horelica describes her experience as "a very different experience, but it is one that I don't care to have happen again. We will never know in our lifetimes what it was."

There was no question in Cameron that Mrs. Horelica had seen a strange object, said her husband, Henry. Since then, others have related UFO sightings in Milam County.

"She was real scared," said Horelica, who has seen "lights in the sky that are stationary, and then they go, too quick to be an airplane. The world is just a pinpoint in the universe. Who is to say there is not anything else out there?"

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UFO in Hunt County?

MYSTERIOUS OBJECT REPORTED LOCALLY SATURDAY NIGHT

By Brad Kellar
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No one is sure exactly what it was which reportedly hovered through the Hunt County skies this past weekend, but several people said they saw something.

At least one civilian and three uniformed law enforcement officers reported seeing an unidentified flying object north of Greenville Saturday night.

Similar sightings were also reported near The Colony in Denton County, according to Hunt County Sheriff Randy Meeks.

Meeks said his office received the first call about the object at around 9:20 p.m. Saturday, from a woman who lives along Farm-To-Market Road 2358 near Webb Hill Country Club.

"She said it was hovering above her house," Meeks said. "It was real bright, then

it went dim, then it went bright again. Then it moved away. It was moving from that area toward Dallas."

The witness said the object did not sound like an aircraft or a helicopter and noted one of her relatives in The Colony also reported seeing a similar phenomenon later that night. And, they were not alone.

"Three of my officers also saw a bright light," Meeks said, including the deputy who first responded to the sighting. "The officer who got the call was pretty close to Campbell."

Meeks said he personally checked with L-3 Communications Integrated Systems, the local defense contractor who operates out of Majors Field Municipal Airport in Greenville.

"They said they did not have anything in the air that night," Meeks said.

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Such objects bombard the planet on a daily basis. Objects as large as the one spotted Sunday enter the atmosphere about eight or 10 times a year, Starr said. It was probably moving between 15,000 miles per hour and 40,000 miles per hour and was likely visible for several seconds.

The object was unlikely to be satellite debris, Starr said, because the trajectory was wrong and debris would be too small and too slow for so many to have seen it during the day.

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Starr described the object as a bolide, a term used by astronomers to describe a meteor with an exploding brightness. That's the description given by those who saw the

fireball, saying it was reddish orange and left a trail of white smoke.

Starr said it's likely the meteor struck ground somewhere. He doubted it would have left a crater and guessed what's left of it would be smaller than the size of a fist.

Emergency operators in at least six East Texas counties received calls about the object. Several people in the Dallas area reported seeing the meteor. In Williamson County, north of Austin, a sheriff's department helicopter spent 45 minutes searching for a possible plane crash after receiving numerous calls about a fireball.

"That's why we don't have any doubt that what they saw is what they saw. We are fairly certain that whatever happened, happened," said Detective John Foster, a spokesman for the Williamson County sheriff's department. "We believe them. But we couldn't find it. We tried."

Texas fireball probably a meteor, not UFO

By JEFF CARLTON
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS - The fireball that blazed across the Texas sky and sparked numerous weekend calls to authorities was probably a meteor and not falling space junk from last week's satellite collision, officials said Monday.

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Odd object photographed in skies near Wichita

WICHITA | An amateur photographer has gained the attention of the UFO world with a photograph he says he took Friday near Rose Hill, Kan.

Boeing Integrated Defense Systems-Wichita said it could not identify the aircraft. McConnell Air Force Base declined to comment.

The photographer, who asked not to be identified, said in an e-mail: "The object came out of the clouds really fast, it sounded kind of like a jet but much, much softer and had a whirling sound with it. ... It went back upward, much like a jet, and was gone."

"There was an odd pinkish glow in the sky behind it."

| Tim Potter, The Wichita Eagle

'Flying whatsits'

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The "Lubbock Lights" are captured in this 1951 photo by Texas Tech student Carl Hart Jr.

'Lubbock Lights' have lost luster since celebrated UFO 'sightings' one night in '51



Texas Tech professors examine photos of the "Lubbock Lights." They are, from left, Dr. Oberg, professor Ducker, Dr. W.I. Robinson and Dr. E.L. George.

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BY DOUG HENSLEY
FOR THE AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

More than 50 years later, the mysterious "Lubbock Lights" have faded into little more than a dark mystery and celebrated UFO case illuminated mostly by conjecture, speculation and a few photographs.

Dubbed the "flying whatsits" in subsequent *Avalanche-Journal* news accounts, the lights were a source of conversation, controversy and consternation for the next 25 years. Speculation continues today regarding the exact cause of the phenomenon — birds, a reflection of the northern lights or yes, flying saucers. Whatever it was has never been determined.

Regardless, the incident remains the stuff of an "X-Files" episode, garnering publicity in print and film alike while providing plenty of grist for conspiracy theorists through the years.

"It definitely wasn't caused by birds," J.C. Cross, head of the Texas Tech biology department, told *The A-J* in a 1951 article.

According to an *A-J* report, the controversy began when the lights, resembling a "string of pearl-like objects," and moving with "incredible speed," were seen by numerous witnesses on the evenings of Aug. 25, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 in 1951. In some instances,

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● A-J FILE PHOTO

This photo from *The A-J* in 1951 pokes a little fun at the alleged UFO sightings in the city.

several flights took place each night. Although descriptions varied, witnesses generally agreed upon a V-shaped or U-shaped set of illuminated objects and passing through the sky almost directly overhead in three to five seconds.

The number of shapes in the formation ranged from eight to 20 or 30. The mystery quickly deepened when of-

ficials at nearby Reese Air Force Base said no jet planes, to their knowledge, were flying in the area that night. According to *The A-J*, dozens of people claimed to have glimpsed the objects, saying they crossed the South Plains sky from north to south and were visible for only a matter of seconds.

Witnesses said the color of the lights resembled the stars, only brighter, and others said the lights had either a blue or a slight yellow tinge. According to the UFO case files Web site, the incident began at 9:10 p.m. on Aug. 25. W.I. Robinson, a Tech geology professor and two other university professors, stood chatting in his backyard. All three suddenly saw a number of lights race across the sky. Moments later, a similar formation flashed across the night.

Eventually, one of the professors said he observed 12 flights of the objects between August and November. According to the Web site, hundreds of witnesses around Lubbock saw as many as three flights in one night.

The *A-J* account quoted several theories, including one from T.E. Snider, a local farmer, who said, "I saw something like people have been seeing, and it was definitely ducks." Snider theorized that a reflection from the Western Drive-In Theater, where he was about 9 p.m. that night, caught

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UFO: Official word from Air Force was migratory birds reflecting lights

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ducks in flight and illuminated them. Roger Dods, a Tech student who lived near campus, said he "might have" heard a noise accompanying the objects.

Coincidentally, some 90 miles northeast in Matador, two women reported seeing a "noiseless aircraft flying at low altitude without aid of propellers or wings" around noon that day. They said the machine was slow-moving and different from any aircraft they had ever seen.

Then things really got interesting.

When a recurrence of the lights occurred Aug. 30, Carl Hart Jr., an 18-year-old Tech student at the time, used a Kodak 35-mm camera to snap five shots of the eerie lights. The images he captured showed 18 to 20 luminous objects ar-

ranged in two crescents. The three Tech professors examined the photos and could offer no explanation.

According to the UFO case files site, reports about the Lubbock Lights reached the Air Force, which could neither prove nor disprove the authenticity of Hart's photos. Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, traveled to Lubbock and investigated the case. His efforts were among several civilian and military probes regarding the incident. His findings became public years later with the government's official account of the sightings' declassified with the release of Project Blue Book.

The official word: "The Air Force conclusion is that birds, with street lights reflecting from them, were the probable cause of this sighting....

"The kind of birds responsible for this sighting is not known, but it is highly probable that they were ducks or plovers. Since plovers do not usually fly in formations of more than six or seven, ducks become more probable. The fact that this was late summer, and that the objects consistently flew to the south tends to substantiate the conclusion that the objects sighted were migratory birds."

The report, shrouded in secrecy, prompted skepticism from some and outright disdain by others.

In June 1952, an A-J report detailed the Lubbock Lights received mainstream media attention as three national magazines published stories concerning flying saucers, including comments from a Tech mathematics professor

and a Harvard astrophysics professor. Life magazine quoted Tech's R.S. Underwood regarding his conclusion that the lights traveled 750 mph at 2,100 feet altitude. Time and Look magazines quoted Donald H. Menzel disputing the reports, saying flying saucers are nothing more than mirages that he could reproduce in his basement laboratory.

A few months earlier, Life had reported, "The observations were too numerous and too similar to be doubted. In addition, the Air Force after the closest examination has found nothing fraudulent in Hart's pictures. The Lubbock Lights were much too bright to be reflections, and therefore must be bodies containing sources of light." Likewise, The A-J had a story, the details of which it

had agreed to keep secret for months at the insistence of Air Force investigators, that the lights indeed could have been something much more than ducks. The headline: 'Flying Whatsits' Seen As Possible 'Space Visitors.'

The case faded until 1977, when The A-J reported that computer-aided tests on Hart's photographs proved the government was wrong to dismiss the spectacle as a natural phenomenon. The Ground Saucer Watch, a Phoenix research group, said the lights were "a formation of extraordinary flying objects." The organization, which previously had discredited other photos as "clever hoaxes," validated Hart's pictures.

"The majority of our conventional and computerized photographic tests verified that the

Lubbock images were generally large in size and at a vast distance from the camera," said one researcher. The group was quick to say it was not verifying all of the reports from the city at that time, only authenticating Hart's photos. "The images in each exposure are NOT airplanes, astronomical bodies, nor birds flying low to the ground and being illuminated from mercury-vapor street lights."

Numerous other UFO reports occurred regularly during the 1950s and 1960s, including multiple sightings of a "flaming thing" near Levelland in 1957 that prompted city officials to jokingly post a sign that read, "Caution: Flying Saucers Landing on Highways." However, none of the other cases gained the notoriety of the still-unexplained Lubbock Lights case.

No frofl involved in UFO sightings at French Creek

I'VE FROFLED at French Creek State Park.

(To the nonfroflers, that means I played Frisbee golf there. The park has two scenic frofl courses.)

But a disc of another sort was spotted there last week.

According to western Pennsylvania UFO hunter Stan Gordon, three witnesses watched a yellow sphere on Thursday.

Gordon said he interviewed two of the three witnesses, both separately. They gave similar accounts.

At 7:52 p.m., a man was at a stop sign near his house when he noticed "a solid, large yellow sphere hovering low on the horizon."

The man said, "It took my breath away, as I had never seen anything like it."

The sphere wasn't actually emitting a yellow light but was yellow itself.

The object was not bright like a star or like Venus can sometimes be.

At this point, I'm going to tell you there's no punch line here.

If you're waiting for me to suggest the witnesses were actually watching someone frofl, it's not going to happen.

The witnesses are serious about this and so is Gordon, who declined to identify the witnesses.

"The man was very baffled by what he was seeing, and he realized that he needed someone else to confirm what he was seeing," Gordon reported. "He was so excited that he left his vehicle motor running and ran to a neighbor's house to tell them what he was watching."

The man's neighbors, a husband and wife, came outside to see the object.

The three then saw a blue flashing light at the top of the object, which then changed shape so that it looked like a top.

The object then silently disappeared, either vanishing or suddenly moving away so fast that it appeared to vanish.

The neighbor said the object seemed to "just shut off and nothing was there."

Gordon and the witnesses want to know if anyone else saw this object.

UFOs are actually fairly common in the area.

The Mutual UFO Network (www.mufon.com) reports four UFOs were spotted in Berks so far this year.

That doesn't count the French Creek incident, since the network has not received a report on that.

On Jan. 8, a worker at Reading Regional Airport with 8,000 hours of flight experience saw a circular UFO with a green light for about 10 seconds.

That's too far away from French Creek to be a disc from a frofler.

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Close encounters in region prompt UFOlogy course

By CAROLYN R. WILSON/Correspondent

It was a warm June evening in 2008 when an Abingdon resident stepped outside his Beverly Drive apartment to relax while smoking one of the day's last cigarettes. Enjoying the evening air, he suddenly heard a low sound similar to a small engine that caused him to look up. A large rectangular object, the size of a football field, drifted slowly overhead only 1,500 to 2,000 feet in the air.

He raced to his neighbors' apartments for them to see the mysterious sight. Fifteen minutes later, a second identical object flew over, followed by an orb-like light. His account indicated that the craft had no windows and was a solid black mass. The witness was able to see the engine and later drew it for documentation.

Despite what skeptics say, the Abingdon resident is among thousands of people who claim to have witnessed such alarming sightings.

"UFOs have been seen by military and commercial pilots, astronomers, doctors, lawyers and other professionals," said Trevor Carter, who has studied UFOs for years and will conduct a class on UFOlogy from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 28 at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center.

During the Weekend Adult Lifetime Learning (WALL) class, Carter will concentrate on a detailed introduction to documenting UFOs, and discuss the history and scientific data that is available. Carter has invited UFO witnesses, one of whom is radio personality Danny Gordon of Wytheville, to share their experiences with class participants. Gordon, who has appeared on the television series "Unsolved Mysteries" documenting the UFO sightings in Wythe County in the late 1980s, will co-present the class.

Carter, a software test analyst, has been fascinated with outer space and UFOs for most of his life, but during the past two years he has immersed himself in books, Web sites

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and scientific papers to learn more about the mysterious phenomenon. Carter discovered the Abingdon sightings while browsing the site for the Mutual UFO Network at www.mufon.com. Carter is a member of MUFON and is working with a MUFON field investigator on the Abingdon case.

"I want to be a bridge between the information that is nonsense and real, and to provide people with relevant information," he said. "I've spent many years reading books, listening to witnesses, talking to former NASA employees and other UFOlogists, as well as reviewing the scientific papers that are available. I had to weed out a lot of nonsense and fantasy. There is a reality to the UFO phenomenon, but it is not completely solved."

He believes many of the sightings can be explained by atmospheric conditions, meteors and even airplanes that refuel in the air. A very small percentage of evidence could represent extraterrestrial technologies, which is often referred to as the ET Hypothesis. He is skeptical about this hypothesis even though he is fascinated by the thought of life on other planets.

Some people may welcome the opportunity to see a UFO, while most would feel terrified at the thought. No doubt, data collected from sightings are a source of great

mystery and wonder.

Carter said data indicate some UFOs have the ability to hover and make little to no noise. Some of these objects have been calculated as reaching speeds in excess of 7,000 miles per hour. UFOs have been spotted in shapes such as saucers, triangles, eggs, diamonds, spheres and rectangles. The presence of UFOs has been known to cause a loss of signals in car radios and cell phones, and in some cases car engines completely shut down, he said. There have been cases where vegetation did not grow back where a sighting had taken place. People have even reported skin burns from being too close to the exhaust of a UFO. There are more than 3,000 physical trace cases.

According to Carter, UFOs have been around for more than 60 years, maybe even longer. As early as 1504 B.C., documentations of sightings exist in the annals of the Egyptian kings. In Roman times, unexplained sightings were attributed to astrological changes.

"After the atomic bomb blast in 1945, UFOs increased in frequency. Most notably, in 1947 a wave of UFO sightings occurred throughout the United States, and in July 1947 the army announced to the world that they had recovered a crashed saucer, but only a day later denounced their initial claim and said it was a weather balloon," he

said.

A widely recognized, famous case is the Roswell UFO incident, which involved the recovery of materials near Roswell, N.M., in July 1947.

According to Carter, there are various views on what actually happened, but the United States military maintains that what was recovered was a top-secret research balloon that had crashed.

However, many UFO proponents believe the wreckage was of a crashed alien craft and that the military covered up the craft's recovery.

Carter is familiar with large waves of sightings that have occurred recently throughout Stephensville, Texas, where a few people witnessed a UFO that was larger than a football field. In 1997, Phoenix, Ariz., residents claimed to have seen a mile-wide UFO.

"Even ex-governor Fife Simington has publicly acknowledged that he witnessed the UFO," he explained.

In the 1980s, as many as 7,000 cases were investigated in the Hudson Valley area of New York and documented by Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Even former president Jimmy Carter reported seeing a peculiar light in the sky

in 1969.

In Southwest Virginia, numerous sightings have occurred in Wytheville, Abingdon, Marion and Saltillo. Carter thinks many sightings are never reported by witnesses for fear of ridicule or disbelief.

"The wealth of information on UFOs is overwhelming," said Carter, "but little has been done to find the truth. There is no conclusive evidence of ET visitation available to the public yet, but many UFO proponents, such as the Disclosure Project headed by Dr. Steven Greer, brought forth former military and government officials who have stories to tell and some documentation to support their claims. They tried to push for congressional hearings, but to no avail."

Carter wants to continue his research of UFOs as long as possible. Currently, he is investigating three sightings in the region.

"I may not find the truth, but I won't be satisfied until I exhaust my resources."

For more information on the UFOlogy class, contact the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center at (276) 619-4300.

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**Harvard Astronomy Professor
Moonlights At UFO Conferences
When
Not In Classroom**

by Michael Richardson

Harvard University astronomer Rudy Schild keeps his eyes and mind open as he peers into space. Professor Schild is not sure there are space aliens to encounter but he would be willing to talk. Schild once told an interviewer on 'Paranormal TV' that aliens had a bad rap and were always portrayed in movies as dangerous threats to humanity. Schild praised the films ET and Close Encounters of the Third Kind for offering a more benign view of visitors from outer space.

The Harvard academician is quick to lend his credentials to fill the bill at UFO conferences and seminars. In 2007 Schild attended the 30th International UFO Symposium where he presented 'The University Community Response to UFO Research' to an attentive crowd of UFOlogists.

Next week Schild will be lecturing at the 2009 International UFO Congress held in Las Vegas. The professor will be blending some of his Harvard work with UFO 'experiencer' accounts to understand propulsion systems on alien spacecraft.

The title of Schild's presentation is 'What You Want To Know About Black Holes, Wormholes, and Dark Energy to Understand UFO Properties'.

Not sure what a wormhole or dark energy are? Schild will clue you in if he lives up to the program description of his talk.

"Harvard Astronomer Dr. Rudy Schild will describe recent developments in astrophysics that relate to the nature of the universe with particular emphasis on the quantum and informational structure of space-time. Based upon testimony of experiencers about spacecraft control, he will speculate about the nature of operation of alien spacecraft."

Don't want to do the whole UFO Congress? You can just take Schild's session for \$35 and then spend the rest of the time gambling at the casinos. However, Schild is not to be missed and survived a 1976 lightening strike while observing at Mount Hopkins.

"I remember very little because I was unconscious....It was an ordinary weekend afternoon and only two people were on the mountain when a storm started approaching from the west....Al drove over and again checked my building, and then Ed's building, and when he found me I was boots up, ten feet from the electrical cage, head down the mountain, and my glasses and flashlight inside the cage."

"I was found to have burns on my legs and feet, but returned to work after a few days in the hospital....I noticed the mountain staff watching me very carefully for the next few days, but nobody found me any goofier than normal."

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The other side of the Waukesha UFO

Yesterday morning, the Journal Sentinel and WTMJ AM 620, along with the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, dismissed claims that dozens of residents living in the county saw something that doesn't fit normal explanation. The Sheriff's Department and thus the media claim that it was merely a comet that people saw.

Interesting.

The Chicago Tribune reported that the comet was as close as 38 million miles away from Earth, and that close approach to Earth caused the light show.

Being devil's advocate here, I have a question: So why would *only* residents of Waukesha County have this weird experience, you know, misinterpreting a comet for a UFO? Where's the other counties in the metropolitan area getting similar phone calls to area police departments

Believers hunt for UFOs

Group keeps the faith at yearly meeting

By Kathleen Hennessey
The Associated Press



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WAITING: A group of attendees gather in a desert area for UFO sightings at the Annual International UFO Congress Convention & Film Festival in Laughlin, Nev., late last month.

LAUGHLIN, Nev. — A high-pitched cry of delight rings through the desert night. A few dozen heads cocked skyward turn in tandem toward the sound. They move deliberately, trying not to lose sight of the stars, trying to see what the others see.

"Oh my God, you guys, it's a giant delta! It is a great big delta!"

"That huge, that's a mothership, probably."

"We're going to see a battle."

This is UFO hunting among the believers.

And this is how you end a day at the recent International UFO Congress Convention & Film Festival, which has brought together the extraterrestrially curious in the United States for 18 years.

Late last month, the group gathered in this desert casino town to discuss the truth they believe is out there. This year, that meant lectures on alien implant research, alien technology, the secret societies that "threaten to take over America" and something called "exoconsciousness."

Nearly 1,000 people attended the annual meeting.

The convention is the brainchild of co-founder Bob Brown, a former commercial pilot and a filmmaker who says his captivation with the paranormal dates back to his northern California childhood. When he was 9, a family friend gave him a copy of "There is River," a biography of self-described psychic Edgar Cayce, and "Autobiography of a Yogi." A searcher was born.

Years later, after a UFO sighting of his own and countless hours of research, Brown concluded that even the mainstream UFO community was suppressing information and wrongly dismissing some important paranormal events. He and co-founder Wendell Stevens, a UFO investigator,

set out to create a less political forum.

"We decided that it needed to be done better. People needed to have a respectful and wonderful place to disseminate information," said Brown.

Indeed, there is a come-one-come-all feel at the conference. Conspiracy theorists mingle with new-age artists. Dense, scholarly treatises sit next to self-published tales of alien encounters.

However deep this subculture, it is not impervious to current events and popular culture.

Among the hottest selling DVDs was "Hidden Agenda: The Capitalist Conspiracy — An Inside View of International Banking," according to Tom Bearden of UFO TV, a DVD distributor in attendance.



Yakima, Washington April 18, 2009

Reporting UFO Sightings in WA State

YAKIMA, Wash-- A new study finds Yakima has one of the highest UFO reporting rates per capita. Popular Mechanics released the study, it shows by county the number of UFO sightings reported from 1947 to 2005.

Yakima County ranked fourth among small cities with 227 sightings and King County was second with 621 reported sightings among major metro counties.

One center for UFO sightings found there was an increase in areas near military training zones. There is a training reservation in Yakima, which could be one of the reasons.

KNDU talked to the Director of the National UFO Reporting Center, which has been in Seattle since 1974 and recently moved to Lincoln County. He says it's more important to report when you saw a UFO rather than where because according to him UFO's can travel very fast.

"We have a reason to believe that a UFO could have the breadth of the U.S. in a matter of minutes. It's much more interesting to look at all the sightings for a given time period than for a given geographical location," said Peter Davenport, National UFO Reporting Center.

The director asks if you see a UFO write down what time it was and maybe a paragraph about it on the centers website at www.nuforc.org.

¹⁸Skeptical UFO investigator has feet on ground, eyes on sky

By Dave Phillips *The Gazette*

COLORADO SPRINGS» UFO field investigator Chuck Zukowski likes to think of himself as a skeptic.

He won't throw his UFO detective gear into his truck (license plate: UFONUT) and go out to the middle of nowhere just because someone reported a few glowing orbs over a field.

"Cattle mutilations I'll go out for, but orbs? They have to have some sort of documentation — a photo, a video," he said recently as he pulled his Nissan Xterra up to Ute Valley Park.

There was something at the park that he felt was definitely worth a closer look.

Zukowski is nationally known in sky-watching circles as a meticulous documenter of the unexplainable. In 20 years as a UFO investigator he has helped organize archaeological digs at UFO hot spots near Roswell, N.M. (Conclusion: Sites need more study.) He has inspected a strange stone found in the New Mexico

desert, expertly carved with a design that also appeared in a crop circle in England. (Conclusion: Stone needs more study.) He has appeared as an expert on the Sci Fi Channel and the super-late-night paranormal radio show Coast to Coast AM.

More important, he says he has seen UFOs himself.

"My thing is I'm always looking for proof," he said. "If something can be explained by science, great. But if it can't ..."

Zukowski was at Ute Valley to investigate something strange — maybe related to aliens, maybe not. He found two grotesque faces carved in the park's crumbly sandstone.

"These kids, teenagers, contacted me awhile ago when some said they saw lights hovering above the park on a number of occasions," he said, pushing through the scratchy brush while searching for the site.

Near the point where the kids said they saw the lights, Zukowski stumbled on the two faces carved into the stone.

One looks a bit like the grinning Janus mask that high

school drama clubs always put on their T-shirts. The other's crude features looked a bit more tribal — almost like an Easter Island head.

To the average park hiker, both seemed to be recently carved, probably by a contemporary neighbor, possibly while high.

"Sure, these could be recent," said Zukowski, who in his day job designs microchips for everything from cellphones to spy satellites. "But how do we know? How do we know until they are thoroughly investigated?"

He has brought rock-art experts and a city parks official to the site. Both, he said, indicated they would get back to him, then never did. Frustrated, he e-mailed *The Gazette*, hoping to uncover some answers.

Zukowski doesn't think the carvings have anything to do with aliens — at least directly.

They are more likely Ute, he said. "Though the style seems more Aztec or Mayan, so who knows?"

UFO anomalies still unsettled

Local man researches the mysteries of the unexplained.

BY CINDY POORBAUGH
THE JEANNETTE SPIRIT

An unexplained incident from Dec. 9, 1965 has propelled a local man on a life-long quest seeking the truth.

"I've been researching the Kecksburg incident since it happened," said ufologist and Greensburg resident Stan Gordon who was 10 years old at the time of the occurrence. "Now the case has drawn national and international attention."

Gordon's interests of the unexplained lies not only in the past but is very much based in the present day. In 1970 he founded the first of three scientifically oriented volunteer research groups investigating UFO sightings as well as Big Foot encounters and other strange events around Pennsyl-

vania. While many UFO sightings are determined to be natural or man-made in origin such as stars, meteors, or searchlight beams, Big Foot sightings often result as those of large dogs or bear.

Hailed as the primary investigator of the 1965 Kecksburg UFO crash, Gordon notes the interesting circumstances surrounding the Kecksburg crash are the number of witnesses.

"There were so many witnesses who saw something that night. Hundreds of people saw what many thought was a plane on fire in the sky."

Witness accounts of an acorn-shaped object bearing unrecognizable lettering and masses of military presence surround the 1965 incident.

"It didn't come crashing down," according to witnesses interviewed by Gordon. In fact, the object reportedly changed directions and seemed to have had a controlled landing culminating in a "puff of blue smoke

that dissipated quickly."

Recently featured on the History Channel's "UFO Hunters," Gordon continues his research into the incident. "People want to know what it was," he states believing that someone holds the key that will unlock the mystery. The rumor that photographs exist has been circulating for years. "If they would come forward, it would solve the mystery."

Gordon is often the guest speaker and conducts lectures on UFOs and other topics of the unexplained. Upcoming events include Butler's Paranormal Conference, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 4 at the Tanglewood Senior Center in Lyndora and the Pennsylvania MUFON Conference, Oct. 17, at the Westmoreland County Community College in Youngwood.

Sightings from the public may be reported to Gordon via his UFO Hotline at 724-838-7768 or by email at paufo@comcast.net.

Strange Formation

By
Richard
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REVISITING THE PARK

While surfing the airwaves I noticed specials on UFOs. One was called the "UFOs Are Here: Unmasking the Greatest Conspiracy of Our Time." I've never experienced any little green men nor has anyone else I've talked to.

After watching several riveting specials, it made me wonder if anyone out there is watching what we are doing to our planet. The anecdotes about sightings, photos of various spacecraft and even the computer-generated reenactments make for compelling arguments that we are being watched.

Soaring imaginations

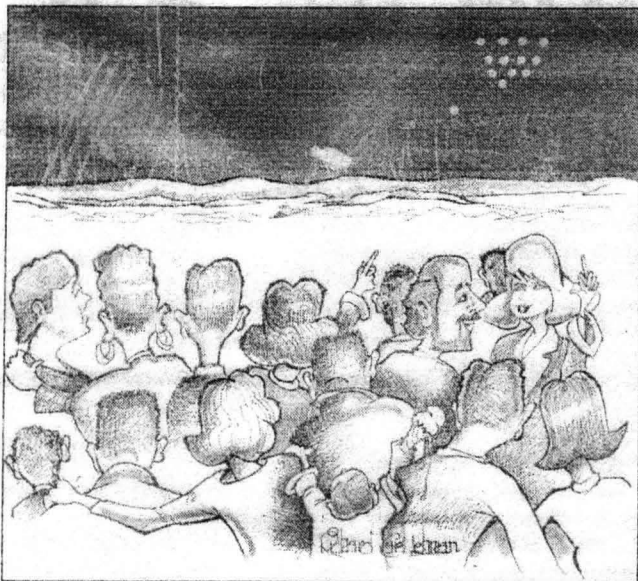
My friends and I were barely doorknob-high, spending hours reading Del comic books featuring Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers. It was fun running along the Ave, aiming our space-age cap guns at adults who'd play along, clutching their chests saying, "You got me, spaceman!"

In the woods now called Canterbury, we built our rocket ships with boxes from the grocery store and fired our space guns at imaginary green men. We used to play long and hard, with parents yelling at us to get into the house.

Shortly after World War II, movies temporarily whisked a person away to a much better place. There was the Saturday-matinee main feature, a companion feature, the news reel, coming attractions, cartoons and, last but far from least, a Flash Gordon serial that always ended with a cliffhanger.

The radio version of Flash Gordon and other science-fiction programs tested the imaginations even more.

A movie came to town called "Rocket



Ship XM." The huge marquee above the Coliseum Theater had a disclaimer proclaiming that the launch of the rocket ship would shake you from your seat. That first showing on Saturday at 9 a.m., we stood in a line that wound around the block; it would be a good hour before we could even see the theater.

It was true what the ad said. When the rocket left the pad, the whole theater shook with a huge, distorted roar, and yes, we did hang onto our seats. The movie was so exciting, we forgot what base we were going to with our dates. Secret be known, the projectionist cranked the volume at just the right moment — the closest thing to today's 7.1 surround-sound!

More sci-fi movies came out, like "Space Invaders" and "It Came from Outer Space," which piqued our attention. Of course, Orson Wells' broadcast of our planet being invaded put fear in all who heard it.

Seeing is believing

In 1947, a pilot named Ken Arnold flew over Mount Rainier on a crystal-clear day and saw the first reported UFOs. Little was known or reported

on about the sightings.

Every once in a while during my formative years, there would be reports in the news of UFOs. There was a television special featuring a middle-aged gentleman in a plaid jacket who claimed he had been whisked away to another planet. Of all the earthlings chosen, why this guy? He looked more like one of them than us.

One Sunday afternoon in 1963, four of us were driving around looking for something to do in spite of the not-open-on-Sunday laws in place preventing us from buying booze or even something to barbeque. We parked by the ferry dock downtown at the foot of Madison Street, considering a ferry ride. There was nary a soul in sight, but as we walked farther along we saw a crowd forming. Suddenly, we saw a triangle of bright lights hovering north of Bremerton in an area called Manette.

There were 12 to 14 lights that just hung there until one toward the top of the triangle went north, then became larger as it veered downward, and it appeared to be getting closer. A

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small plane flying northward looked as though it were just underneath the lights. The lights moved south, then north and up and back in formation.

A friend I was with said, while holding her unlit cigarette, "Do you have a light?" I answered loudly, "How can you smoke at a time like this?"

Others laughed while I continued watching the amazing sight above, trying not to feel the cold from the layer of ice from my friend. As the sun set in the west, the light show brigade really stood out. In unison, they moved northward, then upward, and, in a New York second, were out of sight!

It was very real to us who witnessed it, but days later, the papers came out with a story that railroad flares were tied to balloons. It was quite the trick!

Other sightings

One morning, my roommate, who was a flight instructor, also worked for a firm that installed instrumentation for aircraft when not teaching class. He asked if I remembered the small plane that moved side-to-side under the bright lights down at the waterfront.

He had installed the instruments in this plane and found out later that the pilot reported the plane vibrated and the engine quit but restarted on its own. The strange thing was you had to pull the throttle rod to start it; he never touched it. He said his hair stood up like the static effect from rubbing a balloon.

One flight-attendant friend with 42 years on the job told me about a trip from Vietnam. She was asked to come up front, and there in the northeast was a triangle of lights at around 40,000 feet. She suggested the pilots get closer, but they couldn't for they were set at 36,000.

Around three summers ago, our

neighbors were on their roof garden, and as they perused the sky, the daughter said, "Look, Mom!" She pointed up to a boomerang-shaped object half the size of a football field. It was stationary, and the lights did not blink like other aircraft might.

Their conversation stopped, and they lay there with a feeling of excitement, anticipation and fear. Without a sound, the object hovered, then it moved upward and appeared to shrink in size, disappearing into the distance.

This same sighting was a familiar one in many different areas. The claims that people have been taken aboard these otherworldly aircraft are comparable as well. Discussions on the subject are somewhat more creditable than the man with the ill-fitting plaid jacket on TV.

The question for all these people: "Why didn't you bring something back? And these examinations — were they covered by their medical policies?"

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Investigators busy with UFO sightings

Brian X. McCrone

"I'm spending almost two hours a night on these sightings in Bucks County."

John Ventre

BUCKS COUNTY. From flaming trees to six-sided, hovering aircraft, people in towns like Langhorne and Fairless Hills are seeing things otherworldly — making the area the current ground zero of the UFO world.

"I'm spending almost two hours a night on these sightings in Bucks County," John Ventre of the Pennsylvania chapter of the Mutual UFO Network said last week. "This wave that [started] the second half of last year was incredible."

Over 100 sightings since June more suited for Fox and Mulder than local police departments have attracted the attention of the Discovery and History channels.

The Discovery Channel brought its "UFOs Over Earth" series to Bucks County last year and the History Channel's "UFO Hunters" is now investigating some of the more credible sightings.

"There was an incredible spike in 2008," UFO Hunters producer Kevin Barry said. "We're still talking to people to see if we have something on our hands."

Unexplainable sightings are not new to Lower Bucks County, Barry said, noting a well-known 1973 UFO sighting along Route 1 in Fairless Hills.

"It's interesting because there is a history there," Barry said.

Sightings last year include a Levittown woman who said she saw probes of light dropped into a tree in her backyard, Ventre said, and a Doylestown man who saw a slow-moving six-sided UFO near his home.

The new question — beyond where aliens will appear quickly and vaguely next — is what comes first: the appearance of UFOs or the appearance of UFO television shows.

"That's an undeniable part of some stories. What makes people see these things?" Barry said.

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Tubach sketches . . . Judy and Ludacka give report.

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It Hovered, It Had Windows—

2 Omahans Describe Flying Object

What did Judy Bradley and Robert Ludacka see in the sky east of the Omaha Country Club Tuesday evening?

They agree it was unlike any flying craft they had seen before.

Mr. Ludacka was driving north on Sixtieth Street; Miss Bradley was his passenger.

Twenty-year-old Judy, a sophomore journalism student at the University of Omaha, lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bradley, on Route 2 near Fifty-ninth and McKinley Streets.

Mr. Ludacka, 35, is employed at Goodwill Industries. He stays with the Bradleys.

The two were headed home when they passed east of the club at 7:20 p. m. At State Street they first saw lights in the sky to the northeast, over trees on a hill.

Living where they do, they both said, they are familiar with airplanes, day and night, using Eppler Airfield.

At first glance they believ-

ed the lights were on a plane. Then, they agreed, they realized the lights were on an object which did not act like a plane.

After some disagreement, but with general consensus, this is what they agreed happened:

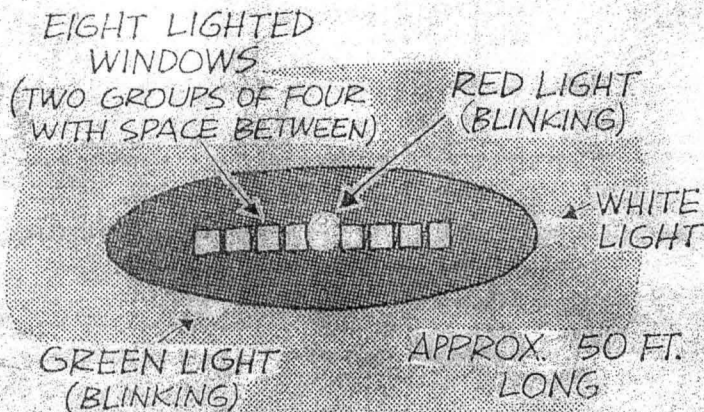
The lights were on an object moving eastward, perhaps a block or two from them.

It banked and headed south, parallel to their path.

The beam of a spotlight projected from the front. There was a red blinking light on the left side and a green blinking light on the bottom toward the back.

Eight windows stood out clearly, illuminated by a soft

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An object with lights . . . described by witnesses.

—World-Herald Sketch.

It Hovered, Had Spotlight

2 Omahans Describe A Flying Object

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yellow light from behind. They were square and in groups of four, divided by the red light.

They made out a faint blimp outline, the object being darker than the sky. A glow of city light to the east allowed them to see the faint silhouette.

They believe the object was 50 to 75 feet long and two hundred feet above the trees.

Mr. Ludacka said he saw the dark form of the underside of the object, as distinguished from a silhouette.

They saw no wings.

What made the object different from planes, they said, was its very low speed. They said it stopped momentarily and hovered. They then had the impression it was settling earthward.

Their imagination captured, Mr. Ludacka turned the car around and they headed east to get on the highest hill in a housing development to the east.

In the estimated minute it took to get to the highest point, with a view in all directions, they said the lights and object had disappeared.

Miss Bradley believed they saw the lights for as long as five minutes; Mr. Ludacka disagreed, saying it may have been three minutes or less.

The two described what they believe they saw for World-Herald Artist Allan Tubach.



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Tales of UFOs and a 'bananamaman!'

MOD 'X-files' reveal Huddersfield UFO sighting

By NEIL ATKINSON
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A UFO seen by a Huddersfield girl is revealed today in files released by the Ministry of Defence.

And an alien bananamaman is also one of the more unusual sightings illustrated in the UFO files.

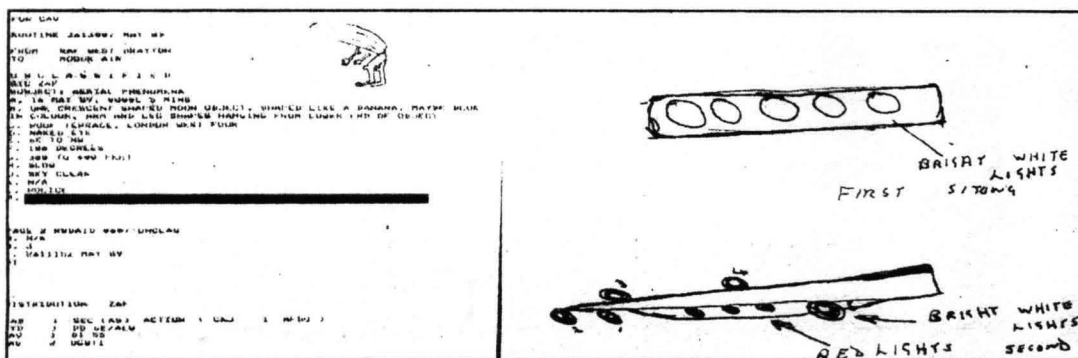
Some of the witnesses sketched the unidentified flying objects they had seen and one person even reported seeing a banana-shaped object with dangling limbs.

The sketch shows a faceless banana shape with human-like arms and legs while the notes the object may have been blue.

The strange sighting was witnessed by someone on a roof terrace in west London on May 16, 1989.

The possible UFO seen above Huddersfield was reported to West Yorkshire police after another sighting on April 20, 1988.

The Huddersfield man said his daughter called him to see what he described as a rectangle with five



■ BIZARRE: Some of the UFO drawings released today from the Ministry of Defence files on UFOs

lights which gave off a very bright light.

After getting his binoculars, he realised it was a "wedge shape" which appeared to moved "very slowly but smoothly."

West Yorkshire police were given two other drawings of UFOs in March 1988.

A Hemsworth-based taxi driver said he was on his way to pick up a fare at 11.50pm on March 24 when he saw a silver craft with bright red, white and green lights and stopped

his car to get a better view.

The cabbie said he sketched a diagram on a notebook as the UFO hovered above him, making a low humming noise.

At 8.50pm the next evening he saw the same bright light again and spotted a

craft the shape of an "elongated spinning top" which was three times the size of a hot air balloon.

The sighting is included in military UFO documents made available online by the National Archives.

The seven files, produced by the DI55 branch of the Defence Intelligence Staff, relate to the period between November 1987 and April 1993 and contain details of around 1,200 separate UFO sightings.

They demonstrate that British officials were more concerned about advanced new aircraft being developed by the Russians and Americans than little green men.

One drawing was done by a 65-year-old housewife who sketched a circle of flashing white lights and a constant red light which she saw in the early hours of June 21, 1984 over Highwood, south of Uttoxeter.

Many of the drawings are from sightings on August 16, 1987.

A man in Derby saw a bright white object in the sky as he pulled onto his driveway and got out of his car at 10.15pm.

"The object was moving in a slightly downward arc and was bright and left a trail of bright 'blobs' behind it," he said.

The man said he had studied astronomy and added: "My immediate thought was that I had seen a meteor but the way it disappeared suddenly from being very large and bright and the size of particles in the tail were not what I would expect."

At 10.57pm a woman spotted a "very bright" light over Breadsall Hilltop, north of Derby, which she first thought was a low plane.

Realising it did not look like any plane she had seen before, she told her husband - who was driving - to look and they concluded it must be a UFO.

Mysterious concepts for debate

IS THERE a parallel universe out there?

Leading physicist Professor Frank Close, of Oxford University, will attempt to answer that question when he discusses the mysterious concept of antimatter at Huddersfield University on Wednesday (6.30pm).

Prof Close has written cutting-edge books on the most complex aspects of our universe. His latest

'Antimatter' discusses matter, which makes up everything in our world, and its mirror opposite - antimatter.

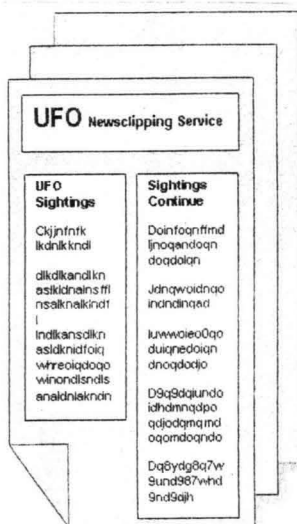
It is believed the Big Bang produced equal amounts of both and when the two collide they annihilate each other in a spectacular burst of energy.

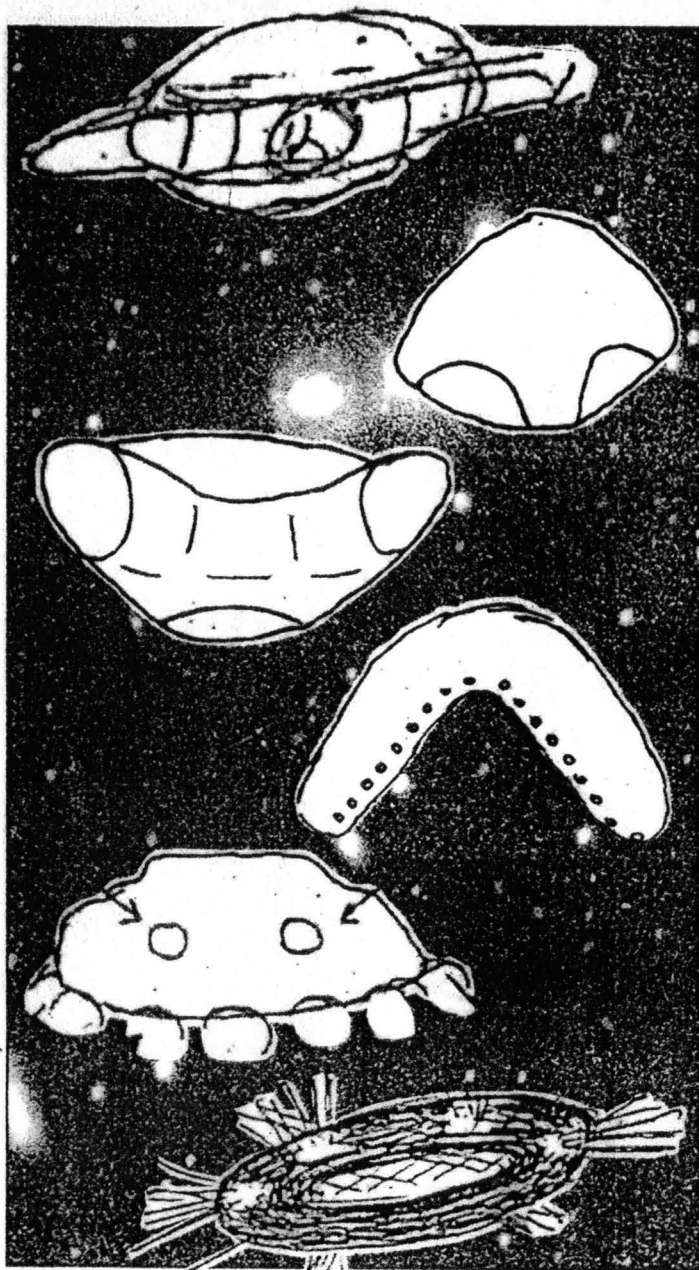
Our universe is still here so what happened to all the antimatter? Are there antimatter universes out

there? Or is it just science fiction?

Rumour has it the US military is secretly working on an antimatter bomb - more powerful than any of today's weapons.

Prof Close, who holds some of the highest scientific awards, will discuss these questions in a free lecture at Canalside West Lecture Theatre, Firth Street, with a book signing and refreshments at 5pm.





HIGH FLIERS: From top, four sketches of a UFO seen over Derby on August 16, 1987, one seen the following day in East Staffordshire and one seen near Uttoxeter in 1984.

1980s UFO sketches from witnesses are released by the MoD

People tell of their close encounters with bright lights and flying saucers

BY BEVERLEY ROUSE

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SKETCHES of UFOs over Derbyshire are among drawings of sightings released by the Ministry of Defence.

Many of the drawings are from sightings in the county on August 16, 1987.

A man in Derby claims to have seen a bright white object in the sky as he pulled his car on to his drive at 10.15pm.

"The object was moving in a slightly downward arc, was bright and left a trail of bright blobs behind it," he said.

The man said he had studied astronomy and added: "My immediate thought was that I had seen a meteor."

"But the way it disappeared suddenly from being very large and bright, and the size of particles in the tail, were not what I would expect."

At 10.57pm, a woman said she saw a "very bright" light over Breadsall Hilltop.

"It was massive, the lights were brilliant and it hovered," she said. "All I saw at first were these very brilliant lights either side of it and a red glow underneath."

"Then, as it hovered and moved, I saw I saw more lights, looking like big cabins all lit up like a double decker bus up in the sky but very brilliant."

The investigator's report states that he was "very impressed" with the witnesses and felt "certain that they came very close to a very unusual object on the night in question".

There were three sightings in Chaddesden around 11pm.

A middle-aged couple said they watched the object - which they said was the size of a large bus - for about 15 minutes.

Just before it disappeared from view, they heard "a slight whining sound, like an electric motor" and saw the object open out from its original oval into a shape more like an arrow head. They sketched both shapes for investigators.

Half an hour later, a 35-year-old nurse claims to have seen two bright spheres of light, with smaller spheres below them, over Mackworth.

A "pie-shaped" flying saucer with a brown light and a yellow-green light on its side was drawn after a couple spotted the object hovering over trees in East Staffordshire between 9.20pm and 10pm on August 17, 1987.

The couple, described as high-calibre witnesses, said the object above Crake Marsh, just north of Uttoxeter, had a funnel-shaped searchlight beam coming from its underside.

It was "as if it was looking for something", said the man.

Another drawing was done by a 65-year-old housewife who sketched a circle of flashing white lights and a constant red light, which she claims to have seen in the early hours of June 21, 1984, over Highwood, south of Uttoxeter.

The Ministry of Defence has not released the names of the people who did the drawings.

Details were made available online yesterday by the National Archives.

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Light beams... Noddy

Noddy is Slade by a saucer

ROCKER Noddy Holder has told how he saw a UFO "whizzing" over the sea.

Noddy, star of '70s glam idols Slade, was in a Bournemouth hotel room when it filled with blinding white light.

He said: "I looked out and it was a flying saucer, circular with beams of light, going so fast it was churning up waves."

Noddy, 62, revealed that his missus Suzan thought he'd been at the booze.

But he added: "Often on the beach the police helicopter comes over with floodlights. But this was a saucer, just like in the movies."

March 29, 2009

Unidentified flying objects are investigated by the FAP (Peruvian Air Force)

Seven years ago the first official Peruvian report was submitted about UFOs. Experts request the confidential files be declassified.

By Nelly Luna Amancio

"On April 11, 1980 I had an experience of aerial combat with a UFO that flew without any propulsion and flight control equipment as planes had them at that time, and which are still required at present. This object performed maneuvers that infringed the laws and principles of aerodynamics. While analyzing the event and doing research on the technological advances in aeronautics and space, we found no artifact or machine that could have performed the maneuvers this one did".

This is the testimony of captain Oscar Santa María Huertas, a pilot and officer of the FAP now retired. The object chased by Santa María - on board a Sukhói-, which was described in the shape of a spotlight with a metallic base- was observed by all the soldiers and officers who at that time were at the La Joya base in Arequipa. The high command thought it could be a spy craft because at that time relations with Chile were quite tense".

The U.S. Department of Defense even sent an agent to Perú to obtain details of the event. He prepared a confidential report on October 5, 1980. In it -to which El Comercio had access- it is stated that the object entered a restricted area of the general headquarters, "for which reason the commander in charge of the base ordered it to be immediately shot down".

Santa María explains -29 years afterwards- that when this happened his superiors agreed "not to prepare any internal report so the news would not be made known to people outside of the military and thus avoid for them to try, for scientific reasons or curiosity, to enter the base which had in its possession soviet war material that was unique in South America". Nobody knows to this day how the Americans learned of this.

'UFO' blip leaves airport officials foxed

21/03/09 Times of India

Kolkata

: An unidentified flying object blipped on the city radar in the wee hours of Thursday, a little after mysterious objects were photograph-ed hovering in the London sky. The blip that lasted for 15 minutes on the Bay of Bengal left airport and IAF officials foxed. While some suspect an unscheduled aircraft strayed into Indian airspace, others termed it a UFO. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has ordered an investigation.

The unidentified aircraft or object was spotted on the airport radar at 3.45 am on Thursday. Sources said there was only a Cathay Pacific overflight scheduled for the time and in that

Article Courtesy of Jane Thomas Guma

Twentyone years had to pass for the Armed Forces to decide to seriously analyze this subject. So, by internal regulation 55 dated 2001 and when air general Jorge Del Carpio was in charge, the Peruvian Air Force (FAP) created the Office for the Research of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena (Oifaa), assigned to the National Direction of Aerospace Interests (Dinae), but which nowadays is ranked as a department: Difaa.

THE FIRST REPORTS

Initially, the office was in charge of commander Julio Chamorro, together with Abraham Ramírez Lituma (expert in space law), Hernán Rivas Machuca (aeronautical engineer), Patricia Mezet (librarian), Fernando Fuenzalida (anthropologist) and Anthony Choy (attorney and an investigator of these phenomena).

At present the Difaa has its own personnel and resources and is located on block 52 of the Arequipa Avenue, in Miraflores. It is formed by an officer and two advisors. The FAP provided no further information.

Since the creation of the Oifaa, around four or five reports a week were received about alleged sightings. The witnesses were subject to an exhaustive 17-page questionnaire prepared by the research team.

"This document has been prepared for you to be able to provide the FAP with the maximum of information regarding the unidentified phenomenon that you witnessed. The information will be confidential and used for research. Your identity will be confidential", can be read in the documents that the witnesses had to sign.

Commander® Julio Chamorro remembers that during the approximately two years that he was in charge, they received an average of three cases a day. They were all saved digitally. Strangely, in 2004 all the computers in these offices were stolen and part of the classified files went with them, says Chamorro.

The case they were able to investigate in detail was the incident recorded on April 13, 2001 in Chulucanas (Piura), when more than one hundred people were taking part in the procession of the Señor Cautivo de Ayabaca. Iván Iza, an amateur who was recording the peregrination, filmed some orange and reddish

direction. "But the flight showed a separate blip. What's more, we had communication problems with the Cathay Pacific pilot during the time the mystery blip was on screen," said an air controller.

IAF clarified that it had no exercise scheduled over the Bay of Bengal at that hour, and that none of its aircraft in the region were airborne then, though the blip may have been due to either a snag in the 11-year-old radar or the reflection of moonlight from a school of fish, what worries security agencies is the possibility of unauthorized aircraft entering Kolkata region.

The London sighting on Thursday has hyped interest in the Kolkata UFO. Given the 5.5-hour time zone difference between India and UK and the 11-hour flight time, science fiction buffs drew a link between London's 'flying saucers' and the mystery blip at the airport.

lights that moved in continuous and organized motions.

The final report was prepared by Anthony Choy and submitted to the high command of the FAP on November 19, 2002 at the institution's headquarters. FAP general Cortez Mansilla received it together with 10 other officers. The document contains the analysis of the three recordings made at the site: October 13, October 25 and November 15, 2001.

The Oifaa model is inspired in the Chilean Committee for the Study and Anomalous Aerial Phenomena, an office created in 1997 under that country's Direction of Civil Aeronautics. It is they who -like it happens here- manage the reports of strange or unidentified aerial phenomena, in cooperation with aeronautical experts.

According to Chilean Army captain Rodrigo Bravo, up to now this committee has prepared 9 official reports about these phenomena. "This has helped to create a conscience in the crews, who today keep an open mind to report these encounters and thus cooperate in maintaining the air security", he says.

THE FILES ARE OPENED

The event, published in the whole country, and which gave rise to the creation of the Oifaa was the sighting of an irregular-shaped luminous object over the sky of La Molina on April 6, 2001. The Bazalar family who lives in the Las Viñas town, filmed a light two early mornings in a row. However, research done by the now ex member of the Oifaa, Anthony Choy, reject the possibility that it may have been a UFO. It was planet Venus which that day came closest to the Earth.

"That is why it is important that the Peruvian Government opens its files on this subject to separate the authentic from the false events", says the researcher.

Since last year the British Government has started to declassify several files about UFO sightings. But it is not the only one. The previous year the governments of France, Italy, Canada and Ireland did the same. The Ecuatorian Air Force will do the same in the next months. Along that line, Choy submitted on March 9 a letter addressed to the minister of Defense, Antero Flores-Aríz, requesting the

declassification of the files on this subject. "We consider there is much information on this subject that has not yet been disclosed and which is important for the public to know because it involves cases that are relevant to national security, national traffic and scientific and technological knowledge", can be read in the letter.

Captain Santa María seconds the request: "We must take this matter seriously and prepare ourselves for a possible future meeting with organisms that possess or control technology that is superior to ours".

The Chulucanas report

This report gathers the conclusions of the field investigation carried out in the city of Chulucanas, Morropón province, department of Piura, about the events and people involved in three UFO sightings.

The events were recorded in several videos by Iván Iza Nanfaro, a resident of Chulucanas, during October and November 2001. The videos are kept in the FAP files under code FAA 001 / CHP/02/2002 DINAE/OIFAA.

The Chulucanas is an 84-page report and was sent to the high command on April 21, 2002. According to Anthony Choy, there are 21 zones where most of these phenomena are recorded. Marahuasi and Chilca are the busiest.

Citizens' initiative

There is an initiative that aims to declassify the files that the Peruvian Government keeps on the subject. To join you can visit the site: desclasificacionovnieneru.blogspot.com

FLYING VISITORS

Open space: Our mocked up picture shows what it could look like if aliens stopped off at Derwentwater

Increase in reported UFO sightings could be because spaceships are filling up with water from Lake District, claim UFO spotters

UFO hunters have claimed Cumbria is becoming a hotspot of extraterrestrial activity.

Ufologists across the region have reported what they believe is an unprecedented rise in the number of unexplained events in the night sky.

Strange shapes and lights have been reported in several areas including locations near to sensitive mil-

itary sites and nuclear power stations.

The most recent sighting were reports of orange lights above the Irish Sea off the coast of Ravenglass, a few miles from the Sellafield nuclear plant.

Whitehaven-based UFO investigator Sharon Larkin, 37, said she was aware of a recent increase in activity and claims Cumbria, especially the Lake District, is

becoming a UFO hotspot.

She said: "There has been a lot of activity lately. Some theories suggest the large amount of water in the lakes is useful to craft which may need it for propulsion systems. Another theory is that they are monitoring our use of nuclear power."

According to UFO investigator Pat Regan from West Lancashire the Ravenglass lights are unlikely to have

been maritime flares.

He said: "The report was submitted by a man who has extensive knowledge of the area and is familiar with flares. He reported that what he saw were definitely not flares and that the lights moved without making any noise."

In Carlisle, however, UFO sightings in the city over the festive period were thought to be nothing more

than hot air - carrying glow lanterns up into the night sky.

Numerous sightings of bright lights floating above the city were reported to the *News & Star* over Christmas and New Year. But alien enthusiasts were left disappointed after it emerged that Kerry Higgins, of The Garlands, Carlisle, released glow lanterns into the sky on Christmas Day.

UFO spotters say truth is out there

A BURN couple believe they may have had a close encounter after snapping what they believe is a UFO while in their back garden.

Ron and Delilah Jeremy were outside their Burn Lane home on Wednesday afternoon last week when they spotted a silver object moving erratically in the sky.

Former prison officer Ron, who captured a picture of the UFO with his mobile phone, said: "We were both quite

shocked but we know there have been a few reported round this area.

"We've never seen anything else like it. We uploaded the picture on to the computer and enlarged it but we still couldn't work out what it was.

The 51-year-old father of two continued: "The way it reflected in the sky caught our attention. It was over Burn, just by the level crossing.

"It moved about in various

directions and seemed to disappear, then we saw it again. It was moving very fast. It was definitely not a plane."

Selby is fast becoming a UFO hotspot, with a number of sightings recently reported in the Selby Times.

Incidents include two separate sightings of a glowing orange ball moving slowly across the sky in Selby and Burn, and several reports of low-flying, bright glowing craft spotted near Barlby on

New Year's Eve.

Selby-based UFO expert Tony Topping said: "I think Selby is going to be placed firmly on the map in terms of the UFO subject in years to come.

"I believe some members of the population in Selby have a unique genetic code that might be of interest to them.

"The district is also home to the three biggest power stations in Europe so they might also be trying to discover how we generate power.

"Whatever the reason, I'm sure it will become apparent in the years ahead."

Filey-based UFO expert Russ Kellett (pictured) was called in after people spotted mysterious flying objects over Barlby in January this year, with one couple claiming their car had been narrowly missed by an unidentified flying object.

Russ, who has been investigating UFOs for 22 years and is the head of investigations for the Flying Saucer Bureau for the North of England, said people had been reporting a lot of strange activity in the early hours of New Year's Day around the district.

He also helped publicise a photo of a strange flying craft, taken over Brayton Barff in 2006 by Selby resident Jody Holden, dubbed the 'Selby Saucer'.

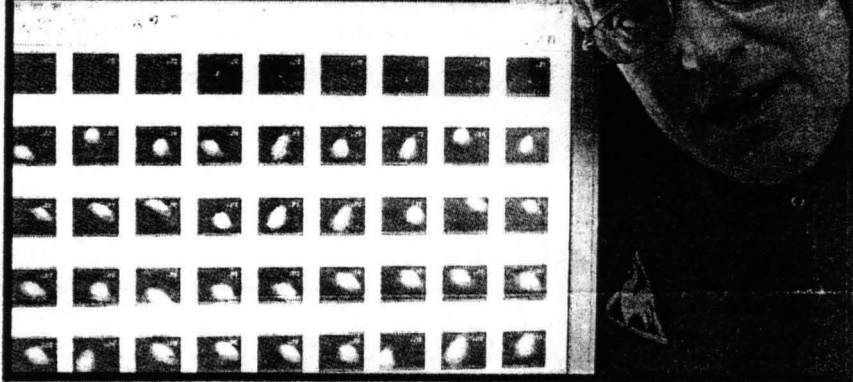
CLOSE ENCOUNTER:

Saucer-eyed UFO expert Russ Kellett.

Picture: Terry Carrott



Keith with some of the images he has captured of the lights, one of which is shown in clearer form (right)



What are these mystery lights?

by Stuart Greer

AN AMATEUR astronomer has turned to the worldwide web in a bid to find an explanation to mysterious objects he has kept seeing in the skies over Oldham.

Keith Barton, from Derker, has recorded hours of video footage of the peculiar-shaped lights which change colour and appear to hover in a triangular formation above the borough.

The 53-year-old, who regularly watches the night sky with his telescope, is completely flummoxed and has decided to brave ridicule in order to get some answers to the phenomena.

As such, the resident of Thackeray Road has even posted some of his footage on the video sharing website youtube.com.

Keith said: "There are a lot of unexplained sightings similar to mine all over the world and I'm determined to get to the bottom of it."

"I have seen these moving lights around the same time of year for the past three years, but they usually only hang around for three or four days. This year it was for around six weeks."

Keith, who is a full-time carer for his elderly mother, first spotted the diamond-shaped light - with flaring colours of greens and purples - from his back garden on December 27 around 5pm. He saw it a further six times between 4.30pm and 2.30am until February 5.

"I'm as sceptical as the next man, but I can't make up my mind whether it is

an anomaly or some kind of craft. No one wants to be laughed at, but no one can tell me what it is, and this is no star that I am aware of. Whatever it is, it's very weird."

UFO sightings over Oldham are nothing new, as files released by the Ministry of Defence last year show.

Local reports contained in the previously classified documents include:

□ A bright white ball above Oldham at 5.18pm on September 10, 1999.

□ A luminous green cigar-shaped object descending at high speed above Saddleworth Moor at 10.50pm, March 20, 2000.

□ A small football-sized white light with a blue tale also spotted on Saddleworth Moor at 10.12pm, on November 14, 2002.

□ One long, black cigar-shaped object above Oldham at 5.55pm on June 21, 2004.

As recent as November 2007 an unidentified light was captured on film hovering between Hartshead Pike and Tameside by John Tupman and Martin Hynes. Their description and footage is not dissimilar to that described and captured on film by Keith. They too have never found a satisfactory explanation to what they witnessed.

● If you can help identify the strange lights then email Keith via whizzkid_1@msn.com



UFO EXPERT:
David Kingston

UFO expert dedicated to studying the skies

WEYMOUTH based UFO expert David Kingston has passed away aged 70.

Born in 1938, Mr Kingston spent over half his life studying the phenomena and helped found Dorchester's annual conference on paranormal activity.

His interest was sparked when he saw a UFO while posted on Christmas Island in the 1950s with the RAF.

The sighting happened during the first British nuclear tests and Mr Kingston's interest in UFOs persisted after he returned to Britain.

After leaving the service in 1964, Mr Kingston settled in Somerset for a time before moving to Dorset in 1981, working for a special school.

In 1990, Mr Kingston became a convener for the Centre for Crop Circle Studies in London and later the Dorset co-ordinator for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, led by American scientist Dr Steven Greer.

Mr Kingston also worked for a time as residential social worker at Penwithen hostel, Winterborne Monkton, before moving to Weymouth.

Mr Kingston passed away peacefully last month and leaves behind his widow Mary and three children from a previous marriage.



Mystery over ball of light

A strange ball of light has been seen in the skies above Shropshire.

The white and orange ball was seen at 10pm yesterday and people in Shrewsbury said it appeared to drop to the ground near the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. Darren Perks was driving home when he saw it and said as it fell he saw what looked like a metallic ball inside the light.

Was 'burning fireball' in sky a UFO?

By **EMMA PALMER**
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PARANORMAL investigators are looking into reports of a mysterious UFO seen flying over Pitsea.

A woman and her son witnessed the "burning fireball" whizzing across the sky at the speed of an aeroplane.

The 40-year-old was driving in Ashlyns, Pitsea, with her son, aged 20, when she spied the spectacle on the horizon at 8.30pm on Friday.

The woman, from Pitsea, said: "We couldn't believe it. We actually pulled over to watch it. It seemed to be near to the Barstable School area.

"It was like a burning fireball - a bit like a massive firework - but it kept going up and all over the place at such great speed.

"It definitely wasn't a firework.

"It was almost white it was burning so brightly. I'm not an idiot, I know what I saw and it wasn't a plane or a balloon or anything like that.

"This is the first time I've ever seen anything like this. My son and I have been talking about it ever since."

The incident comes just a few weeks after another eerie sighting

□ Mum and son see strange white light over Pitsea
□ Investigations group appeals for other witnesses

was made in South Woodham Ferrers. Witnesses reported seeing six strange red lights hovering in the sky.

Paul Joslin, from Crays Hill, near Billericay, is a budding UFO tracker.

Together with his group, the Unknown Phenomena Investigations Association, he looks into mysterious sightings across the district.

He said: "This sounds really interesting. We'll be looking into it.

"It could have been a UFO balloon, which people deliberately launch to try to trick others into believing they're seeing a UFO, but it doesn't sound like it to be honest.

"I would urge anyone else who saw it to come forward as well, so we can get as much information as possible about what it looked like."

● Did you see the strange lights on Friday, or have you made a UFO sighting recently? Call the Echo on 01268 469308.

The week South Korea went UFO mad

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The week South Korea went UFO mad

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The last week has been a strange one for South Korea. Beginning on the last day of March a series of deafening sonic booms were heard throughout the entire nation prompting many to believe they were under attack from extraterrestrials. Now it appears that the deafening roars that set off car alarms and had panicky pedestrians running for cover in sheer terror were probably related to the North Korean satellite launch and the various air forces monitoring the area.

None of that stopped virtually every newspaper in the country reporting that Korea might be experiencing a UFO invasion. Adding to the strangeness of the week, unusual lights or UFOs were seen over a number of cities in the country. Internet sites crashed as people debated as to whether South Korea was facing annihilation at the hands of ET's or devastation as a result of North Korean missiles.

Underground nuclear tests were proposed by a few commentators as the cause of the sound while others even suggested that time travellers from the future may have arrived to save their ancestors from destruction. Some talked of ancient prophecies coming to pass.

As a doomsday mentality gripped the nation many felt intrinsically that the world as they knew it was on the threshold of a major change. Many local UFO research groups continue to suspect an ET involvement in the weeks events.



UFO lights a riddle

MERYL NAIDOO

March 23, 2009 10:05am

UNUSUAL lights that sparked a wave of concern were probably a meteor or space junk, a Tassie UFO hunter says.

Keith Roberts said the unusual trail of lights seen speeding across the sky on Saturday afternoon was most likely a natural phenomenon. But the source of the mystery lights remains unknown.

Police took dozens of calls about 1.30pm from people around the state who saw the lights heading south.

Police said the sightings had triggered fears that a plane or a meteor was about to crash.

Mr Roberts, who has headed the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre from his South Hobart home for more than 40 years, said sometimes reported UFO sightings might be related to meteors or aircraft lights and vice versa.

"Any sighting usually sparks off a few calls," he said.

"From what I've heard, it sounds like most people who saw it were concerned it may have been some sort of accident about to happen with it heading downwards [so they] contacted authorities."

Launceston Planetarium curator Martin George on Saturday said the descriptions he had heard sounded as if it had been a meteor burning up after entering the Earth's atmosphere but this could not be confirmed.

Mr George said if the light had been a meteor, it was likely to have either burnt up before it reached the ground or landed somewhere in the ocean.

Mr Roberts said he was surprised he had not received any calls about the lights.

"Although we don't get meteors here all the time, they are not that rare as a global thing," he said. "I've seen videos of daylight meteors which many people have probably seen, too, with all sorts of internet footage.

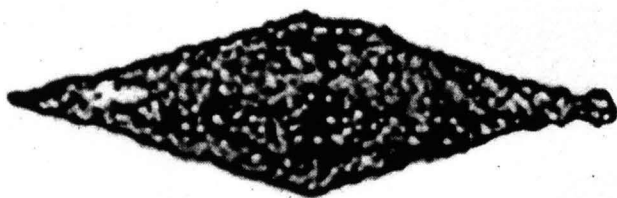
"I remember a meteor about 20 years ago, prime time on a winter's evening, about 6pm, when everyone was going home in the dark.

"After that my phone rang constantly for three to four hours reporting UFO sightings.

"We are always interested in hearing from people who might have seen something a bit more inexplicable."

DID YOU SEE THE UFO? TELL US BELOW OR EMAIL PICS to readerspix@dbi.newsltd.com.au

Photo issued by The National Archives of a Ministry of Defence file witness sketch of a diamond shaped UFO hovering next to an RAF jet over Scotland.



RECORDS ON MYSTERIES IN THE SKY REVEALED



The UFO that put ministers on alert

By SAM MARSDEN

PHOTOGRAPHS taken of a UFO hovering next to an RAF jet over Scotland were treated very seriously by military investigators, newly released Ministry of Defence files showed today.

Witnesses saw the mysterious large diamond-shaped object hanging in the air for about 10 minutes before it ascended vertically at high speed.

Military experts concluded the aircraft was a Harrier, but could not identify the UFO despite apparently commissioning detailed line drawings of it.

Fearing there could be significant media interest, the MoD took the unusual step of briefing ministers about the sighting.

The incident also discloses that British military intelligence officers tasked with investigating UFO reports took a close interest in claims the US was developing a top secret spy-plane.

The sighting is included in military UFO documents made available online today by the National Archives.

The seven files, produced by the DI55 branch of the Defence Intelligence Staff,

relate to the period between November 1987 and April 1993 and contain details of around 1,200 separate UFO sightings.

They demonstrate that British officials were more concerned about advanced new aircraft being developed by the Russians and Americans than little green men.

The files include numerous cuttings from magazines and newspapers relating to rumours that the US military was developing a hypersonic spy-plane known as Aurora.

There is also an intelligence report quoting an October 1991 sighting in Kazakhstan of a UFO with "a semi-transparent halo and rays 'shooting out' in different directions".

Other incidents recorded in the files include:

- A woman who said she was approached by an alien with a "Scandinavian-type accent" as she walked her dog near Norwich in November 1989;
- A spate of UFO sightings in London in 1993 which were explained by the presence of a brightly illuminated airship advertising the new Ford Mondeo;
- A sighting by crews of six RAF Tornado jets of a UFO over Germany in November 1990 which they believed to be a stealth aircraft;

● A recommendation that the Royal Ulster Constabulary should investigate a missile-shaped UFO, accompanied by a "muffled bang", reported near Belfast Airport in December 1989;

● Details of how the crash of a USAF pilot into the North Sea in September 1970 made headlines again in 1992 over claims that he was on an operation to intercept UFOs;

● The MoD's decision to halt a project to computerise UFO records amid concerns about public reaction if it became known.

But the British military officials appear to have paid most attention to the sighting of the diamond-shaped object next to the RAF Harrier on the A9 at Calvine, north of Pitlochry in Scotland, on August 4 1990.

Two members of the public took colour photos and provided them to Scotland's Daily Record newspaper, which in turn passed six negatives to the MoD for comment.

Dr David Clarke, a UFO expert and journalism lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University, said the newly released documents showed the MoD was "not in the slightest bit interested in aliens".

"They're only interested in the defence implications," he said.

YOUR CLIPPINGS of newspaper items are very welcome. We apologise here for being generally unable to acknowledge these items as the pressure of work on our tiny staff and on our postage resources is too great. However, please do not be deterred by this seeming lack of courtesy. We really do appreciate anything you care to send.



THE HAWK EYE

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Burlington, Iowa
March 2, 2009

Reports: Large, hairy two-legged animal seen

By NICHOLAS BERGIN

FAIRFIELD -- It's big, it's hairy, and it's been sighted in Jefferson County. Just don't call it bigfoot.

"I'm not saying that is what it is by any means. I just had somebody call this office and report that is what they'd seen," said Shawn Morrissey, operations and natural resource manager for Jefferson County Conservation.

Morrissey has received two reports of a large biped roaming the Skunk River valley on the eastern side of the county in as many years.

The first report came during the summer of 2007, and the second during the fall of last year.

The most recent caller claimed to have waited several months to contact officials after seeing what he described as a large hairy beast walking on two legs.

"It was pretty wishy-washy," Morrissey said. "It's my own personal feeling they saw something that tricked their eyes and was a very explainable animal."

Morrissey said a more probable explanation would be the person saw a horse or a hunter wearing a Ghillie Suit, a type of a camouflage that can look like it's covered in hair.

"I'm not going to say they didn't (see something). But I think the more likely thing is they saw something in a flash or at a strange angle," Morrissey said.

The sightings have not been investigated by county officials. Morrissey said he did not know the names of those who made the reports.

It's unlikely a large fur-covered biped could play hide and seek in Iowa wilderness and remain undocumented. The state simply doesn't have enough large stretches of timber where such a creature could live, Morrissey said.

"This is a very populated state really. There aren't any big chunks of wilderness," he said.

And during the winter when trees are stripped of their leaves, the ground is wide open to any plane passing overhead.

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Rod Dyke

Bigfoot researchers study Sand Mountain

By Lionel Green
The Reporter
Albertville, Alabama

March 19, 2009

A Bigfoot research group reported finding a handprint that "looked like a huge gorilla paw" during a recent expedition on Sand Mountain.

"It would've made two of my hands," said Hawk Spearman, a founder of the Alabama chapter of the Elusive Primates of North America, or EPNA.

Spearman said the find was the first handprint he has discovered in more than a decade of research, although he has found footprints in the past.

"We were pleased with what we did find," he said.

From Feb. 20-22, Spearman said the group explored a heavily wooded area about 15 miles from U.S. 431 and the Albertville and Boaz area. Spearman declined to release the exact location because he said the property owners did not want media attention.

Spearman said the group heard a number of vocalizations during the expedition.

"One guy said it was like sleeping in a zoo," added Spearman. "There has been activity out there for quite a while."

One of the vocalizations was particularly interesting.

"We heard something that sounded like a really mad cow vocal and then what sounded like a bear vocal," Spearman said.

When the bear vocal drew closer, Spearman said, "All of a sudden we heard this vocal, like six deep, long, guttural growls. We know we upset what was there. We didn't physically see anything.

"We did get vocalizations from that area in January as well, but we were unable to identify them. Lo and behold, we were watching Animal Planet and heard a similar vocal. An expert from Texas A&M University said it was an unknown primate with human texture vocalization."

Spearman said a former game warden from Pennsylvania accompanied the group and noted signs of a bear or a big cat in the area.

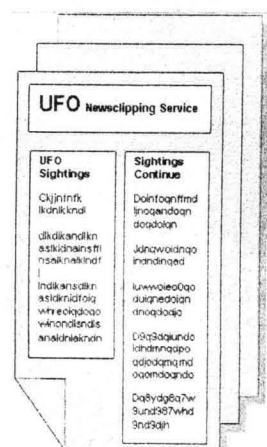
EPNA's next meeting is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oneonta Public Library, where the Alabama chapter has been meeting for the past year.

Spearman said a group called the American Primate Research Organization, or APRO, from Cullman is expected to attend. He said EPNA plans to merge with APRO in the next few weeks.

"Most actual animals have some kind of physical evidence," Morrissey added.

However, common sense hasn't stopped Sasquatch from popping up all over the state.

The Bigfoot Field Research Organization Web site, www.bfro.net, lists 40 bigfoot sightings in Iowa dating back to 1970, three of which come from Jefferson County, and one from Lee County.



Two more cows found mutilated

Trinidad and Walsenburg ranchers find dead cow, calf.

By ANTHONYA MESTAS
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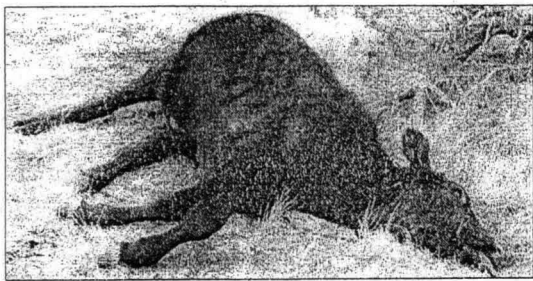
Two more Southern Colorado ranchers say they have discovered cows mutilated under strange circumstances.

A cow on a ranch near Walsenburg was

found with its udders cut off and a calf on a ranch near Trinidad was found missing the entire center of its body as well as its ears.

A similar mutilation was discovered March 8 on a pasture near the Purgatoire River, just west of the small town of Weston. That cow was found dead by rancher Mike Duran with its udders and reproductive organs surgically removed from its body.

SEE COWS, 6B



COURTESY PHOTO/CHUCK ZUKOWSKI

A cow owned by Jim Garren was found mutilated on his ranch near Walsenburg.

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The most recent case happened on Jim Garren's ranch.

Garren said Tuesday that he last saw his cow alive on Friday afternoon at his spread 12 miles southeast of Walsenburg in Las Animas County.

Garren said the next day at around 2:30 p.m. his ranch manager was feeding the herd and noticed his cattle count was off by one. After looking around in areas where cows had grazed previously, Garren said his ranch hand spotted the animal dead under a cedar tree.

"The only thing that we could tell about her was that her udder had been surgically removed. There were no other injuries to that cow," Garren said.

He said the ground around the cow was never disturbed and there was no trauma to the cow's head or body.

"We searched and searched and we could not find blood on the ground or on the cow. I just can't understand how anyone could surgically remove a part from an animal and not spill some blood," he said.

Garren said that while doing a quick walk around looking for evidence on Saturday, his staff spotted the cow's newborn calf.

Garren said the calf had to have been born at least 10 hours before the mother cow was killed.

"You know I just can't explain this. I've had animals killed on my ranch by mountain lions before and coyotes, but nothing like this. It is truly strange.

"I don't see how any human could have possibly done this without leaving footprints or some prints where the cow may have struggled. It looks like she just laid down and died," Garren said.

Rancher Tom Miller, who runs 80 head of cattle about 14 miles east of Trinidad on U.S. 350, found one of his calves dead near a feed tub on March 17. He found it in an area where cows congregate to eat twice daily.

Miller said that the herd appeared normal the day before in the late afternoon when the animals were being fed by the ranchers. The calf was found the next morning roughly 5 feet from a feed tub laying dead with only its spinal column, head and legs left behind.

"It's the strangest thing I've ever seen," Miller said.

Miller said the only thing holding the calf's back legs to the body was the hide.

"I cut the hide and the legs just fell off. All the bones were broken. It was just strange," Miller said. "An animal just doesn't clean out a carcass like that in one night. It would take several days to do something like that."

Miller said about 10 years ago he found another one of his cows mutilated. That cow had its ears, tongue, eyes and reproductive organs removed.

In 1995, Duran said he found a cow that had been mutilated on his property in a similar way.

The mutilations never have been solved.

"I really don't know what it is. I think maybe it was a UFO. According to the circumstances, that is what it seems like," Miller said.

Miller said it would be too difficult for a human to take a calf away from its mother cow.

"The cows are too protective. If you went for a calf, the cow would be on top of you.

"There are just too many strange things here," Miller said.

Chuck Zukowski, an independent UFO investigator from Colorado Springs, has investigated all three cattle mutilations in the area.

"These mutilations have the tendency of happening a few at a time. So it is not uncommon that there are three here this month," Zukowski said.

Zukowski, who has been a UFO and cow mutilation investigator for more than 20 years, said that all three cases fit the criteria to be called an unknown phenomenon.

"These two cows and this calf do not fit the norm of a normal death or a predator death. This is the first thing we look at," Zukowski said.

In all three cases, Zukowski said there was no blood around the cattle where they laid.

"If a predator got to these cattle, there would be blood around somewhere," he said.

Sightings of UFOs and strange, unmarked, black helicopters sometimes coincide with most cattle mutilation cases across the country.

Zukowski said that the night Miller lost his calf, he received a report of a dark triangular craft flying over Colorado Springs.

"A witness told me that

the craft was coming from the southeast. That means it was coming from the Walsenburg/Trinidad area. We are in the process of trying to understand how fast this object was going to see if it could have been in that area," Zukowski said.

"It's a big speculation and we are trying to grasp at straws, but we are trying to find anything we can to relate these occurrences."

Zukowski said that whatever killed the cow and removed the udders on Garren's ranch was not interested in a newborn calf.

"Would a predator attack a 1,200 pound animal for food, when a newborn calf lay helplessly 50 feet away?" Zukowski asked.

Zukowski also is a

member of the Mutual UFO Network, an international nonprofit group that investigates UFOs and other strange phenomena for the public.

"I am the biggest skeptic to start with on these cases. I need to be sure before I start saying what I think it is.

"I can tell you that it is very strange and doesn't seem possible by humans," Zukowski said.

The thousands of reported cattle mutilations in the United States and around the world have spawned theories about aliens sent to Earth to slice up cows.

The phenomena in Colorado began in the late 1960s when farmers in the San Luis Valley began reporting mutilated cattle

and horses, Zukowski said.

The circumstances surrounding cattle mutilations were different than anything the local authorities had ever investigated. At the time, satanic cults were blamed.

Reports of cattle mutilations spread throughout the Midwest and even into Canada. Paranoia and speculation about the deaths ran rampant.

"All these years later not one person has been prosecuted for this. We don't know what has killed these animals," Zukowski said.

"Hopefully we can find out what happened, but it doesn't look too promising. This is not something we are used to," Garren said.

"I really hope somebody can figure out what is happening to these things. It's scary," Miller said.

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