

A tale of abduction and mysterious beings

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Editor's note: *The Journal-American* reported in September a story about a 59-year-old Bellevue businessman who claims he was taken aboard a UFO while sightseeing on Crystal Mountain at about 2:30 p.m. July 14.

The man, who wishes to remain anonymous, claims that a hypnosis session revealed he was abducted soon after leaving a friend at the lodge and heading for a chairlift to take him up the mountain. He says he was examined — he has photos of five “nee-

dle” marks found on his back — and left on rocky Powder Pass, 2,000 feet above where he last remembers being.

He returned to the lodge about two hours after the alleged abduction — how, he's not sure. He says the street shoes he was wearing weren't scuffed in the least.

Recently, he agreed to let reporter Bob Welch observe a hypnosis session conducted by a hypnotist chosen by the J-A, Charles Tebbetts. Tebbetts, 79, of Edmonds, has been practicing

hypnosis for 58 years. He is founding president of the Hypnotist Examining Council of Washington and author of a number of books, including *Self Hypnosis and Other Mind Expanding Techniques* (Westwood Publishing, Glendale, Calif.).

The one-hour session took place Monday at Tebbetts' office in Edmonds. Here is an edited transcript of the interview:

(After putting the man into a hypnotic state, Tebbetts says he under-

stands the man has had an unusual experience and says he'd like to find out more about it.)

Q. Are you indoors or out?

A. In. I see an opening in the floor ... inside the craft. At the same time, I see a window.

Q. Can you see out the window?
(Nods.)

Q. What do you see?

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