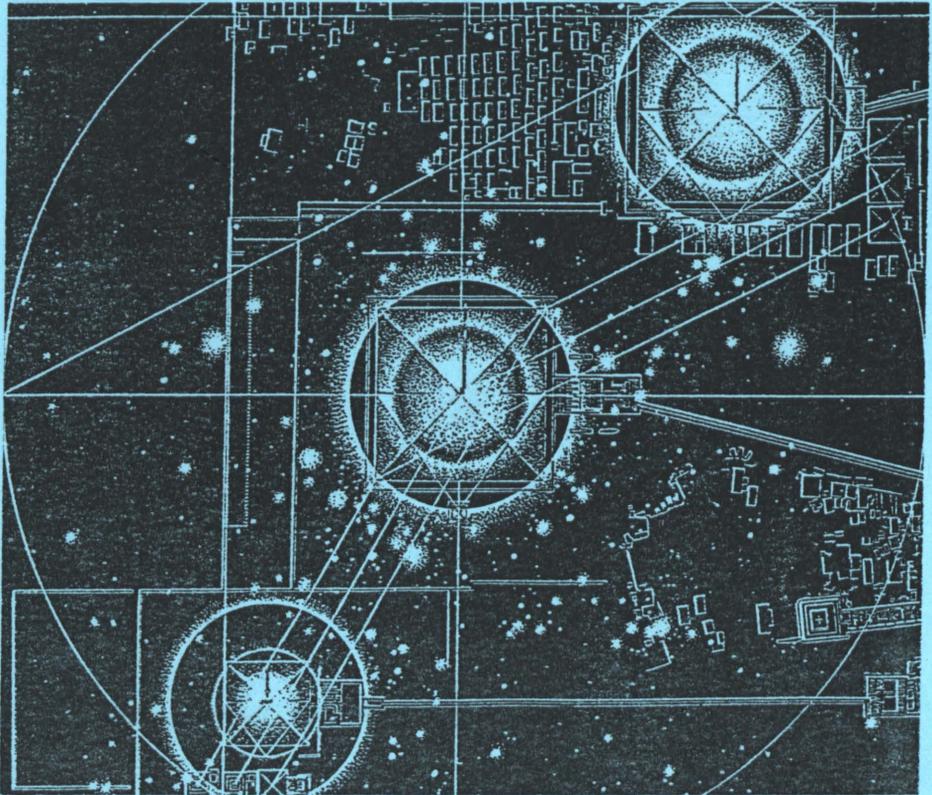


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I can really only begin by apologising for the poor quality of printing. There is a certain *Canon* I feel like firing. The Law of Sod was fully operational when the warranty expired only just prior to my printer. Not wishing to give up on it, I stripped it right down to the circuit boards and ROM chip, left it in the centre of a crop circle overnight and *Hey presto!* - wavy lines. But it's the best I can come up with for now.

There are an additional four pages this issue but still material I have no room for, so I will take the opportunity of including one item here. In particular I am intrigued by the continuing disappearance and ongoing mutilation of farm animals in remote areas of the south-west. *Annals* has carried reports of such incidents before but they still continue and the authorities, such as police and the National Farmers Union are really only guessing when they dismiss all incidents as resulting from rustling. We are talking about literally hundreds of animals, ranging from sheep to cattle. Kate Bennett of the NFU has this to say: "It's especially prevalent on Exmoor and Dartmoor where it's remote and quiet." She can only "imagine" that the livestock "are carted off to an unscrupulous slaughterhouse or butchers somewhere". But why would rustlers, who so consistently and successfully avoid vigilante patrols by police and irate farmers, choose to kill an animal in a field? Kate Bennett adds: "A farmer on Dartmoor found a pile of cow's heads and hoofs. Rustlers had hacked them off." Really? And just how did they herd the headless and legless animals into their trucks? Not perhaps the easiest thing in the world, killing and butchering an animal where it stands in the dead of night, before having to haul off its deadweight carcass to an unknown destination.

The next issue of *Annals* will be a tad delayed. I'm off to Canada and the US in October, where I plan to visit Lake Champlain, Vermont, for a look at a water monster. 



### SOMERSET 'HOTSPOT'

The Somerset town of Taunton has this summer become the centre of an area for intense UFO activity. During a ten-day period in June the region received some 60 reports of sightings, while the *Somerset UFO Research and Investigation Network* has been inundated with calls.

Similar sightings of a unusual UFO have cropped up. In one instance a woman motorist stopped to watch while a 'horseshoe-shaped' object, flashing green, orange, blue and red coloured lights, remained stationary above the Blackdown Hills before moving slowly northwards and out of sight. She had first spotted it hovering between Blagdon Hill and Wellington Monument at about 2320hrs on June 9.

### UFO HAUNTED ISLE

In April and May of this year it was the popular Clyde resort of Millport, Scotland, that was fast becoming famous following a rash of UFO sightings. Coupled with this, a number of buildings are haunted and, according to press reports, "locals think the island has a supernatural power which attracts paranormal happenings".

### 'COVER-UP' CAMPAIGN

Does the British Government know more about UFO's than it is prepared to admit? John Holman of *Alien Acknowledgment Campaign* claims there is indeed a "massive cover-up" by the US, Russian and British governments. He began a campaign in May to open the official files to inspection. "The public has a right to know if we have made contact with other life forms," he said. "We believe it is the military who are withholding the information and we want the truth."

### ELUSIVE RESPONSE

In a letter made public on July 2, the Defence Minister Lord Cranborne claims the Government remains open-minded on some of the 'strange things' which appear in the sky and defy explanation. He was responding to Tory MP Sir Teddy Taylor.

### HYPERSENSITIVE RESPONSE

Scientist and author Albert Budden is under attack from a number of Ufologists and abductees over claims in his new book that electrical "hot spots" cause some people to hallucinate over close encounters with aliens. Budden's book *'Allergies And Aliens'* was released last May [see Annals #20]. In it he says he has discovered a link between people living in close proximity to radio and TV transmitters, or electricity pylons and their claimed "visitations". Maria Ward, whose story of abduction and rape featured in newspapers, has responded through a report in *The People* by saying: "What happened to me was real and painful. This man's attempt to dismiss it as hallucination makes me very angry. He's just trying to jump on the bandwagon and sell his own book." The author's theories, that such experiences "are the mental and physiological products of a range of environmental illnesses" (which afflicts about 20% of the population), are a novel and unusual approach.

### CORNY MUSIC

Sixties pop star Reg Presley, singer with The Troggs, is making a fortune now that an old record of his is back in the charts. A keen investigator of UFOs and crop circles, Presley, 51, of Andover, Hants, plans to invest the money in continuing his interests. Recent TV commercials publicising the group's old hits feature members of The Troggs standing in a cornfield while a UFO hovers above them.

### GUARDIAN ANGELS

Apparently, angels are all around us and liable to appear at any time says Ron Carroll, of Plymouth. He is currently researching for a TV program about very ordinary people who have seen angels. He writes: "One woman had her first encounter with an angel minutes before ordering a jacket potato in a cafe! And, like others, she insists she is unexceptional and genuine". Carroll wants to know: "Have you ever seen one or felt there is a Guardian Angel at your side? If you have an honest story to tell, I'd love to hear it. Has seeing an angel changed your life? Were you delighted or disappointed by the heavenly vision?" So, if you have had an angelic experience, write to: Ron Carroll, 'Angels', PO Box 224, Plymouth PL1 1FX.

### HEALING BEING

Cancer-stricken Jean Ford, a 48-year-old mother of three, says the night before a traumatic mastectomy operation in 1990 she was visited by an alien being. "Someone woke me," she said in an interview with *The People*. "I could see a being with its hands on my forehead. It was like pins and needles and a sensation of power going into my head. The next morning I felt marvellous. I couldn't understand it. Before, I had felt desperately ill."

### UFO CONFERENCE '94

This one takes place the weekend of August 27/28 at the Station Hotel, Blackpool. Speakers include Albert Budden, Jenny Randles, Philip Mantle and a 'Mystery',

Guest'. Tickets are £5 per day, or £9 both days. Cheques to LAPIS, c/o Sam Wright, 15 Knaresboro Avenue, Marton, Blackpool, FY3 9QW.

### **UFO BOOKS**

Investigator Philip Mantle has penned his first book entitled '*Without Consent*' which deals entirely with missing time and abductions in the UK. Produced jointly with Carl Magailis, it catalogues some of the extraordinary experiences of ordinary people. Published August and available from: Ringpull Press, Queensway House, Poynton, Cheshire SK12 1NJ. Price £16.99 (inc p&p).

Richard L Thompson is a scientist and the author of five books and four videos on science and philosophy. In his latest work '*Alien Identities*', he has delved into the ancient Sanskrit writings of India in order to give fresh insights into the identity and purposes of UFO visitors. Available from: BBL Distribution Services, FREEPOST 414, Borehamwood, Herts. WD6 1FP. Price £13.50 (inc p&p).

### **UFO VIDEOS**

Two videos, both available from QVC, the shopping channel, are *Visitors from Space: The Evidence* and *UFO: Miracle of the Unknown*. If you don't own satellite and would like to receive the above videos (cost £22.50 the pair), you can still dial Freephone 0800-504030 and quote Ref: T10991.

### **UFO SOFTWARE**

Microprose have produced better software simulations, but *UFO: Enemy Unknown* was released earlier this year on PC format and made it into the top 20. You are the controller of XCOM, a covert organization formed by the worlds governments to investigate and defeat the UFOs which have begun to terrorise earth. So get blasting. It costs £38.29 and only you can ensure human survival!

### **UAVs = UFOs ... SOMETIMES**

The US Army is exploring the concept of using small autonomous unmanned air vehicles (UAVs) to probe the battlefield for ground threats up to 30km (nm) ahead of attack and scout helicopters. UAVs operate from a helicopter cockpit and the so-called *Bird Dog* program will follow the competitive Autonomous Scout Rotocraft Testbed demonstration, which culminates with flight tests to be carried out in the third quarter of 1996. These will take place in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

### **'WARP DRIVE' POSSIBLE**

Extraterrestrials will not have it all their own way if a researcher in the UK gets his way. Miguel Alcubierre of the Uni of Wales says that faster-than-light travel using the kind of "warp drive" used on the USS Enterprise could be achieved without changing the laws of physics. Alcubierre says his method relies on modifying spatial direction, with time as the fourth dimension. Previously, researchers have imagined travelling faster-than-light by utilizing a 'wormhole', a shortcut through space-time that connects widely separated regions of the Universe.

# WHAT IF...?

While the Defence Ministry, in the form of a statement provided by Lord Cranborne recently, denies that UFO reports imply any evidence of a threat to the security of the United Kingdom, are such incidents taken seriously?

UFO investigators seemingly never had it so good during the last year or so when Nick Pope, of the Ministry's Air Staff, proved more forthcoming and responsive than previous civil servants to requests made for MoD information on the subject. Alas, it is learned that Nick has been propelled onward and upward in a move that may signal a further change in the softened departmental attitude.

Britain always has been, and remains, one of the most secretive of societies, particularly among its upper echelons of government. This is useful for many reasons beyond that of a 'need-to-know' basis. It can disguise both corruption and incompetence among other things. So, just how aware is the MoD of any incursions within our air space - either in the form of unauthorized aircraft, or indeed UFOs?

Well, an incident that took place nearly 25 years ago, on June 10, 1970, can tell us a great deal. On that day two Italian pilots flew Belgian 'Starfighter' jet aircraft low up the Thames Estuary, crossing the very heart of London at a height of no more than 700ft, without the Royal Air Force being aware of it.

In fact, no report of the event was recorded either by the RAF or civil radar and only after the pilots were returning to their base at Beauvechain did startled inhabitants of the metropolis lodge their complaints. In those days, UFOs appearing on radar networks were dubbed 'Angels' and the Defence Ministry made periodic announcements to the effect that no such 'Angels' had ever remained unidentified.

Let us now examine the structure of the current UK Air Defence Region (ADR), which is split into the North and South Air Defence Sectors. These stretch from the approaches to Iceland and Norway down to our own northern Isles and then to the South-Western Approaches as far out as the Scilly Isles in the south. Each sector is controlled by a pair of Sector Operating Centres (SOC)/ Command and Reporting Centres (CRP) located at RAF Buchan, Scotland and RAF Neatishead, Norfolk, respectively. A CRP/RP based on the Faroe Islands and manned by the Royal Danish Air Force, also reports into the system.

Ground radar stations in turn cover the entire ADR in a ring around Britain. These include sites at Saxa Vord in the Shetlands and Portreath in Cornwall. All information gathered from these locations is sent direct to the UK Air Defence Operations Centre (ADOC) at Strike Command Headquarters, located in a huge multi-level and nuclear strike-proof underground facility near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

On the North Yorkshire Moors exists the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS) site. The old 'golfball' radomes are now defunct and have been replaced by very sophisticated three-dimensional phased-array radar from Raytheon,

an American company. The Raytheon FPS-115 system is capable of tracking up to 800 objects simultaneously and became fully operational on October 1992. This was after one full year of intense trials and extensive monitoring of adjacent emission levels. Powerful radar such as this can be potentially devastating, in some instances, to any persons who live or work too close to the arrays [perhaps Albert Budden's theories - see elsewhere this issue - could be applied to any accounts of UFOs or alien encounters within proximity to this area of the Moors?].

The new construction was a joint venture between the UK and US governments and, interestingly, Fylingdales has a secondary role of space surveillance which is likely to grow in significance in the years ahead.

The site feeds information direct to the UK Government and British Military Command Centres, as well as to Command Centres in the United States. Fylingdales, in fact, is linked to the US Space Command HQ at Colorado Springs from where two other BMEWS sites are controlled: Thule, 600 miles inside the Arctic Circle in Greenland; and at Clear, Alaska.

The UK BMEWS facility will soon have the ability to accept radar data from air traffic controls throughout the National Air Traffic System - possibly as early as 1995 if the schedule is adhered to. It will then become the primary source in the UK for tracking aircraft and obviously evaluating any UFOs within our air space. Conceivably this also means that the US military could simultaneously be made aware of such events.

Since August 1992, the RAF has been operating its own Airborne Warning And Control System (AWACS) as part of the NATO AEW force. The Boeing E-3D aircraft replaced Nimrod and its onboard Westinghouse radar is restricted only by the curvature of the Earth. At 30,000ft, the radar horizon is some 284 miles (460km). However, the aircraft has recently been equipped with Beyond-The-Horizon (BTH) mode radar which gives extended range when necessary.

In a real-life UFO scenario, once a target is detected, the ability to rapidly determine its identity is vital. With the latest radar and the additional form of advanced passive sensor upgrades - as carried by AWACS - it allows a positive identification of a target from its radar emissions. Something that, presumably, alien technology if it exists does not exhibit as part of its characteristics. Certainly if it did, then not necessarily in a form readily distinguishable by terrestrial means. This does not preclude the fact that UFOs, if manufactured of a solid and radar-reflecting material, are on occasions identified on radar. There have been many incidents recorded of such events in the skies over Britain.

Delving into my files again, an example is the following report which was released back in 1969, although the actual incident took place over eastern England in 1956: Two RAF jet fighters on routine exercises suddenly found themselves confronted by a saucer-shaped object. Not only did the pilots see the craft but it appeared in their highly sensitive gun-locking radar. Using the radar, one of the jets pursued the UFO and my report quotes a radio message from the pilot: "Roger, I've got my guns locked on him." Then a moment later, "Where did he go? Do you still have him?" What had happened was that the UFO, in a move so rapid it was only

possible to to observe it on the radar screen, had executed a tight circle and come up behind the fighter.

"I tried everything to shake him off," the pilot said later. "I climbed, dived and circled but the UFO acted like it was glued behind me. Always the same distance ... very close."

After ten minutes the badly shaken flier headed for home, with fuel running dangerously low, and the UFO - seemingly tired of the game - vanishing at high speed.

Lord Cranborne, in his response to Sir Teddy Taylor, MP, says: "Although the Ministry of Defence receives some reports of UFO sightings, our only concern is to establish whether or not there is evidence of any threat to the security of the United Kingdom.

"It is clear from the reports we receive that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky. We believe that explanations could be found for most of them, but do accept that there will always be a few sightings which appear to defy explanation. We are open-minded on these."

Open-minded the MoD may be, but it is unlikely that the British Government will ever operate an 'open-book' policy on the matter of UFOs. The attitude to security is, and remains, a major part of their philosophy on secrecy.

## NEW SPACECRAFT IDEA

A former Glasgow University professor, Terence Nonweiler, has designed one of the fastest spacecraft ever and it is capable of venturing into deep space at 50 times the speed of sound.

Called Waverider, the concept for the vehicle was originally developed 30 years ago, for the cancelled British space program of 1960.

Nonweiler's idea would have died were it not for the Association in Scotland to Research into Astronautics (ASTRA) - a group of amateur enthusiasts headed by Duncan Lunan.

Now NASA is interested in Waverider's ability to travel at hypersonic speeds by "leaping" from one planet to another, using the force of gravity.

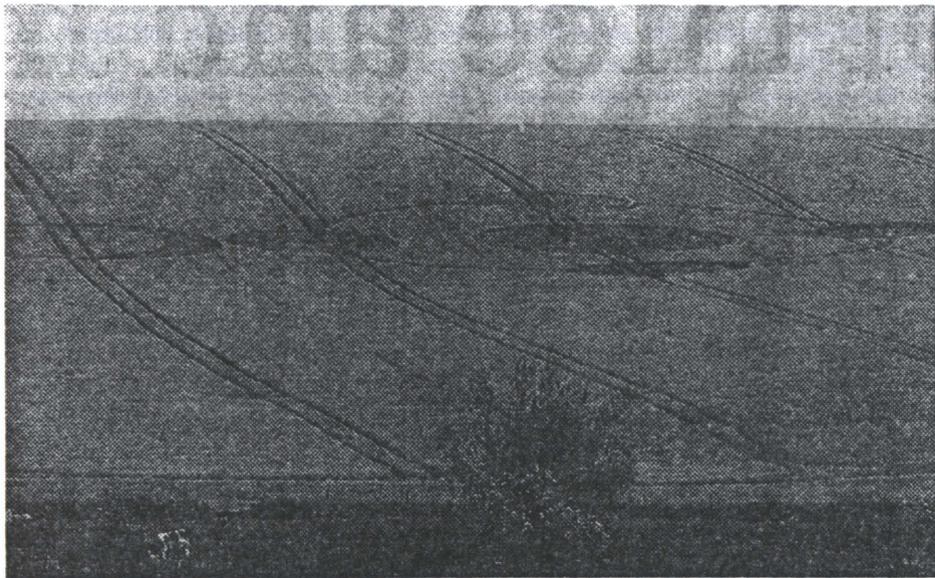
With the backing of NASA, it is hoped that Waverider could take to the air within the next 10 years.

### *Megalomaniac*

*Thousands of Mr Spock dolls will be refused entry to Britain this year because the pointed-eared Star Trek character from the planet Vulcan is "non-human" He falls foul of a new European Commission trade regulation #950349 that allows "human-like" dolls but not "humanoid".*



*Fans of the cult TV series Star Trek have hatched a plan to translate the Bible into Klingon! The aggressive Klingon race speak a gruff language which is based on Japanese, English, German and Red Indian tongues. Language expert Marc Okrand invented the Klingon language for Star Trek and even wrote a 2000-word Klingon Dictionary. What's more, a Klingon version of Hamlet is due out later this year.*



## CIRCLES LACK RING OF TRUTH

Dubbed the 'scorpion' this set of circles appeared in cornfields near Silbury Hill, Wiltshire at the end of May. Coincidentally I passed by the next morning and agree with the general opinion that, once again this year, it seems we are blessed with a parade of weakly hoaxed circle patterns. Such as has emerged at Chernhill, between Calne and Marlborough, Hackpen Hill, close to Swindon and the most recent near Devizes in mid-July.

On August 5,6 & 7 a symposium titled 'Investigating Crop Circles and Signs of our Times, will be held at the Assembly Rooms, Glastonbury. Organizer Roland Pargeter, is hoping it will attract upwards of 150-200 people and among those scheduled to attend include Colin Andrews, George Wingfield and Prof. John R Searle - inventor and builder of the antigravity "Levity Disc".

### CUTTING REMARK

A man used his tractor mower to cut "Fly off" in letters 20ft high on his lawn after getting tired of low flying by light aircraft from nearby Oaksey Park airfield in Wiltshire.



The shape of things to come in baffled farmer David Fleming's field

## SPACE THE FINAL FRONTIER

### CROWDED IN SPACE

The possibility of life on other planets has increased with the discovery of thousands of galaxies. Scientists at the Observatoire de Lyon say they have found a structure which, at 290 million light years wide, is the biggest ever detected. They say the cluster may consist of 27,000 galaxies with billions of stars and planets.

The astronomers collected galaxy measurements from the northern and southern hemisphere skies and the data was put onto a three-dimensional visualisation computer in April at the Australia Telescope National Facility.

The Milky Way, the galaxy that contains Earth, was off-centre of the inside of the structure, which is shaped like a squashed soccer ball. Our own galaxy contains a billion stars, which is like a grain of sugar in comparison. [Source: *The Times* - July 14, 1994]

### MOON BASE

There are reports that Japan is seriously considering a plan to build a space station on the moon. *The Japan Times* says the base would house as many as six astronauts and be operational by 2024.

The building of the space station would involve the launch of more than 100 Japanese-made H-2 rockets. Initially they would search for a suitable site for the station, then scientists would send up materials and robots to build the base.

### CLOSE SHAVE

About every two weeks, an asteroid larger than a jumbo jet whizzes by Earth, passing closer to the planet than the moon. Every 100-200 years, an asteroid hits. [Denver Post]

### INSCRUTABLE LOOK

Archaeologists believe an ancient astronomical observatory found in the central lands of China was a contemporary of Stonehenge.

### ORBITAL CATASTROPHE

Since the space age began, 271 missions have failed or malfunctioned and two-thirds of the failures were Russian, a new study released in the US said.

Strangely enough, the Soviet-made Cosmos satellite had a record of short lifetimes, often exploding mysteriously within months of their deployment.

Cosmos satellites, designed mostly for military missions such as early warning or reconnaissance, accounted for more than half of the Soviet Union's payload failures. [Source: *The Toronto Star*-April 6, 1994]

### FACE TO FACE WITH MARS

If indeed the Mars Observer spacecraft's failed mission to Mars was the result of a blown fuel line, the Martian 'face' could still come under scrutiny some time in 1997. An American company has been selected to build the Mars Global Surveyor in order to study the planet in close detail.

The planned launch of the orbiter will take place in 1996 and after 10 months to reach our neighbour, it will map the surface of the planet, gathering data on its atmosphere and magnetic field.

### MONTREAL METEORITE

An explosion which shook the Montreal area of Quebec on June 15 was caused by a grapefruit-sized meteorite north-east of the city.

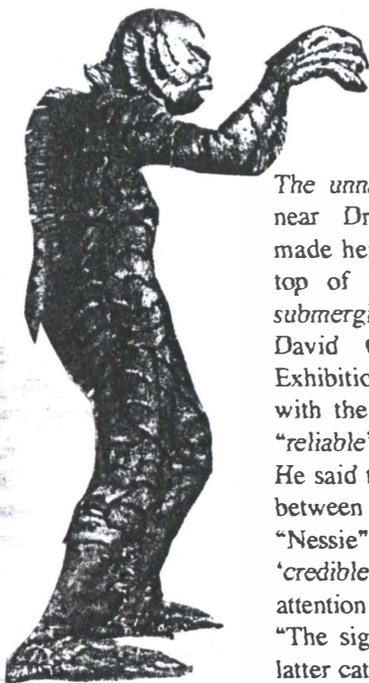
People reported seeing a ball of light in the sky shortly before the blast that was centred on a field near the St Lawrence river. The rock was located in a 30cm-deep hole.

### Meteo Facts:

On an average clear, dark night, an observer is able to see 5 to 10 meteorites an hour. The earth is bombarded by more than 20 regular showers of meteors each year. The largest known meteorite weighed 60 tons and was found in South-West Africa in 1920.

# C R Y P T O

## O R N E R



### QUALITY MONSTER SIGHTING

The first "reliable" sighting this year of the Loch Ness monster was made during March. Then, a woman visiting from Larne, Northern Ireland, spotted what she described as a monster resembling an upturned boat.

The unnamed witness was driving beside the lake near Drumnadrochit, InverNESShire, when she made her claimed sighting and said it remained on top of the water for about one minute before submerging with a splash.

David Cawton, manager of the Loch Ness Exhibition Centre, says what she saw conformed with the other 60 sightings which are regarded as "reliable".

He said that over the past 60 years, there have been between 6,000 and 8,000 reported sightings of "Nessie". He added: "Six hundred we regard as 'credible' and 60 we consider we have to pay attention to.

"The sighting by the Larne woman comes into the latter category."

[Source: Belfast Telegraph-April 9, 1994]

### STRANGE WINGED CREATURE

An odd-looking animal that resembled a cross between a hedgehog and a squirrel with wings was seen by a launch skipper on the weekend of May 14/15. It was spotted lurking on the shores of Lake Windermere and has already been nicknamed 'Tizzie-Wizzie'.

Following other sightings, which The Lake District National Park Authority insists is "not a joke", an appeal for information about the creature was launched. It was first seen in the grounds of Brockhole National Park Visitor Centre as it scuttled into the undergrowth. [Source: Daily Express - May

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### CANADIAN SEA MONSTER

A twin-humped snorting sea creature was reported to have swam across Telegraph Bay, near Victoria, British Columbia, on May 5.

Two university students were sitting on a beach in the sunshine when the creature appeared on the surface of the water some 45 metres away.

"It wasn't an otter or a seal," said Ryan Green, 18. "It came up three times and snorted heavily, then dove down below the surface for good," he said.

Green and fellow student Damian Grant, 19, say they saw it for about 15 seconds and estimated the length at four to six metres. Grant said the round body was

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thicker than a large inner tube. There weren't any boats or divers in the area and Grant stressed they weren't drinking. Ed Bousfield, a Royal B.C. Museum research associate writing a book on the so-called cadborosaurus with scientist Paul LeBlond, said he talked to the two and believes them.

"There seems little doubt that's what they saw," he said. [Source: Kitchener Waterloo Record - May 6 1994 | Credit: Cambridge UFO Research Group - Canada]

### SKIPPY GOES APE

Australian scientists have found a new species of tree kangaroo in the Maokop mountains - a remote part of New Guinea. Local Melanesian villagers call it a "bondegezou" or "man of the alpine forest" and say they are sacred animals related to their ancestors.

The kangaroos are black with a white belly and can grow to four feet in height. They climb trees but browse on the forest floor, have no apparent fear of humans and whistle and display their white belly at anyone walking beneath them.

### UNICORN'S HORN

A legendary "unicorn's horn", the 4ft horn of a narwhal, sold for £441,500 at Christie's in London on July 5. The intricately carved, twisting horn was bought by the father of the vendor for £12 among a bundle of old walking sticks in 1957.

It is one of only two surviving examples and is believed to have been carved in England sometime during the mid-12th century.

[Source: The Times - July 6, 1994]



### RARE MAMMAL FIND

Scientists working at the Vu Quang nature reserve in Vietnam were finally presented with their first live specimen of a new species of mammal in June. A local hunter captured the goat-like animal - a female calf estimated to be between four and five months old and called locally the sao la, or "weaving spindle" because of its spiralled horns.

The animal has similarities to the African and Arabian oryx - hence its scientific name, Pseudoryx nghentinhensis - and when grown will weigh up to 225lb and stand about three feet high at the shoulder.

In the second half of last year, three were reportedly caught by hunters, together with up to 20 giant muntjacs, a new species of deer identified in Vu Quang in March this year. This latest capture is another rare find as only five new large mammals have been discovered this century.

### QUAGGA REBIRTH

On August 12, 1883, in Amsterdam Zoo, the last living Quagga on earth died. Striped like a zebra on its head and forequarters, the body and rump was chestnut-coloured like a horse. The creatures were exterminated from the plains of South Africa in the last century because they ate the grass of settlers.

Just the dried skin of one foal, stuffed with hemp in a Capetown museum, was enough for a team of Californian molecular biologists at Berkley University to succeed in cloning sufficient DNA from these tissues to map the creature's genes.

An ancestor common to the quagga and zebra was determined, so a selective breeding program was begun with zebras who displayed some of the quagga characteristics. Three generations will be required before a pure Quagga will live again in Africa.



# TALES OF BIG CATS

## That grew longer and longer .....

Sightings of big cats have taken place almost simultaneously earlier this year in Scotland and Northern Ireland. In keeping with those observed in England's southern counties, the descriptions of witnesses cover pumas, leopards and jaguars but to date none of the animals have been captured and they remain just as elusive as the Beasts of Bodmin and Exmoor.

In Ulster, a Tyrone man reported to police that he spotted a big "puma-like" black cat stalking in fields close to the Hillcrest housing estate at dusk on the evening of March 25. He watched it for several minutes as first it climbed a tree and then vanished from view when moving off swiftly in the direction of Favour Royal Forest.

Two days later the animal or one similar, by this time nicknamed the Beast of Aughnacloy, was sighted again, about lunchtime, and only a mile across country from its first appearance. The RUC were divided in their opinion as to whether there was indeed a big cat on the prowl, while no evidence came forth of attacks on livestock or lambs.

The hunt for what had now become the 'Border Beast', or 'Clogher Cougar', soon intensified when two additional sightings of a "sleek black Puma-like" animal, approximately four feet long and with a long tail, were made near Clogher in Tyrone on March 29 and 30. Again the animal was observed around lunchtime and seen stalking a field near Mullaghtinney Park. Reports continued on and off into April, with witnesses variously describing the animal as "the size of a calf" and "like an Alsatian dog, only longer". Perhaps, like its size - it had amazingly grown another foot in length by now - tales of the 'Omagh Puma' (yes, another nickname) were growing longer.

Meanwhile, the first sighting of a tan-coloured big cat took place in the Machar hills of Scotland, about 20 miles from Stranraer, at the end of March/ early April. A farmer initially took photographs of huge paw prints he found in snow on his land.

On April 8, a man saw an animal he described as a mountain lion "flash" across in front of him as he walked his dog near Mochrum. And hours later two brothers startled the cat when they caught it in the headlights of their car. "I couldn't find anything like it in an encyclopaedia, but my brother is convinced it was a puma," said Craig Wallace.

Journalist Nick Outterside, who had been tracking the animal, said on April 13: "In the last ten days there have been a number of serious sightings and they are causing quite a stir."

In commenting about both the Scottish and Irish big cat sightings, John Stronge, manager of Belfast Zoo, said: "The colour of the Scottish cat would suggest that it is

a puma, but I must say I am sceptical about the Tyrone sightings.' The Tyrone cat has been described as black, so it would have to be a leopard or a jaguar. If there was a large predator roaming the countryside you would expect that the local sheep population would be devastated and domestic pets would be disappearing." [Sources: Belfast Telegraph - Mar 26/28/31 + Apr 9/13 & 14, 1994]

## FEIGNING CATS & DOGS

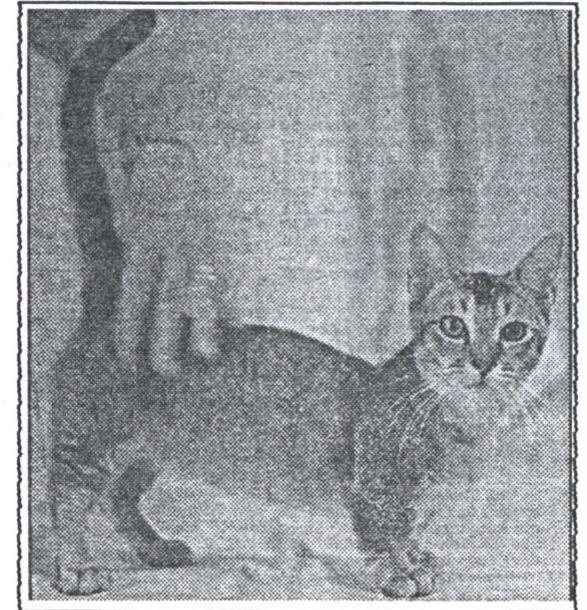
Terrified residents refused to leave their homes in Hampshire's New Forest after five separate sightings of what was described as a black panther. Police combed the area before they managed to come up with a black collie-labrador cross. Rather too neatly for the police it was described by them as having "fitted the description of the panther", according to a spokesman. [Source: Today - June 9, 1994]

Police raced to a quiet street in a Dorset town after residents reported a huge cat-like beast prowling at the bottom of their gardens. A police spokesman said worried residents claimed the cat was the size of a Labrador dog. Officers conducted a thorough search of the area before finally producing a small cat and blaming it for taking a night-time stroll. [Source: Western Daily Press - July 7, 1994]

## BIG CAT STUDY

Cornish police officer, Peter Keen, used his holiday in the US to study the North American cougar, or puma. After sighting the so-called Beast of Bodmin some three times, he is convinced that the creature is one of several pumas at large in the area responsible for killing dozens of cows in recent months. [Source: Sunday Independent - July 10, 1994]

A boy of 16 has been found living with pigs in a sty. Antonio Costa, who is mentally retarded, even grunted like the animals. His parents had kept him there for most of his life on their remote farm near Visen, Portugal. [Source: Today - Jan 1, 1994]



Breeder Penny Squires, of Virginia Beach, USA, regards her stubby-legged cats such as this one not as freaks - even though their three-inch front legs make them look something like a dachshund. "They are a normal mutation," she said.



## TALES FROM THE VEIL

### HAUNTED HOTEL SCARE

Kitchen staff at the five-star Lanesborough Hotel at Hyde Park, in London, were reported to be leaving in droves following the antics of spirits earlier this year.

The ghosts of nurses and patients are said to haunt the historic rooms of the building, which re-opened as a hotel two years ago. It was previously St George's Hospital, where Crimean War heroine Florence Nightingale worked.

"I'd be working in the kitchen and pots and pans would rattle for no reason," said one former employee. "There were strange noises and things would just fall over - it was scary."

Deputy manager Michael Naylor-Leyland denied that staff had left as a result of poltergeists. "There is the ghost of a nurse called The Grey Lady who wanders the top floor," he said. "But we've certainly had no staff leaving for something as silly as that." [Source: *The People* - April 24, 1994]

### GHOST HUNTERS CLASH

A team of ghostbusters at Beaulieu Abbey in Lyndhurst, Hants., sparked off a terrorist alert after a rival group tipped off police. The "IRA" members were said to be holding secret, all-night get-togethers to plot a bombing campaign.

When police arrived at their haunt they found the Ghost Club of Great Britain awaiting the appearance of a 17th century spectre who hadn't been sighted for the last 300 years. Its members were hoping to see the ghost of one of the Cistercian monks that had been there in the time of Henry VIII.

The club claims the rival Ghost Society alerted police and staff at the abbey. "Our meetings are organized under tight security and only past and present members would know when we were holding one," said Ghost Club secretary Commander Bill Bellars, 75.

The two groups have been locked in a row since former Ghost Club chairman and supernatural author Peter Underwood quit to set up his own organization.

Underwood responded by saying: "It has nothing to do with us. The ghost club probably did it themselves so they could blame us." [Source: *Today* - April 25, 1994]

### AMOROUS PHANTOMS

Housewife Christone Storey, 47, claims a sex-mad ghost won't let her rest and keeps climbing into bed with her. "It is very worrying," she said "I keep thinking Eric has come in from the living room, but when I roll over no one is there." A local vicar has been summoned to exorcise the spirit. [Source: *The People* - Feb 27, 1994] Blackpool resident Jill Cook has similar problems with another phantom who she reports crawls into bed beside her "before trying to make love to me and it is truly vile," she said. [Source: *Teletext* - June 4, 1994]

### SPOOK, LINE & STINKER

A Canadian professor decided to launch a legal action in June over the fact that his new home - 600-year-old Chingle Hall - is not haunted.

He alleges its former owner assured him it was the most haunted house in Britain, after being told that a Catholic priest John Wall, hung, drawn and quartered in 1679, roamed the building with other restless spirits.

But Prof. Trevor Kirkham, who lectures in ophthalmology at Montreal University, has established that Wall never set foot in the moated manor and was buried by nuns in East Anglia.

A Wall family once lived at Chingle Hall, but they had nothing to do with the martyr, despite claims that his severed head lies concealed in the walls.

[Sources: *Daily Express* - June 21/*Western Daily Press* - July 7, 1994 + others]

### OUIJA SENTENCE

A man convicted of a double murder is to be allowed an appeal after claims that jurors used a ouija board in their deliberations.

The Court of Appeal agreed to enquire into allegations that jurors used the board to "talk" to one of the murder victims.

Stephen Young, 35, was found guilty of shooting a newlywed couple and received two life sentences last year. The ouija board allegation forms the basis of Young's intended appeal against conviction at Hove Crown Court, Sussex. [Source: *Today* - June 2, 1994]

### CAP THAT

Cultists have raided dozens of tombs in a south Philippine province and stolen the knee caps of skeletons. They believe the caps could be turned into amulets that protect against bullets, according to officials. Twenty-five tombs in two towns in Agusan Del Sur were destroyed at midnight during the Easter - said to be the time the caps are the most powerful.

### VIDEO NASTY

Village shopkeeper Lilian Phelan got the fright of her life when she spotted a ghost on her store's security camera.

The ghost with a black moustache has been seen in a bedroom at the Boscawell Stores in Pendeen, West Cornwall, which is thought to be built on the site of a medieval gibbet.

[Source: *Belfast Telegraph* - Apr 25, 1994]

Some time ago a "smoky figure" was filmed by the treasurer of East Ardsley Conservative Club, Yorks., and as supernatural writer Joe Cooper said: "It's a video ghost and they are thin on the ground."

### FEARFUL FIREFIGHTERS

Firefighters at a station in Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, say the building is haunted by the ghost of a medieval monk and it is terrifying them.

Their quarters were built over a pit mined by monks and now they want it to be exorcised by a priest. [Source: *Today* - Feb 5, 1994]

### DREAM TO NIGHTMARE

Newlyweds Stan and Rachel Allen have fled their dream home after discovering it was once used as a devil-worshipping temple.

The couple found a makeshift altar at the flat in Heaton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, plus symbols and a picture of the Devil under wallpaper when it was stripped for redecoration. [Source: *The People* - Feb 27/94]

### BOB'S BIZARRE BACK YARD

Rock star Bob Geldof's back yard has been used by satanists for bizarre devil worship rituals, it is claimed.

Weird symbols and the word "satan" written in masking tape littered the lawn of his house near Faversham, Kent, in June.

The gardener discovered the strange hieroglyphics at the Geldof home - which is also part of an ancient church - and there was additional evidence of some sacrificial fire having taken place.

## GRAVE MATTER

Eleven gravediggers and two priests, from what has been dubbed Italy's most corrupt cemetery, have been jailed for their part in a corpse-robbing scandal.

Fathers Guiseppe and Rosario Ormando were found guilty of demanding money from families wanting chapel services and sentenced to 32 months in jail.

{Source: Teletext3 - June 18/94}

## VIRGIN TERRITORY

A coven of witches is disbanding after 157 years because the chief warlock can't find virgins for sacrificial rituals. Coven leader Charlie Morgan, of New York, said: "Apparently there are no virgins left." Daughter Brenda, 19, can't help - she's pregnant. {Source: Daily Sport - Apr 25/94}

### WITCH FACTS:

Most films on witchcraft reinforced the notion that the practitioners of old recited their spells and mockeries of Christian chants - notably the Lord's Prayer - backwards.

This idea was much loved by the witchfinders themselves who, possibly through clandestine observation of witchcraft ritual, thought they saw the head of the coven reading backwards from the spell book.

However, most of "The Knowledge" possessed by witches and wizards came from Arabic or even ancient Hebrew sources.

The original parchments were much prized and, because these languages were written from right to left, they were read that way.

Alleged witches were tortured until they "confessed" that they were reading backwards.

The guilty were then hanged (no witches were burned to death in England).

## MOVIE REPEAT

Actor Don Henderson has told of a "chilling coincidence" surrounding a thriller about a serial killer.

*White Angel* was shot a year ago, much of it in Cromwell St. Gloucester, where nine bodies were found at Frederick West's house. Events in the film were uncommonly similar to real life events. He said: "It's a very weird coincidence."

## HAMSTER VAMSTER

A man who ate a pet hamster and drank children's blood during a satanic ritual has been jailed for three years by a German court. Marcel Schauer, 31, of Nuremberg, said: "I only took blood when the children were naughty." {Source: Today - Apr 18/94}

## SOLE SUPPORTER

Psychic Bryan Gibson, 55, claims he is "controlled" by a Sioux chief called Running Foot.

"I call him the Boss, and if I am stuck I can feel him placing his head-dress on me," he says.

Bryan, a former actor who appeared in *Crown Court*, *Z Cars* and *Monty Python*, keeps *Running Foot's* picture on his wall for inspiration. {Source: Today - Apr 19/94}

## DEATH BY RITE

French police detained three Muslims pending a torture investigation into a teenage girl's death when they tried to rid her of 'evil spirits'.

Police said the three, including the rector and preacher of a mosque in northern France, were suspected of committing barbaric acts on 19-year-old Luisa Larpjonne, killed in an exorcism rite.

The girl had suffered frequent epileptic fits following a brain operation a year ago and her family were convinced it was the work of the devil.

The preacher forced the girl to drink nearly a gallon of salted water while two others held her still.

{Source: Sunday Independent - July 3/94}

# DEVIL'S WORK?

## Controversy over ritual abuse was heightened by allegations made in three high-profile cases:

1989: Nottingham, 23 children were taken into care. Nine adults, eight from the same family were convicted of abuse including incest, cruelty, and indecent assault. Social workers claimed the police failed to pursue claims of 'ritual acts which could only be described as 'Satanic'.

1990: Rochdale, 20 children were made wards of court following allegations that they had been involved in ritualistic abuse. Claims were dismissed by a High Court. Families are seeking compensation.

1990: Orkney, nine children from four families were taken into care following allegations of ritualistic acts. The resulting inquiry ruled that the adults involved should be presumed innocent.

A Government-commissioned study of organized child abuse has found no evidence of Satanic abuse it is claimed. On first reading of Prof Jean La Fontaine's research findings, it seems to provide powerful, indeed possibly irrefutable ammunition against the idea.

Published on June 2, La Fontaine's report, *The Extent and Nature of Organised and Ritual Abuse*, reviewed 84 cases of alleged Satanic abuse involving children between 1988 and 1992 in England and Wales. In only three cases was there any evidence that rituals occurred but it was secondary to the sexual abuse, which was the primary object of the perpetrator.

However, during these ten years there were seven successful prosecutions for ritual abuse in Britain, some of which might arguably fall within her definition of 'Satanic'. She may be right to think that little would be gained to justify subjecting children to further questioning, but what about the adult survivors?

The report says over-zealous evangelical Christians have been a powerful influence encouraging the identification of Satanic abuse. La Fontaine, a social anthropologist, also criticised American and British professional 'specialists', whose claims are rarely checked. Criticism was also levelled at social workers' interviewing techniques as containing leading questions, contamination, pressure and inducements to agree to suggestions. All contributing to the creation of a myth and its monster.

But many practitioners who believe they have worked with victims of Satanic abuse are critical of La Fontaine's approach. Jean Coleman, a psychiatrist and secretary of Ritual Abuse Information Network and Support, the support group for staff who have worked with Satanic abuse, says that because La Fontaine is not a clinician the study should have been carried out by a multi-disciplinary team.

A substantial number of well-established professionals believe they have worked with patients who have been abused using rituals or 'Satanic' rites. But La Fontaine claims that practitioners who maintain it exists 'have an emotional belief not an intellectual belief'.

Coleman disagrees and says while there is no forensic evidence of the abuse, La Fontaine does not talk about the 'clinical anecdotal evidence'. Some of the practitioners who have undertaken work with survivors have provided clinical evidence in a book edited by Valerie Sinason called *Treating Survivors of Satanic Abuse*.

Phil Mollon, head of clinical psychology and psychotherapy at the Lister Hospital, says the notion that evangelists are spreading ideas among professionals is a very *old and simple-minded explanation that doesn't bear up to investigation*.

Mollon, like Coleman and Sinason, believes his clients. But adds he hasn't stumbled across people carrying out Satanic rituals. He says victims are told by the abusers that they won't be believed, so they are often sensitive to whether or not a therapist believes them.

The three cases where La Fontaine did find evidence of ritual abuse offer important insights into a relatively rare form of organised abuse. In each case the activities were led by one man who sexually abused the children during rituals. All the rituals differed from each other and the report says there was no indication of any connection with other groups or between the individuals in these cases.

Evidence was found. Descriptions of altars and their furnishings by victims were confirmed when the objects were discovered. But La Fontaine remains adamant none can be said to involve Satanic rituals.

## FINDINGS REGARDING 'FALSE MEMORY SYNDROME'

There is a tremendous interest in 'false memory syndrome', particularly in how it may relate to the amazing increase in the stories of alien abduction, by seemingly 'normal' people leading perfectly 'normal' lives.

A survey of more than 1,000 therapists in the United States found one in four believed their clients' memories should be believed, regardless of the age at which they said the event occurred and the circumstances surrounding it. While one in ten did not believe their clients' memories could be influenced by suggestions.

American psychologist Michael Yapko presented these findings to a seminar of the *European Therapy Studies Institute* early in June. His research also found that four in ten therapists believed trauma was the only reason for forgetting childhood events. Only one-third distinguished between memories they believed to be true and those they doubted.

More than half believed hypnosis could recover memories of events from birth and nearly 30 per cent believed it could recover memories of past lives. Yapko said therapists were 'blurring the distinction' between metaphor and fact. Repressed memories certainly exist but they are far too readily diagnosed.

Memory is a very complicated part of experience. Yapko cited other US research in which children were asked whether various fictitious events took place. Initially they all replied 'no'. But after repeated but non-leading questioning two-thirds said the events had happened.

One example of such 'phantom' memories, with disastrous consequences, involved the trial in July of a man accused by his daughter of raping her 30 years ago. He was acquitted after it was claimed that she had developed false memory syndrome. Teesside Crown Court was told that she had built up her story of being sexually abused as a child after sessions with psychiatrists and social workers. The trial follows similar cases in America based on apparent memories revived during therapy.

Mr Justice Owen said in his summing-up of the two-day case: "You will bear in mind that the mistaken witness is often the most compelling witness."

*According to Dr Elle MacDonald, trapped false messages enter the unconscious at times of emotional stress. These form brain distortions that lead to behavioural problems and personal disempowerment.*

*Rapid Eye Movement Process (REMP) is, it's claimed, a 'revolutionary new technique' that gets rid of unwanted thought and behaviour patterns. In a session, the patient is directed to move their eyes in a certain way whilst recalling traumatic, possibly long-forgotten events.*

*These memories are then discharged through the eye, it is claimed.*

## GREEN ICEBERG NOT LETTUCE

For many years, ships captains navigating the waters of Antarctica have been intrigued by rare sightings of emerald icebergs. Now a new study shows that these icebergs are turned upside down, like a capsized ship.

The icebergs are blocks of ice that have broken off huge slabs of frozen snow called ice shelves. Their green appearance results from sea water that has frozen and adhered to the bottom of the freshwater ice shelf over hundreds of years.

Frozen sea water contains dissolved organic matter, like algae and plankton, giving a yellow tone to the bottom part of the freshwater ice shelf, which itself has a blue tint. When one of these icebergs turns upside down, it appears green through the visual mix of the yellow with the blue from below.

[Source: *Denver Post* - May 30/93]

## SPRAT SPLAT

Shoppers in Grodno, Russia, were amazed to find sprats falling from the heavens during a heavy downpour. Locals went fishing in the rain with upturned umbrellas, shovels and bags - to the fury of local fishmongers. [Source: *The People* - May 22/94]

*The Fort Dimension is a column dedicated to the memory of that great Victorian visionary, Charles Fort.*

*An American whose research and questioning approach to the strange phenomena of his time has ensured that he remains an influence on our tomorrows.*



## BLACK WIND

At least 43 people, most of them children, were killed in an area of northwest China when the 'black wind' swept through the region for two hours.

Day was turned to "black as night" when a cataclysmic sandstorm whipped up sand and pebbles, tore up trees by the roots and blew most of the victims into water channels.

[Source: *Toronto Star* - May 9/93]

## GET A GRIP

A California woman had a narrow escape when a pair of pliers which she believed fell from a plane slammed into the roof of her mobile home.

[Source: *Teletext3* - June 15/94]

## SHELL POWER

British scientists believe sea shells could hold the key to providing power for the future. Experts at Keele University have been studying the way sea creatures make their shells. They say the end result, which is made up of many layers of minerals, is a high performance material. Now they've copied the

technique and produced a ceramic material that's tough as well as strong. It is hoped that one day it could be used in power stations and car engines.

## MUSICAL OVERTONES

A new radio station has gone on the air in Poland offering news, music and protection against mosquitoes. Radio Zet is beaming an ultrasonic sound to repel the biting insects. It's first transmission in early June proved a disaster as the ultrasound drove cats into a frenzy and the frequency had to be changed.

## TURNOUT & TURN ON

Streetlights in parts of Delhi, India, are to be powered by human excreta from public toilets. The project will also provide cooking gas for 30 families.

## FUELISH

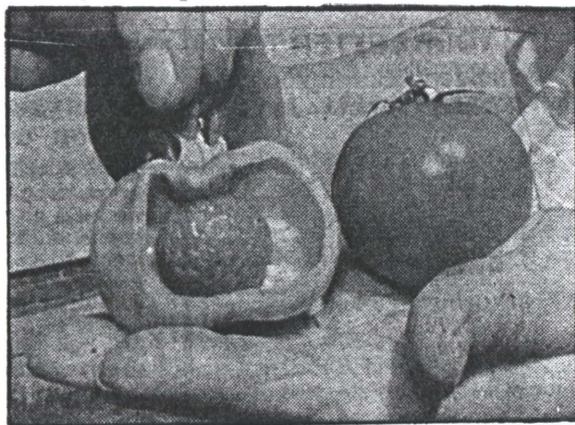
A conman who sold tablets to turn water into motor fuel is being hunted by police. He tricked passers-by in Belgrade, Serbia, by tossing the pills into water, pouring the liquid into his car's fuel tank and driving away. It was later discovered the vehicle ran on gas. [Source: *Today* - Apr 28/94]

## IN THE SOUP

Japanese police have arrested a self-styled guru who claimed his vegetable soup was so potent it could cause cancer cells to disappear. A police spokesman in Fukuoka, southern Japan, said that Kazu Tateishi, 60, was alleged to have examined patients and sold medication without a proper licence. Tateishi gained fame with his book: "The Original Vegetable Soup Health Diet".

## THEY CAME FROM OUTER SPACE!

Violet Charles, of Tiverton, Devon, couldn't believe her eyes when she sliced open her home grown tomatoes - and found a strawberry inside. She planted three tomato plants and found exactly the same inside each tomato. John Beringer, professor of molecular genetics at Bristol University, says: "A tomato cannot cross with a strawberry. It's genetically impossible".



## ARTHUR RULES OK

MORE than a thousand years ago King Arthur ruled the West Country - now he's back and wants to do battle again.

Arthur Pendragon claims to be the reincarnation of the legendary sixth century ruler. He dresses in Celtic robes, carries a sword called Excalibur and even changed his name to Pendragon by deed poll.

But instead of fighting Arthur's old foe, the Saxons, the new King Arthur wants to cross swords with English Heritage. He led the Glastonbury Druids to Stonehenge to celebrate the summer solstice but he's angry that EH have placed fences around the site to protect it.

He says he has always known he was the re-incarnation of a Celtic chieftain - but it wasn't until 1986 he realised he was King Arthur. 'I woke up one day and just knew. It was written that he would return and here I am.'

'It's obvious I'm the real Arthur - I've got Excalibur to prove it. I went to Glastonbury Tor and prayed to be reunited with Excalibur,' he explained. 'Exactly 28 days later I was in a van when we stopped at some traffic lights. I looked out and saw a gold hilted sword in a shop window - now I use it to knight people. The Crown Prosecution Service even said I can carry it because it's for ceremonial purposes.'

Arthur, a MENSAs member, says he's got no home and no income. 'I lived near Glastonbury for two years in a hole under a tree,' he revealed. 'I also lived for a while in an orchard in Gloucester.' [Source: *Sunday Independent* - June 19/94]

## SOUTH WALES' 1ST UFO & CROP CIRCLE CONFERENCE

Saturday - August 13th, 9am - 5pm

at the Power House Community  
Education Centre, Round Wood,  
Llanedeyrn, Cardiff.

Introduced by Tom Blower - South Wales  
UFO Group Investigator and featuring:  
COLIN ANDREWS • BUSTY TAYLOR  
MARGARET FRY • GARY ROE  
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## LEFTOVERS

THE SUBSTANCE Neapolitans venerate as the congealed blood of a fourth century saint, turned liquid in a ritual on May 1. Many of the city's people believe it is a miracle which will bring them good luck.

A COMBINATION of shadows, terrain and rock just below the peak of a mountain at Lindis Pass, New Zealand, strangely reveal a Christ-like bearded face. Film featured on Sky News in July clearly showed the head. Eye-witnesses claim that light can also be observed *glinting from the eyes.*

DARREN STIRRAT, 19, of Leigh Park, Hampshire, caught a 5lb freshwater carp in the sea during July.

A MUGGER who stops joggers at gunpoint is worrying police in Rome. "It's bizarre," said Inspector Anthony Florenza. "He hands his victims some clippers, makes them cut their fingernails, then scoops up the clippings and vanishes."

TOUGH CANADIAN carpenter Burt Hanson accidentally fired a two-inch nail into his own head from a compressed air nail gun. He told doctors he didn't realise what he had done until he tried to take his hat off.

MOURNERS GASPED as Jane Eldridge, 67, leapt from her coffin and ran from the church in Melbourne. She dashed 50 yards before passing out and being taken to hospital. A doctor said Jane had a heart defect which led to her being certified dead.

A CHEMICAL reaction in embalming fluids apparently started a fire in the casket of a dead man in a small church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

A METEOROLOGICAL storm over the south coast of England brought a flood of emergency calls to the coastguard and rescue authorities on the night of May 28. A spokesman at Thames Coastguard said: "At the height of the storm around 500 999 calls were received. People were reporting coloured lights ranging from red, blue and white. Many thought they were distress flares."

GARDENERS IN Lincolnshire are trying to find out how a petunia has grown to nearly 20 foot tall in June. Petunias are normally only 12 inches tall!

SINCE OTTO Brecker stuck a lucky horseshoe on his door in Stuttgart he has collected £170,000... by winning the football pools an amazing 1,200 times. [Source: *The People* - July 3/94]

IDENTICAL SIX-year-old twins were taken to hospital with broken collar bones after two separate accidents within the hour. Liam Lynch fell while climbing a fence at their home near Maidenhead, Berks. A few minutes later his brother Aaron tripped as he was running in front of the house. [Source: *Ceefax* - June 4/94]

CHINESE DOCTORS have removed a "monster tumour" from the chest of a nine-year-old boy, leaving him a third lighter after the 16lb growth was excised. [Source: *Belfast Telegraph* - April 14/94]

A SURGEON has removed a cyst weighing 66lb from a 55-year-old Moroccan woman who thought she was pregnant. [Source: *Belfast Telegraph* - April 7/94]

AND IF that is not enough, in May doctors in Texas removed a massive 156lb ovarian tumour from 63-year-old Evelyn Geffers, a woman so terrified of hospitals that she delayed seeking help for 15 years.

## CHECK OUT

**UFO MAGAZINE** - It's touted as Britain's "first-ever" national newsstand magazine devoted to UFOs and I stupidly paid good money for this. A Quest publication, why after 50 years do organizations still regard the general public as both uneducated and uninformed on the matter of UFOs? Strewth! newspaper, TV and radio coverage, plus a forest of magazines and books - all devoted to the subject - have served to ensure that a worldwide awareness of the phenomena exists as never before. So we don't need page after page of overly enlarged old photo's, coupled with yet another 'background history' on an anomaly that the market for such a title as this is already very familiar with. Price: £1.75.

**ENIGMAS** - Each issue covers such a wide variety of strange phenomena and is always a good source for current UFO activity in Scotland. The May/June issue carries a four-page report and photograph of a UFO incident at Craigluscar Reservoir.

Sub: £10 (5 issues) Editor: Malcolm Robinson, 41 The Braes, Tullibody, Clackmannanshire FK10 2TT, Scotland.

**MAGONIA** - I suppose what I like above all else is their irreverent attitude to the "suits" who sadly now run (manipulate?) BUFORA. The account of BUFORA's AGM in the June issue was a treat. However, a bonus of course is that MAGONIA carries in its pages some exceptionally fine 'interpretations' of the UFO and parallel subjects via the likes of Martin S Kottmeyer and Peter Rogerson. Both these and other writers exhibit an insight that is rewarding to the reader.

Sub: £4 (6 issues) - Editor: John Rimmer, John Dee Churchyard, 5 James Terrace, Mortlake Churchyard, London SW14 8HB.

**NEXUS** - Yes, it's now available in the UK at last so no excuses not to buy this remarkable magazine. You don't have to believe all you read, for this magazine is really designed to make you think. Don't be surprised if your safe, established view of the

more than a little shaken. Good news is that this Australian edited magazine is now available in the UK.

Subs: Sample £3, 1yr (6 issues) £18. Nexus, 55 Queens Road, East Grinstead, Sussex, RH19 1BG.

**GEM** - It very much retains its Earth Mysteries flavour, but as I noted in an earlier review, the magazine has pushed beyond its Gloucestershire borders and at the same time expanded the EM theme. Issue 18 does include a report on Big Cat sightings within the County area, but it's 'back-to-basics' this time with interesting articles on Bristol leys, Bredon Hill, plus an adaptation from a book by Nigel Mortimer: 'The Call of Backstones'. Sub: Sample £2.25, 1yr (3 issues) £5.75. GEM, PO Box 258, Cheltenham, GL53 0HR.

**THE CEREALOGIST** - The summer issue gives much space to the interpretations by two German cerealists of crop circle patterns in Wiltshire fields since 1989. The 'Burgers from Berlin' were not averse to carrying out their own "experimental formations" as they readily admitted, in their attempts to communicate with the 'true' source that lay behind the crop circle phenomenon. Editor George Wingfield's paranoia shows when he appears to readily accept "unsolicited information" to the effect that the CIA and MI5 both had operatives infiltrate the circle scene in Britain.

Subs: Sample £2.80, 1yr (3 issues) £8.40. Specialist Knowledge Services, St Aldhelm, 20 Paul Street, Frome, Somerset BA11 1DX.

**NORTHERN UFO NEWS** - The Spring issue is my latest. Its editor taking one swipe only at the warped and negative minds behind the 'Elite' fiasco. This group of unknown individuals has been circulating the UFO community with disinformation. I suspect it is not unlimited funds that enables them to carry this out, but access to facilities at little personal cost. Now, who in London has this? Sub: Sample £1.25, 1yr (6 issues) £7. Editor: Jenny Randles, 37 Heathbank Rd, Cheadle Heath, Stockport, Cheshire, SK3 0UP.



# JUNK MAIL FROM MARS



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