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**MEETING DATE: Monday, November 21, 1994 ♦ MEETING TIME: 7:30 Sharp**

**LOCATION: 8227 E. Orange Blossom, Scottsdale, AZ (Clubhouse)**

**PROGRAM: Featured Guest Preston Westmoreland**

### NOVEMBER'S SPEAKER

Radio personality and talk show host Preston Westmoreland will be our guest this month. As you may recall, about a year ago there was an article in the Arizona Republic concerning his adventures with a C-CETI group up in Wickenburg, and he did a telephone interview with Glenn Campbell from Area 51, as well as visiting the area himself. Preston was also a member of the UFO investigative committee N.I.C.A.P. when he lived on the east coast.

### ASSISTANT STATE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Details for a proposed statewide meeting to be held in February are detailed elsewhere in this Newsletter. It is hoped we can all work together to make this meeting a reality!

A lot of local UFO activity has been reported in the past few weeks, including a possible UFO sighting and landing near New River and FOUR UFOs witnessed by approximately 20 people in the vicinity of Gila Bend. It is unclear whether we are actually experiencing an increase in UFO activity in the area, or whether more people are reporting what they are seeing

I recently met with an Andrew Kissner, who is working on yet another Roswell-related book -- but Andrew has some new, different, and very interesting theories concerning the crash (all of which are documented). I am hoping to line Andrew up to speak at a meeting within the next few months and let him tell you what he has discovered. His findings are really something!

See you at the meeting!

Tom Taylor  
Assistant State Director

**Happy**

**Thanksgiving!**



### STATEWIDE MEETING

We are hoping to have a long-awaited state meeting (as opposed to a conference) in February 1995. Initial plans are to have it at our regular meeting place on a Saturday, around noon, to allow members from Flagstaff, Yuma, Tucson and all points in between plenty of time to get here.

We invite comments and ideas from all of you concerning this meeting. What sort of a meeting should we have -- a program with local speaker(s) (remember, we don't have extra money to pay travel expenses or an honorarium for speakers) or just a pot luck and socializing? We would very much like everyone who can volunteer their time and services to make the meeting a reality to contact Tom or Ray ASAP!! We need to get started right away; February is not far off! Please help us with this very important project to bring all of our members together.



### ROSWELL UPDATE

Kevin Randle and Donald Schmidt announce the first newsletter devoted to the ongoing investigation of Roswell.

The premiere issue will include new data such as Barry Goldwater and Roswell," "New First-hand Witnesses to the Bodies," and General Ramey and his own UFO research.

To receive this exciting newsletter, send your name, address and a check for \$15.95 to Roswell Update, P.O. Box 85, Hartford, WI 53027. [We presume your check should be made out to "Roswell Update."]

## MEDIA WATCH

In the interest of keeping the UFO topic before the public, the following is a list of programs on the subject recently aired via television, radio and newspaper in recent weeks. We will attempt to list programs ahead of time whenever possible; unfortunately, we are not notified of the majority of programs until it is too late to publish them in the Newsletter in time for members to view, hear or read them. In the case of TV and radio programs, ask at MUFON meetings to see if anyone is aware of someone who may have taped them to share.

Sunday evenings, KFYI - Art Bell's "Dreamland" Radio Program: Now one hour later, 8:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Linda Howe had an astronomer on a recent program reporting that a comet named Machholz-2 is going to enter the earth's orbit in the near future and that although it probably will not hit the earth, we could feel some effects as it nears the planet.

Strauss' Place - Bill Strauss hosts this radio program on KTAR Radio, 620 AM, at 9 p.m. every night.

UFO AZ/UFO TALKS - Phoenix: Wednesdays, Noon to 2 p.m., Local Public Access Cable [Dimension Channel 22 in some areas]. Scottsdale: Fridays, 3:30 p.m. and Monday, 6:00 p.m., Channel 28. Ted Loman and friends co-host this continuing series featuring interesting guests and topics related to all aspects of the UFO experience.

UFO-AZ needs your help! Their equipment is in need of repair and/or replacement. They are in need of a VCR for copying tapes and a 3/4" recorder deck. If you can help, call Ted Loman in Tucson at 292-6346.

UFO Update AZ - This is a new publication printed here in Phoenix which originates with Mike and Roger Bollinger. It's UFO Update AZ, and you can order a copy by contacting UFO Update AZ, 12629 N. Tatum Blvd., Suite 109; Phoenix, AZ 85032 - (602) 494-9279. The first issue, Fall 1994, was filled with interesting information, and it's a publication well worth reading.

Sightings - Saturdays at 8 or 9 p.m. (keeps changing), Channel 15. November 5's program was particularly good -- it was about the Iranian fighter/UFO incident which took place in the mid 1970s.

X Files - Fridays at 8:00 p.m., Channel 15.

Unsolved Mysteries - It's moving around again! We're not sure when or where it is these days.

Fate Magazine - The November issue had an interesting article written by Budd Hopkins on the Linda Cortile/New York abduction case.

Prime Time - October 15's program featured an excerpt on newly-released Soviet UFO information. The most interesting part of the segment concerned a UFO that hovered above an atomic warhead, and the missile prepared for launch on its own!!!

Tom Taylor  
Asst. State Director

## LANDING SITE CHOSEN FOR PATHFINDER

An ancient flood plain on Mars has been selected as the landing site for the 1996 mission of JPL's Mars Pathfinder, one of the first in a new generation of small, low-cost spacecraft.

Eons ago, when water flowed on Mars, great floods inundated the landing site, located on a rocky plain in an area known today as Ares Vallis. The site is 850 kilometers (527) miles southeast of the location of Viking Lander 1, which is 1976 became the first spacecraft to land on Mars. Pathfinder will be the first to land on Mars since the twin Viking landers arrived almost 20 years ago.

The spacecraft, scheduled to arrive at Mars on July 4, 1997, will parachute down to Ares Vallis at the mouth of an ancient outflow channel chosen for the variety of rock and soil samples it may present.

The purpose of the new Pathfinder mission is to demonstrate an inexpensive system for cruise, entry, descent and landing on Mars, said Project Manager Anthony Spear and Project Scientist Dr. Matthew Golombek.

The lander, carrying the microrover, will aerobrake in the upper Martian atmosphere, using an aeroshell and a parachute landing. The microrover will then roll out to examine the rocks and soil nearby.

Both lander and rover will carry scientific instruments and cameras. The lander will make atmospheric and meteorological observations during descent and function as a weather station on the surface, as well as a radio relay station for the rover.

The constraints on the location have to do with engineering considerations, Spear said. Since the spacecraft are solar powered, the best site is one with maximum sunshine, and in July 1997 the sun will be directly over the 15 degrees-north latitude region of the planet.

The elevation must be as low as possible Spear added, so the descent parachute has sufficient time to open and slow the lander to the correct terminal velocity. The landing will be within a 100 x 200-kilometer (60 x 120 mile) ellipse around the targeted site due to uncertainties in navigation and atmospheric entry.

Ares Vallis, which meets the engineering constraints, was chosen after a workshop earlier this year that involved the invited participation of the entire scientific community concerned with Mars. More than 60 scientists from the United States and Europe attended.

The Ares Vallis site, according to Golombek, is also a "grab bag" location, set at the mouth of a large outflow channel in which a wide variety of rocks is potentially within the reach of the rover. Even though the exact origins of the samples would not be known, he said, the chance of sampling a variety of rocks in a small area could reveal a lot about Mars.

The rocks would have been washed down from highlands at a time when floods moved over the surface of Mars. Several potential sites were listed where ancient flood channels emptied into Chryse Planitia, having cut through crustal units and ridged plains where the water would have picked up material and deposited it on the plain.

Other sites that were considered included Oxia Palus, a dark highlands region that contains highland crust and dark wind-blown deposits; Maja Valles Fan, a delta fan that drained an outflow channel; and the Maja Highlands, just south of Maja Valles. All of the sites were studied using Viking orbiter data.

Both the Pathfinder lander and rover have stereo imaging systems. The rover, additionally, carries an alpha proton x-ray spectrometer with which it will examine the composition of the rocks. The imaging system will reveal the mineralogy of surface materials, as well as the geologic processes and surface-atmosphere interactions that created and modified the surface.

The instrument package will also enable scientists to determine dust-particle size and water-vapor abundance in the atmosphere.

JPL Universe  
9/23/94

Contributed by Mark Wrona

## REINCARNATION

All people I have met until now who claim to "sense that they have had a previous life fall into three categories: a Roman legionnaire; a Greek philosopher, or an Egyptian priest. For woman, if she was not Cleopatra herself, then very close to her. So far I never met a Babylonia camel driver, an Assyrian garbage collector, or a Summerian hooker.

My first problem with reincarnation is pre mathematics: thousands of years ago the population of earth was perhaps 1 million. Today it is over 5 billion. If reincarnation means one dead/one born, where do the rest come from? One answer is that the rest arrive from the universes, which by now must be fairly depopulated. Some philosophies theorize that animals can be reborn as humans. (Is that reward or punishment for the poor beasts?) Conversely, some guys (and gals), judged as very bad, revert to the animal state to learn a lesson and become lovely things such as snakes or crocodiles. Probably one of them ate a German ambassador in the Congo River in 1960, but that is another story.

My second problem is a purpose. It seems that through reincarnation we are supposed to correct past misdeeds and better ourselves. Looking at the past millennia, the outlook is grim. Humanity is much

smarter, but better? I don't think so. Another point: how can I correct past boo-boos when I have no idea what they were? "Go for regressive hypnosis and find out!" an expert would advise. No way, José! And for two reasons:

First, this approach is unnatural. Nature would provide us with a device to remember if it were necessary. Some will say that my subconscious, or unconscious or whatever, does the work, whether I like it or not. Then who am I? An innocent bystander? Am I not responsible for my acts and thoughts? There must be a better explanation.

The second reason is that I would like to see myself in a previous life as someone like Julius Caesar or Hannibal! Just imagine my distress when I find that my previous life ended as a shish-kebab in a Greek restaurant! True, I will not have to worry about past misdeeds, but still . . . have a heart, people! And there is a warning: Things may not turn out as expected. See this: a bereaved widow visits a spiritist in order to contact her departed husband. After some efforts, the spiritist succeeds. "Jack, how are you?" "Great! The sky is sunny, the grass is green, and the cows are beautiful" "There are cows in Paradise?" "What Paradise? I am a bull in Montana"

And with this -- let's hear better ideas!

Dimitri (Jim) Ossipov

## ANOTHER ROSWELL WITNESS JUST "WALKS IN"

It happened 47 years ago and the search is still on for witnesses. Twenty-year-olds who may have been caught up as guards, debris gatherers, drivers, etc. are now 67. Older persons who may have been in more responsible positions are now in their late 70s, 80s and even 90s. Yet, remarkably, a surprising number are still around.

When UFO Magazine research director Don Ecker and Dwight Schulz were in Roswell, NM recently, they visited the UFO Enigma Museum. While there, another visitor, Mr. Thomas Gonzales, now 78 and living in Texas, told them he was stationed at Roswell in 1947 and remembers the UFO incident. They found his picture in the Roswell yearbook in the museum, and Gonzales has other documents to prove he was there.s

Gonzales claims he was one of the troops sent to guard the wreckage. He distinctly recalls the wreckage and witnessing "the little men." He described the craft as more like an "airfoil" than a disc, and the bodies as "human looking." Gonzales also claims having a piece of the wreckage; however, its location is unknown right now as he has moved several times since his wife died to live with his daughter and son. There are several pictures of it sitting on the family TV, however, and the family is attempting to find the artifact. A detailed story of the investigation of Gonzales and his claims is in UFO Magazine, Vol. 9, No. 5, 1994.

According to an item on Internet/Fidonet by Tim Joiner, Robert Stack, host of "Unsolved Mysteries," said on the "Tonight Show" of November 8, 1993, that



after the segment on the Roswell UFO crash he received an interesting phone call from the widow of Gordon McCrae, the famous singer/actor. She told him that Gordon had been stationed at Roswell in 1947. She remembered that he came home about two hours late one evening and told her the most fantastic tale about "a crashed saucer and little alien bodies." She said she told him to shut up and eat his cold supper, and that was the last she heard of it.

Apparently there also may be several witnesses living in Louisiana but so far LA MUFON has not been able to confirm any details.

Several years ago we were referred to a person who had allegedly seen a live alien and its guards through a glass panel in a hangar door. We were graciously received but in the awkward position of not being able to reveal how we learned the story. We politely settled for no information -- not even a denial -- and the hope for future information after the gentleman had more time to check us out. He apparently still prefers to leave things as they are.

More recently a pilot who was stationed at Roswell for about five years told us he remembered the incident because for several months they could not fly north or west of Roswell. However, since his primary aircraft was a B-17, he probably referred to the atomic test at the nearby Trinity site and not to the Roswell incident.

We are currently hoping another individual who has told close friends of his involvement in the Roswell incident will accept our request to talk with him, but so far no response. Maybe the current publicity about some of the other new witnesses will help.

Louisiana MUFON Newsletter  
October 1994

## UFO BULLETIN BOARD

Many of our members have computers and are accessing computer "bulletin boards" via modems. Some of these bulletin boards have some very interesting UFO information. Tom asked "Zach" Zachary of our group to write a few *very basic* instructions for anyone not familiar with these bulletin boards so that they may be able to access them. Our apologies to anyone thinking the steps are too basic: these steps are specifically for those unfamiliar with but wanting to use computer bulletin boards. Zach uses the Windows format.

You must, of course, have a computer with a modem (any speed will do; 2400, 9600, 14400, etc.). The number for the general bulletin board is: (602) 263-6947. The UFO section is a "conference" within the general bulletin board.

Using Windows, get into "terminal eliminator" to bring in the "FC (First Class) Install" file. This installs the First Class Bulletin Board System on your computer and gives access to "One Net" Bulletin Board (automatically through Legend City Bulletin Board in our area). A new menu appears. Choose "Science & Space Conference." Then within that conference you can

choose UFO Watchers, NASA Press Releases, Astronomy & Space, Shuttle Mission Reports, NASA Daily News, Shuttle Status Reports, etc.

[Zach is currently getting phone numbers of other bulletin boards as soon as he can find them. Those of you with "computer bulletin board" knowledge having other numbers, working in a DOS rather than WINDOWS environment, using McIntosh rather than IBM hardware, etc. may want to jot down a few notes for accessing bulletin boards in different ways and bring them to the meeting to share with others. Written rather than verbal instructions are easier for members to take home to try. Thanks to Zach for taking the time to research the numbers and write these steps.]

## UFO SIGHTING COMPUTER PROGRAM

Last month one of our members graciously offered a sample computer program which can pinpoint UFO sightings in the past all over the world. Not wanting to violate copyrights, we checked into the situation and found that the disk is, indeed, a sample disk and the program's creator encourages its dissemination.

In an effort to raise money for our group, we will go way, way out on a legality limb and offer copies of this IBM program, with printed instructions on how to load it, for a "donation" of \$5.00 to our MUFON group. We hope you will take advantage of this offer if you have an IBM compatible computer and are interested in such a program. "Zach" Zachary has previewed the program and finds it very interesting and informative.

## Classified Advertisements

We are starting a classified advertising section in our Newsletter! This is a great way for members of our group to advertise sales of products, services, and the like. As we start this service there is no limit to the type of advertising, but ***you must be a Newsletter subscriber*** in order to advertise. You can submit a business card, write your own copy (up to 30 words), or submit artwork to be copied into the Newsletter. Each ad will cost \$5.00 and will provide a means to feed our depleted coffers. Please submit your ad to Tom Taylor (his address is the return address on the Newsletter) at least TEN DAYS before the meeting (the Newsletter usually goes to press EIGHT DAYS before the meeting to allow time for copying and mailing).





## STANTON FRIEDMAN TO SPEAK IN YUMA

We have word that on February 7, 1995, Stanton Friedman will be speaking at Arizona Western College in Yuma. As soon as we have more details available, we will put them in the Newsletter. Perhaps sub-groups from each major area of the state can carpool or caravan to Yuma for this exciting event.

### CALENDAR

November 12 & 13: "The Philadelphia Conference," American Motor Inn, 4444 City Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19131. Admission: \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door. Call (215) 878-3100 for hotel reservations. Featured speakers include Karla Turner, Ph.D. Contact Bob Eure, P.O. Box 1152, Glenside, PA 19038 (215) 659-7580 for details.

November 13: Yuma area meeting, 1:30 p.m., Desert Lakes Clubhouse.

November 27 - December 4: Fourth International UFO Congress Convention, Peppermill Oasis Resort, Mesquite, Nevada (north of Las Vegas). Also includes film festival and EBE awards. For further information contact Bob Brown, 4266 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94611 (510) 428-0202 (Congress offices phone is (510) 428-0340 and their fax is (510) 654-7802).

Tucson MUFON Group - Tucson MUFON will have no further meetings this year. Tucson area members are advised to phone Jean Staffen, Asst. Section Director, for further information (323-7981). Messages can be left for Tom Kuszelewicz, Pima County Section Director, at 881-1252 (Tucson) or 389-2775 (Arivaca).



The Zeonions came with the answers to many secrets of the universe. Vern, regrettably, came with thick glasses and his deer rifle.

WHITE MOUNTAIN INDEPENDENT,  
Show Low, AZ - June 28, 1994

## Show Low woman gathering info on UFO sightings

Tom Patrick  
The Independent

SHOW LOW — If you have ever seen an unidentified flying object (UFO) or believe you have had contact with extra-terrestrial life-forms (E.T.L.s), Linda Biafore of Show Low would like to hear your story.

Biafore has recently moved to the Show Low area where she continues to collect information about UFO contacts for *UFO Perceptions*, a magazine based in Tennessee.

Biafore said she has several reasons for doing the research, but one of the main reasons is that she has been abducted by E.T.L.s throughout her life, and she is seeking to understand why she and others like her are being abducted.

"I have got to find out what's going on," she said. "That's why I do this."

Biafore said she has been abducted by E.T.L.s off and on since she was a small child growing up in San Diego. They continued when she moved to the area of Lake Elsinore, Calif., which is known by UFO enthusiasts as a "hot bed" of UFO activity.

She said she kept her silence about what was happening to her for years because she feared being ridiculed by others. But, she added, keeping it to herself would have driven her crazy, so now she is telling her story, and helping others tell theirs.

So far interviewing other people about their experiences has not helped her answer all of her questions but it has helped form her belief that the reason UFO abductions and contacts are taking place is genetics.

She said much of the information she has gathered as well as her own experiences have led her to believe that E.T.L.s who abduct humans are conducting experiments involving the humans' genetic make-up.

The E.T.L.s who are making contact with humans also seem to be following several family lines from generation to generation, Biafore said.

For instance, Biafore has been able to trace UFO contacts in her family all the way back to her great grandmother, who was contacted by E.T.L.s in the mid-1800's.

She said many of the people she has talked to have shared similar experiences in their family histories.

"They (the E.T.L.s) have a purpose," she said.

However, she added that she has not been able to determine what that purpose is.

In the course of gathering her information for *UFO Perceptions*, Biafore also has learned that for whatever reason, more people are being abducted now than before.

"I think that it's escalating," she said.

Biafore added that more people also are willing to talk about their experiences than ever before which is helping to show how widespread such experiences are.

"For whatever reason the time is right, it's coming out," she said.

Biafore said she is aware that many people are skeptical about the existence of E.T.L.s and their contact with humans but as for her, she has seen enough to know they are real.

"No one can tell me that they're not here," she said. "I know they're here."

**RIP REVIEWED:  
Roswell in Perspective,  
by Karl T. Pflock**

reviewed by Carolyn Duce-Ashe

*Roswell in Perspective (RiP)* is, in my opinion, the best researched, best documented and best written book on Roswell. I've read them all and I think Pflock's book is the most objective and clearest written account of the Roswell events of 1947.

"As Roswell goes,  
so goes ufology."  
— Karl T. Pflock

The 191-page report includes case-specific documentation, affidavits of 25 witnesses, and the complete text of the first in-depth interview with Jesse A. Marcell, Sr. It also includes facsimiles of contemporaneous UP wire stories and, of course, extracts from a report on Project Mogul.

The book sets out to distinguish between the myth and the truth about Roswell. This is done through meticulous research on facts and interviews of eye-witnesses.

The most obvious discrepancy that *RiP* reveals is found in the testimony of Frank Kaufman. It turns out that much of Kaufman's testimony cannot be verified and that many of the myths around Roswell, the impact site, and certain elements of the cover-up may have been generated by Kaufman's storytelling.

Pflock begins the book by quoting Euripides — "Man's most valuable trait is a judicious sense of what not to believe." This is the theme of the first part of the book, as Pflock tries to sort out fact from fiction and establish the chronology of events and verify them.

Pflock makes the point that this will be an ongoing research project and he characterizes the importance of the Roswell case by saying, "As Roswell goes, so goes ufology."

*RiP* goes into detail examining Randle and Schmitt's "revisionist" account, including questions about Jim Ragsdale's story and certain inconsistencies in it. Pflock concludes that the revisionist theory is fatally flawed.

*Many thanks to Carolyn for allowing us  
to reprint this article from the  
New Mexico MUFON News.* - ED.

The exact date of the crash, how many flights of debris went where, and the role played by Dr. Lincoln La Paz of UNM are a few of the items discussed in the monograph.

Then Project Mogul is introduced. Project Mogul was a Top Secret project at Alamogordo Army Air Field (see NM MUFON News #16 for details). There were some eleven flights of the huge array, as well as a few unnumbered flights. One of these, probably Flight 9, came down on Mac Brazel's ranch.

A detailed description of the materials used and the instruments included in the Mogul packages matches the debris descriptions in many ways (but there are a few things, such as the "hieroglyphics," which are hard to account for).

Pflock shows how a cover story to protect the secret Mogul project was disseminated. He quotes from a special witness he calls "Reluctant," another Deep Throat type, who claims to have seen the debris and maintains that he still has a piece of it (*RiP*, page 87).

The matter of the bodies is the big question in the Roswell Story. *RiP* contains a lot of testimony, but the heart of the matter lies with Glenn Dennis, with whom Pflock has become friends and who Pflock respects as an honest and credible witness.

Pflock states, "I am personally convinced that there were bodies and that they were either alien entities or humans or other earthly creatures who had undergone something horrible." (page 95)

As an afterword, Pflock states that Dennis is now "absolutely certain it was the afternoon of Monday, July 7 when he received the calls about body preservation and caskets." This more or less pinpoints the date.

*RiP* leaves the door open for the reality of the bodies and Pflock says he is committed to continuing the search for the truth about Roswell. He says, "It could be a key into excesses that were committed in the name of national security at the dawn of the Cold War... Whatever the answer, I hope we are up to it." (p. 117). I agree.

For signed copy of Karl Pflock's *Roswell in Perspective* inscribed to the buyer (or whoever you wish), send \$25 (which includes shipping and handling and is \$3 less than the FUFOR price), to Karl T. Pflock, PO Box 93338, Albuquerque, NM 87199-3338. If you've waited to purchase this fine book, please consider doing so now as Karl is graciously donating 20% of each sale to NM MUFON!



## MUTILATIONS REPORTED

Source: Monty Gaddy, *Ranchland News*, Sept 14, 1994, *Calhan, Colorado*

Rush rancher Clyde Chess is baffled. Why would someone, or something, mutilate one of his heifers--a 2-year-old Charolais cross? Why would they remove the animal's heart, sex organs, rectum, udder, tongue and lips with surgical precision? An how did they do it without leaving any blood behind?

Chess said he discovered the mutilated heifer Monday, September 5, in a leased pasture three miles south of Highway 94 near Franceville Coal Mine Road.

"She was down in a secluded draw," Chess said. "I found her in the same vicinity the cattle were in when I checked them on Thursday. So I believe this happened Thursday afternoon or evening."

Chess said one of the cow's front legs had been cut deeply at the shoulder. When he lifted the cow's leg, Chess could tell the heart had been removed from the chest cavity.

"There was no blood," Chess said. "How do you remove the heart of something and there isn't any blood?"

Good question. Chess called the El Paso Country Sheriff's Office to try and get an answer. Deputy Barry Rizk was dispatched.

The deputy's report wasn't available at press time, but Chess said he got the distinct impression the officer was "convinced it was the work of man" and not a predator.

Chess admitted that his first thought, when he saw the dead cow, was that it had been killed by predators such as coyotes. On closer inspection, he quickly changed his mind.

"There's no way a predator could lift that leg up and slice that hide," Chess said.

He added, Some of the neighbors said there had been a lot of low-flying aircraft and some helicopter activity all week last week in that area. One lady said one of the helicopters came so low that it almost deafened her. She said she couldn't hear for five minutes after it left."

Chess isn't alone in his bewilderment over strange animal deaths. Two weeks ago Ted and Patsy Hasenbalg, who live north of Simla, lost a 13-month-old Salar bull to a mutilation. Patsy said the bull's rectum, scrotum and left eye were completely removed, as well as the tip of the tail and the tip of an ear. The hid off the brisket was also gone.

Two Elbert Country deputies investigated the incident. "They said it definitely was not

predators," Patsy said. "They said it was definitely a mutilation."

Patsy said rigor mortis had not set in, and in fact, the bull was totally limp.

"There was no blood around this whatsoever--not even a drop of blood," she said. "That was the most amazing thing to me."

Ted Hasenbalg said he had a steer and a heifer mutilated in the late 70s, when mutilations were occurring frequently in the Ranchland region.

Ranchers who discover mutilated animals are encouraged to report them promptly to *Ranchland News* at 719-541-2288 or 719-347-2366.

## THE OZ FACTOR

Moviegoers can readily imagine the sense of dispiacement Dorothy must have felt when she was whisked out of Kansas and transported to the mysterious Land of Oz. That feeling, says British ufologist Jenny Randles, may resemble the perceptions experienced by people who encounter--or at least believe they encounter--unidentified flying objects.

Randles says her studies show that many UFO witnesses experience what she calls the Oz factor, "a sense of timelessness and sensory isolation" in which "the witness feels the UFO has temporarily sucked him into a kind of void where only he and the phenomenon coexist." This might occur, she speculates, when a person who is in a state of consciousness below normal waking reality interprets some natural condition, object, or event--as being preternatural in origin.

Randles further theorizes that in some rare cases the witness's subjective impression is strong enough to manipulate objective reality. In other words, a person who is caught in the grip of the Oz factor may actually be able to photograph something that he or she sees, even though it does not, in a completely objective sense, exist.

Randles's theory--which is dismissed by most other researchers--does not rule out alien contact. On the contrary, the theory posits it as a possible source of the bizarre events that witnesses believe they experience. It may be, she says, that outworlders are contacting humans through consciousness alone rather than with sophisticated technology. These alien beings are somehow able to induce a subjectively real incidence of an encounter. If this is so, a particularly sensitive person might serve as a sort of radio receiver of

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