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## ARIZONA CHAPTER

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*The Truth is Out There . . .*

### PROGRAM: Jim Dilettoso and Video:

**"Two Cases of Group Contact: Former USSR and Remote Site in Eastern U.S."**

**MEETING DATE: Wednesday, November 20, 1996 [One Week Early] ♦ MEETING TIME: 7:30 p.m. SHARP**

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### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Richard Hoagland conducted two "Mars Global Surveyor Rallies" occurring on November 6, 1996 at the NASA Jet Propulsion Lab in California and at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Coco Beach, Florida. I wish we had had more notice about these rallies, but we were not advised until last week. Check and see if any of the news media picks up these rallies.

Zacharia Sitchin spoke in Mesa last week and there was also a UFO conference in Mesa several weeks ago.

Jim Dilettoso is our featured speaker for the November meeting. I have seen parts of the video from Russia, and it is perhaps the most bizarre thing I have ever seen. Make a point to be at the meeting -- you won't want to miss it!

Don't forget the meeting is A WEEK EARLIER -- the THIRD Wednesday of the month -- due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The December meeting will also be the

THIRD Wednesday in December due to the Christmas holiday.

Dr. Ruth Hover did an outstanding job of presenting an abductee meeting last month. A special thanks to "Bob and Joy" for telling their abduction stories.

Paul Ankney has stepped down as Assistant State Director due to other obligations. Thanks to Paul for serving in that capacity for the past several years. I have appointed noted author and researcher Bill Hamilton as the new Assistant State Director and am very much looking forward to working with him.

Don't forget the conference to be held in Laughlin in January. Programs will be available at this month's meeting, and we'd like to get a caravan going up there.

I was very surprised when the mail came recently; there was a whole pile of new membership forms, all from the Sierra Vista and Willcox areas in southeast Arizona. Whitey Reese, our new Section Director down by the border, is doing an excellent job of recruiting new

MUFON-AZ members! Thanks, Whitey!

I sincerely wish someone in the Sedona and/or Flagstaff area would get a group going there. I have spoken to several members up that way, and we need someone up there to get things rolling.

Keep your eyes to the sky!

Tom Taylor  
State Director



### Media Watch

by Tom Taylor

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 often not notified 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.

***Always be sure to check current TV listings before viewing!***

In addition to all that's going on with the Mars rallies, several new programs including "Dark Skies" on NBC Saturdays and "Strange Universe" every weeknight on Channel 45 at 10:30 p.m. are airing. Jim Dilettoso also hosts a UFO-related 15-minute program each Wednesday at 8:45 p.m. on Channel 10.

KTAR Radio did a replay and updated 1995 version of "War of the Worlds" on Halloween night. Preston Westmoreland, Bill Strauss, and Pat McMahon played some of the parts.

For anyone who possibly is not aware of the existence of Area 51, it was be the subject of "The 10 Files" on Channel 10 at 10 p.m. last Friday night. This program often features UFO-related subjects.

I see where yet another piece of a Martian meteorite has been discovered, and the first one was featured on "Unsolved Mysteries" on Friday, November 1.

Watch for the new film "Mars Attack" to be released December 13 and starring Jack Nicholson and Michael J. Fox.

Mike and Roger Bollinger put out an interesting quarterly publication called UFO Update. To subscribe to this publication, or for more information, call (602) 494-9279.

### **WEEKLY PROGRAMS:**

DREAMLAND - KFYI Radio, 910 AM, Sunday evenings, 8:00 p.m. - Art Bell hosts this interesting radio program. The program is aired on the following stations in other cities in Arizona: Globe: 1240 AM; Safford: 1230 AM; Tucson: 1400 AM; Kingman: 1230 AM; and Flagstaff: 600 AM. Art also hosts "Coast to Coast"

weeknights at midnight and often features UFO related guests and/or topics. A "Dreamland" repeat is also broadcast at 8 p.m. on Saturdays.

UFO AZ/UFO TALKS - Scottsdale TCI cable, Channel 28, Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and still viewed (since we have not heard otherwise) on Channel 22, Dimension Cable, Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.; now also in Prescott on Channel 13 Friday nights at 9 p.m. and repeated on Tuesday at 3 p.m. Co-produced by Alan Morey. Ted, Peggy and Jim co-host this continuing series featuring interesting guests and topics related to all aspects of the UFO experience. Related radio program in the Tucson area on KTUC, 1400 AM, 10:00 p.m. Sundays (after "Dreamland").

The Extraordinary - Monday MORNINGS, 12:30 - 1:30 a.m. (set your VCRs), Channel 15.

Unsolved Mysteries - Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 12.

X Files - MOVED TO SUNDAYS at 8:00 p.m., Channel 10.

Dark Skies - Saturdays at 7:00 p.m., Channel 12.

Strange Universe - *every weeknight* at 10:30 p.m. on Channel 45.

Mysteries Around Us, KTAR Radio (620 AM), 12 midnight Saturday and 12 midnight Sunday, hosted by Frank Baranowski, a well-known hypnotherapist specializing in regression.

Late Night Cosmic Contact - Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 p.m., Channel 61 [TCI Tucson Public Access]. This new talk show features host Chris Maynard and guests who believe they have experienced contact with life from other worlds. Chris also examines national contact cases to evaluate facts, comparisons and trends of this growing phenomenon.

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Many thanks to those submitting articles and book reviews, and if you haven't done so, here's an invitation to add to YOUR newsletter by doing so. Handwritten articles and those typed on a typewriter are fine, but if you do have a computer, it saves a lot of time if you can submit your articles on diskette. However, PLEASE save your articles in Word-Perfect 5.1 software or in ASCII (DOS text) format and put your name on them. Then send them (either the hard copy or the diskette) to Tom at 1433 W. Huntington, Tempe, AZ 85282 or fax hard copy articles them to Mary Hart at 907-0609.

## **WORLD WIDE WEB**

Each month's MUFON-AZ Newsletter is now available to users of the World Wide Web. For those wishing to access the Newsletter on the internet, the "address" is:

<http://www.xroads.com/~noack/mufon.html>

Further UFO-related information can be obtained by accessing:

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**!!!! DON'T FORGET THE DATE CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MEETINGS !!!!**

## **Classified Ads**

Don't forget that we can advertise for you in the newsletter!! Ads up to three lines long are \$5.00; business-card sized ads are \$10 [we can reproduce your business card as the ad]. See Tom Taylor for price on

## **Calendar**

**Pima County Chapter** - No meeting is planned for December; the November meeting was held on the 10th and we did not get the information in time to put that in last month's



Newsletter. June is a little under the weather; we hope she gets to feeling better soon. You can reach her at 520/326-9978 if you need any information concerning the group or the meetings.

**Yuma County Chapter** - Meeting November 17, 1:00 p.m. (Sunday) at Desert Lakes Clubhouse. Call Bobbie Jones at 520/627-2461 for exact address and details.

**Cochise County Chapter** - No new meetings have been announced, but it sounds like Whitey has been busy recruiting new members and checking out sightings. He also gave an excellent interview to the Sierra Vista Herald on October 13. Whitey can be reached at 520/378-2845. For you computer buffs, Whitey's e-mail address is: wrees1@juno.com -- he can be reached that way as well.

**Maricopa County Chapter:** meeting November 20 and December 18 (THIRD Wednesdays), usual place and time (see page 1).

January 18-24, 1997 - 6th Annual UFO Congress, Laughlin NV at Gold River Resort. This could be a good trip for our group. Fax/phone 303/543-9443 for details.

### LEVITRON TO BE RAFFLED OFF AT NOVEMBER MEETING

A Levitron which has been advertised on Art Bell's radio program has been purchased and will be demonstrated at this month's meeting. At the conclusion of the demonstration the device will be raffled off. Be sure to check out this amazing gadget and buy plenty of \$1.00 tickets to win it!!

### THE UFO RESEARCH COALITION

The demise of the C-F-M Coalition as organized by Robert Bigelow was due directly to differences of an irreconcilable nature between the Bigelow Foundation on the one hand and the three major UFO organizations on the other. In fact, the brightest aspect of the doomed Bigelow Coalition was the smooth working relationship established by the Fund, MUFON,

and CUFOS among themselves. The emergence of this relationship, wherein participants saw eye to eye on most major issues, was a driving force behind the decision of officers of the three organizations to continue with their association. Accordingly, the UFO Research Coalition was begun to carry out cooperative endeavors sponsored jointly by CUFOS, MUFON, and the Fund.

While not a legal entity at this time, the UFO Research Coalition will sponsor scientific research into matters germane to UFOlogy and act to increase public knowledge of UFOs. Funding will be derived from inputs by the three sponsoring organizations, as well as (ultimately) donations from individuals and sales of documents. At a meeting in New York City on 19-21 January 1996, representatives met to consider specific projects that could be funded in the coming year. First and foremost was distribution of the now-completed briefing book authored by Don Berliner with Marie Galbraith and Antonio Huneus. This 169-page book will be distributed to specific individuals within the government, academia, and the media for the purpose of interesting them in the UFO phenomenon by presenting them with the best evidence in favor of UFOs as anomalous objects. It is hoped that one thousand copies eventually will be disseminated. The Fund agreed to act as distributor of the briefing book, with its management firm sending out the bulk of the copies.

A number of other projects also are receiving attention from the UFO Research Coalition for funding later this year and early the next. These projects -- in the areas of abductions, field investigations, and government UFO documents -- are in early, formative stages of discussion. Their costs and manner of implementation have yet to be determined; however, once undertaken, they will address a number of long-felt needs in the UFO field.

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### ISABEL DAVIS AWARD BALLOTING

This year, as in many previous years, the Fund [for UFO Research, Inc.] will be presenting its Isabel Davis Award. The award recognizes long-term research contributions to the UFO field. Past winners include Budd Hopkins, Leonard Stringfield and Bruce Maccabee. The winner is determined on the basis of a popular vote by current contributors to the Fund for UFO Research; the slate of candidates is nominated by the Fund's board of directors.

The 1996 Isabel Davis Award nominees are:

1. Ms. Ann Druffel. Active in UFO research since the 1950s, Ms. Druffel is the author of The Tujunga canyon Contacts as well as numerous journal articles. She is currently archiving the late Dr. James McDonald's files and is completing a biography of him.

2. Ms. Jenny Randles. Ms. Randles has been a leading British researcher for many years and is the author of numerous UFO books, among them The UFO Conspiracy, Abduction, and UFO Retrievals.

3. Dr. Mark Rodeghier. Presently scientific director of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, Dr. Rodeghier has contributed reasoned commentary on a wide array of UFO topics, including Roswell, the sociological aspects of abductees, and the interaction between UFOs and automotive vehicles.

4. Mr. Walter Webb. A seminal researcher in the field of abductions, Mr. Webb was the first investigator of the Betty and Barney Hill case. He is the current chief field investigator for the UFO Research Coalition and the author of the recent Encounter at Buff Ledge and Final Report on the America West Airline Case, May 25-26, 1995.

[Those persons receiving the Fund for UFO Research Quarterly Report are eligible to vote for their choice of the above recipients, and ballots are being accepted through November.]



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## THE MOON: EVIDENCE OF ANCIENT HABITATION

On June 2, 1994, Richard C. Hoagland presented for the first time the evidence that he and his Mars Mission team have found regarding ancient structures on the moon. This evidence is contained in NASA photographs that are available to the public. The presentation took place as a lecture in the Ohio State University campus in the Independence Hall auditorium. The lecture was sponsored by the MidOhio Research Associates, Inc. (MORA), and the Ohio State University chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. As part of that presentation, Mr. Hoagland provided MORA with a copy of a report prepared by Columbia University geologist Dr. Bruce Cornet which supported many of the Mars Mission's findings. The report is dated May 15, 1994. Portions of that report are extracted below so that the reader can get a feel for the evidence which was submitted and can order the photographs from NASA by using the numbers given if he/she so desires.

"Interpretation of anomalous structures on the moon, based on evidence shown to me by Richard C. Hoagland . . . [in early] 1994.

"Areas of interest: Central area and southwestern area of Sinus Medii, center of moon disk; Mare Crisium, northwest area of moon disk.

"Lunar Orbiter, February 1967 . . . Original negative from National Space Science Data Center (NSSDC) at Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD; III-84M of 'Shard' and 'Tower' on southwest side of Sinus Medii from 30 miles altitude . . . 'Shard' and 'Tower' about 230 and 200 miles distant from camera, respectively . . . orientation of this photograph [is] 45 degrees to south of Apollo 10 photographs AS10-32-4854, AS10-32-4855, and AS10-32-4856.

"Surveyor 6, November 1967 . . . one of seven photographs published in NASA Technical Report 32-1262 (NAS7-10), entitled 'Surveyor 6 Mission Report, Part III' . . . published by JPL at Cal. Tech., August 15, 1968 . . .

"Apollo 10, May 1969 . . . NASA catalog SP-232: AS10-32-4822, AS10-32-4854, AS10-32-4855, and AS10-32-4856 of Sinus Medii from 70 miles in orbit, taken by hand-held Hasselblad camera . . . the Lunar Orbiter photograph and the three sequential photographs (AS-10-32-54 - 56) taken from the Apollo spacecraft all show the 'Tower' (and 'Shard') in the southwestern area of Sinus Medii from different angles and perspectives. The Surveyor 6 photograph shows anomalous geometric structures above the ground, like those associated with the tower extending to the north of the 'Tower' for about a hundred miles. the censored Apollo 10 photograph [blacked out in the related photo catalog] near Ukert crater shows anomalous geometric structures extending on the ground for tens of miles over an area the size of the Los Angeles basin. All of these unnatural structures appear to have sustained varying degrees of damage from meteorite and micro meteorite impact . . . Recognition of such damage is important in understanding and interpreting the nature and time sequence in the origin of these structures.

"Apollo 16, June 1972 . . . NASA photograph AS16-121-19438, looking northwest from above the eastern edge of Mare Crisium and across Mare Tranquilitatus from 79 miles altitude.

"Ukert . . . is a crater-like feature that displays a circumscribed equilateral triangle at full moon (noon local time) in its center . . . this triangle is not natural, because the sides of the 'crater' are much brighter only opposite the sides of the triangle . . . If a line is drawn from the centers of each bright area across the triangle to the opposite angle, the lines will exactly bisect each angle. Such regular geometry is not a natural feature of any terrain, either on earth or on the moon.

"The 'Shard' . . . is an obvious structure which rises above the Moon's surface by more than a mile. Its overall irregular spindly shape (containing a regular geometric pattern) with constructed nodes and swollen internodes, if natural, has got to be the wonder of the universe. No known natural process can explain such a structure. Computer enhancement with about 190 feet (60 meters) resolution shows an irregular outline with more reflective and less reflective surfaces. the amount of sunlight reflecting from the parts of the Shard indicate a composition inconsistent with that of most natural substances. Only crystal facets and glass can reflect that much light (polished metal surfaces are not natural). Single crystals the size of city blocks are currently unknown. I concur with Hoagland that the Shard may be a highly eroded remnant of some sort of artificial structure made of glasslike material. Other larger structures and their reflectivity in the area support this theory.

"The Tower . . . represents an enigma of the highest magnitude, because it rises more than five miles above the surface of the moon, and has been photographed from five different angles and two different altitudes . . . [it] exists in front of and to the left of the Shard in Lunar Orbiter III-84M photograph. The distance from the Tower and the camera is estimated at about 200 miles, while the distance to the Shard beyond the Tower is estimated at about 230 miles. The top of the Tower has a very ordered cubic geometry and appears to be composed of regular cubes (similar in size) joined together to form a very large cube with an estimated width of over one mile. There is apparent damage to the outline and surface of this megacube, because many cubic spaces or indentations occur over its surface (these spaces are 50-60 times larger than pixel size, and their shapes are not controlled by the rectangular shape of the pixel). A narrow columnar structure connects this cube with the surface of the moon. The columnar support is at least three miles tall and tapers toward its base. The taper may be in part due to perspective, if the Tower is oriented at an angle and is leaning toward the camera. The leaning



tower may be part of a larger, more transparent structure which is also inclined.

"Surrounding the Tower are faint indications of additional light reflective material . . . the regular cubic and/or rectangular nature of this pattern and indications of radiating structures that connect the Tower with the surface indicates that material of low light reflectivity exists above the moon's surface over a large area measured in hundreds of miles. the irregular splotchy reflections from some of this aerial material may be due to meteorite and projectile damage over millions of years. Its highly transparent nature (bright stars can be seen behind and through this material) indicates either an open grid with cubic spaces or glasslike material held together by some sort of structural grid or a combination of both. Color photographs . . . confirm the size and extend of this gridlike construction.

"The three Apollo photographs showing the Tower in the distance also show the grid structure from above . . . the grid pattern appears to be three dimensional and is expressed as dark lines with random points of reflection around those lines. The grid appears to be some sort of support structure, perhaps formed from a metallic rebar . . . I agree with Hoagland's interpretation of this material as remnant portions of the glass structure, which still remains attached and suspended above the moon's surface on a metallic cross-support structure. The Tower, by contrast, is visible in all three photographs because there is much more glass remaining than on the suspended grid structure around the Tower. Even from different angles and distances in these photographs, the top of the Tower. appears as a giant cube made up of smaller cubic and hexagonal objects . . .

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"The city complex near Ukert Photograph AS10-32-4822 in NASA Catalog SP-232 is blacked out . . . [in the actual photograph] the image shows features near Ukert that defy conventional explanation. A linear dome-shaped hill runs diagonally across the photograph. To the north of that hill a large area exists with regularly aligned rows of structure . . .

"I agree with Hoagland that someone or some group within NASA deliberately concealed this picture in the catalog because of its content, and that this area may contain one of several city complexes that were built under an enormous glass dome within Sinus Medii. The sheer implications of such massive structures on the moon, i verified by an open and honest visit by astronauts to the moon, would cause man to rethink many ideas and question many beliefs about other intelligent life in the universe. Clearly, such structures are well beyond our current technologies and rank with the Pyramids and Sphinx on earth, and with the Cydonia complex and its humanoid face on Mars, as major mysteries of our Solar System.

"The dome over Mare Crisium, further evidence for such massive constructs on the moon, can be found in Mare Crisium . . . NASA photograph AS16-121-19438 . . . [it shows] a strong set of large, concentric, circular light patterns within the mare. To one side an enormous spire of tower rises from the surface within the perimeter of these light circles. Magnification of the area around this spire shows cubic patterns like those around the Tower in Sinus Medii. Numerous holes of varying size can be detected

within this cubic pattern, probably caused by meteorites . . .

"I support Hoagland's interpretation that the anomalous patterns in photographs from Sinus Medii and Mare Crisium cannot be explained as natural. I further support his interpretation that these patterns above the surface are caused by enormous structures of artificial origin, structures that may represent the remains of glass domes that were built to cover, protect and provide a life-support environment for habitable structures on the surface."

In conclusion, Dr. Cornet states "Clearly, further independent investigation and analysis by experts is warranted. There is also a relevant need to press the Pentagon into releasing all 1.5 million Clementine photographs immediately and without censorship."

William E. Jones, J.D.  
MUFON State Director/Ohio  
Ohio UFO Notebook, Summer 1994



**NOTE:** Due to the holidays in November and December, our meetings will be held on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of each of those months: **November 20** and **December 18**.

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# Millionaire buys Utah ranch for its UFO appeal

## + Weird stories intrigue magnate

• Associated Press

FORT DUCHESNE, Utah — The search for answers to one of science's greatest questions has led millionaire Robert Bigelow to an isolated cattle ranch in the heart of eastern Utah's Uintah Basin.

Here, far from the bright lights of his native Las Vegas, the real-estate magnate hopes his team of scientists can unearth the roots of UFO folklore prevalent in this region since the 1950s.

Bigelow, easily the most prominent U.S. financier in the paranormal-research field, is convinced that there is something to the weird stories told by the family of Terry Sherman.

Last July, the Shermans broke years of silence and went public with bizarre tales of strange lights and UFOs on their 480-acre ranch.

Sherman said he and other members of his family had seen lights emerging from circular "doorways" that seemed to appear in mid-air. He said he had three cows strangely mutilated and several others disappear. The rancher also reported unusual impressions in the soil and circles of flattened grass in a pasture.

The Shermans' story appeared in the *Deseret News* and on a national radio broadcast. Several weeks later,

Bigelow met with the Shermans and negotiated to buy the ranch for about \$200,000.

The Sherman family has relocated to a smaller ranch 15 miles away — far removed, they hope, from the disturbing occurrences they endured for 18 months.

Bigelow has erected an observation building and moved in a pair of scientists and a veterinarian. He has someone on the property 24 hours a day, recording anything out of the ordinary.

Officially, the research is being conducted by the National Institute for Discovery Science, which Bigelow formed last October. Among the scientists involved is John Alexander, former director of non-lethal weapons testing at Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico.

"Our approach is to do good, high-quality research using a standard scientific approach and do what we can to get hard data," Alexander said, from the institute's Las Vegas offices. "One of the missions of the institute is to make information widely available."

Bigelow himself declined an interview. Alexander would not provide details of how or why the research is being conducted.

Sherman, now employed by Bigelow to maintain the ranch, said he no longer can discuss the activity because of a nondisclosure agreement Bigelow had him sign.

Alexander said results of the study will be published in scientific journals and on the institute's page on the World Wide Web. Other research documents and information about the institute is available at <http://www.accessnv.com/nids> on the Internet.

The secretive behavior concerns other UFO researchers, including Ryan Layton of Utah and Chris O'Brien of Crestone, Colo. Both visited the ranch in July before Bigelow became involved.

"It's the most impressive case I've ever personally investigated," said O'Brien, author of *The Mysterious Valley* about UFOs in Colorado's San Luis Valley. "It should be public knowledge."

The whole ordeal has been difficult for the Shermans, who say they lost money on the sale. Sherman said he was offered more money by a Colorado family and a local hunting club but did not want to put anyone at risk.

"It's just been a bad deal all the way around," Terry Sherman said.



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\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL OFFER: Order both the *Final Report* and the *Interim Report* for only-- \$13.00

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\_\_\_\_ *Flying Saucer Review 1955-1994 Volume-Author-Article Index* by Edward G. Stewart. The author, 1995, 8½ x 11 softbound, 613 pp, a triple index to all FSR material: by content per issue, by author (alphabetical) and by article title. The indispensable companion to your FSR holdings! \$59.95

\_\_\_\_ (Video) *Mysteries of the Sky: 26 August 1995 Fund Seminar*. In 1995, the Fund held a one-day UFO seminar at Prince George's Community College in Largo, MD, that featured Fund

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associates and board members as speakers. This videotape includes excerpts from the talks of all the speakers, to wit: Don Berlmer, Dr. John Carlson, Richard Hall, Dr. Robert Hall, Rob Swiatek, and Susan Swiatek. 1:43 in length. \$14.00

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### **Astronomers find vinegar, may be clue to life**

MADISON, Wis. — In a stellar cloud 25,000 light years from Earth, researchers have found ordinary vinegar, an organic molecule that may have played a role in the formation of life.

Radio astronomers from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, found the faint traces of vinegar, also known as acetic acid, in a cloud of gas and dust named Sagittarius B2 North.

"Acetic acid could have been one of the first steps toward the chemicals of life," said Lewis E. Snyder, a member of the University of Illinois team. "If you add a form of ammonia to it, you get glycine, the simplest, biologically important amino acid."

Amino acids are the basic building blocks of life. Proteins and DNA are made up of combinations of common amino acids, and proteins are in all living organisms.



## WORLD

# Israelis caught up in UFO craze; everything under sun gets blame

Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — It's not the invasion Israel feared most.

But aliens alighting in the Holy Land are grabbing the headlines these days, with a flurry of media reports on UFO sightings and abductions by extraterrestrials in egg-shape spaceships.

"The Great Invasion" read a headline in the Maariv daily above a list of 16 examples of UFO sightings in the past three months.

Last week, Maariv said, hundreds stopped on a major highway and stared at what looked like an alien spacecraft doing loops above Tel Aviv before dawn.

A 62-year-old Israeli who said he was abducted by aliens on his way to the post office was interviewed on television and radio.

The story made front-page news for a second day last week when a laboratory analysis of yellow dust he says was showered on him by his captors was different from any soil found in the area.

Skeptics say Israelis are being swept away by U.S. pop culture. The movie "Independence Day" — about an alien invasion of Earth — is a blockbuster in Israel. The "X-Files" series — about two FBI agents who investigate paranormal phenomena — is one of the most popular TV shows.

"I strongly believe that what we have now is

hysterical behavior," said Ariel Cohen, an atmospheric physicist at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Analysis of video footage of alleged UFO sightings, Cohen said, suggested camera operators adjusted the focus to make subjects seem unnatural. Others note Israel's airspace is known to host a secretive — but earthly — air force.

Still, Cohen said authorities should investigate sightings and publish the scientific explanations that could be found in most cases.

Social scientists, however, are fascinated by the craze.

Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi, a psychology professor at Haifa University, says people in modern societies are susceptible to quasi-religious fantasies that send the message "you are not alone." Israelis, who live under a perceived military threat from their Arab neighbors, would be particularly vulnerable.

One incident even made police take notice.

Before dawn Tuesday, Tel Aviv's police switchboard received dozens of calls from people who said they saw a glowing object doing loops over the suburb of Ramat Aviv.

Police spokesman Gadi Doron said officers reported they also saw a strange light in the night sky, along with hundreds gathered at the scene.

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## Newfound planet, 3 stars bend rules on size, orbit

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The latest planet discovered is "one of the strangest yet," said an astronomer who unveiled it at a conference Wednesday.

The planet, 150 light-years from Earth, loops in an egg-shaped path around its star, which is one of three that orbit each other. Both those traits break the rules in astronomers' main theory of how and where planets form.

The orbits of all planets in our solar system are more circular, including Pluto's, the most eccentric of the nine.

Humans have discovered more planets in the past two years than have been tallied since prehistoric sky watchers first noticed the wanderers in the night sky.

The newfound ones, more than a

dozen so far, orbit other stars, instead of our sun.

Astronomers had expected to find planets of other stars once detection methods improved, but they've been startled repeatedly by the diversity of what they're finding.

The latest is a world about 60 percent larger than Jupiter, orbiting one star in a triple-star system that appears as one dot barely visible to the eye near Cygnus, the Swan or Northern Cross.

The planet's eccentric orbit must give it extreme seasons. University of Texas astronomer William Cochran reasoned. During its winter, it is further from its star than Mars is from the sun. During its summer, it comes about as close to its star as Venus is to the sun.

Two of the stars, including the

one with the planet, closely resemble the sun. The two circle each other about 1,000 times farther apart than Earth is from the sun. The third star is much fainter and twice as far away.

Teams from the University of Texas and San Francisco State University discovered the planet independently and reported it at this week's American Astronomical Society conference in Tucson.

The finding opens up many possibilities for other planets because, unlike the sun, most of the stars in the universe are in systems of two or more stars that orbit each other. Cochran said.

The conference at the Tucson Convention Center features a display, "Exploring the Solar System," free to the public through Saturday.

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