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# World is getting curiouser and curiouser, magazine says

By Caroline Brothers  
REUTERS NEWS AGENCY

LONDON — The world is definitely getting weirder.

Miracles, strange deaths, apparitions, extreme weather conditions and the revival of ancient rites increased during the past 12 months, according to a journal of strange phenomena.

Bizarre deaths, spontaneous combustion, hoaxes and apparitions are also on the rise and show no signs of abating.

Britain's Fortean Times is turning 21 this year and has just published the first findings of its 1993 Strangeness Index, recording disturbing occurrences reported around the world over the past year.

Some phenomena are growing ever more prevalent but others, such as crop circles, spontaneously combusting people and close encounters with paranormal entities, are easing off. Mass deaths, paranormal experiences and psychological phenomena are about steady, the Fortean Times index shows.

But, taken collectively, rises and falls tabulated across 34 categories of weirdness show oddness is clearly

on the rise.

"The total baseline value for 1992 is 3,400, and our assessed value for 1993 is 3,520, making an increase in strangeness of some 3.5 percent," the editors of the Fortean Times say.

"In terms of first-class mysteries or enigmas, we have about 10 a month — probably about 200 a year," editor Paul Sieveking said. He said the magazine's offices receive about 15 letters a day from the front line of the paranormal.

Many letters come in from the Philippines, which he said ranks as one of the strangest countries on the planet. "It's always good for a story — mass panics, ghosts, possessions, weird natural disasters, religious manias. . . ."

"What we like is to get firsthand reports of things, but we have developed a nose for bogus stories," Mr. Sieveking said. Accounts that pan out too neatly immediately raise the editors' suspicions. "True stories are often inconclusive," he added.

Mr. Sieveking and fellow editor Bob Rickard trawl through magazines ranging from the British science journal Nature to the Funeral Directors' Monthly, seeking accounts of weird atmospheric

phenomena and incorruptible bodies that refuse to decompose.

The latest issue of the Fortean Times, which is published every two months, recounts the best of the year's abnormal happenings.

One involves the leader of a Hindu sect whose flyblown body was kept on ice by followers for 56 days in the belief he would rise from the dead. About 1,200 police battled 4,000 devotees to enforce the guru's cremation.

In another incident, 1,300 Egyptian schoolgirls were struck by nausea and fainting fits, which closed 32 schools in an incidence of mass hysteria.

Publisher Mike Dash says that every year they receive about a dozen reports of spontaneous human combustion, in which a person suddenly catches fire and is vaporized, leaving the arms and legs intact but the body a heap of ashes.

"Psychic matter, ghosts, apparitions — there always have been strange phenomena, and far from most are reported," Mr. Sieveking said, adding the Fortean Times aimed to encourage people to trust their own experiences.

# SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON

## Weekly News, Leeds, England

*Maria says she's had more close encounters than you can shake a stick at. She has vivid memories of being abducted - and she's had two pregnancies which have confounded doctors...*

*For without abortion or miscarriage, the babies have apparently "disappeared."*

*She is an attractive, level-headed woman of 32. When LWN reporter Brenda Bullivant met her at the recent UFO conference in Leeds, she was reluctant to talk for fear of public ridicule. But she's convinced something is going on. This is Maria's story...*

In November 1990, my husband was away on a training course and I was in the bedroom.

I saw a large wheel of light outside my house. I panicked and ran on to the landing.

There was a light on the wall. Something inside my head was telling me to look at it, that it wouldn't hurt me.

I fought against it, but I was unable to resist.

An hour and a half later, I was sitting in bed, my feet were dirty and there was blood on the pillow.

It can't have been a dream because I had physical injuries. A patch of hair was missing from the back of my head, and I had seven pin pricks on my little finger.



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My GP referred me to a hospital consultant in Kent. He recorded unusual cellular damage and tissue injury which he couldn't account for.

Over a period of several months I had flashbacks about what happened that night.

I remember being walked down a corridor by three very small men. They were bronze-colored and smelled terrible, like rotten mushrooms.

I was laid on a metallic table and my head was being held.

The people were very tall, about 6ft 6ins. very shiny and overwhelming.

There was a sharp pain at the back of my head, which must have been when the hair went. A glass tube was put up my nose. That was the most frightening part. The pain was considerable.

*I thought it was going to kill me. I remember thinking, "I don't want to die."*

This was my first recollection of an abduction, although things have been happening to me since I was a child.

When I was 18, a gynecologist said I showed signs of having had a laparoscopy - a tube inserted in the womb. I've never had one in my life, but I can remember something sticking out of my stomach.

On two occasions I've been pregnant, and then not. I didn't miscarry - and I certainly didn't have an abortion. I was brought up Roman Catholic and I don't believe in it.

My earliest memory is being four years old in my cot. A big blue light was bouncing about the bedroom and two hands reached out for me. They were long and skinny, like chicken's feet.

In the morning I had four bruises on my shoulder like finger marks. At the time my mother was more frightened by these things than I was. I used to talk about the fairies coming to play.

My husband is very down to earth. You might say he used to be skeptical. But he's seen enough things around the house now to know that whatever is going on, it's real.

He says it's just a little part of our life - we just have get on with the rest of it.

There's a lot of UFO activity around me. I don't believe the people abducting me are ETs (UFO speak for aliens from other planets). They're something that is here, all around us.

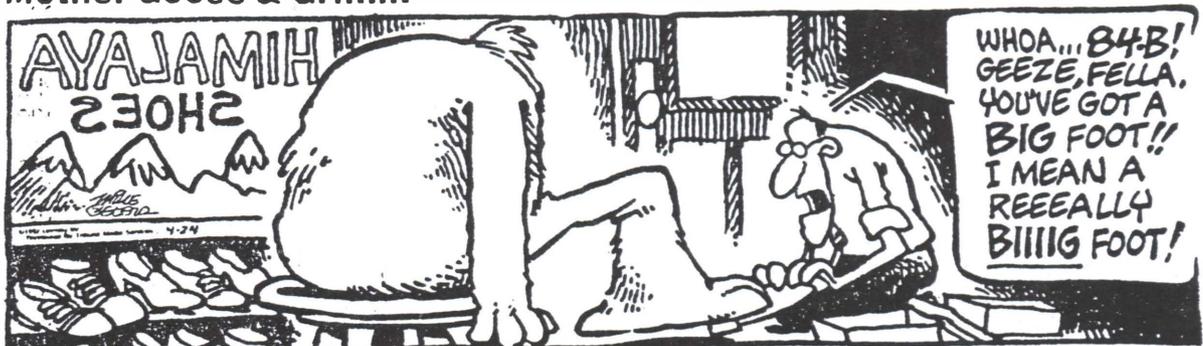
I've no idea what's going on, but when it has happened to you, you start to question everything - and come up with the realization that there are many things which are real... but you daren't talk about them publicly because people will think you're not all there.

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### Mister Boffo



### Mother Goose & Grimm



## A MOVIE REVIEW

By Aileen

### The Movie: **UNDENIABLE EVIDENCE**

How many of you have seen this film? In some instances it is almost a comedy. I have never seen so many things "thrown" together. Of course I can understand that the screen writers were trying to get as many salient points into one movie as possible but the way it was done was laughable.

For instance; it had every clue to an abduction, starting with the main character having been abducted and not remembering it and just like in "Close Encounters" something was bugging him but he didn't know what. Of course in the beginning his wife (played by Linda Carter) didn't believe that anything unusual was taking place. He tried to explain the "real dreams" he was having about the aliens who had abducted him but she thought it was some outside influence like something he ate.

The movie opened with books lying on a table. The one on top was my favorite book, "The Watchers". Then a beautiful space ship came and hovered over the house and the abductee walks outside into the beam of light (they could have at least taken him through the window!) All the while the Feds are monitoring the house and listening to what his wife and he are saying and watching with special instruments every move they make "inside the house". Of course at the moment the space ship comes over the house all their instruments go wacko.

As soon as the instruments work again they contact headquarters "who are just aching to get their hands on a craft" so they take aim and shoot down the craft with a red laser beam.

As it approaches earth for a crash landing (nose into the ground just like in the Roswell picture) a couple of Indians from (get this MY OWN PLACE OF BIRTH - THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION pronounced You-ma-tila but they pronounced it ummatila) observe it crashing. One of them has the name Banyacya!!! I couldn't help but laugh. Then the Feds move in from McClellan Army Base.

Folks I would like to tell you that the Umatilla Indian Reservation is nowhere near a base. It is located in the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon. The closest one would be Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane or McCord near Ft. Lewis in Washington near Tacoma. Funny that the name of the base, if I remember correctly was McClellin, which is a name of a town near McCord! Boy how the writers put this one together is beyond me.

You guessed it the Feds abducted the witness and took him to an underground base where they were dissecting the aliens. (Similar to the movie "Wave Length") Since the witness had been abducted by the aliens he was asked to speak to the ONE REMAINING ALIVE. Shades of Roswell. Well he tried everything to no avail. They were about to eliminate the witness so he wouldn't tell anyone what they had done when all of a sudden the alien speaks INSIDE his head. Of course the witness doesn't want the Feds to know what the alien is saying. THEY ARE US coming back to check on us. They were made from combining their DNA with ours. Oh yes he had his sperm taken.

Anyway, it ends up the alien dies but has combined with the spirit of the others that were killed and is able to communicate with him through a type of holograph on the ship. He sees that he is one of them and that the alien has integrated his life force into him so he can do things no one else can do. His wife believes him and helps him finally and he goes home to try and forget the whole thing. But last scene is of a baby that he and his wife just had even though he saw on the ship he was the last of his line. He and his wife had changed history.

If you don't understand all that rent the movie. At least you will get a good laugh in some instances considering how they put so many clues to abduction together. I guess you would have to be into abduction research to really garner all the little idiosyncrasies.

The main character was played by Parker Stevenson and the bad guy for the Feds was played by someone I always liked on Battlestar Galactica - Apollo.

Remember that no time is ever wasted that makes two people better friends.

## A MOST UNUSUAL PICTURE OF THE VIRGIN MARY

When Aileen visited Phoenix recently she stayed with Dan and Linda Edwards. I expressed an interest in Medjugorje. Afterwards Linda went to get something out of a drawer, the picture "jumped" out. Linda did not remember where she had placed it at the time. This is the story behind the picture.

(Linda's words)

A woman from Arizona went to Medjugorje and took a picture of the sight where Our Lady had been appearing. She didn't develop this film until she came back to the states. Our Lady appeared on the film!

This picture was sent to some Carmelite Nuns and they were astounded because Our Lady was holding two rosaries - a longer one and a shorter one (in each hand). This proved to them it really was "Our Lady" because there are two different rosaries - and she would be carrying both!

(This is a laser copy of a laser copy that has been passed around. NOTE: Her gown is glowing.)





Issue Number 129 featured "Danny Boy". Many of you wrote in and asked what was that all about! Well I will tell you a little. Unfortunately the articles I brought to Texas to help relate the story have disappeared. So in a few words here it is until I move my office down from Seattle to Texas City, then we will be able to "bring you the whole story".

As you know, I met Danny in Memphis last August. He had such an unusual story to tell that I was intrigued by him and wanted to pursue what could be happening to him.

I do not know what these things are happening - only that they are. Some of you can relate to his dilemma. I can think of two of you right off the top of my head. One had the number 22 and the other one the number 1701. Danny has been plagued by the number 14. Now if I hadn't seen this myself blatantly happening I wouldn't have paid so much attention. The number 14 has brought him to an understanding of himself but even after hypnosis he still doesn't know exactly why. In the papers I have misplaced (or left behind until later) he laid out the whole scenario from beginning to end. In this short synopsis I will relate the latest letter I had from him. I will say that on "one" day I saw this number come up 5 times. Now if it was just a coincidental thing then that would be it but it is still happening to him and seemingly is leading him somewhere. For his own sake I hope he finds the answer soon.

Danny is going to do a tour of the Nordic countries in August so to set the scene of the letter we have him saying, "Hank and Jytte are booking a tour for me in the summer. The media will be reporting on radio, newspaper, TV and trade magazines when I arrive. Hank has just bought a farm and we are going to have a large entourage as we travel together to all of the Festivals. They have a band to back up a number of recording artists and we will have a good time. This promotional tour ends August 12, 13, 14 and the Festival draws 300,000 people. So far, the smallest festival is 10,000 people. If you and Bill would like to join us for a summer vacation you're most welcome.

The unbelievable 14's continue and I predicted something very significant would occur on April 14. I won't go into detail now, as the effects of what happened on that day are still unfolding. You will notice that August 14 is the last day of the biggest festival of my performance in Scandinavia.

August 14, 1991 was the day I landed in Nashville and was overtaken by the news coming from the radio of my Lincoln Towne car. The next year Lucky, and Cliff, names me Danny Boy (those are Elvis' friends). There is Magic in the Performance on August 14, 1994 Aileen. If you read Matthew, in the Bible, you will see that Jesus is constantly involved in situations dealing with "3". It will be three years to the day that all of this incredible supernatural involvement with my life began. Remember this also; I arrived at the Graceland Gates exactly 14 years to the day on August 16, 1991. That day was not planned, it just happened. Again, how is it that my last performance to the largest audience of my life, falls on August 14, 1994. Also remember that Gladys Presley passed away on August 14, 1958.

I must mention that I stayed in Victoria 3 months, and they live across the street from a church which is built on a ROCK. Again, this was not planned. We ran a powerful promotion campaign, we ended with a 4 song performance, and interview for a Televised Telethon and it was time to move on.

I believe that I was destined to spend 3 months across the street from this very significant church. It was Jesus, Himself, who said "build your church on a rock."

You understand Revelations in the Bible, and you know we are in the end times. The things that are happening with me lately, have a clear identity with GOD's fingerprints. This is all happening for God's purpose, which is to save souls, and when people start to write about the Magic GOD is working, then we will see this story take flight.

I have a band called ROCKIT 88, and we may change the name to THE INTENDED!! Anyway, I must go to a practice right now, and I hope to hear from you again soon. When you go to Graceland, please give my love to my friends there if you happen to run into any of them. I will be overseas from June 28, till August 21, 1994.

Love always and forever, Danny Boy, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

That was the tip of the iceberg. Hopefully we will find our missing papers and fill in the rest of the story in a future issue.

Be an original. If that means being a little eccentric, so be it.

## MESSAGES

By Kris Williams

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"Who am I?" That's what they wanted to know in the hospital when I regained consciousness. Who am I? How does one answer that? A woman, I could say. I could also answer that I'm a person who did plumbing and electrical work to support herself through school. I've travelled all over the world; but I tell any that listen that I travelled more during what I now know is a "near-death experience" than I have in my entire life.

On April 27, 1993, I was admitted to Northwest Hospital's emergency room in a coma, unable to keep down food, with a temperature of 101. My blood pressure dropped down to practically zero.

I didn't travel through a tunnel. I was just "there." And there to greet me was Uncle Al, who had died of diabetic complications when I was ten. At that young age I had also had diabetes, and had believed my life would be like his, that I, too, would eventually die of diabetic complications at the age of 40. In the coma, at the hospital, I was now 40. The first thing he said to me was, "This isn't your contract! It was my contract!" "Furthermore," he went on, "I didn't die of diabetes. The real cause of my death was that I missed Joyce." Joyce had been his wife, who had died of tuberculosis a year prior to his death. "I needed to go see her. And so I did. But I was not tied to that 40 year limit if I didn't want to be." Then he added, "But the year I left you discovered something physically about yourself that was also true about me. And because of that, you took on all the contract, and you don't have to have that contract."

It seems like I'm describing "talking," but that word, and the other words of our sensory world, like "touching" and "seeing" are not even close to what I experienced. Communication seemed to take place all at once, not divided by words, and barely divided by individuals. "Seeing" was vivid, so much so that being here is like participating in a black and white movie after having experienced color. What I "saw" wasn't bodies, the way we recognize them, they were more like shadows, or a thumb print or a scuff.

Yet, I knew exactly to whom I was speaking. I was speaking to my Uncle Eldon, who had died when he was three years old, before I was born. He talked to me about his life on earth, what it had been like, how short it had been. He talked about why he had come.

I was amazed that in terms of their "essence," there was no difference between "people" I encountered here, and those on the earth plain. I was with many of my father's siblings: Mary, Ann and Hank. My Grandpa, Mitchell Shults, was there, with his brother Issac. Each of them gave me messages for their children who are alive, and said "since you're going back," and I hadn't agreed yet, "we have some things we'd like you to tell them." They told me things that only they and their children would know about.

During the entire near-death experience, I felt as though I was standing in a high place, surrounded by thousands of people as far as the eye could see, holding out their hands to me, in loving connectiveness, offering support. The closest comparison I can give is that once I was in a crowd of 200,000 when Pavarotti sang in Central Park, New York City. It was like all of those people together listening to me. They seemed to be saying, "Do what you need to do," while loving me no matter what choice I made, to stay or return. I had total choice, 100%. At the same time, I could also feel a tremendous amount of caring coming from the four people who took turns staying by my bedside at the hospital: my husband Hunter, my sister Kae, and Judy and Elizabeth.

A choice. I looked at it and decided that when you're from eternity, you know it's not going to be very long before you're back. So I said, "Sure, I can do that. I can deliver those messages." I returned to that cold slab of meat defined as my body. It was painful. There was now too much that was me stuffed inside too small a container. I searched through the files trying to find words that BEST expressed what I knew.

Learning to speak again, learning to be here again, was like learning to be on what I call, "The Flat Planet", a pancake reality where everything is kind of ironed out and two dimensional. And feelings. Even though I've been empathetic to other peoples' feelings my whole life, my sensitivity was boosted even more by my NDE. Around many people, for instance, I pick up what seems like a blaring boombox of four or five different radio stations of emotion at once. There have also been times, when my

husband and I have been driving down the road, that I've not only been aware of the emotions of the people in the next car, but have been able to tell Hunter their complete life story. For a while this made me feel like I was going crazy.

I called my cousin Edith, who lives in Dallas, Oregon. My intent was to get together with her and communicate the messages she should receive. Unbeknownst to me, she had called all the relatives on my father's side of the family. When we gathered in June I was speaking to 35 of my relatives at a picnic lunch.

My life's observation has been that Christian secularism can be very divisive. It has been so in my family. The three uncles for whom I was carrying messages had been excommunicated from the same church attended by most of those at this picnic. It was a surprise, then, to discover that what I had to say became a healing experience for everyone. An unspoken message seemed to be heard by all, that we are part of a larger family.

It was interesting that my cousin Susan, for whom I had the most pointed message from my Uncle Al, was also the one who most easily tossed aside what I had to say, just as he'd predicted she would. But he'd said, "Tell her anyway. She'll think about it." Some of the telling was poignant. My cousin Edith, who misses my Aunt Mary very much, needed to hear what Aunt Mary said to tell her, that, "The glass is very thin, and you're just on the other side of the one-way mirror. I can always see you. It's just sometimes you only see yourself when you look out at the mirror." Then there was the message from my Uncle Al to me. That I had chosen a path I didn't need to chose. That believing I would die at the age of 40 from diabetes could bring it about.

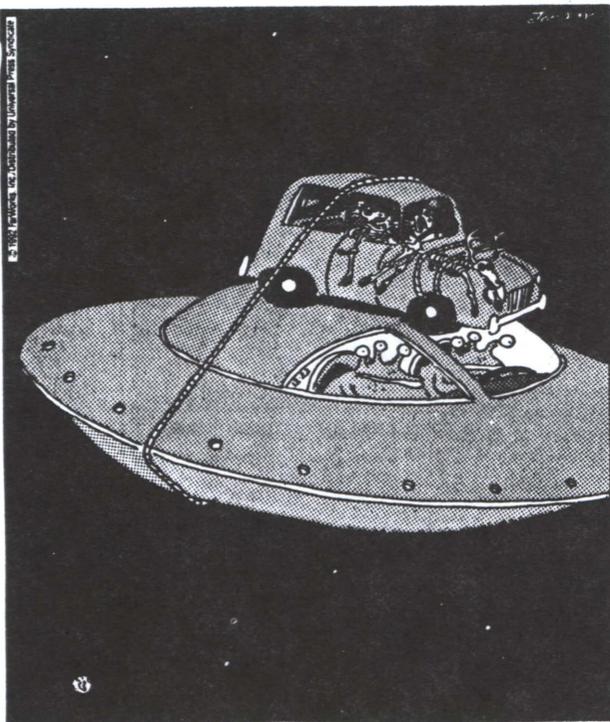
One of the memories I returned with from my near-death experience was of almost dying when I was three days old. I asked my mother about this and she said, "Yes, we came into your room, and you weren't breathing." My parents were very devout Christians, and threw themselves on their knees, begging God to let me stay. And I did, only for them. But in coming back and being here, I remembered that it is not my first choice, but my second choice to be here. And it is only a little time.

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Editor's Note: Kris Williams died on November 16, 1993. Her husband Hunter said that he death was caused by a heart attack, brought on by diabetic complications. In the hospital, when it became apparent that all vital signs had ceased, both he and Kris' sister Kae approached her body at separate times. On each occasion her heart beat resumed momentarily, but was not sustained. 'At that point Kae and Hunter informed the medical team that they believed they were not only dealing with a broken organ, but a spirit that acknowledged them, but wasn't desirous of returning.

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## The Far Side



The crew of the Starship Enterprise encounters the floating head of Zsa Zsa Gabor.

The Missing Link magazine exchanges with publications from all over the world. We thought it would be interesting to let you know a few of these publications that many of you have never heard of.

**THE PHOENIX NEWSLETTER:** Published by Phil Reynolds. Address: POB 209, Woodbridge, VA 22194-0209. The copy we received was Volume 1, Number 2. It is published four times a year and a subscription is \$15 U.S. and overseas \$20. 12 pages counting the front and back cover. Some of the titles of articles were: "Tomorrow's headlines... Bigfoot update... The Lizard of Eakin Park.. and more. A good little paper. (Do not confuse it with the George Green publication)

**CAMBRIDGE UFO RESEARCH GROUP:** Published by Bonnie Wheeler. Address: 170 Strathcona Street, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada N3C 1R4. This 4 times a year publication covers local information from Bonnie's group and xeroxed copy from other periodicals. A good way to keep up on things in Canada.

**IANDS:** Published by Kimberly Clark Sharp. Address: Seattle IANDS, POB 84333, Seattle, WA 98124. Donations accepted. Each newsletter relates an incident of the "Near Death Experience". IANDS has given us permission to print the experience in the Missing Link. If you are curious what happens after death there is no way to feel better than to read this newsletter.

**NEW MILLENNIAL STAR:** Published by Raymond Keller. Last issue was #144. Address: POB 882,6 Hilmar, CA 95324 Single copies are \$3.00.

**NEXUS:** Editor, Duncan M. Roads. Address of Head Office: POB 30, Mapleton, Qld 4560, Australia. 1 year subscription \$25. U.S. This magazine covers everything! Conspiracies - mostly about the U.S. government, health issues, UFOs and related phenomena.

**AURA-Z:** Editor and Publisher, Alexander Avshalumov. We have not received this publication recently. We wonder if it is still being published?? Address: POB 224, Moscow, 117463, Russia. Published quarterly in English, French, Spanish, Italian and Russian. Very interesting publication On glossy paper. Articles are written by scientific minds but yet open minds on UFOs and related phenomena. Published quarterly, \$36. US. European countries, US \$33.

**AFU NEWSLETTER:** Editor: Anders Liljegren. Address: Swedish postal giro number: Stockholm, 49 07 14-3. Yearly fee: 120 SEK. Published by: Archives for UFO Research, POB 11027, S-600 11 Norrköping, Sweden Founded in 1973. This is a very good publication dealing with UFOs. Their motto: One of our aims is to preserve for the future, any document or material directly or indirectly associated with the subject of UFOs, and to make the material available to researchers through an open archives institution.

**WOULD YOU BELIEVE?** Editor: Armond Laprade. Address: HC 80-Box 156, Marshall, Arkansas 72650. Published quarterly. Subscription U.S. and Canada \$12. Overseas \$18, Australia and New Zealand \$22. All payments U.S. Funds. I like this magazine because Armond prints some historical articles that most people never knew or have forgotten about. There are current articles too on all related phenomena. Current issue is #48.

**THE GHOST TRACKERS NEWSLETTER:** Editor: Dale D. Kaczmarek. Official publication of the Ghost Research Society. Founded in 1978. Published 3 times a year. Membership is \$12. a year. If you are into ghosts, this is the magazine for you.

*(Here is a brand new newsletter)*

**CELESTIAL CONTACTS:** Published by Bobbie Ammons. Address: Celestial Contacts, POB 1231, Mars Hill, NC 28754, Six issues \$12.00. Devoted to contacts with aliens. This is their byline. "CELESTIALS" Are defined as any of the many life forms that exist in the Universe that respond to humans seeking

ongoing peaceful interactions for the highest benefit of all. Celestial Contacts is a newsletter by and for individuals or groups interested in working cooperatively and sharing information relevant to contacts with "Celestials" as defined above. Our intent is to serve ourselves and others by providing a forum for exchanging the latest information in full, free, frank and open discussion.

**UFO AND PARANORMAL PERCEPTIONS:** Published by Brent Raynes and Dr. Greg Little. Address: 326 Haggard Street, Waynesboro, TN 38485. Subscriptions should be sent to: White Buffalo Books, Box 9972, Memphis, TN 38190. Subscriptions \$8.00, published quarterly. Brent Raynes is one of the forerunners in UFOlogy. He has been investigating since he was a teenager. This is a very good publication. Quite a bit on Native American philosophy, plus paranormal events and UFOs.

**SPACE NEWSLETTER:** Published by Harold Egel, Jr. Address: 9115 Colonial Road, Apt. 1B, Brooklyn, NY 11209-6154. Subscription \$15 year. Founded in March 1992. S.P.A.C.E. stands for Support Program for Abductees Contact Encounters. This newsletter deals with contactee related phenomena.

**INTERNATIONAL UFO LIBRARY MAGAZINE:** President: CoLee VIEDELLE-SMITH. Publisher Joseph Randazzo, Editor - Angela Clark. Many famous writer/contributors which you would recognize instantly. Actually we do not exchange with this zine - we just receive it and a note asking us to advertise in it. \$19.95 6 issues. Address: UFO Library Ltd. P. O. Box 461116, Escondido, CA 92046-9892. Foreign subscription is \$6.95 per issue plus \$2.00 shipping.

**THE STAR BEACON:** Editor and publisher: Ann Ulrich. Address: Earth Star Publications, PO Box 117, Paonia, CO 81428. Subscriptions \$15.00/year or \$1.25/issue (U.S.) \$16.00/Canada, \$24.00 overseas. Ann has been publishing this metaphysical - UFO newsletter for 8 years. A great little paper.

**THE GATE:** Beth Robbins, Editor. Published quarterly. Address: The Gate: P. O. Box 43516, Richmond Heights, OH 44143. Price per copy is \$2.00. Subscription rate is \$8.00 for four issues. Overseas \$10.

**ENIGMAS:** The journal of strange phenomena investigations. Latest copy, Issue #35, Vol. 4. Editor: Malcolm Robinson. Address: 41 The Braes Tullibody, Clackmannanshire, FK10 2TT SCOTLAND. Published bi-monthly. \$20.00 U.S. and Canada. Pay in cash only. This is one of my favorite magazines. Full of interesting articles on UFOs, etc. It includes everything that all of the above have as special interests.

**THE 101 TIMES:** A newsletter relating to the apparitions of Mary and Jesus. Headline says "IN RECENT APPARITIONS OUR LADY IS SAYING: 'MAKE MY MESSAGES KNOWN'" This little newsletter is doing just that. Address: 101 Foundation, P.O. Box 151, Asbury, NJ 08802-0151. Free copies of The 101 Times for your conference, church or group are available upon request. I think they would like a donation.

## MISTER BOFFO



Turn enemies into friends by doing something nice for them.

As mentioned elsewhere, I really like "Enigmas" published by Malcolm Robinson in Scotland. He has given us permission to print any of his articles as long as we say where we got them. I think you will find the same debunking in England as we have here in America in the following article. When will it all end????

## CHAOS POLICE

by Michael Vinter

(SPI - Enigmas)

Are there really little green men out there, or any other color for that matter, or is it all disinformation, hoax and superstition?

Alone in time and space! Little Green Men, strange lights and objects in the sky. Well they're all down to misinterpretations of rare natural phenomena. Or alternatively to parapsychological events that, distorted in one form or another, gave rise to the fairy lore and religious beliefs of ancient folk. Such awful news was broken by sections of the British Press reporting a recent International UFO Conference held in Sheffield. Quote from the organizer, "I 'was convinced (but), having investigated hundreds of cases, I see no evidence at all of extraterrestrial involvement". That's it then, no gorgeous fair haired spacemen landing here for hybridization experiments, no sinister surveillance, no demonic beings, no anything, "Great Scott"!

Note that our authority merely disposes of the extraterrestrial hypothesis, not quite the same as denial of the phenomenon itself. Phenomenon? Let's look at another, that of synchronicity, first mooted by the eminent psychologist Carl Gustave Jung. The name of the conference organizer is Mantle. Does it not bear uncanny likeness to Mantell, the name of an airforce pilot who perished in 1948, amid the wreckage of his F.51 aircraft, while chasing a UFO which did not exist? Of course Mr. Mantle is not isolated in discarding the E.T. hypothesis. He is in the redoubtable company of an American journalist taking part in the self same conference, John A. Keel was industriously investigating and writing of anomalous flying objects, their crews and their experiments, as far back as 1945. He had disposed of unearthly origins by the time 1967 came polling around.

Throughout, Keel was equally preoccupied with other strange creatures of time and space, although not directly relating them to a UFO theme. This is known as hedging one's bets for all our anomaly buffs seem to have done, is shift a few goalposts.

The outcome leaves any thoughtful person with a chaotic scenario, or rather a system of disinformation, favored by certain parties, including those of government security, as a means of obscuring data they do not wish to become commonly known. More of this later. Meantime, it is necessary to acknowledge a facet of mind that cries for mystery. If we did not have mystery we would have neither Sherlock Holmes nor Miss Marple, nor a thousand and one clones thereof. The trouble is, we know at our most superficial level that they do not exist. The abominable Snowman, the Californian Sasquatch (Big Foot), the Giant Mothman, and how about the monster lurking in our own Loch Ness? Now here's a mystery. Like the UFO, he (she) doesn't exist, except that the creature offensively continues to pop up and confound the debunkers. It is not required that we confine ourselves to Loch Ness, for there are numerous non-existent creatures inhabiting murky water all around the globe.

Can they all be the product of overblown imagination? Myths invented to shore up a flagging tourist industry? If so, we have to answer that embarrassing video item screened by television news on the evening of August 18. The person responsible for aiming his camcorder at an undeniably large, solid creature rolling on the surface of Loch Ness declined to be named or filmed. We can therefore dismiss charges of publicity seeking, though there are admittedly a few good people about with a proverbial bee in their bonnets. Then again, consideration must be given to the findings of Simrad, a high tech sonar system aboard the submarines now deployed by Project Urquart in a special survey of the loch.

At the end of July, during a three week sweep, an enormous unidentified object was tracked between Foyers and Invermoriston. It was observed over a two minute period before finally vanishing from the scope. According to Nicholas Witchell, (an austere news reader) co-founder of the project, the object registered on the strongest scale of the detection system. Another bethedger, he remarked that even

the most sophisticated sonar equipment is susceptible to "spurious echoes"! That particular claim was immediately countered by Simrad's marketing director, Robert Manson:... "We found an underwater target which cannot be explained, loud and solid sounding. In the opinion of the operator, (it) was the largest midwater echo ever found in the loch."

So we have a firm commitment to fact. It would have given joy to one frowning mustachioed journalist Charles Fort (1847-1932). He quickly acquired fame as an iconoclastic philosopher, attacking those scientists who tend to ignore and discard rules of evidence whenever they threaten personally held beliefs. When one comes to haul off and examine the breadth, scope and diversity of damning evidence, one can acknowledge a trace of empathy with dissenting scientists. The trouble of any study is separating grain from chaff, establishing patterns from the chaos of disinformation. We are down now to the promised scrutiny of government attitudes.

Ever since the conclusion of their investigative Blue Book project, the USA authorities have vigorously refuted the existence of UFOs. Nevertheless, I have in my possession, a letter from their Department of Defense, Serial Reference, J9378A, dated July 17, 1989. The opening sentence reads as follows: Dear Mr: (addressee's name withheld for nervous reasons)! This responds to your Freedom of Information Act, (FOIA) request postmarked 13 June 1989 for a copy of all UFO related material compiled since 1980. After a rambling preamble which involves, TOP SECRET and SECRET criteria, comes a striking observation. Again I quote ..."The documents are classified because their disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to the National Security.

Here is a truly remarkable stance. Can anything be more damning than a statement that a phenomenon which absolutely does not exist poses grave threats to national security? "Well upon my word"! I am now about to blow another documentary gaffe. It is from a page 2 TOP SECRET information report issued by the Department of Intelligence, reference whereof is IR I24 6089-79, originator coded D-2 based in Germany. Subject, the Electronic Voice Phenomenon, which concerns strange voices often picked up by domestic tape recorders not modified in any way. While these voices are frequently held to be intrusions from a transmitter based in the spirit world, many UFO buffs find reason to suppose they could be emissions from a mysterious agency operating somewhere in deep space. The Defense Intelligence Report contains the following paragraph... "The voices have manifested themselves on many military frequencies, including satellite communications. Thus a possible threat to National Security exists. Public requests for information, should in our opinion, be met with denials and lack of interest, and no threat to security should be indicated..."

Both above mentioned documents were passed to me by my friend and colleague, Raymond Castle, a retired audio technician in the north of England, who, like myself; enjoys contact with private and even official researchers over the world. Castle's credentials though this is not his real name, are as an unimpeachable witness, though we do not invariably agree on a point here and there. He, accepting the authenticity of the American UFO document, poses certain reservations on the second, going on to theorize that the informant from whom he received it, may have obtained some defunct blank forms and typed in the material. Dwell upon that. Does it not seem more cogent to reason that defunct stationary, related to sensitive defense matters, would be subjected to a ruthless policy of destruction under closest supervision?

Alternatively, one may dare suppose the contradictions to be deliberate, say part of an experiment in mass psychology, data acquired from such an experiment would be undeniable advantage to Governments learning how to manipulate human belief systems. The scenario at once begins to assume Orwellian overtones. I have to mention a further communication, this time from one of my own contacts, and on official stationary, over stamped by the Directorate of Electronic Warfare in Texas. It virtually insists that UFOs are actually an elaborate policing system deployed by an alien race whose domain, existing parallel to ours, was penetrated by Earth scientists during the course of nuclear experimentation.

All pretty wild! Clearly, a lot of people are hard at work to "make us believe" (and disbelieve), a lot of weird things. It begins to bear a suspicious resemblance to that famous Trojan Horse of ancient days. But remember, developments in quantum mechanical theory often imply space time distortion and blurred realities, opening up a whole range of weird possibilities. Unless there really is a Chaos Police, we might have to invent them in order to separate the real from the unreal. But if ever I get my hot little hands on that damned fairy at the bottom of my garden, I swear she will wish that neither of us had ever been born!

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Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a stroke of good luck

# STANDING IN SILENCE

*Photography By Sheila Metzner*

Small, barren, remote Easter Island is famous for its more than 600 colossal stone statues called moai. Their origin has been the subject of much enthusiastic guesswork: The handiwork of ancient astronauts? The art of inhabitants of a once-submerged continent? ¶ Such wild speculation interests contributing editor Sheila Metzner, who traveled to this easternmost outpost of Polynesia, 2,200 miles off Chile's coast, to photograph the moai, but it's the mysterious statues themselves that capture her imagination. ¶ "Who can describe the power of the experience," Metzner writes in her journal, "or the modesty of these stone beings silently emanating as they stand or lie fallen on their faces, on their backs, broken or whole, in the rain, in the sun, facing the sea or facing inland, in the quarries, in dead volcanoes, or on the shores of this infinitesimally small island in the middle of the South Pacific?" ¶ With her camera, she spent five days touring the island, which she took to calling by its native name, Rapa Nui. The moai posed patiently: the largest finished statue on a base (thirty-two feet high and fifty tons); the largest unfinished statue in the quarry (sixty-nine feet); and hundreds of other moai, their cloudy origins enhancing their enigmatic and evocative presence. ¶ They greeted Dutch Admiral Jakob Roggeveen, who accidentally came upon the island in 1722 and named it Easter, commemorating the day of his discovery. Subsequent visitors, including James Cook in 1774, did not much affect the native culture. Then in 1862, Peruvian slave raiders carried off 1,000 natives, about one-third of the population; nearly all died within a year, and the fifteen who survived their eventual return brought with them a smallpox epidemic that killed all but 111 islanders. ¶ Less is known about Rapa Nui's earliest inhabitants, but archaeologists and historians have pieced together a working history for the moai: An educated guess puts an extensive population on the island around AD 380; later, immigrants destroyed the statues they found and carved bigger ones. Created from the yellowish tuff (porous volcanic rock) of the







## Volunteers search cornfield after reports of fallen UFO

► Witnesses saw glowing lights. Chopper helps out. Search finds nothing.

### The Associated Press

OSWEGATCHIE — Dozens of volunteers combed a cornfield in Northern New York Thursday, resuming the search for something witnesses said they saw fall out of the sky the evening before.

At least four people reported the object as having two rows of bright red lights.

According to witnesses, the object flew over a cornfield in Oswegatchie, about 90 miles northeast of Syracuse, at 8:15 p.m. and dropped straight down into the field.

But rescue and police agencies couldn't find a thing Wednesday night, even with the help of an Army helicopter from nearby Fort Drum. The chopper was equipped

with infrared night vision devices.

One of the witnesses, Steve Ponko, said he was leaving his house to go the store when he glanced across the cornfield and saw red lights heading toward him.

"There were one or two rows of red lights ... sort of shaped like a plane. It was coming toward me. Then all of sudden, it dropped into the field," Ponko told The Ogdensburg Journal.

A woman driving along a nearby highway, a U.S. Border Patrol agent and another woman each called police to report seeing the bright red lights.

"We don't know what it is. From what we were told, it did not resemble any type of conventional aircraft," said Kit Smith, district deputy fire coordinator.

Smith said Ogdensburg International Airport and the airport in Burlington, Vt., had no radio transmission from any incoming aircraft.

Rano Raraku volcano, the statues were raised in pits to have their backs finished before being dragged to sites all over the island. After being erected on ceremonial bases known as ahus, the statues received eyes and a pukao, or topknot, of red tuff. About AD 1680, a civil war between the second-epoch stone sculptors and arriving Polynesians set off an era of decadence and cannibalism during which all the statues were toppled from their ahus. ¶ For years, only sheep and a small population of natives, many of them lepers, came under the watchful eyes of the moai. In 1864, missionaries settled on the island. After Chile took formal possession in 1888, it leased the island to a British wool-growing company. An annual visit from a naval ship to load wool and bring supplies was the island's only outside contact for some time. ¶ One year, such a ship brought Metzner's guide, archaeologist Edmundo Edwards, then seven years old. "At the time, there was no electricity, no cars, no roads," Metzner has entered in her notes. "The excitement that preceded the



arrival of a ship was great. Fires were lit on the tops of the long-extinct volcanoes. When the ship was sighted, all the natives would climb to the roofs of their houses and pound on the tin roofs. The beating was heard by the passengers as giant drums." Visitors, however, remained few until 1967, when an airport opened and tourists began to come in droves. ¶ But is any visitor to Rapa Nui just a tourist? Or does "the feeling of power that the moai bring" make it impossible to go home the same person? Sheila Metzner left with much more than exposed film and a shell necklace given to her by natives on departure. "I know I now have Rapa Nui in my visions, in my dreams, in the endless clatter of the shells around my neck, in carvings in my suitcase." And in her mind's eye, she carries the images of the moai ... "these stone men, solid, gazing at the stars, patient, waiting, peaceful. Questioning nothing. Asking nothing. No passions, no jealousy, no hate, no hunger, as they gaze out — to endless sea, heavenward, or inward." ¶ ¶ ¶

## CORRECTION!

We really goofed on last month's cover! As many of you know we have the cover done in New York and I type up the caption. When it was described to me I thought it was a different picture of a "star like light". Now you know what happened. That should never happen again as we will be receiving the cover directly from now on instead of it being sent to the printer without us checking it out first. Sorry. You must have wondered how the Devil's Tower transplanted itself to Oregon!

## FRONT COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The picture was taken by Aileen from the porch of her house several years ago while observing a sunset. What makes it so interesting is that there were four shots taken. This shot was only on one frame and it was not on either end of the series.

We were sent another picture similar to this by Bill Reimer. He obtained it, I believe, from a man in Texas that had a similar beam come down over him.

# On processing encounters with extraterrestrial intelligence

by Janet E. Colli, M.A.

For mental health professionals, the topic of this article is as controversial as it gets. Ten years ago, for clinical psychologists to specialize in this phenomena would have been career suicide. It still may be, regardless of such evidence as the 1991 Roper poll.<sup>1</sup> This poll of "unusual events" suggested that one out of every fifty adult Americans may have undergone UFO abductions, or abduction-related phenomena.

Regardless of those figures, our personal belief that the next ten years will bring momentous change for the human species lead Tom Beck and I to this exploration. This article is an introduction to therapeutic work with people who have had encounters with extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI).

First of all, why would therapeutic work even be needed to deal with such encounters? Because contact itself can be traumatic, with wide-ranging psychological and physiological effects. The following cases will illustrate the level of discomfort people may endure. Rather than simple cause and effect, we can't do more than begin to sketch in this article the complex picture of how personalities can be affected.

At the age of two, "Alice" was traumatized when she saw a "monster" in the living room. In her teens, she had multiple out-of-body (OBE) experiences, and was visited periodically by "spirit guides" who took her to a round, white room for "lessons." During college, Alice had an experience of missing time after seeing a flashing light just over a hill on the road. Afterwards, she went through three years of feeling "like a rape victim."

She experiences intense physical and psychological distress when exposed to evidence of abuse in our society, e.g., the abuse of animals. She suffers from insomnia, anxiety attacks,

and is especially fearful of "intruders."

Alice was triggered by seeing an alien on the cover of Whitley Strieber's book *Communion*. An intense preoccupation with the field of UFOlogy followed, in the hopes of finding "answers." A few years later, during routine dental work, Alice had a flashback of "three aliens" surrounding her. We believe the nitrous oxide facilitated the flashback.

At the age of eight, "Nancy" saw a green triangular light shining inside the wall of her bedroom. She believes she was awake and remembers leaving her bed to investigate it. For weeks afterwards, she compulsively drew pictures of someone, perhaps herself, on an examining table. Both she and her sister later discovered identical scars on their tailbones. Nancy says, "Every time I think of the scar, I remember the round room,"

Now middle-aged, she suffers from asthma, digestive problems, and has been treated for depression. She has always felt alienated from society, "different." She didn't think much about these things, including her UFO sightings in Los Angeles, until she read the book *Communion*. She found striking similarities. Memories and impressions emerged.

"Bob," a pilot, has lived a life preoccupied with the space program and UFOlogy. He has a library of books on UFO sightings and encounters, and a collection of outer space movies. He is less forthcoming about his memory of an early childhood dream of confronting three "beings" in his home. One was "the shiny metal type."

During college, his light experimentation with drugs and the altered states induced only amplified his intense fear of loss of control. Muscle armoring bespeaks his firm grip on his emotions. Yet certain scenes from the movie *Communion* elicit a body terror Bob cannot account

for. Mid-life crisis forced him to examine his preoccupation and to seek its underlying cause. He cannot understand his irrational fear that in doing so, he is facing his death.

In the last ten years an evolution has taken place in our understanding of the effects of contact with ETI. The early "classic abduction cases" were UFO sightings accompanied by missing time, with the memories eventually restored through hypnosis. Now, it is widely understood by researchers in the field of UFOlogy that a multitude of signs and symptoms may alert us to the possibility of an abduction, with or without a UFO sighting. Moreover, paranormal phenomena, e.g., out-of-body experiences, may also be a part of the residual effects of ETI contact.

Abductees may exhibit the symptoms of a traumatic stress reaction, such as post traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD). According to the most recent *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-III-R)*, "the person has experienced an event that is outside the range of usual human experience and that would be markedly distressing to almost anyone, e.g., serious threat to one's life or physical integrity." The above cases list ten of the diagnostic criteria for PTSD, including Alice's amnesia, her flashback, insomnia, and distress at events that resemble an aspect of the traumatic event; also Nancy's feeling of estrangement from others, and her repetitive drawing which expressed themes of the trauma.

John Mack, a psychiatrist at the Harvard Medical School, has explored further dimensions of the trauma.<sup>2</sup> While the experiences themselves are disturbing, they may also result in isolation when the experiences cannot be disclosed, for fear of ridicule, for example. The threat of reoccurrence of the experiences is another aspect of the traumatization that abductees must face. In fact, because the threat does not belong merely to the past, it is



*Client drawing of alien at control panel.*

not, strictly speaking, correct to call the reaction *post-traumatic stress disorder*. We have also found that lack of faith in one's experience, even doubts about one's sanity, can be easily engendered by such a divergence from consensus reality.

What about mental health professionals who will reject out of hand that an alien abduction could be an actual event and the cause of the trauma? How do you keep such professionals listening once UFOs are mentioned? Well, there is a current movement within the mental health community to call the stress reaction "experienced anomalous trauma." This would encompass events that lead to PTSD but which cannot be proven "real," such as UFO abductions, demon possession, kundalini and psychic openings, and the episodes that the Grofs termed "spiritual emergence."

Of course, this reflects a particular belief system about what constitutes "reality," and that hard evidence is needed before we give credence to our perceptions as real! Our own training has taught us to value the reality of one's experience, where reality is what we see, hear, feel, and relate to in a sensory-grounded manner.

In PTSD, the stressor is usually experienced with "intense fear, terror, and helplessness." This holds true for most of the people we have interviewed who have had encounters with ETI. Our therapeutic work with such clients thus focuses on abuse, a the-

rapeutic process not unlike dealing with other kinds of abuse. Our unique approach utilizes *imagery work*, i.e., all that we see, hear, feel, as well as our movements. We help access and unfold memories through dreams, role play, and artwork.

We rely on the wisdom of the body to uncover the unique process by which each client would have protected themselves had they been able. Though paralysis is often experienced during an abduction, the body retains the memory of the encounter and the impulse to resist. Body signals unfold through visual, auditory, proprioceptive (feeling), and movement channels.

For example, when triggered, Alice found herself in a fetal position, crouched on the floor, shaking and crying. With her hands clenched over her head, she felt her body trying "to explode" and "bolt and run," even while she collapsed. Unfolding these body signals will uncover Alice's unique process or path out of the victim position. Recovering from traumatization with renewed strength, she has since developed at least some ability to resist abduction.

In the field of UFOlogy, hypnosis has been widely used to uncover memories. We have found that the experience is stored as a state-dependent memory, that is, what is learned and remembered is dependent upon one's psycho-physiological

state at the time of the experience. We therefore need to be in a similar state of consciousness in order to reaccess the memory.

Hypnosis is by no means the only method of induction to these altered states. Remember Alice's spontaneous flashback while under nitrous oxide? She has since facilitated the recovery of memory through the use of a portable electronic relaxation device that stimulates REM brain waves through light and sound.

Naturally, a word of caution is in order lest people inadvertently reaccess traumatic memories without therapeutic support. Our approach, with the imagery work of process-oriented psychology, is the safest, least intrusive methodology we have found to work with the memories and to process the experiences.<sup>3</sup>

Finally, not all contact is experienced solely as abusive. Nancy has been able, through role play and active imagination, to access the intense scientific curiosity of the beings. We believe this important facet of her own personality was stimulated through the contact. Those beings are now part of Nancy, and we hope they have been similarly affected by her.



DEAR AILEEN:

I have communicated with the Semjase Star Center, and Billy Meier, or at least an associate of his. I found out that Semjase is not dead, as was hinted in Wendelle Stevens book, "Contact from the Pleiades.. A Supplemental Investigation." I have (as you can see) enclosed a copy of the Information About the Contacts sheet that I received by return mail. I hope that you find it interesting and will include it in a future issue of the Missing Link. Always your friend, Edward Barth. (Thanks Ed!)



INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTACTS

The contacts took place during periods of eleven years.

- 1. Period: 1942 - 1953 contact with Sfath, the grandfather of Semjase.
2. Period: 1953 - 1964 contact with Asket, a woman from the Dal Universe.

The following eleven years there were no contacts.

- 3. Period: 1975 - 1986 contact with Semjase, her father Ptaah, Quetzal and other Pleiadians.

On December 15, 1977 Semjase had an accident here on Earth in our Center, because of the impudence of an earth human. She was brought back to her home planet Erra to be restored to health again.

The contacts stopped until May 20, 1978 and continued until March 26, 1981. At the end of March 1981 Semjase went away from Earth to fulfill other duties. She came back in January 1984 and her last contact was on February 3, 1984.

At the beginning of November 1984 she had a brain collapse, that was a consequence of her accident seven years ago. She was brought immediately to a brother-nation of the Pleiadians, to friends who could help her. This nation emigrated about 5, years ago into our twin-universe, called the Dal Universe. Asket is belonging to this brother-nation.

In the meantime Semjase is very well again and there is no physical injury left, but she lost all her knowledge concerning to her profession and also knowledge of other kind. Now she is convinced to learn everything fundamentally a second time in her life. Although she has the possibility to learn everything much faster than we could do, it will take anyway about 70 years. This heavy job of learning she doesn't take upon her on Erra, but in the Dal Universe by her friends.

Except to her family on Erra she hasn't any contact to our universe and it is also not possible to contact her in a spiritual way, because of the fact, that she is in another universe, which is an independence for itself.

Only with a universe-gateway, made available in a technical way, and of a short duration, is it possible to go from one universe into the other.

The earliest time Semjase will come back will be in the year 2054.

When Semjase was brought into the Dal Universe the contacts went on uninterrupted with her father Ptaah, station commander Quetzal, with Talida, Menara, Pleja and other Pleiadians until January 29, 1986.

In the year 1989, on November 17, the contacts started again with Semjase's father Ptaah and will continue for the next eleven years.

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(Did you ever wonder why we always put 7 asterisks? Seems like a good time to tell you - for the Pleiades!)



Tribune photo by David Kloubucar

Harvard psychiatrist John E. Mack

# Are aliens already here?

By Lynn Van Matre  
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Harvard's controversial John Mack thinks he may have the answer.

**F**ive years ago, when a colleague asked Harvard psychiatrist John E. Mack if he wanted to meet Budd Hopkins, Mack replied, "Who's he?" Told that Hopkins was a New York artist known for his work with people who claimed to have been abducted by aliens and hustled aboard UFOs, Mack swiftly came to a professional conclusion.

"I assumed that either there must be something the matter with Budd Hopkins or that Hopkins was encountering a new form of mental illness," Mack recalls. "I wasn't prepared for what I found."

What Mack found when he finally met Hopkins was something so personally compelling that the veteran psychiatrist plunged into the field of abduction research himself. Over the next three years, as word of his interest in the abduction phenomenon spread, nearly 100 self-proclaimed abductees (or "experiencers") would contact Mack at his office at Harvard

# Aliens

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University's Cambridge Hospital.

The stories varied, but many abductees told of being taken from their homes by big-eyed extraterrestrials and borne aboard space ships; there, sperm or ova samples were extracted from their bodies as part of an ongoing earthling-alien hybrid breeding program.

After taking what he describes as thorough psychiatric histories of the subjects, Mack concluded that they were "solid people, of sound mind" and told several colleagues that he believed "something important" was going on.

It wasn't the first time the psychiatrist had flirted with what some might consider fringe fields or taken an alternative approach. The Center for Psychology and Social Change, the nonprofit research organization Mack founded in 1983, often funds projects that combine psychology with ecological or ethnic issues outside the psychiatric mainstream.

"He's never been afraid to take a stand or follow his intuition, even if it might subject him to criticism," says Douglas Jacobs, an assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard who has known and admired Mack professionally since 1975. "His whole career has been about blazing trails."

But for many of Mack's fellow psychiatrists, the abducted-by-aliens study was just too bizarre. Dismissing abductees' claims as preposterous, colleagues respectfully cautioned him about pursuing the project.

"The difference between courage and foolhardiness is often subtle," Mack admits. "After a while, though, I reached the point where there seemed to be more to lose in terms of my own sense of integrity by keeping my mouth shut than I could lose by describing what I was finding."

Last month, Scribners published Mack's "Abduction. Human Encounters With Aliens," featuring 13 in-depth case histories drawn from his research. And now a lot of people assume there must be

something the matter with John Mack—or at least something seriously awry with the 64-year-old professor's professional judgment when it comes to alien activities.

"There are people who think he's an embarrassment to Harvard, that he's gone off the deep end," Jacobs acknowledges. "Many of my colleagues have rejected John Mack's research outright."

George Vaillant, a Harvard Medical School psychiatry professor who has known Mack for 25 years, provided a book jacket blurb for "Abduction" comparing it favorably to Frazer's "The Golden Bough." But he refuses to discuss his personal views on the validity of Mack's research or the professional risks Mack is taking.

Accepting a reporter's phone call "out of loyalty to John Mack," Vaillant would comment only, "Let me say this. ['Abduction'] is a very idealistic book that asks us to imagine a world or worlds better than the ones we have, and people who are idealistic take risks. The book is probably best understood as a metaphor."

Mack is hardly the first to write about alien abductions. A number of authors have chronicled the case of Betty and Barney Hill, an apparently stable New Hampshire couple who claimed to have been taken aboard a craft in the early 1960s by small, gray humanoids and subjected to sexual examinations. (The Hills' experiences later became the subject of a 1975 TV movie, "The UFO Incident.")

Budd Hopkins' "Missing Time," published in 1981, chronicled abduction claims involving missing time, body scars resulting from invasive alien medical procedures and small metallic implants purportedly inserted in victims' bodies as tracking devices; the follow-up, 1987's "Intruders," focused on sexual and reproduction-related episodes that have come to be associated with the abduction phenomenon. Whitley Strieber's "Communion" was a best-seller in 1987; and in 1992, Temple University historian and abduction researcher David Jacobs presented his findings in "Secret Life: First-hand Accounts of UFO Abductions."

## Impeccable credentials

But whatever his colleagues may think, Mack's credentials—in addition to being a Harvard psychiatry professor, he is the author of a Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of T.E. Lawrence—set him apart from the pack and lend a stamp of respectability to a topic generally relegated to tabloids. As a result, he has received mainstream news media coverage seldom accorded to just anybody who announces his belief in alien abductions, though Mack isn't crazy about invariably being described as a *believer*. He's even less crazy about an anonymous quote from a "friend" in a New York Times Magazine article that suggested Mack's UFO abduction "obsession" led to his recent separation from his wife after 34 years of marriage.

"Untrue, and a cheap shot," says Mack, in Chicago recently on a book promotion tour. "Our separation has nothing to do with this."

"You can make anyone look foolish, if that's your purpose, and I'm no exception," he adds. "But I guess what gets me most upset is getting pushed off in a category as a rigid believer. It's [presented as] 'This doctor believes in alien abductions.' That really isn't fair. I'm opening up an area that has some power to teach us something, an area that seems to have some implications for all of us, even though I don't know what

it's about and where it's going. It's a mystery, and I want to stress my agnosticism.

"Yes, I take these peoples' stories seriously. Yes, I think that they are telling the truth. Now, does that mean that the whole thing is literally of our physical world and is going to conform to the requirements of proof of our classic western scientific methodology? Probably not. We need a more complicated ontology to grasp it."

The extraterrestrials, Mack theorizes, may be coming from some other dimension of reality—possibly a parallel universe.

"I'm not convinced that when the abductees are brought aboard ships to see hybrid beings, however real that may be to them experientially, this is really occurring in physical reality as we know it," he says. "But does that mean that it's not really happening? I don't think you can conclude that. I think it might simply be inviting us to open up our way

of knowing to other kinds of evidence. I want people to look at this and ask questions."

Philip J. Klass, publisher of the Washington, D.C.-based publication *Skeptics UFO Newsletter* and a longtime UFO debunker, can come up with plenty of them.

"If you assume that we do have extraterrestrial visitors who are engaging in crossbreeding and that they are very advanced, why don't they abduct Olympic athletes?" Klass asks. "And why is it that not one person who claims to have been aboard a flying saucer has ever brought back a paper clip or cigarette lighter or some other souvenir?"

### Just attention seekers?

Klass, a contributing editor for *Aviation Week & Space Technology* magazine, has spent 28 years investigating UFO cases. He maintains that he has yet to find what he considers "a single, credible case that cannot be explained in prosaic terms."

As Klass sees it, most abductees simply crave attention.

"Certainly, 99 percent of them are not, underline *not*, crazy," he says. "When one is dealing with human behavior there is never just one explanation for anything, but in my opinion, a number of the people who report these tales seek attention. I have appeared with these people on a variety of TV talk shows, including Oprah Winfrey and Jerry Springer, and these are people who would never otherwise be invited to appear on a talk show. Their only reason for being there is that they can tell this story of UFO abduction."

But don't they risk being branded as wacky? "They are not ridiculed on the shows," says Klass, who observes that 'abductees' are often invited to appear as paid speakers at UFO conferences.

"There may be a few who are reluctant to go public, but many are not," adds Klass, who believes that the publicity accorded the phenomenon will cause countless suggestible people to believe that they, too, have been abducted. According to a highly controversial 1991 Roper poll, anywhere from several hundred thousand to several million Americans may have had abduction-related experiences.

"I think the abduction cult is a very dangerous one," Klass says. "I am suggesting that many, many more people will suffer. They will be afraid to go to sleep at night [lest they be abducted], and these fears will be passed on to their children."

The lack of physical evidence associated with alien abductions also arouses skepticism among some members of the UFO community.

Longtime UFO investigators Kevin D. Randle and Donald R. Schmitt, authors of the recently published "The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell" (Evans), are convinced that an extraterrestrial craft crashed near Roswell, N.M., in 1947; their book includes

testimony from doctors, law enforcement officials and military personnel who claim they saw five alien bodies amid the wreckage. (Klass dismisses the Roswell crash, considered for decades to be the most famous and well-documented of all UFO episodes, as "a myth perpetuated by the media, mainly television.")

"If we are right, we have leaped the first hurdle for John Mack," says Randle. "We have proved that [extraterrestrials] can get here." But Schmitt and Randle have yet to be convinced that aliens are abducting earthlings for any reason whatsoever.

"The problem with abductions is that you are dealing in most cases with something that relies solely on the mind—recall of the subconscious through hypnotic regression, which is highly unreliable," says Schmitt, co-director of the Evanston-based Center for UFO Studies.

"With Roswell, we were able to prove the nuts and bolts to our satisfaction, because at least at one time there was something tangible and physical. The main problem with abductions is that there is nothing tangible. We need some good physical evidence. And through suggestibility and support group influence you perpetuate the idea that people have been abducted by aliens when that is not the case."

### Lacking a smoking gun

Mack readily admits that he would love to have a smoking gun.

"If someone did bring back an artifact, though, the debunkers would just argue over its pedigree," he says. "I'm not trying to prove this with physical evidence. I take the whole package. These abduction accounts are so congruent among healthy people, from all over the United States—people who are not in touch with each other, who have nothing to gain and everything to lose by telling their stories. The only thing I know that behaves like that is real experience, and I am going to continue to try to deepen my understanding."

Mack is pushing on with two new research projects, one comparing abductees with victims of traumatic psychological experiences and the other a study of UFO abductions worldwide.

"Obviously this isn't the best way to get ahead [professionally]," he muses. "But it's such a short time in this culture between when something is regarded as taboo and career-threatening and when it becomes acceptable.

"I worked on a study in the late 1970s and early 1980s about children's fears about nuclear war," Mack adds. "It was considered odd at first, but a few years later there were Ph.D. theses all over the place about children's reactions to the nuclear threat. My guess is that within three or four years there will be all kinds of Ph.D. theses about people who have abduction experiences."

## GASTON GAZETTE, Gastonia, N.C. May 2, 1994

### UFO FEVER STRIKES

SHELBY - A little bit of UFO fever touched down in Cleveland County Sunday.

A field along Highway 74 is reported to be the site of a North Carolina version of a crop circle.

Residents report seeing blades of grass bent down to form some sort of pattern that is visible from an airplane.

Candy Hurtig of Shelby said she noticed the patterns when she went looking for a lawnmower with her husband early Sunday.

"When I saw them, I told my husband to turn the car around. It looked like something out of 'Unsolved Mysteries,'" she said.

Mrs. Hurtig said it appears the pattern is spread over 100 acres of wheat fields. She doesn't know what could have caused it, but she has her suspicions.

"The whole thing is just fascinating, it looks like something from up above just came down and pressed the field down in a pattern," she said.

A Cleveland County communications spokesman said their department has not received any calls about the field.

Wesley Mullinax who works in the Beaver Dam Pantry across the street from the field thinks the whole thing could have been caused by something a little more natural than a flying saucer.

"I think the storms we had not too long ago caused the field to be like that," he said. "I guess we just got around to seeing it."

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We want to thank Dale Kaczmarek, Editor and President of the "Ghost Trackers Newsletter" for sending us the following clip pertaining to the march on the Capital by persons wanting the government to reveal all the documents on UFOs they have been holding "captive" since 1947.

# UFO Believers Try to End Stigma

By Rafael Alvarez  
Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON—Michael Regimente of Annapolis, Md., is sensitive to the image problem.

He says: "It's not like this is a Star Trek convention featuring the Attack of the Pear People vs. the Great Unwashed."

Yet that's what many people think when believers in Unidentified Flying Objects, aliens from other planets, and flying-saucer abductions get together to call attention to out-of-this-world phenomena.

About 50 such people from around the country marched in front of the White House in brutal heat and humidity Monday to try to persuade the United States government to release about 20,000 pages of documents they claim prove the existence of UFOs.

One of the placards read: "Stop the Cosmic Watergate!"

Depending on what poll you use,

maybe 50 or 60 percent of the American public has some belief in UFOs, but they don't talk about it because of the stigma," said Regimente, a 44-year-old construction manager who has pursued the subject as a hobby for about four years. "And there's a lot more going on than even those people want to let into their minds."

Monday's protest was the second in as many years for "Operation Right to Know," a Washington group devoted to ending government secrecy about extraterrestrials, including the alleged Army retrieval in 1947 of a crashed flying saucer and dead aliens in Roswell, N.M.

Larry W. Bryant, a "Right to Know" supporter, has a suit pending in U.S. District Court in Washington against the secretary of the Army and Walter Reed Medical Center for the release of autopsies done on alien bodies believed to have been recovered from the desert outside Roswell on July 5, 1947.

"If the government would at least acknowledge the truth of Roswell, it would move Ufology out of the nut-case category and into the legitimate scientific realm," said Regimente, who spent the weekend at a UFO seminar in Richmond, Va., that attracted scientists and academics, as well as those who say they have been abducted by aliens and taken aboard spaceships for observation.

Mindy Gerber, a 35-year-old registered nurse from East Windsor, N.J., braves the ridicule.

"I'm an abductee, it's been going on throughout my life and will continue to go on," said Gerber, who said she has no conscious recall of the abductions but vaguely remembers the experiences through hypnosis. "The aliens study certain people the way we might study animals in the wild. It's all kind of gray to me, I'm not very clear what I've learned except that there's a lot of stuff going on that we just don't know about."

Our friend, Eugene Atcheson keeps us supplied with interesting tid bits. In this issue he supplies us with a word puzzle to sharpen our wits a little. He says he would like us to include this puzzle in the Missing Link for the reason of introducing an exercise of intelligence for the readers and also to offer an example crystal clear of "the healthy mind path" the Missing Link is on; sort of an attention to skeptics and critics, we move to wake up the mind and soar to greater openness and alertness, and not to hide oneself in a fools mythological shell of foolishness and vegetation.

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# Many report 'lights'

Whatever was in the night sky over Buffalo and other parts of Johnson County the night of Monday, March 7, apparently was also seen by a number of people in west central Michigan the next night.

More than a dozen people responded to a story in last week's Buffalo Bulletin about some strange lights which appeared over and near this community early on the evening of Monday, March 7.

Nearly every person who called to tell about seeing the lights had one thing in common . . . *they had not reported the incident to authorities or talked much about it because they were concerned others might think they were either inventing a story or over-reacting to something that wasn't all that unusual.*

But after a story appeared in the March 17 issue of the Buffalo Bulletin, a number of people called to tell what they saw.

John Tinnin, a Kaycee teacher, was on a school bus returning from a basketball game at Moorcroft that evening. He said the group was east of Buffalo on I-90 when they saw some very unusual lights to the south.

Tinnin said the lights were moving east. "When they got closer we could see the lights were coming from two airplanes," he said.

But Tinnin was the only caller who said the lights were from an airplane. The Kaycee group saw them at about 9 p.m.

Whether or not these were the same lights observed by a number of other people in this area earlier in the evening is not known.

Most of the callers say they saw the lights about 7:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt were playing cards at their home on Klondike Drive in southwest Buffalo when they noticed the unusual lights in the sky.

"The lights were so bright they seemed to light up the whole area," says Jerry Holt. "They turned to the north. We could tell it wasn't a helicopter, but the sound we could hear was a little like an airplane."

She said there were three groups of lights, and the bright ones were a yellow-white color. Mrs. Holt said they seemed to fly right over the trees in their yard.

When 11-year old Karen Tysdal went outside after her sister, she looked up and saw some strange and bright lights in the sky. "They looked like they were not much higher than the tops of the trees. It was really strange." Karen says the lights traveled to the east and out of sight.

## High rate of speed

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Clark of Buffalo were traveling to Casper when they saw some strange lights west of the highway a few miles north of Kaycee.

"We were near the North Fork oil field. The lights we saw reminded me of the very bright strobe lights you see on the smoke stack at the power plant near Glenrock," says Rodney.

He said the groups of lights did not seem to be connected to each other.

"I really don't believe an airplane could fly that fast and that close to the ground," he said. The Clarks estimate it was between 8:45 and 9 p.m. when they saw the lights.

Children who were in an outdoor hot tub at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wear were so startled by the lights that evening they came running in the house to tell their parents.

"Our five-year-old son was very excited," says Robin Wear. "They said that whatever it was flew from the mountains right over the house."

The children said it traveled very fast and disappeared to the east.

## Not any kind of airplane

Dallas and Kassy Sanders were in a car when they saw the strange lights coming from the direction of the mountains. Dallas says the lights were flashing and in a triangle shape.

"We must have watched them for almost five minutes," he says. They finally moved off to the east . . . a long ways away. It sure didn't look like any kind of an airplane or helicopter I've ever seen."

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garland were driving east on U.S. 16 and were east of Deer Haven when they first noticed the lights. They had just come up out of some fog in Tensleep Canyon.

"We could see four distinct bright lights high in the sky," says Garland. When we got over Powder River Pass we could see them above the ridge line."

Garland says he has seen the Air Force bombers which sometimes fly a practice route from near Kaycee over the mountains before, but "these lights were much different." He said they did not move at all like an airplane. After they reached their home in Buffalo, Garland said he was still thinking about the lights and looked out the window of his house and saw those same lights going to the east. That was about 10 p.m.

## Lights were "pulsating"

Several of the people who watched the lights said they seemed to "pulse" or slowly grow brighter and dimmer.

Ginger Harriet said one of her children was putting their dog outside that evening and saw the lights. She called to her mother, and they watched the lights in the sky "glowing reddish-yellow and seeming to pulsate."

Mrs. Harriet said that although the lights appeared to be some distance away, they watched them for at least three or four minutes, and she had a feeling of fear about them.

"None of the family believed it could be any kind of an airplane," she said. "We saw two groups of lights."

## Some saw them March 2

Phyllis Sims of Buffalo says she didn't happen to see the lights everyone else spotted on March 7, but she had observed something like this on March 2.

"They were going in a straight line south of town," she said. "I thought it might be several airplanes flying in a row, but it seemed like a very long line and didn't look like they were very far off the ground."

She said it was about 7:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Levinson, who live north of Kaycee, reported seeing lights that same evening as they were driving into Kaycee for a meeting.

It's obvious there were many more people in the Buffalo and Kaycee area who saw the strange lights in the sky over Johnson County. Were they all from some kind of military airplanes? Was it some kind of natural phenomenon? Or, is there another explanation? For the time being, it appears no one has an answer.

DAILY RECORD,  
Glasgow, Scotland  
Feb. 3, 1994  
CR: T. Good

## Probe on UFO film

An amateur video  
enthusiast has filmed  
a UFO, it was claimed  
yesterday.

The two-minute film was  
taken by an unnamed busi-  
nessman who says he and  
his family saw a large  
white light travelling  
slowly over the town of  
Bonnybridge,  
Stirlingshire.

And now the film is  
being examined by BBC  
experts in Glasgow.

# No explanation offered for sighting of 'lights'

No one has come forward with an explanation of the unusual lights seen in the skies over Johnson County on March 2 and again on March 7, but the list of people who reported seeing the strange phenomenon continues to grow.

Several more people called the Buffalo Bulletin after last week's issue was published to say they had seen these "strange lights," but none of those calling believed they could identify what they were.

One family said the lights seemed to come almost directly over their house and they could hear a "roaring" noise. They did not describe it sounding like a jet engine or a helicopter.

And the lights were also seen by some people in the Tensleep area the night of March 7. Phyllis Moses of Tensleep says, "We also saw those same lights (two sets of two side-by-side) hanging over the mountains for about 10 minutes."

"They didn't move much," says Mrs. Moses. "They were about where Tensleep Canyon is located. They moved on a ways and I presume they were at the top of the mountain . . . and then gone."

Alvina Curutchet, who lives east of Buffalo, says she saw the lights near her home on March 7. "It looked like they were out over a construction area on

the Interstate Highway," she says. "When I turned the lights on in the house to look for the binoculars, the lights suddenly moved away."

Sherry Gould of Buffalo says this same kind of sighting had been reported in Belgium during the past year. She is an associate director of the "UFO Contact Center, International."

"This is an organization which tries to help people who have had a 'contact experience,'" says Mrs. Gould.

"I've been a psychic all my life," she says. "I've helped law enforcement people search for missing persons in places like Colorado."

Mrs. Gould says she did not see the lights in the sky earlier this month, but she senses there has been a lot of activity in the Buffalo area.

Most people who had seen the strange lights simply don't have an explanation to offer. Some say they don't believe in UFO's, and suspect it might have been some kind of secret military aircraft.

Whatever it was in the sky over Buffalo and other parts of Johnson County, remains a mystery for most people. Yet, there is a large number of residents who did see something that was "very unusual" and seems to defy any "easy explanation."

Never laugh at anyone's dreams.

BUFFALO BULLETIN

## National UFO Center official 'not surprised'

Robert Gribble of the UFO Report Center in Shadow, WA., was not surprised when he learned details of the sighting of unusual lights in the sky around Johnson County the night of March 7.

"These descriptions sound almost identical to the ones we have been receiving from a number of people in the eastern-central part of Michigan," he told the Buffalo Bulletin this past week.

The lights were observed in that area the night after they were seen

in this area. Most of the reports came in on Tuesday, March 8.

Gribble says the National UFO Report Center is a private group which was organized in 1974 to record and detail information about sightings of unidentified flying objects. He said the reporting records cover all of the U.S.

Gribble did not offer any suggestions as to what may have been observed here, but he said the information would be recorded as part of the group's effort to find explanations for sightings such as this.

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## MESSAGE FROM SHERI GOULD Buffalo, Wyoming

This past March has been quite a month for UFO activity! Strange lights appeared over and around Buffalo, Wyoming in the evenings from March 2 and on. Those who saw these "lights" said they were so bright, that they seemed to light up the whole area. It reminded one person of the strobe lights at power plants. Those who saw these lights said they looked like a bank of lights, or in groups of 3 lights moving together, and these groups of lights glowed yellow/white or reddish/yellow. Others said they pulsed and were triangle shaped. Reports came in locally from as far west as Tensleep, Wyoming (about 70 miles on the other side of the Bighorn Mountains) to 50 miles south around Kaycee, Wyoming. These "lights" spooked horses as they passed over ranches, and some observers said the "lights" stopped at times and then moved on. The majority of the sightings over the Buffalo area happened on March 7. The following night, many people in eastern-central Michigan saw these "lights" and the descriptions were almost identical. In West Michigan, 911 calls came in from people reporting strange lights in the sky. The lights and objects sighted over Michigan were tracked on weather radar. The radar scopes confirmed the sightings of something solid and moving - sometimes slowly - sometimes at great speed. Because these sightings over Michigan were documented by law enforcement and radar observations, they've created considerable national interest. CBS's 48-Hours, and Larry King Live on CNN both did pieces on this incident in Michigan. And - they came from Buffalo, Wyoming first!

My children and I also had a sighting, but ours occurred on March 14 instead. Exactly one week after the March 7 sightings, we were in our home watching TV together when all of a sudden a set of 3 bright lights looked like they were coming right over our house, about treetop level. And it happened two more times! Now you have to understand that I'm ALWAYS LOOKING UP or heading outside at the slightest possibility of "strangeness" going on, and I just sat there thinking "Oh. Isn't that nice," and not even going outside to check this out. I sat there thinking it was a plane that circled around 3 times, which is very strange in the first place, because Buffalo rarely has any kind of plane traffic at all, let alone at night and at treetop level, no less!

Then a series of synchronicities took place. My friend, Jeanne, from Florida called to tell me she read the article in the Buffalo newspaper which she gets (she lived here in Buffalo for awhile), and shared that she thought the Arcturans had triangular shaped craft. She went on to tell me about a photograph that Norma Milanovich showed her of some Arcturans. These very high love vibration beings, when they come down in vibration into third density form, apparently become distorted and somewhat gruesome looking. Then, I suddenly remembered, that a few weeks prior, I had been to my friend John's apartment to meditate when I suddenly saw this tall green being and when I saw the face - very long, thin, slanted, almost perpendicular eyes, I was VERY startled. John was surprised by my reaction, considering I've seen lots of very different looking beings! Then in a phone conversation with my friend, Dee, she tells me she thought she'd heard about these triangular shaped craft in Belgium and that people there were saying they weren't "little green men" because they were "BIG green men"! And all of a sudden I got an electrical charge through my body, coming from the top of my head down through my feet that was unreal! Talk about getting confirmation!

The messages I've received regarding all these happenings is that the triangular craft that were sighted over Buffalo are indeed Arcturan, and when they came on March 14 towards my home, they sent "calming energies" my way so that I wouldn't run outside. Since they were so close, they didn't want, what they termed as "detrimental energies" to affect me. There's going to be more frequent sky activity, and many more people will begin to be accepting of it, or admitting that they've had sightings. There will begin to be a social acceptance of "sightings", and through this "release", will come many more wonderful happenings!

*Sheri Gould, Assoc. Director, UFO Contact Center, Intl.*

### CURIOUS AVENUE By Tom Toles



# Mount Rainier-area youth has close encounter in the foothills

The engine died and the dashboard lights fell dark. Although he hadn't applied his brakes, the pickup truck he was driving stopped suddenly, abruptly, square in the middle of the road there between the edge of the forest and a scrubby clearcut field.

His headlights cut a hole through the night. He sat wondering what was wrong.

Then he saw the feet, descending. Bird feet. Claw feet. Then the legs, the torso, the chest. And the wings, folded, attached to the back of broad shoulders. Then the head. That face.

The creature, nine feet tall. Thirty feet away. Blue-tinted fur, yellowish eyes, tufted ears and sharp straight teeth.

With a dust-raising thud, it landed.

Brian Canfield, 18, held tight the steering wheel. He was alone and on his way home - from Buck-

ley to the isolated settlement of Camp One, located in the Mount Rainier foothills above Lake Kapowsin - at 9:30 a week ago Saturday night. He doesn't drink. He doesn't take drugs. He's a high school senior known locally as an average, normal kid.

"It was standing there staring at me, like it was resting, like it didn't know what to think," Canfield says. "I was scared. It raised the hair on me. I didn't feel threatened. I just felt out of place."

We're sitting in a camper outside the Canfield home a few days after the encounter. I'd heard Brian's story from a neighbor and I'd asked for an interview. He is no fan of heavy metal music and he's never played Dungeons and Dragons. He's never seen a UFO. He remains baffled by what he saw.

"Its eyes were yellow and shaped like a piece of pie with pupils like a half-moon. The mouth was pretty big. White teeth. No fangs. The face was like a wolf," he says.

Can he smell anything? Hear anything? I ask him to close his eyes and remember.

He can hear the wind. He smells gasoline - he'd been having trouble with his carburetor. "It's look-

ing right at me like in a deep stare, like right through me. It's standing perfectly still."

It stood for - how long? - a few minutes. Several minutes. Then its fingers twitched and its wings began to unfold. Those wings were as wide as the road.

"It turned its head and looked back at me and started flapping its wings," Canfield says. Then slowly it rose and so great was the turbulence the truck began to rock and sway.

Slowly the creature flew off in the direction of Mount Rainier.

"A few minutes later the truck just started," Canfield says. "I took off as fast as I could."

He drove home. "I just flew in the house. I woke my mom and dad up. I told my dad to grab the gun and a camera and come with me. While he was getting dressed I told them what happened. I almost couldn't breathe."

"I could tell something was wrong, the way he ran in," says his mother, Sandra. "He said, 'Really, I gotta talk to you. We just gotta talk.'" They went into



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The News Tribune columnist

the living room.

He was shaking. "His mouth was dry, he was pale, his hair was still standing on end," Sandra says. She handed him a tablet and he began to draw what he'd seen. A few minutes later they visited a neighbor - a man who knows the woods - and they soon drove back to that spot on the road.

Within the silence and the night, they found no trace of the creature.

The neighbor says, "I know he saw something, but I don't know what it was."

Canfield told his story at school early last week. Some friends believe him and some have begun to tease him. One friend helped him

with the sketch and others have come up with a name for the creature.

**Batsquatch.**

"I'm really not into this stuff," Canfield says. "It boggles my mind really hard core. I really can't explain it. It's weird, definitely weird. I don't like it. Usually stuff like this happens to someone else."

This past week I've spoken both with neighbors and with Canfield's family. I believe his story. I believe he saw something that night a week ago. I have no idea what he saw. I've spoken with experts on legends and creatures and none knows of a being such as this.

But I believe Brian Canfield. And I believe that we daily face so many real things fearful - drugs, gangs, AIDS, violence, divorce, poverty, Rwanda, Bosnia, tuberculosis, North Korea and so on down the list - that it's almost pleasant to consider a monster no one can explain.

It's pleasant for the rest of us, perhaps. But not for Brian Canfield.

"It did happen, I'm willing to put my life on it," he says. "I just have this picture in front of my head, the picture of it standing there. I can't get rid of it. It's just there. I kinda wish it didn't happen."

*C.R. Roberts' column appears Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. He can be reached at 597-8535.*



News Tribune illustration from a sketch by Dave Kiele

**The 'Batsquatch':** Brian Canfield describes a winged creature about 9 feet tall with claws, blue-tinted fur, yellowish eyes, sharp teeth and tufted ears.

Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it is the only way to live life completely.