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STEVE PURKABLE SHARES DIVERSE STUDIES MARCH 11

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. is privileged to hear Steve Purkable discuss his unique investigation into lasting electromagnetic effects of crop designs on grain and on tree rings, 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 11, 2001 at Grone's Cafeteria, Yorkshire Plaza, Watson at LaClede Station Road.

Steve Purkable is a chemist with a degree from Southern Illinois University who works as a Laboratory Technician for a major bi-state chemical company. In June 1996, he investigated an Illinois "Crop Circle" in wheat that proved to have a random design - some circles, straight lines and swirls. He was permitted to take fully mature grain samples from the downed wheat with the typical microwaved nodules at the bend of the stalk. He sent them to Dr. William Levingood, internationally known botanist and Crop Design analyst. He tested and confirmed the authenticity of the Illinois design. At Steve's request, the scientist returned some of the sample seed to be planted, harvested and replanted successively to determine if anomalies or mutations showed up in later generations. In July this year, Steve Purkable will harvest and analyze the fifth generation of wheat from seed originally damaged by electromagnetic effects.

Steve also cored several trees close to and at measured distances back from a farm field which had crop designs in 1987 and 1992. According to Forrest Crawford, former MUFON Director in Illinois and Ted Phillips, MUFON's Ground Trace investigator with nearly 5,000 cases to his credit, Purkable is the only person scientifically comparing tree ring widths for "Crop Circle Years" with normal years, accounting for adverse weather conditions and other situations which might effect plant growth.

Steve Purkable's interest in UFOs and related phenomena began in 1993 when George Wingfield, Crop Circle Investigator from the United Kingdom, showed him an exceptionally detailed design by Barbary Castle which he argued was a three-dimensional energy mechanism. When another UFOlogist showed the same pattern in a United States site, Steve was convinced that something more than pictorial communication was occurring. **Are crop designs antennae? Do they affect possible energy transfers - gathering or distributing power instilled in them? If so, how? What results are apparent? What technology is needed and what further tests are required to make scientifically acceptable determinations?**

Purkable, who identifies himself as an alchemist-cabalist who sun dances, says, **"All civilizations, cultures and religions have one or more pieces of the puzzle. I don't know who is driving the machine."**

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SIGHTINGS

The Most Incredible Mass Sighting Of All? 1942 'Battle Of Los Angeles' Biggest Mass Sighting In History? New Photo Analysis!

Wednesday, February 25, 1942

By Jeff Rense

Including Stunning New Photo Analysis!

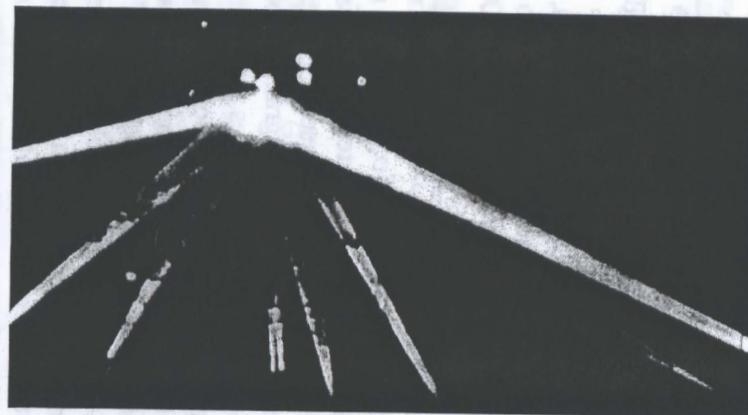
Five years before Roswell, five years before pilot Kenneth Arnold's landmark sightings of "flying saucers" in the Pacific Northwest, 3 years before the Battle of the Bulge, two years before D-Day, and years before the so-called "modern UFO era" had officially begun, there was the Battle of Los Angeles, arguably the most sensational, dramatic UFO mass encounter on record.

Have you ever heard of the Battle of Los Angeles? Few have. Imagine a visiting spacecraft from another world, or dimension, hovering over a panicked and blacked-out LA in the middle of the night just weeks after Pearl Harbor at the height of WWII fear and paranoia. Imagine how this huge ship, assumed to be some unknown Japanese aircraft, was then attacked as it hung, nearly stationary, over Culver City and Santa Monica by dozens of Army anti-aircraft batteries firing nearly 2,000 rounds of 12 pound, high explosive shells in full view of hundreds of thousands of residents. Imagine all of that and you have an idea of what was the Battle of Los Angeles.

The sudden appearance of the enormous round object triggered all of LA and most of Southern California into an immediate wartime

blackout with thousands of Air Raid Wardens scurrying all over the darkened city while the drama unfolded in the skies above... a drama which would result in the deaths of six people and the raining of shell fragments on homes, streets, and buildings for miles around.

Dozens of gun crews and searchlights of the Army's 37th Coast Artillery Brigade easily targeted the huge ship which hung like a surreal magic lantern in the clear, dark winter sky over the City of the Angels. Few in the city were left asleep after the Coastal Defense gunners commenced firing hundreds and hundreds of rounds up toward the glowing ship which was apparently first sighted as it hovered above such west side landmarks as the MGM studios in Culver City. The thump of the batteries and the ignition of the aerial shells reverberated from one end of LA to the other as the gun crews easily landed scores of what many termed "direct hits"....all to no avail. Here now, is what the night skies of LA looked like at the height of the firing....



New 7-24-00 photo enhancements and analysis shows the huge craft caught in the converging spotlights!

Pay close attention to the convergence of the searchlights and you will clearly see the shape of the visitor within the illuminated target area. It's a BIG item and seemed completely oblivious to the hundreds of AA shells bursting on and adjacent to it which caused it no evident dismay. There were casualties, however...on the ground. At least 6 people died as a direct result of the Army's attack on the UFO which slowly and leisurely made its way down to and then over Long Beach before finally moving off and disappearing.

The following is an excerpt of an article appearing in Fate Magazine. Our special thanks to Bill Oliver of UFO*BC for transcribing and bringing it to our attention.

WORLD WAR II UFO SCARE

By Paul T. Collins
Fate Magazine July, 1987

On Wednesday, February 25, 1942, as war raged in Europe and Asia, at least a million Southern Californians awoke to the scream of air-raid sirens as Los Angeles County cities blacked out at 2:25 AM. Many dozed off again while 12,000 air raid wardens reported faithfully to their posts, most of them expecting nothing more than a dress rehearsal for a possible future event - an invasion of the United States by Japan. At 3:36, however, they were shocked and their slumbering families rudely roused again, this time by sounds unfamiliar to most Americans outside the military services.

The roar of the 37th Coast Artillery Brigade's anti-aircraft batteries jolted them out of bed and before they could get to the windows the flashing 12.8 pound shells were detonating with a heavy, ominous boomp - boomp - boomp and the steel was already raining down. All radio stations had been ordered off the air at 3:08. But the news was being written with fingers of light three miles high on a clear star-studded blackboard 30 miles long.

The firing continued intermittently until 4:14. Unexploded shells destroyed pavement, homes and public buildings, three persons were killed and three died of heart attacks directly attributable to the one hour barrage. Several persons were injured by shrapnel. A dairy herd was hit but only a few cows were casualties.

The blackout was lifted and sirens screamed all clear at 7:21. The shooting stopped but the shouting had hardly begun. Military men who never flinched at the roar of rifles now shook at the prospect of facing the press. While they probably could not be blamed for what had happened, they did have some reason for distress. The thing they had been shooting at could not be identified.



Close Call - AA shrapnel pierced Mrs. H.G. Landis' pillow

Caught by the searchlights and captured in photographs, was an object big enough to dwarf an apartment house. Experienced lighter-than-air (dirigible) specialists doubted it could be a Japanese blimp because the Japanese had no known source of helium, and hydrogen was much too dangerous to use under combat conditions.

Whatever it was, it was a sitting duck for the guns of the 37th. Photographs showed shells bursting all around it. A Los Angeles Herald Express staffer said he was sure many shells hit it directly. He was amazed it had not been shot down.

The object that triggered the air raid alarm had drawn 1430 rounds of ammunition from the coast artillery, to no effect. When it moved at all, the object had proceeded at a leisurely pace over the coastal cities between Santa Monica and Long Beach, taking about 30 minutes of actual flight time to move 20 miles; then it disappeared from view.

You can well imagine with what chagrin public information officers answered press queries. The Pasadena Office of the Southern California Sector of the Army Western Defense Command simply announced that no enemy aircraft had been identified; no craft was shot down; no bombs were dropped; none of our interceptors left the ground to pursue the intruder.

Soon thereafter US Navy Secretary Frank Knox announced that no planes had been sighted. The coastal firing had been triggered, he said, by a false alarm and jittery nerves. He also suggested that some war industries along the coast might have to be moved inland to points invulnerable to attacks from enemy submarines and carrier-based planes.

The press responded with scathing editorials, many on page one, calling attention to the loss of life and denouncing the use of the coast artillery to fire at phantoms. The Los Angeles Times demanded a full explanation from Washington. The Long Beach Telegram complained that government officials who all along had wanted to move the industries were manipulating the affair for propaganda purposes. And the Long Beach Independent charged: "There is a mysterious reticence about the whole affair and it appears some form of censorship is trying to halt discussion of the matter. Although it was red-hot news not one national radio commentator gave it more than passing mention. This is the kind of reticence that is making the American people gravely suspect the motives and the competence of those whom they have charged with the conduct of the war."



Part of an unexploded
12 lb. anti-aircraft round

The Independent had good reason to question the competence of some of the personnel responsible for our coastal defense operations as well as the integrity and motives of our highest government officials. Only 36 hours before the Long Beach air raid, a gigantic Japanese submarine had surfaced close to shore 12 miles north of Santa Barbara and in 25 minutes of unchallenged firing lobbed 25 five-inch shells at the petroleum refinery in the Ellwood oil field. The Fourth Interceptor Command, although aware of the sub's attack, ordered a blackout from Ventura to Goleta but sent no planes out to sink it. Not one shot was

fired at the sub.

After the Ellwood incident had alerted all the West Coast defense posts to possible repeat attacks, these units were sensitive to anticipated invasion attempts. By Wednesday morning in the Los Angeles area they were ready to open fire on a boy's kite if it in any way resembled a plane or a balloon. Secretary of War Henry Stimson praised the 37th Cost Artillery for this attitude. It is better to be a little too alert than not alert enough, he said. At the same time he delicately suggested that it might have been a good idea to send some of our planes up to identify the invading aircraft before shooting at them.

Planes of the Fourth Interceptor Command were, in fact, warming up on the runways waiting for orders to go up and interview the unknown intruders. Why, everybody was asking, were they not ordered to go into action during the 51-minute period between the first air-raid alert at 2:25 AM and the first artillery firing at 3:16?

Against this background of embarrassing indecision and confusion, Army Western Defense Command obviously had to say something fast. Spokesmen told reporters that from one to 50 planes had been sighted, thus giving themselves ample latitude in which to adjust future stories to fit whatever propaganda requirements might arise in the next few days.

When eyewitness reports from thousands searching the skies with binoculars under the bright lights of the coast artillery verified the presence of one enormous, unidentifiable, indestructible object - but not the presence of large numbers of planes - the press releases were gradually scaled downward. A week later Gen. Mark Clark acknowledged that army listening posts had detected what they thought were five light planes approaching the coast on the night of the air raid. No interceptors, he said, had been sent out to engage them because there had been no mass attack.

Believing an aerial bombardment was in progress, some people thought they saw formations of warplanes, dogfights between enemy craft and our fighter planes and other things that they assumed were evidence of such an attack. Obviously there were no dogfights because none of our interceptors were in the air. Tracer bullets were fired from military ground stations and some people mistook the fire pattern made by these projectiles for aerial combat. Other observers reported lighted objects which were variously described as red-and-white flares in groups of three red and three white, fired alternately, or chainlike strings of red lights looking something like an illuminated kite.

People suggested that some of these lights were caused by Japanese-Americans signaling approaching Japanese aircraft with flares to guide them to selected targets, but because no bombs were dropped, the theory was quickly abandoned. In any case, such charges fitted in perfectly with a hysterical press campaign to round up all citizens of Japanese descent and put them in concentration camps.

During the week of the Japanese submarine attack on the Ellwood oil field and the air raid on Los Angeles County, the press took full advantage of the made-to-order situation. Arrests of suspects were quickly made and the FBI was called in, but the Long Beach Press Telegram stated all investigations indicated nobody was signaling the enemy from the ground.

**DARK TRIANGULAR UFO HOVERS OVER IDAHO CAMP**

"Many rational people believe we are not alone in the universe. Three hunters in an unspecified location near Challis, Idaho (population 1,100) learned for themselves on the night of" Friday, "October 27, 2000 that this theory may hold water."

"The report revealed that an individual spotted a dark triangular object floating silently above him while he was standing by his pickup *truck). The hunter said he and his three buddies were in dry camp, so alcohol couldn't be blamed for what he and two of the others saw."

"The individual said that as he approached his pickup at about 9:45 p.m., he 'got a feeling of a thick, heavy blanket above me and chills down my spine.' He said he shined his flashlight on 'the dark triangular object floating directly above us and our camp trailer.'"

"The man fell into profane disbelief and then called for his buddies to come see for themselves. He said he could see the rounded dark edges and the flat bottom that had a texture like suede leather and was colored gold-gray."

"He said that after he shined his light on the object, it throttled up with a deep low sound of intense power and floated straight up and then forward up a steep canyon, moving like a hockey puck sliding on ice. The other party members grabbed their binoculars to check it out until it moved out of sight."

"The account said that as the object throttled up, three lights, one at each corner of the triangle, came on. Each one was about 10 feet (3 meters) in diameter and glowed like a dim dome light. Another light in the center was described as being 20 feet (6 meters) in diameter, protruding below the bottom of the object about eight feet (2.3 meters), was deep red and pulsed at (a rate of) once a second."

"The outline of the entire object had a light halo around it. The shape, wrote the hunter, was a perfect triangle radiant corners and rounded edges."

There was no smell, no feeling of blowing, no prop wash or thrust of any kind."

The Challis sighting is now being investigated by the National Institute of Discovery Science (NIDS). (See the Challis, Idaho Messenger for November 4, 2000, "Hunter reports UFO sighting near Challis." Many thanks to Louise A. Lowry for forwarding this newspaper article.)

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NEW JERSEY FLYING TRIANGLE?

WALDWICK -- Joe Furando writes that on the evening of November 22, 2000, at 12:05 PM, I was on my way home to Montvale when I spotted an unusually bright light just over the western tree-line. I became concerned when I realized how low it was flying. I slowed down and brought the car to a stop to get a better look. The shape was triangular and this was NO plane. It had a low, quiet jet engine sound almost inaudible over the sounds of the cars on Route 17. It was moving slow, and I got of the car as it flew over head! It was flying just over the trees and was a solid triangle, with red and green lights and two closely placed very bright white lights towards the center of the craft. It was so close to the ground, I could even make out the small bump in the back where it should have been flat like a triangle. It followed Sheridan Avenue south and directly back toward Waldwick. The double lights were striking! Thanks to Joe Furando, jfurando@hotmail.com

OHIO DARK TRIANGULAR OBJECT

OREGON -- I was sitting in my living room Thanksgiving morning watching TV, when I heard an unusual slow low frequency modulating hum. I looked through the sheer drapes and noticed quite a few lights directly east moving northbound. When I parted the drapes, I had expected either helicopters or planes, but was stunned by the enormity of the 'one' triangular object that I saw. The object was bigger than a football field, had one red light in the bottom middle with smaller white lights in each of the corners. It was charcoal gray to black and surrounded by a dull orangey faint glow. It moved slower than stall speed for an aircraft in a northeastern direction. It just cleared a radio tower, of which there are several in the direction it was headed. The hum sound it emitted was neither a prop, or jet engine as I am familiar with both of these. I am a 38 year old music teacher, and have programmed sounds on synthesizers regularly, and relate it to a low modulating frequency with a slow sweeping resonance effect. I used up a little time trying to look for a camera, and decided to give up the search for one, and step outside to get a better look. By the time I was outdoors it took about 20 seconds to disappear over the northeastern neighborhood rooftops. The conditions that morning were overcast, and still dark out at 6:30 AM. Thanks to Kenny Young. ufo@FUSE.NET (Kenny Young)

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FILER'S SHORT HISTORY OF MARS AND THE WORLD - As an intelligence analyst I have experience in taking the findings of others and putting them together to develop a possible scenario. Recent scientific discoveries are starting to make the history of our world and our relationship to our neighboring Red planet more clear. I feel we may have more in common than is generally realized. In the history of Earth, much of the great scientific and historical knowledge was collected in the religious scriptures that repeatedly tells of extraterrestrial visitors.

My own photo analysis of Mars images of Cydonia and other areas suggest to me that Mars was once inhabited and defended. The layered terrain on Mars show a striking resemblance to sedimentary deposits that form underneath the water on Earth. NASA is slowly revealing what has been known for a decade that there was and still is water on Mars. These apparent lakes on indicate that Mars likely harbored life in the distant past. Where there is water, microbial life is likely to have thrived. Fossils giving proof of life likely exist in the sediments. Rocks that blasted off Mars from some type of explosions were eventually found on Earth. NASA scientists claim microbial evidence essentially proves life once existed on Mars. I hypothesize that intelligent life either visited or developed on Mars. One area on Mars where there are strong indications of intelligent life is the area known as Cydonia. The famous face on Mars is in the Cydonia area and can possibly be explained away as a trick of nature, but new images show an eye socket, and a well formed eye pupil, an eye brow, and even lips. The Cydonia area also has structures that appear as a fort, a possible city mound, a dozen outpost mounds, a pathway and pyramid like structures. These do not appear as natural formations.

My hypothesis is we are looking at artifacts of an ancient civilization probably defended against attacks. Excellent researchers such as Dr. Horace W. Crater of the University of Tennessee Space Institute and Dr. Stanley V. McDaniel, Dr. Mark Carlotto, both of Scientists for Planetary SETI Research (SPSR)-- Erol Torun, Vincent DiPietro and Gregory Molenaar and many others have accomplished brilliant research pointing out the mathematical and geometrical anomalies indicating artificial origin of the area. Dr. Stanley V. McDaniel asks, "Does the mound geometry conform to some understandable grid? Is the mound geometry unique? Is there any recognizable cultural or symbolic quality in the patterns that might provide a clue to possible meaning or utility?" See <http://www.mcdanielreport.com/geometry.htm>.

FORTIFICATIONS ON MARS - My answers to his questions are yes. While in Vietnam as the 7th Air Force Intelligence, III Corps analyst, I spent a great deal of time examining photographs looking for North Vietnamese and Viet Cong rocket sites that were used for attacking Saigon nightly. The enemy would launch the rockets from mounds leaving small burned marks showing the rockets had been fired from that position. I felt the Communist 122 mm rockets were personally aimed at me providing incentive to discover the enemy operations. Eventually we were able to figure out the North Vietnamese movements and construction patterns of the mounds. They brought the rockets to about ten miles from Saigon using small boats on the various streams. They set up and fired the rockets killing my neighbors nightly. The Communist movements, their construction of small mounds or hills could be observed in our daily photographic footage. Eventually we were able to attack the most likely rocket movements and sites.

My analysis of Mars images picked up similar mounds arranged in a geometric pattern indicating alien artifacts and possible intelligent life. The mounds on Mars are not unlike fortifications used by the military on Earth for centuries. They have built similar numbers, with precision, location and geometry to establish overlapping fields of fire. Nature tends to do things by chance, and these structures appear to be designed as either offensive or defensive positions. The general arrangement is in variations of triangles. In one of my favorite military books, "The Tools of War" written by James R. Newman, he provides the reader with a series of drawings of fortifications that were used by Europeans preparing defensive bastions throughout the sixteenth to nineteenth centuries, I have visited some of these fortifications with angled walls in Germany and France. The structures on Mars remind me of these diagrams. Many of these fortifications are designed using various triangles geometric variations, because they provide strong defensive positions and fields for cross fire. Often the infantry and ammunition were hidden underground. Only the cannon would be above ground and these were often covered in various ways. I suggest we are looking at ancient Martian fortifications placed in a triangular pattern with key points about two miles apart. In Europe, many similar fortifications were still in use during World War II. The French Maginot line comes to mind with some ninety percent of its fortifications underground. On Mars, there are what appears to be openings to underground facilities. It seems too much of a chance for nature to have built twelve mound like fortifications in a roughly geometric and isosceles triangular configuration at Cydonia.

What appears has a fort, pyramid, city mound, various fortifications all suggest that intelligence at one time existed on Mars. I admit this is not easy to see unless you make the assumption that intelligent life once existed on Mars. Then the signs of their presence are suddenly apparent. The structures appear to represent architecture designed to protect its occupants from weapons fire, bombs or possibly meteorites. Many appear pyramidal in shape with deliberately shaped sloping walls. These structures are similar to Bastions designed for warfare where the slanted angles cause artillery fire to glance off. In any case they seem deliberately shaped as opposed to a natural formation and designed to deflect flying objects. In Vietnam, I analyzed the effectiveness of our air strikes. I see evidence of similar attacks and bombardment. This bombardment is likely from meteorites, but they might be huge bomb craters from a war in the distant past. I count at least a dozen bomb craters or meteorite strikes in the fortifications. Mars has always been known throughout history as the planet of war, perhaps mankind was provided this information by visitors. These images suggest that life once existed on Mars, but this is not our only evidence.

SOVIET INFRARED PHOTOGRAPHY FROM PHOBOS 2

In 1989, the Soviet Phobos 2 took infrared photos of a possible underground city on Mars. Photos shown on Canadian TV, show an infrared scan radiometer image of the Martian surface depicting clearly defined rectangular areas. The film showed chess board like straight channels resembling city blocks. The infrared film measures the heat radiated from a two hundred fifty square miles of checker board square like parallel lines and rectangles. The corresponding surface features taken by regular cameras provided no indication of intelligent life. Dr. John Becklake of the London Science Museum stated, "The city-like pattern is 60 kilometers wide and could be easily be mistaken for an aerial view of Los Angeles."

It is my opinion that the data is too geometrically regular to be formed naturally and that much of the Martian civilization moved underground. The Soviets were then shocked when almost immediately after the infrared images were taken by Phobos 2 that satellite stopped functioning. Embarrassed the Soviets released most of the last taped television transmission sent back to Earth by Phobos 2 before it fell silent forever. On March 25, 1989, Phobos photographed a dark shape described as a "thin ellipse" showing what appears to be a gigantic cylindrical spaceship or huge cigar-shaped 'mothership'.

In his careful words to 'Aviation Week and Space Technology', the chairman of the Soviet equivalent of NASA, referred to the last frame, saying, "One image appears to include an odd-shaped object between the spacecraft and Mars." This "highly secret" photo was later given to the Western press by Colonel Dr. Marina Popovich, a Russian astronaut and pilot who has long been interested in UFO's. At a UFO conference in 1991, Popovich confirmed that their satellite had been destroyed by the alien vehicle. These photos can be seen at www.filersfiles.com

I might remind my readers that at this time our world was locked in the Cold War. Soviet and American forces were prepared to destroy one another but now Russia and Americans are together in space building a new space station. At the time President Reagan understood the situation when he spoke at the 42nd General Assembly of the United Nations. Sept. 21, 1987, and stated: "In our obsession with antagonisms of the moment, we often forget how much unites all the members of humanity. Perhaps we need some outside, universal threat to make us realize this common bond. I occasionally think how quickly our differences would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world. And yet, I ask you, IS NOT AN ALIEN FORCE ALREADY AMONG US?"

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MARS PHOTOS HINT AT ARTIFICIALITY AND INTELLIGENCE

Mac Tonnies reports preliminary analysis of Malin Space Science Systems has once again provided us with a more detailed collection of Mars Cydonia imagery. Though marred with several telltale black strips indicating loss of spacecraft data, the new images are fascinating. The Fort boasts a ruler-straight defile elevated on top of a sort of flat, tapered mesa. This straight feature is either an unprecedented fluke of geology or else the handiwork of intelligence. The mystifying lack of impact ejecta should have reduced this feature to rubble. Instead, we see a precise feature apparently undamaged by the adjacent meteor collision. Simply, there is no known geomorphological mechanism that could have produced this remarkable feature. The Cliff presents us with a uniquely demanding scientific puzzle because it is architectural-looking and constitutes compelling evidence in favor of the Artificiality Hypothesis.

While only the extreme western portion of the Mar's Face has been captured in the new image, the features thought to represent an eye and pupil are clearly visible (though degraded, as expected). Mysterious fine lines along the "headdress" are also visible, as are the "lips" and "teardrop" identified on previous images. The facial resemblance remains striking and consistent with claims of artificiality. An image of the Face's eastern half, never

photographed under ideal conditions, is necessary to accurately assess the Face's bisymmetry. Meanwhile, the available photographs imply artificiality: the Face looks like a massive, windblown sculpture of a humanoid head, complete with enigmatic ornamentation. Whether this uncanny resemblance is the result of spurious geometry or conscious design remains unconfirmed. The Face's proximity to other anomalies, such as the aforementioned Cliff, increase its chances of representing what has long been suspected: hard evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence. Other anomalous features photographed include "Mound P" and its attendant hexagonal formation and the "Egyptian" pyramid located on the SW City landmass. Thanks to The Cydonian Imperative and Mac Tonnies (macbot@yahoo.com) <http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

ILLINOIS ORBS RETURN

ROCKFORD -- Todd Livengood reports that on February 10, 2001, "I just had the most remarkable event happen to me at exactly 10:30 PM on Saturday. I finally saw the strange glowing orange orbs over Rockford, Illinois. It was witnessed by my brother Rick, his girlfriend Carrie, myself and five other witnesses on Alpine. There were nine orbs with the same intensity and producing a glowing orange light. Then at random individual ones would flash off then turn back on. At one point all off them flashed off except for three. That formed a triangle. Then the light intensity shot up very brightly then dimmed back to normal then the other orbs flashed back on . They swirled around one another moving slowly. I estimate the sighting lasted 15 minutes. It was very remarkable. The multiple sightings here don't seem to be so random. I have dates and times and most of all where they seem to always be spotted. It always seems to be around the Mulford, State St. and Alpine St. area of Rockford. And it always seems to be any where around the time of 8:00 to 10:00 PM. My brother and I are investing in some Telescopic night time photography equipment. Were going to try to get a close up photo of these orbs. The sighing we saw last night was very close. My brother and I are x-military. We have done night time combat maneuvers. We have seen ball lightning and just about anything else most people would think as very extraordinary. Now my brother Rick has seen combat in Panama and the middle east and he has witnessed a lot of new technology in warfare, and he was the first to say (Todd, I have never seen anything like this before in my life). And we are now more open to talk about it with the locals, because as we were watching the event we were pulled over along the side of the street and I would glance over to see lines of cars. There had to be at least 10 or more cars pulled over as we were. Thanks to Todd Livengood.

CALIFORNIA SAUCER

PORTERVILLE -- I watched a UFO cruise by my house at low altitude, noiselessly with Ferris wheel lights and a strange saucer shape. It was between 8:45-9:00 PM on January 25, 2001. It was a cloudy night with rain falling sporadically, I was letting my cat out when I noticed a Saucer shaped vehicle moving very slowly with no noise whatsoever. It was about 200 feet altitude and it was close enough that I could tell it to be about the size of an 18-wheeler truck. At arm's length the craft would be the size of your thumb from nail to knuckle. My best guess is that it was about 300 yards out. I was looking west from my porch, and the vehicle was traveling south at five miles per hour, coming to full stops occasionally for 1 or 2 seconds then continuing on till it disappeared from my sight. It had spinning lights red, blue, white and green and looked like a circus Ferris wheel. The sighting took place within a 2-3 minute period. I realized that I was standing in my front yard with nothing but my underwear and I returned to my home . Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

ILLINOIS REPORTS OF LIGHTS IN THE NIGHT SKY SHOW INCREASE

ROCKFORD --Lightfate reports scores more residents contacted the Rockford Register Star Tuesday with personal accounts of having seen strange lights in skies on February 10, 2001. Photographs in Tuesday's paper by the Register Star's Gary Carlson showed orange-gold lights making curious patterns in the Northeast sky. On February 14, Mark Bonne wrote in the Rockford Register Star that. " The odd visions continue to baffle many, but a new theory has begun to gel in response to the latest reports of bright lights in the night sky. Several sources speculated that orange and gold glowing orbs spotted Saturday night were helium balloons carrying flares or candles, likely launched from someone's back yard as a novelty or prank. More than 40 people some from as far as Byron and Caledonia contacted the Rockford Register Star to relate accounts of a phenomenon that started New Year's Eve 1999 and returned twice in as many months. Lee Carlson said four amber-colored lights floated past his Hillcrest Road home. I heard them pop as they went by and saw them slowly burn out," said Carlson, who suspects the balloons landed on Harrison Avenue. Duane Ingram, a physics and astronomy professor at Rock Valley College, said he doubts from descriptions he's heard that people are mistaking stars, constellations or planets as the phantom lights. Ingram said juvenile hijinks seems a more plausible explanation.

OHIO UFO SIGHTING

CHILLICOTHE -- "Philip E. Diehl" wrote to Dave Vetterick stating, I was in my backyard in Chillicothe Ohio at 6:41 PM on Dec. 24, 2000, looking at the stars when I heard a faint 60 cycle hum overhead." I looked over in time to see a triangular shaped craft move quickly from due north to due south. I have seen many aircraft in my 53 years, but none that could move so fast or that low that quietly. It was triangular shape with rounded points. It had three large, but very dim lights on the underside that could have been exhaust ports. One in the nose and one on each (for lack of better word) wing. This could have been some secret government craft? I don't know, but I only know what I saw Thanks to Dave Vetterick

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TEXAS STROBE LIGHT FLIES ERRATICALLY

AUSTIN -- David K. Pevehouse writes, I witnessed a plane laying a contrail at 5:00 AM in that was horizon to horizon in length. I should really call it a chemtrail due to the fact it stayed in place for over 20 minutes keeping its thin shape. I looked down a little ways from where the plane was and to the left and noticed a sparkling strobe light. It seemed to sparkle and strobe at the same time. The colors were blue greenish, purple and moved funny, back and forth very fast. It was darting north then south, again north and south. I looked at different areas of the sky to see if it was my vision but I did not see the same thing in other areas of the sky. Only way I can describe it is that it was very strange and seemed to move like a bug, very erratically. Thanks to David K. Pevehouse
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ARIZONA FOUR DOMED CIRCULAR DISK CRAFT SHAPE

PHOENIX -- It was 7:30 PM on February 6, 2001, when the witness left his driveway and turned north when a brightly illuminated sight in the evening sky caught his attention. "My gosh! Look at that! He said to himself. He pulled the car to the curb and got out for a better look. The witness stated, "I saw four very brightly lit domed circular craft! Each was illuminated totally in brilliant white light. They were each four to five inches in size from where I stood." The domed top was clear on all the craft. They were moving from south to north in a diamond formation. Each swayed back and forth and traded places, still maintaining the diamond formation as they collectively traveled forward to the north. "I watched them as they grew smaller, and smaller until they disappeared in the distance," the witness stated. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC NUFORC National Reporting Center NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

OREGON DISC WITH LIGHTS SEEN BY CREW CHIEF

ROGUE RIVER -- In one of the best reports I've received recently an SR-71 Air Force Crew Chief phoned to tell me he and his family of four had a witnessed a disc shaped UFO outside their home around 8:30 PM on both February 21st, and 22nd, 2001. It started when he noticed a bright light at the top of the mountain behind his home. Since the nearest airport is 35 miles south in Medford, he thought it was strange to see a plane with its landing lights on. The home is located in a rural area with two mountains behind the house, one 2000 feet and the other 3500 feet high. Twenty minutes later he looked out again and saw the lights were still there. Grabbing his binoculars he was able to get an excellent view of the craft that was flying lower toward his home. At first, he noticed a bright diamond shaped light that at first didn't move. Then it started getting lighter and brighter and smaller and bigger.

It started moving down a hill. Then it stopped. Then it got lighter, brighter, smaller and bigger. Then it went back up the hill and seemed to stop. It kept on doing it over and over. The disc shaped UFO flew down the side of the mountain and moved at its closest about 400 yards away. The disc was almost as large as his fist at arm's length. It had four triangular shaped panels or windows in a X pattern. Two panels were above the rim and two were below emitting light. The disc was made of a grayish metallic material. The Crew Chief assured me he had never seen a craft in the Air Force or any where remotely similar. The craft slowly climbed in altitude up the side of the mountain sweeping its bright lights appearing to be searching for something. The red glowing lights appeared to emit flares as it slowly flew up the side of mountain very close to the trees. Radio towers are on the top of the mountain.

The following night there was a similar bright diamond shaped light in the northwest sky just above the ridge line in the back of their home. They watched the light pull apart from the sides and pull back together several times. The light divided and a separate bright red light came from the north and pulled up next to the bright light. The second hovered for almost ten seconds and zigzagged off to the south very quickly. The bright light hovered and then maneuvered and suddenly disappeared. The object followed the ground to the top of the ridge and went over the top and stopped just on the other side. It stayed there for about 5 minutes and was gone. My son yelled, "Look to the right." The UFO was moving left, right up and down with terrific speed. It was not a helicopter or plane and there was no sound what so ever. Insects, frogs, and other animals started to make sounds only after the UFO left. They saw the object for 15- 20 minutes. The Crew Chief's eleven year old son said, "The UFO was cool and awesome!"

Editor's Note: Several elk herds live in the mountains and the UFO crew may have been searching for food. In Oregon there have been reports of UFOs picking up elk and abducting them. The witness also reported the sighting to Peter Davenport who also felt he was a high quality witness.

ARKANSAS - FLYING TRIANGLE SHAPED CRAFT ON THE RIVER

PONCA -- January 2, 2001, I was backpacking way down in the Buffalo River basin with a friend, and we set up camp, and went to sleep early. I woke up at about 11:00 PM to go the bathroom, and I witnessed a very shocking sight. A triangle shaped craft flew over about 500 feet high with lights at the corners and a bright light shining from the center. I estimated it to be about as large as a big jet airliner and the strange thing was it was completely silent. The light in the center seemed to be searching for something, and I screamed at it defiantly! It shined the light on me, then suddenly went dark and bolted into the sky at an extremely high rate of speed. I tried waking up my friend, but he didn't seem to believe me. As I climbed back into my bag, the only comfort that I had was that at least I wasn't alone in this valley, and we weren't alone in the universe? Needless to say I didn't sleep and it has bothered me ever since. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

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OHIO UFO SPOTTED FROM CONTINENTAL FLIGHT #1298

CLEVELAND -- Michigan MUFON reports, "On January 27, 2001, a 60 yr. old retired firefighter, paramedic, fire inspector was on Continental flight #1298 from Denver to Cleveland, talking to her seatmate by the window. The pilot had just stated that we would be at our gate at 7:25 PM. As we looked out, my seatmate asked if she was looking at the Lake Erie Shoreline less than 5 miles out on the lake. I responded, yes. As we approached the shoreline at 7:15 PM. I remarked excitedly, "Oh look, a falling star." My seatmate said, yes, it does look like one. It was such a bright light with rays of light on the outside of the round central portion of the light, or it might be a plane going down nearby. I then said, it can't be, because it is going back up. It then went in a perfectly straight line North, parallel to us, turned sharply upward and disappeared. The speed with which this all happened was really surprising. The man behind me said at the same time I did, No, it can't be a falling star, because it made a sudden horseshoe turn upward for a couple hundred feet, then abruptly made a sharp right hand turn, flew perfectly straight for several hundred feet, made another sharp turn straight upward and promptly disappeared. All three of us were totally baffled. We did not see a shape or object, just a very large, very bright light. The woman beside me was a 45 year old teacher from Denver. Thanks to Michigan MUFON. Todd Lemire <http://mimufon.org> Michigan UFO CENTRAL

OHIO TV DOCUMENTARY NOW SLATED FOR PRODUCTION Video production is now underway for an important television documentary entitled "Flying Saucer Crashes." Cincinnati-based Television producer Bob Leibold of Natural Light Productions, working with researcher Kenny Young has compiled a provocative database of UFO crash-cases that have been previously lost to history. Leibold states: "This one-hour program will explore historical cases of reported UFO crashes from the mid-to-late 1800s. While many have heard of the alleged Roswell 1947 incident, very few are aware of similar crashes before 1947, in some instances almost 100-years before. We are going to explore these incredible events. Thanks to Kenny Young U F O R e s e a r c h <http://home.fuse.net/ufo>

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CALIFORNIA CREATES VAPOR TRAIL INVISIBLE AIRCRAFT

Kevin McClellan writes, "I was shocked to read about your report about invisible aircraft." It parallels my experience so closely, I could have written that account. I've never seen an invisible aircraft before (ha ha). Last week, I saw a northbound vapor trail being formed. I've had a lifetime fascination (obsession) with aircraft, so I stopped to notice it. Like your experience, the aircraft was invisible, yet the vapor trail still formed. When I first saw the trail forming in the distance, I got my wife's camera and 500 mm telephoto lens. Looking through, I still saw no plane, just the vapor trail. I then called my wife, who came outside just in time to see the plane appear right in front of our eyes. I took a couple of pictures. The plane had four engines, and was a white, standard jetliner/tanker/commercial aircraft. When I thought about why I didn't see the plane, I wondered if the atmosphere could've somehow naturally masked the plane from my sight. I considered it doubtful, since it remained invisible from the horizon until it was straight over my head, and because of the immediate transition from invisible to visible. So active camouflage is a possibility. I first read about that several years ago, in a cover story of 'Popular Mechanics' magazine. But why would (presumably) the military want to conceal an aircraft over a big city?

Someone with access to lots of white tanker aircraft has been systematically spraying over densely populated areas, for the past few years. I didn't believe it at first, until one year ago, when I looked up to find an "X" in the sky that turned into a grid of white lines. Unlike other contrails, this grid of vapor trails increased in size, until they spread into a wispy cloud cover, with a nice 'rainbow ring' around the sun. For 28 years, I have lived near three international airports (OAK, SFO, San Jose), and Moffet Field (Navy Aviation, NASA Ames). With my lifelong fascination for aircraft, I think I'm qualified to say that these vapor trails were not created along the usual flight routes. After about a month, they stopped spraying in the San Francisco Bay area. Then last November, they began again, usually 2 or 3 days a week. I've taken several photos of them as they turn the spray on and off. After a while, it became like sport, trying to catch them 'in the act'. That's why I grabbed the camera for this latest plane. Normal vapor contrails don't "turn on or off." By the way, the day of my "invisible plane sighting" was yet another "spray day." A couple of hours afterward, the sky was again covered with a grid of vapor trails. After reading and observing, I've come up with a theory. I think it's merely a secret SDI program to place a catalyst in the air, to enhance the effectiveness of an electromagnetic 'boundary layer' in the upper atmosphere. China and Russia would be upset if they knew we had an operational Star Wars system. Solution? Keep it secret, even from American citizens. And that, my friend, explains the invisible aircraft. Thanks to Kevin McClellan <http://www.rense.com/general3/anex.htm>

MASSIVE SAUCER HOVERS OVER SAN FRANCISCO BAY

On Friday, November 10, 2000, at 6:04 p.m., Shelah J. was at her apartment in San Rafael, California, across the bay from San Francisco, when she spied something odd outside the window.

"At first the object seemed like it was not moving and was standing stationary," Shelah reported. "Its light, or the brightness of the vehicle, was brighter than the surrounding planes."

"It moved very slowly and flew low over the mountains and then just seemed to move (west) over the water towards the city of San Francisco. After watching for what seemed like ten minutes. I ran downstairs to get the binoculars. Through the binoculars, the object looked incredible."

"At first the object seemed to be elongated and looked like a cigar shape. But after watching for a longer period of time, it seemed more like a saucer shape and glowed brightly. It was the same color as a fire ember. It was bright orange and its glow seemed to radiate much energy from inside."

"The vehicle was massive in size. I cannot estimate how large but very, very large and easy to see through such binoculars."

"It seemed as if two planes were circling around or near it, and later a third plane also monitored it.."

"My roommates came home at about 6:45 p.m. and I told them what I saw. I thought the object was gone because it had gone out of sight earlier. But then Michael, my roommate, looked from his bedroom (window) and saw a gleaming object adjacent to planes' lights and asked me if that was it. We took the binoculars out and a small telescope and indeed it was the same. This was when I saw the third plane tracking the vehicle."

"Even though the vehicle was further away than when I originally saw it, it gleamed with a very bright fiery orange glow. Michael said, 'I've never seen anything like it.' He was also able to make out some red and white lights on the side of it and the light that circled around it." (Email Form Report)

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PENNSYLVANIA LIGHTS OVER VALLEY

READING -- Alexander J. Broskey reports, "I was driving home on October 30, 2000, out in the French Creek State Park area where I live and tonight as I neared my house an object materialized out of nowhere." It was a bright UFO with swirling green, yellow, blue, and red lights. I slowed down and stopped on the road to watch it for about two minutes. I was not surprised because I have seen different kinds of UFOs out here before. This one flew to my left about 50 yards and then flew out of sight. I drove home and later went up to my room on the 2nd floor. I was looking out the window over looking the valley and a flying object appeared again. I woke my Dad up and we both watched it fly across the sky very slowly. We saw a smaller red UFO fly from one side of my vision to the other and then stop turn around and fly in the other direction out of my site. Both of us observed a multicolored larger size UFO moving over the valley. As I'm writing this the big multicolored one is back. I'm a little paranoid because I know what these guys do to people. I'm watching it fly across the sky right now. I just got tired of seeing these UFOs and not saying anything. This is real!". Thanks to Alex Broskey's violetfire1@lycos.com.

Editor's Note: I talked to Alex on the phone and he has seen these craft on a fairly regular basis over the valley.

LOCAL MEETINGS

UFO STUDY GROUP OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

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