

UFO POTPOURRI

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Have you seen the Duracell battery advertisement with a UFO theme now showing on network television? The text of the ad taken from NBC Channel 2 in Houston on 22 August 1991:

Sign: ANOTHER TESTER-MONIAL

She: The UFO landed right there.
(A man and a woman in a pasture with a circle & cows)

He: We found the Martians to be very articulate.

She: And very chatty, especially for aliens.

He: Luckily, I had the presence of mind to click away.
And I would have some great UFO pictures if the batteries in my flash had not been dead.

Announcer: Yet another reason to test all your batteries with the copper-top tester.

He: We all saw it. Me, and Helen, and Jr. Where's Jr.?
(Indicates Jr. was abducted)

Announcer: The copper-top tester, from Duracell.

UFO photographed again by tourists

UFO sightings at the foot of the Bay Bridge continue to draw tourists to Gulf Breeze. As the sun begins to set, the crowd grows at the south end of the three mile bridge. Here are sighting reports from two of the welcome visitors to Gulf Breeze.

My husband and I have been vacationing in the Pensacola area since August 4. After having read Mr. Walter's book some time ago, we were hoping to get a chance at a "sighting". Well, on our last night, August 7th, we saw it!

At approximately 9:08, over what I'm told is Butcher Pin Point, we saw a bright red light

that appeared to be heading in our direction. As it hovered over the bay, it's color changed from red to white and back again, two maybe three times. As it was doing this, it appeared to go in a northern direction and, after about four minutes, faded out. As with the UFOs, we will return!

*Leslie and Leo Monteverde
Arlington, Virginia*

We arrived in Gulf Breeze last Sunday morning. This is our second trip here since last August.

Being long time students of the UFO mystery, we wanted to check out the "Gulf Breeze

Sightings" and talk to some of the people here. While staked out on a night watch the first of the week, we met the local UFO enthusiasts and MUFON members.

On Wednesday last, August 7th, we, along with a large group, witnessed a spectacular sighting over Escambia Bay and it was photographed by all.

We wish to thank all the good folks down here that made us welcome.

*Wayne and Sylvia Summerlin
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OFF THE WALL

THE CLOSE-ENCOUNTERS-OF-THE-THIRD-WORLD NEWS: About 3,000 Colombians flocked to the village of Tabio to hear farmer Luis Rodriguez tell how he was whisked away by a spacecraft and sent back to Earth with a message from extra-terrestrials for President Bush. Rodriguez, 37, claims he was carried away by space aliens who implanted an object in his shoulder which kept him in permanent contact with them. He said he was carried off by the bottle-shaped craft in April and came back to Earth two days later a long way from home. No word was available on the content of the message.

DISAPPEARING ACT

AFTER NEARLY 30 years of being the nation's No. 1 UFO abductee, **Betty Hill** is retiring from public appearances to discuss her *Interrupted Journey*. Reason: Too many flakes are making UFO reports. Hill, of Portsmouth, N.H., says it doesn't faze her that many people think she is one of the flakes. "I'm not affected one way or another whether a person believes or doesn't believe," she said. "Sometimes I wish there weren't so many who believed. I wouldn't get so many phone calls." She has spoken around the world about what she and

her husband, Barney, reported happened to them 30 years ago tonight on a deserted road in New Hampshire's White Mountains. After returning home from a drive, the Hills were puzzled by Betty's torn and stained dress, Barney's scuffed shoes, shiny spots on their car, stopped watches, a broken binocular strap and no memory of two hours of the drive. Under hypnosis three years later, they recounted being kidnapped and examined by aliens. The following year, a Boston newspaper obtained transcripts of the hypnosis sessions and ran front-page stories. A book, *Interrupted Journey*, and a television movie later told their story. Barney died in 1969, by the way.

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Program To Search Outer Space For Life

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GREEN BANK, W.Va. — It could be a crucial moment in human history, the start of a new age of exploration that leads to discoveries eclipsing those of Christopher Columbus. Or it might be an interstellar wild goose chase.

Next Columbus Day, after almost two decades of skepticism and debate, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans to launch a seven-year, \$100 million effort to scan the heavens for the equivalent of two little words: "Greetings, Earthlings."

The program, called the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI), will be humankind's most ambitious effort so far to pick up radio signals from beings outside our solar system.

"It would probably be the biggest advance since the birth of language," said astronomer Eric J. Chaisson, senior scientist at Baltimore's Space Telescope Science Institute. He sat on the panel that helped plan the search.

For the first few years, all SETI work will involve borrowing radio telescopes normally used for astronomy or satellite tracking.

But in 1995, when a huge new radio telescope is completed at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory here, SETI astronomers will get the full-time use of the observatory's current workhorse — a 140-foot-wide, white steel dish that looms above the farmland in this isolated Appalachian valley.

Observatory Director George Seielstad is typical of many astronomers in that he suspects that life probably has developed on planets orbiting other

stars. And on some of those planets, he thinks, intelligent life probably has built technological societies.

But the odds against finding those civilizations, he figures, are astronomical.

Even if extra-terrestrial civilizations pepper the starry night, scientists speculate, they may not want to advertise themselves. Or they might be too advanced, or not advanced enough, to use radio signals.

Or their signals may be drowned out by the rising babble of earthly radio transmissions, especially those produced by the world's military forces and the growing number of global communications satellites.

Or those cultures may simply be scattered too thinly in what scientists call the "cosmic haystack" — the universe's billions of galaxies, each containing hundreds of billions of stars.

Chaisson, a former member of the panel of astronomers that planned the SETI project, compared the task to sifting the sands of the Atlantic beaches by hand in search of a single small diamond.

Still, many scientists support the hunt.

"The reward is so enormous," Seielstad said, "It's such a significant discovery that you have to find out. As humans, our intellectual curiosity sort of demands we find out if this is true."

"At least this set of measurements will let us know something," he said. "You're trying. You're not just speculating. It's not just asking how many angels can dance on the head of a pin."

FLYING BOMB EXPLODES NEAR TEXAS BORDER

EXAMINER, San Francisco, CA - Oct. 13, 1947
 Army Probes Blast of Mystery Missile in Mexican Hills

EL PASO (Tex.), Oct. 12.— (AP)—Authorities at Guadalupe, Mexican town across the border from Fabens, thirty-two miles east of here, said today a large bomb had exploded in the hills ten miles from that town.

SAW BOMB—

W. J. Hooten, editor of the El Paso Times, said United States Customs Inspector J. C. Bunnell had telephoned Sheriff Alan Falby here that the mayor and other officials of Gaudalupe had informed him they saw the bomb, about five feet long and three feet in diameter, come over the town traveling about 100 feet above the ground and that it exploded in the hills with a terrific noise and that smoke still was thick in the vicinity.

Maj. Gen. John L. Homer, commander of the Fort Bliss Military Reservation here, is on his way to Guadalupe to investigate.

Hooten said the Guadalupe officials declared the bomb came from the direction of the United States.

UNEXPLAINED—

"There have been no tests going on at the White Sands Proving Grounds," said Hooten, "and everyone is at a loss to explain the existence of such a bomb. Guadalupe people said it looked like a robot bomb of some sort."

Guadalupe authorities also contacted the Mexican garrison in Juarez, which is just across the border from El Paso.

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