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Ouija Board told 6 to go AWOL, former soldier says

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — When Vance Davis and five of his friends went AWOL, it was reported that they had gone to a Florida beach to await the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in a UFO.

No way, says Davis.

"How ridiculous can you get?" he says. "Jesus Christ is Jesus Christ. Why would he come in a flying saucer?"

No, says Davis, the reason they left their Army intelligence posts was quite simple: Ouija Board spirits told them they were needed to help lead the world through an impending cataclysm.

For two years, since the six turned up in Gulf Breeze, Fla. — unleashing one of the weirdest stories of 1990 — they have remained silent.

But Davis now says he wants to tell his story to set the record straight and because, according to the Ouija Board, race riots in Los Angeles were to be a signal the group should go public. The others will come forward, one by one, depending on public reaction to what he has to say, Davis said.

The six former intelligence ana-

lysts, all with top-secret security clearances, were reported missing in Germany from their Augsburg base on July 9, 1990.

They were arrested five days later after one was stopped for a broken taillight in Gulf Breeze, a beach town known for reported UFO sightings.

Two weeks later, they were honorably discharged at Fort Knox, Ky., after an Army investigation found no evidence the soldiers from the 701st Military Intelligence Brigade had been involved in espionage.

Davis, originally from Valley Center, Kan., had the rank of specialist. Others in the group, with ranks and ages at their arrests, are: Pfc. Michael Hueckstaedt, 19, of Farson, Wyo.; Pfc. Kris Perlock, 20, of Osceola, Wis.; Pfc. William Setterberg, 20, of Pittsburgh; Spec. Kenneth Beason, 26, of Jefferson City, Tenn.; and Sgt. Annette Eccleston, 22, of Hartford, Conn.

After their arrest and release from the Army, the group split up. Davis, 27, lives in Albuquerque with his wife and 8-month-old daughter, does odd jobs and gives seminars on "self-sustaining lifestyles."

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Mysterious circle baffles scientists

UNITY, Sask. (CP) — A mysterious circle in a Unity graveyard is as much an enigma today as it was eight months ago.

Lab analysis of a brittle, carbon-like substance found within the circle has left Saskatchewan Research Council scientists baffled.

It's not that the substance is abnormal but where it was found that is strange.

"Anything that pitch-black and high in carbon, unless it's coal itself, has to have been burned," says research scientist Wo Yuen.

"Somehow, the material had to be converted to black carbon. But there is no evidence anything was burned in the immediate area. You don't normally find something like this in a regular grassy field."

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Crop circles? Pure fertilizer

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LIMERICK, Pa. — *There once were some wheat fields near Philly.*

Where the wind blew the wheat willy nilly.

When circles appeared.

Flying saucers were feared.

But the farmer called that idea silly.

A police officer in Limerick discovered about a dozen mysterious crop circles on Monday.

They seem like small versions of circles that appeared in England — and turned out to be a hoax. Similar circles have appeared in fields across the United States.

Some Limerick townspeople speculated that UFOs may have made the circles.

But farmer Henry Gottshall said nosy visitors have trampled his crop for nothing. He said the patterns happen every year when excess fertilizer causes the crops to get heavy and the wind blows them over.

"You get a bunch of idiots who don't know anything about farming," he complained.

New Ship Performs In Test, Japanese Say

TOKYO (AP) — The world's first ship propelled by superconducting electromagnets instead of a propeller made a successful 30-minute test voyage on Tuesday, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. said.

The success showed the possibility of building a quiet, high-speed ship with good fuel economy, said Japan's Ship and Ocean Foundation, which sponsored the project.

The 280-ton Yamato 1 is propelled by electrified sea water that is forced through ducts by a magnetic field created by superconducting electromagnetic coils, said Haruo Shibasaki of the foundation. The ship ran as planned at a speed of 6 knots (7 mph) in its first test, said a spokesman for Mitsubishi.

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UFO faithful seek encounter of verifiable kind

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CLEARWATER, Fla. — The believers, people like Caryl Dennis who made the leap, say the signs are everywhere.

Look at the recent UFO sightings in Belgium, the Florida Panhandle and dozens of other places, including Haines City, where just in March a policeman said his patrol car was lit up by a giant, green disc hovering overhead.

Then there are the cattle mutilations — where only certain parts of the animals are apparently surgically removed. And the crop circles — strange impressions found in fields worldwide. There are never any tracks leading to or from the sites.

Explain that.

And what about the alien abductions? Some say there may have been millions. And apparently the aliens don't just beam you up for a quick peek at the control panels. Several women claim they've become pregnant, only to discover a few months later that the fetus had

mysteriously vanished.

No, Dennis and the believers say. It seems pretty conclusive.

We are not alone.

And some of us may be a lot closer to the aliens than we think.

In an unassuming house in Clearwater, Caryl Dennis has spent the past 10 years studying UFO sightings and cases of alien abductions.

And trying to get people interested.

She has made it her job. She is an author and lecturer who specializes in colorology (the study of how colors affect people) and ufology.

"It's not about faith; it's about research . . . thousands of hours of research," she said.

She is sitting in the den of her home, surrounded by books, magazines and boxes of files filled with accounts of sightings and contacts.

"I do this because I can," she said. "I feel like it's why I'm here."

When she speaks of aliens, she rarely uses the word they.

Too general a term.

"We have to be careful saying 'they,'" she said, "because we're

being interacted with by all kinds of different beings from different planets and different dimensions. Different ones do different things. But it's very consistent, and that's what proves to me that something is going on."

The belief that UFOs might exist is fairly common. It's an understandable quirk of the human psyche, skeptics say.

But the belief that people are routinely taken aboard alien spacecraft is something most people wouldn't admit even if they did believe it.

Yet Dennis tells of people who reported waking up with scars they didn't have the night before. Or having implants in their bodies that no doctor or scientist could identify. And then there are the pregnancies.

"One doctor reported he had a female patient with 20 medically confirmed pregnancies that disappeared at three months," Dennis said. "There were lots of others. They have positive pregnancy tests, they have sonograms, and

after three months, nothing is there."

Alas, the skeptics are everywhere. These people claim there is a rational explanation — be it weather balloons (UFOs), predators (cattle mutilations) or simply a vivid dream (abductions).

They also say most UFO and alien sightings occur after the release of a UFO or alien TV show or movie, and most of the aliens described have many of the same characteristics as the aliens from planet Hollywood.

But Dennis believes there are a legion of people who have seen a UFO but who won't speak up because of fear of ridicule.

"There's something happening here. And we can deny it all we want, and call everybody kooks and liars. But it's not going to change the fact that this is happening, and we're going to have to deal with it one of these days."

She paused, and with certainty, she added: "It wouldn't surprise me if it was real soon."