

# UFO POTPOURRI

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## COW MUTILATED IN 1947

From: NEW MEXICAN, Santa Fe, NM, September 18, 1994

In 1947, the same year an unidentified flying object allegedly crashed near Roswell, Willie C de Raca found a mutilated cow on a ranch near La Cienega. According to his son, Felipe Cabeza de Vaca, the cow's sexual organs and udder were removed, its anus cored out – typical of what would later become known as the “classic” case of cattle mutilation.

“Everything was done real nice. He couldn't find any tracks,” Cabeza de Vaca, who was six years old at the time, said of his father, “At that time, they thought it was coyotes. Coyotes kill cows, but I've never heard of a coyote sexually abusing the corpse.”

## UFOs ROAM AT WILL OVER COSTA RICA

From: UFO Roundup

During the last week of December 1996 and the first week of January 1997, the Central American country of Costa Rica was visited nightly by unidentified flying objects, usually described as grayish-white or silvery discs.

The flap began on Sunday night, December 22, 1996, with a report of UFOs over the cities of San Isidro, in the Cordillera de Talamanca, and Quepos, on the Pacific coast. During the succeeding nights, air traffic controllers in the tower at Jose Santamaria International Airport, located just outside San Jose, the nation's capital, reported radar contacts with “objects that cannot be identified.”

The UFOs were tracked by radar over the cities of Ciudad Colon, Santiago de Puriscal, Parrita, Esterillos and, repeatedly, Quepos. A radar operator told the newspaper la Nacion that “some of the objects move at an unimaginable velocity, others more slowly.”

Thursday night, December 26, 1996, Jorge Arturo Malendez Mora, a pilot with 26 years' experience, was flying over the cordillera in his twin-engine Piper Aztec when he spotted “three OVNI's (Spanish acronym for UFO)” alongside his plane “reflecting the moonlight.” Melendez Mora said the UFOs “were the size of a Boeing (jetliner), doing things the best pilots could no do.” He kept them in sight for 40 minutes.

Friday night, December 27, another pilot notified the tower at Jose Santamaria of “luminous lights” performing aerobatic maneuvers over Ciudad Colon.

On Sunday, January 5, 1997 at 3:15 p.m., people reported a “platillo volador” (flying plate) heading for San Isidro.

## **PROTECTION AGAINST ONLINE CRITICS**

From: Wall Street Journal, July 7, 1999

Anonymous online critics posting accusatory information, false information, or allegations of misdeeds that can harm or defame another person may be found, prosecuted and put out of business.

This is what happened to Richard Scrusby, chief executive officer of HealthSouth Corp. He found improper allegations against him and his company posted on an Internet bulletin board. When this happened, he hired cybersleuths and shoe-leather detectives to unmask the message writers. He has sued some of the individuals, but many of the anonymous posters aren't even aware that HealthSouth knows who they are and may sue those whose messages it deems defamatory. In one case he sued and pressed criminal charges of harassment and stalking. The culprit had been found and his actions resulted in his loss of employment.

The message in this story is that online stalkers and harassers can and will be caught.

## **TEN PERCENT OF ALL PILOTS HAVE SEEN UFOs. FEW DARE TO SPEAK OUT**

From: The EXPRESS, London, England, February 8, 1999

It was a clear summer day in 1967 as Captain Graham Sheppard and his crew cruised along the main flight path from Scotland to London. It was a routine commercial flight with good visibility. The message from Preston Radar Control – like the astonishing object it described – came out of the blue.

“You have fast-moving, opposite direction traffic in the airway,” it warned. Captain Sheppard and his two co-pilots looked out of the windscreen when a 30 foot wide disc-shaped craft raced into view. The object sped within meters of the airplane. The airman had no doubt about what they had seen. The disc had been in full view for nearly five seconds.

In March of the same year on a flight from Gibraltar to Heathrow, Sheppard and his crew had witnessed two unidentified objects in a 10-minute aerobatic display over the Bay of Biscay. Although radar control had confirmed the unidentified track, the crew chose not to report the incident.

In 1993, Sheppard finally went public on the TV program with the sighting. As a result, he was brought before the British Airways Public Relations office and told that talk of UFOs would not be tolerated. He was given a letter directing him to avoid any contact with the media. A year and a half later he took early retirement.

Now flying as a freelance pilot, Sheppard devotes more time to UFO investigations. His experiences have convinced him that there is a wealth of information about UFO activity from commercial and military pilots. “I would estimate that about 10 percent of pilots have had some sort of experience; however, they are afraid of being ridiculed and unwilling to attract the attention of extreme UFO enthusiasts, so few speak out.”

“I must have spoken to 20 pilots who have had sightings but all are adamant that they do not want any publicity.” This reluctance is frustrating because, when they do talk, pilots are convincing witnesses.