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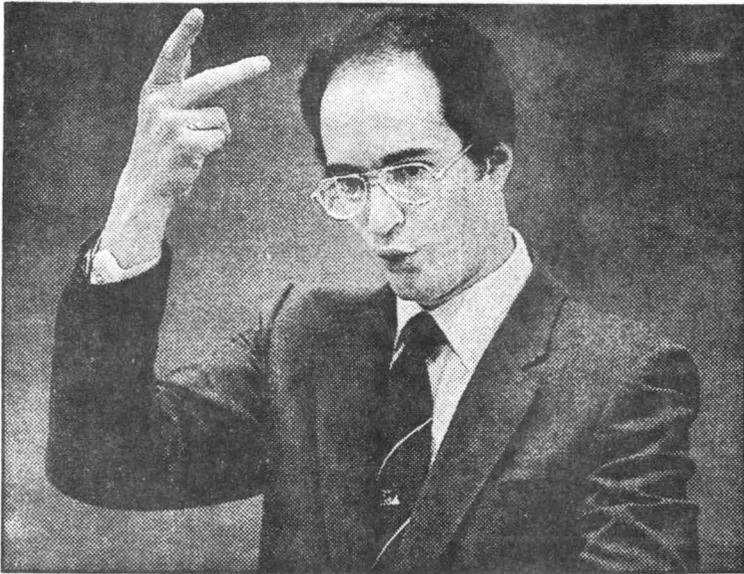


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David J. Capraro talks to East Kentwood students.

## Visitors from space live with us, UFO guru says

By Jim Mencarelli  
The Grand Rapids Press

Flying saucers are not just figments of overactive imaginations — they are real, and they have been visiting the Earth for a long time.

That's the essence of a message students at East Kentwood High School heard Friday when an authority on unidentified flying objects came to Grand Rapids to deliver a message of extraterrestrial beings and close encounters.

"The government is covering up flying saucers," David J. Capraro told a class of juniors and seniors studying radio broadcasting. Capraro, 33, is head of the Michigan branch of the Aetherius Society, a metaphysical organization that teaches that UFOs and extraterrestrial contact are real.

"Our government knows they are coming here," Capraro continued, claiming that one of the reasons for the hush-up is that United States' scientists are working hard on developing the technology demonstrated by flying saucers.

Besides the ability to cloak their space vessels from radar detection, he said alien beings have mastered secrets of anti-gravity travel and travel at speeds faster than light.

"They have fantastic technological advances," Capraro said. "Our government is trying to develop these technologies, our government is working on these things."

Some might say this is pretty heady stuff for high school students.

For this class, taught by Frank Scalabrino, the students came up with the idea. It is part of a series of talks about the paranormal the students have scheduled.

Already this year they have had speakers on so-called ghosts that haunt Grand Rapids' homes and the existence of the human aura. The students videotape the talks and are preparing a panel discussion about the paranormal to be presented to the entire school.

Capraro, who works as a parking manager in Detroit, was the third speaker in the series. As an organizer with the Aetherius Society, which has about a thousand members worldwide, he frequently speaks to groups and has appeared on national radio and TV programs, including the David Letterman Show.

Capraro told the students Earth has been visited many times by extraterrestrials, and that there are space beings who live among us. "They are here to help us," he said.

# Chesapeake has a second close encounter

By Charlise Lyles  
Staff Writer

CHESAPEAKE — "What's that big red thing up in the sky?" 3-year-old Abbey Pegrarn asked her mother and father as they drove down Bruce Road in Western Branch about 10:30 p.m. Monday.

"My husband said, 'That's a plane,' without really looking," Linda Pegrarn, 36, said today. "But I looked up and said, 'That's not a plane.'"

What Pegrarn saw was a huge orb hovering, seemingly motionless above houses, she said. "It had red lights in the front and blue lights in the back and the middle seemed be a fluorescent metal," Pegrarn said.

And when the orb began to move, the Pegrarns followed it down Peppercorn Drive and Taylor Road to High Street West. "It was headed toward the James River Bridge. Then it disappeared instantly," Pegrarn said.

Less than a block away, police Officer Robert Lunsford and a city utility worker said they saw the same thing: the second UFO sighted here in less than two weeks.

On April 9, southern Chesapeake residents and another police officer said they observed for more than an hour a strange object in the sky glowing red, green, orange and yellow.

Area air traffic controllers and air bases could offer no explanation for the colorful glow. Lunsford telephoned the Norfolk Naval Base, Langley Air Force Base, Norfolk International Airport, Portsmouth Police

Department and several other agencies.

No one could supply an answer, Lunsford said.

At 10:30 p.m. Monday, Tom Langston, a city utility worker, telephoned police dispatchers to report that "something came from overhead with real bright lights and was blinding him," Lunsford said. Langston was working on a sewage project on Darden and Columbia Streets several blocks from where the Pegrarns spotted the object.

"At first I thought it was a joke," said Lunsford. "Someone who had read about the UFO spotted a couple of weeks ago, trying to pull a prank."

But when Lunsford arrived at Taylor and Peppercorn, he saw what Langston had seen.

"I was kind of stunned that there was actually something there," said Lunsford. "It was about 25 yards in diameter and the bottom was surrounded by bright light. It was still. Then it took off in a split and disappeared toward Suffolk."

"It was bizarre. I don't think it was an alien space ship, and I don't believe in UFOs, but I can't think of any other explanation for what was out there."

# UFO Sight Center unveils drawing of landing plan

By Barbara Averill  
Leader-Telegram correspondent

RIVER FALLS — A scene of a human man greeting a petite figure with large eyes and a bald head is how the UFO Sight Center proposed near Elmwood may invite beings from other worlds to Earth. Sequentially flashing lights will point toward a landing pad.

Promoters of the center unveiled a drawing of the concept Saturday at a forum titled "Extraterrestrials in Wisconsin?" which was attended by about 150 people.

The event was sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Continuing Education and Extension Department.

The possibility of life on other planets, the physical travel barriers that keep mainstream scientists from believing that extraterrestrial life can reach Earth and the possibility of communicating with other worlds were discussed by UW-River Falls professors Jack Bostrack and Earl Blodgett.

Donald Schmitt, co-director and investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago, said he believes that physical evidence of an alien spacecraft believed to have crashed in New Mexico in 1947 may have been withheld by the U.S. military in a government cover-up.

Extraterrestrial visitation of the Earth is provable without physical evidence, Schmitt contends. He cites the number of people who say they have witnessed alien craft or have been abducted by these visitors.

By all accounts, Schmitt said, the slender, white-complexioned being in the UFO Sight Center's sketch is what an alien looks like.

The description is a common one from people who say they have been abducted by extraterrestrials, including a woman who last weekend gave Schmitt a hypnosis-induced account of her alleged abduction in 1987 near Belleville, south of Madison.

The young woman was on her way to pick up a friend for a shopping trip but her car stalled along the road near some men who she thought at first were road workers, Schmitt said.

Schmitt said the woman, under hypnosis, described being taken from her car to a spacecraft where aliens examined her body and in-

serted a needle into her abdomen.

The woman was taken back to her car and released two hours later, Schmitt said, adding that the woman has no conscious recollection of the incident. She became curious because of the two-hour time lapse.

The story is similar to that of many others who relate abduction experiences, Schmitt said.

"This is an area in which we will be devoting more and more of our effort. The old lights in the sky don't mean much to us anymore," he said.

If sights of lights in the sky are becoming old hat, the idea of meeting the aliens piloting the lighted craft have soared in popularity.

The enthusiastic audience asked many questions of the panelists about alleged close encounters and plans to provide UFOs with a landing site.

Tom Weber, a Chippewa Falls businessman and founder of the Sight Center Corp., said he hopes to raise \$25 million toward its construction and another \$25 million to operate it. He said he will not accept government help.

He would not disclose how much has been raised in the nine weeks since word of his proposed venture first hit the press. Interest has been expressed internationally, he said.

"Our goal is to achieve contact. The tools necessary are the funds and sufficient encouragement," he told the audience.

The center's treasurer, Lee Horne of Chippewa Falls, former real estate broker and current manager of housing project for the elderly in Eau Claire, summed up the non-profit corporation's views as being a peaceful outreach to advanced beings.

"If our proposal is successful," Horne said, "it's going to be the greatest news in the history of the Earth since the coming of Jesus."

The center with which Schmitt is associated, named for its founder J. Allen Hynek, also used the symposium to ask for contributions. Memberships range from \$25 to \$1,000.

Hynek once discounted the sightings of UFOs along with his co-investigators in the military project, Blue Book, Schmitt said. Later, his skepticism turned to belief in the phenomenon, and he founded the

center. The government does not now have an official project for identifying UFOs.

The probability of life on other planets is accepted in the mainstream scientific community, according to Bostrack, professor of biology at UW-River Falls.

Some theories suggest there may be hundreds of thousands of planets

where life has arisen earlier or at a faster rate than on Earth.

Using the theory of evolution, Bostrack explained how life may have sprung from the primordial soup. Could this kind of activity occur elsewhere on other planets? Why not?" Bostrack asked.

But even if our closest neighboring star has planets on which life forms have developed, scientists are dubious about the possi-

bility of travel between those solar systems and our own, said Blodgett, assistant professor of physics at UW-River Falls. Light at 186,000 miles per second, takes 4.38 years to reach Earth from our closest star, he said.

While many people do not support the idea that superior civilizations from far away solar systems have solved the problems of powering spacecraft such distances at

speeds sufficient to accommodate space exploration, the idea of communicating with other worlds has broader popularity.

Listening and broadcasting devices are in place around the world with hopes of communicating with extraterrestrial life, but Bostrack pointed out "the results to date are: No message. But remember we are looking for signals in a cosmic haystack."

She said she is convinced the crafts, which she described as drab green in color, are military in origin. "I don't believe in aliens."

Gordon isn't satisfied either. "It's either a secret military operation or the biggest mystery of all time."

The award-winning newscaster has followed the flap — as a rash of UFO sighting is called — through its ups and downs, calling military, political and research officials in search of answers. He, like many of the other spotters, rejected an earlier explanation that the strange vehicles were part of the Tennessee Air National Guard's mid-air refueling operations because of the crafts were flying too low.

Gordon organized two well-attended UFO conferences in the area to correlate information and to educate the community with talks given by UFO experts.

He also helped form the Southwest Virginia UFO Group, which will hold its first official meeting at the Wythe County public library at 7 p.m. tonight.

The UFO Group has submitted a list of questions to U.S. Rep. Frederick C. Boucher, D-Ninth, about the UFOs, and Boucher has forwarded them to Air Force Secretary Edward C. Aldridge Jr.

Gordon, who has also requested to

testify before Congress, wants satisfaction for himself, and his listeners. "I'm hard-headed enough, I'm not going to quit until I get some answers." He wants the military to admit to any operations in the area that could explain the UFOs.

Meanwhile, questions arising from the sightings continue to haunt many in the area.

In an interview last October, 24-year-old Edwina Stowers said the object she spotted looked like "a new airplane the government is putting out.

"Did I actually see this? Will I ever see it again? Could it have been an airplane or a helicopter?" she asked as she stood outdoors, looking over the panoramic Wytheville mountains.

"All I know is . . . it wasn't a normal airplane."

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## DON BISHOFF



# What to say about UFO?

IF YOU SAW an unidentified flying object, would you tell anybody? Think before you answer.

Naturally, you'd want to talk about it. I mean, it's certainly a more interesting topic than the ho-hum Eugene mayor's race or the Orioles' losing streak.

But would people think you're daffy? Would neighbors scuttle indoors and hold up crossed sticks when you passed by? Would kids ride their bikes past your door calling out, "Flying-saucer man"?

Marcia and Lawrence O'Brien of Springfield were having those kinds of thoughts last week.

"We are the most stable kind of older people," said Marcia, a 69-year-old retired dental assistant. "But we saw something Friday night. . . ."

Said Lawrence, 73, a retired sheet metal worker: "I feel kind of stupid. I don't want to tell anybody."

But he and Marcia finally phoned to see if I'd had any other UFO reports from that Friday, April 22. I hadn't, but their story is fascinating.

"A little after 11, bedtime, I went into the bedroom to pull down the shade on the window," Marcia said. "Right over the roof of the house next

door was a large orange-colored object. It had a dome-shaped outline, but it was as if it had flames in the interior — it flickered like flames.

"I yelled for my husband: 'There's a plane on fire!' He came running, got the binoculars and went into the front yard."

Lawrence focused the binoculars on the object in the clear sky over their house, near 21st and Centennial.

"I had to look



Springfield UFO?

vertically to see it passing over our house," he said. "It went across the street, coming from the northeast to the southwest.

"I don't know how far it traveled, but it went to possibly hovering over the back yard of the house in front of us on the other side of the street. Then it suddenly stopped and veered due east.

"I was looking at it at an angle of about 45 degrees, and it kept in sight of my binoculars, but it kept getting smaller and smaller. It must have been rising (away from him) at an angle of about 45 degrees, southeast."

Then it disappeared.

About nine minutes had elapsed from 11:15, when Marcia first saw it. The O'Briens immediately went into the house and wrote out individual descriptions of what they'd witnessed. They found that their versions matched closely.

Describing exactly what they saw was more difficult.

"I'D SAY THAT, in relation to a star in the sky at the time, the thing was the same size as my thumbnail," Marcia said. "I'd say it had a dome-shaped top, but you couldn't really see that — you got that illusion without absolutely seeing it. It was more of an aura."

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Lawrence described the size as "what I imagine a Volkswagen would look like at about 5,000 feet." If the Volkswagen were on fire, that is.

He tried a different perspective: "If a full moon had been out, this thing would've been about the same size as a full moon straight up in the air." As for the form, he said, "It looked like a transparent jellyfish in the act of thrusting itself forward."

They figured others must have seen and reported the object. They were wrong.

"We called an editor at your paper and they said they hadn't heard of anything," Marcia said. "We called the airport tower, and they hadn't heard anything. And the sheriff's office said nothing had been reported there."

That's when they began wondering if they should say anything. They're not sure how public they want to go. They didn't want their picture taken, for example.

What could they have seen? The planet Venus is particularly bright these nights, but the O'Briens are sure that this was no star or planet.

I SEEM TO remember a Springfield resident telling me several years ago about his son pulling off a UFO hoax. The kid rigged a candle on a light wooden frame attached to a paper bag or balloon, which acted like a full-sized hot-air balloon. It rose though the neighborhood as the candle heated the air inside and gave it an eerie glow.

But the O'Briens said the object they saw moved too fast for candle propulsion.

Back in 1981, some Veneta residents reported five dazzling red lights swooping through their neighborhood. An R-G reporter then talked to the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago, where a researcher theorized that the objects could have been a natural phenomenon called "ball lightning."

When I tried to contact the center last week, however, all I got was an answering machine. It gave no clue to the whereabouts of the human staff.

And the O'Briens don't think that what they saw was caused by nature — or humans.

"I don't know whether it's a probe sent from somewhere else . . .," Lawrence said. "But unless it was a hoax with some gadget used by somebody, there's no possible way this country has anything that would travel and climb the way that thing did — in silence."

He's sure of that. What he's still debating is whether he should have kept his own silence.

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# Did mystery lights reveal secret flights of F-19?

TWO mysterious objects seen flying across the Stafford night sky have led to renewed speculation over America's most secret war plane.

The sighting has added to mounting suspicions that the stealth F-19 radar-proof fighter is being test flown regularly in and around the Midlands and East Anglia.

Both British and American overments deny the existence of the F-19, but the specialist defence magazine, Jane's Weekly, has confirmed that rumours of it are strong.

The odd triangular shapes (pictured) were reported by Aileen Ballard, of Fernwood, Stafford, at around 10pm on Monday. She saw them with friends and immediately

reported them as UFOs.

But the British UFO Research Association says it believes what Mrs Ballard saw were not UFOs, but two of the top secret USAF Stealth fighters.

Despite the official denials, BUFORA say they are flown on secret tests at night from RAF Alconbury near Peterborough, where they say a small squadron is stationed.

Mrs Ballard, a statistical officer with Staffordshire Police, was in the garden of her neighbours, Colin and Anne Paterson with another Fernwood couple, Richard and Gillian Weaver, when she saw the strange objects flying towards them.

"We were standing in the

garden when two spotlights came through the sky towards us so that we couldn't see anything else," said Mrs Ballard.

"They banked over and went into side by side formation, one above the other, and flew slowly across the sky without any noise at all.

"They flew very close together and were triangular in shape, too high for micro light aircraft and too low for normal aircraft. There were a lot of lights underneath, red and green, around the edge and within that lots others."

Director of investigations at BUFORA, Jenny Randles, said yesterday it sounded like the top secret Stealth aircraft.

"We've had quite a spate of these in the Midlands, about a

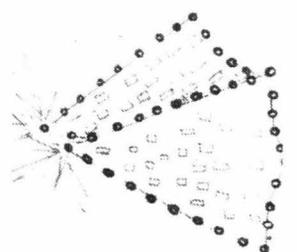
dozen since December.

"Of course, there is a veil of official secrecy, but we think there may be a small squadron secretly based in Britain at RAF Alconbury."

Mike Daly, assistant editor of Jane's Weekly, said nothing could be said about Stealth for certain, but that flights from Alconbury were rumoured.

"It's all a big secret, but the US is rumoured to have 40 Stealth F-19 fighters and there are reports that the Americans have flown them to East Anglia from California in the back of a Galaxy, reassembled them there and test flown them. "But two together all lit up over a populated area would seem

very odd, though I suppose they would need lights if their



A rough sketch by Mrs Ballard of what she and her friends saw over Stafford this week.

flight path wasn't generally known. Even so, I'd think it

would make more sense to fly them over the North Sea."

Lockheed are said to have built the F-19 in a project named Have Blue. They are covered with non-metallic material designed to absorb rather than reflect radar transmissions.

Mrs Ballard said: "I was in the RAF myself for four years and if these were planes, they must have developed something pretty fantastic that defies all the laws of flying."

A spokeswoman at RAF Alconbury denied any knowledge of Stealth F-19s and said that there were certainly none stationed there or any ever flown in at any time.

## Bookham couples spot UFO

MYSTERIOUS black oval appeared in the skies over Bookham on Sunday night leaving one man convinced he had seen a UFO. Gerald Wales was out on his home in Little Bookham Street, washing his car, when his wife Teresa, pointed out a strange object in the sky, pointing towards Effingham.

"It was an oval-shaped — like an egg cut in half but longer than a normal egg shape," said Mr Wales.

"There were four legs sticking out at the bottom, it was black with no lights and no windows and it made no noise at all."

The sighting came at around 8.40 and Mr Wales pointed the object out to

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his neighbours, Dick and Susan Killett, who also saw it.

As they watched, the object moved slowly — "about the same speed as the Goodyear balloon" — towards Guildford and went out of sight behind the roof tops.

Mr Wales contacted Leatherhead Police about the sighting.

A police spokesman said: "If we get a number of calls we will investigate this kind of thing but when there is only one call, as in this case, we tend not to do much about it."

If you saw something similar on Sunday evening we'd be interested to hear from you. Call us with the details on Dorking 886661.



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**STRANGE ENCOUNTERS** — Marianne Cascio Shenefield of Agawam lectures on the topic of UFOs based on two experiences she had, the first as an 11-year-old, and the second, 20 years later. A book will be published soon about Shenefield, who became blind shortly after the first encounter with what she believes were beings from another world.

An abductee...

# *Celebrity in the world of strange encounters*

By **NANCY L. NELSON**

**AGAWAM** — In the world of UFOs, extraterrestrials and the paranormal, Marianne Cascio Shenefield is a celebrity.

At conferences on the "UFO experience," she is known as an abductee — someone kidnapped by beings not of this world.

Shenefield, 46, will be one of two abductees speaking at a May conference on UFOs in Waltham. Contracts have been signed for a book she recently completed with help from a Connecticut author. A movie contract also has been signed.

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Her friends are fellow abductees, authors of books on UFOs, and researchers studying people like herself.

"No one believed me, so I got in touch with someone who did," she said while seated at the dining room table in her Agawam home.

She and her husband, Danny Shenefield, 32, a former aircraft mechanic with the Air Force, live in a small brick house across the street from the home in which Mrs. Shenefield grew up. On a cool spring evening, a fire blazed in the living room fireplace and a fresh pot of coffee scented the room.

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A corner china closet and a collection of small spoons decorated a wall in the dining room.

In another room, toys wait for a visit from the Shenefields' grandchild.

"We don't just do UFOs all the time," Mrs. Shenefield laughed. "I'm a pretty wholesome person."

Much of the time, however, the Shenefields are concerned with what most people call UFOs — unidentified flying objects. Mrs. Shenefield refers to them as IFOs — identified flying objects.

"We know what they are," she said. Some of them are vehicles carrying beings from another world, she said.

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In 1952, when she was 11 years old, she learned first hand about extraterrestrials, Mrs. Shenefield said. The experience has been the basis for her lectures.

While playing in a field near her parents' home, she was visited by what looked like a boy wearing a skin diving suit, she said.

"To me, he looked like a boy from China, with slanted eyes," Mrs. Shenefield said. The boy took her into what she described as a compartment where she was examined with X-ray-like machines.

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Six months later, she began losing her

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eyesight and is now blind except for some peripheral vision.

Mrs. Shenefield said she is certain her loss of sight was somehow connected with what happened to her.

"They told me I am an experiment, that I was the perfect candidate," she said. Whether they knew she was going to go blind or made her go blind, she isn't sure, she said.

Doctors said she suffered from an incurable genetic disorder that destroyed her central vision.

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In 1974, two years after a second examination by strange beings outside her house, Mrs. Shenefield said she began to see in a bizarre way.

"I would see symbols and writings and different colors. I would close my eyes and see different colors," Mrs. Shenefield said. And she began to have trouble sleeping.

"It never turns off, 24 hours a day it goes," she said.

Equipped with the strange vision, she sees auras emitted by people and uses them to counsel them, Mrs. Shenefield said.

The book about her will be called "Colors in the Dark," referring to her vision.

She also has some psychokinetic power, or the ability to use her mind to perform physical feats. It is unpredictable, however, and she attributes the destruction of several televisions and vacuum cleaners in her house to the psychokinetic energy.

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Mrs. Shenefield said she has learned to cope with the things that have happened to her with help from people who have had similar experiences or who research the topic of UFOs.

Her friends include Betty Hill, a New Hampshire woman who was abducted with her husband. One researcher she talked with included her in his book, she said.

To do her part, Mrs. Shenefield takes phone calls from people who have seen a UFO, or think they might have been abducted, too.

"We try to keep a low profile," she said. "The people who are interested in the UFO field know me and the people who aren't, don't."

The Springfield area is not a good place for people researching the topic of UFOs, she said.

"People call up and say, 'Please don't mention my name.' They don't want to go to the police because they're afraid they'll laugh at them," Mrs. Shenefield said.

# More UFO witnesses tell of lights in sky

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MORE people are claiming to have seen the UFOs, first spotted last week between Brill and Thame.

The latest UFO-spotters are Thame town clerk Mr Roland Devaney and his wife Val.

They say they saw the same bright spherical object with flashing lights which Mr Keith Walker and his wife Faye spotted from their home in Brae Hill

By IAN TOWNSEND

Close, Brill, on four consecutive nights.

Mrs Devaney said the sight was astonishing.

"It was a circular machine with flashing lights which was around for several minutes before travelling off at very high speeds towards Brill," she said.

Mrs Devaney said she watched

it with her husband from their home on Lea Park Estate, Thame.

Mr Devaney said he had never seen anything like it.

And Mr Bryan Wyatt, of Milton Common, said he saw a similar sig: a month ago near his home and another two weeks ago when most of the sightings were made

The Walker family in the Buckinghamshire hill top village of

Brill told the Oxford Mail they saw two machines on different evenings two weeks ago.

They saw it with their neighbour Mr Eric Crawford at their home in Brae Hill Close.

And Mrs Faye Walker says it has returned.

Their sighting and the description they gave of the machine was confirmed by a mother and

## STAFFORD NEWSLETTER STAFFORD JULY 22 1988

### Farm couple sight mystery UFO

ANOTHER sighting of a mystery UFO over Stafford has been reported.

Newsletter revelations of the strange aircraft hovering over the town sparked a call from Jean Morris, of Manor Farm Crescent, Burton Manor.

The 43-year-old said: "I was in the garden where we

were laying a patio when I saw this thing overhead.

"It was really fantastic. I called my husband out and we stared at it for quite a while. It looked like two aircraft together but they were really still and quiet.

"We didn't think anything about it until we read about the sightings in the Newsletter."

Dozens of people have reported seeing the mystery object and Mrs Morris saw the UFO at the same time as the others - 9.50pm on Monday, May 16.

Stafford MP Bill Cash is compiling a list of the sightings to present to Defence Minister Roger Freeman in a bid to start an official investigation.

daughter in Wellington Street, Thame.

Mrs Marie Smith and her daughter Julia, 26, a science graduate, watched the object over St Mary's Church, Thame, before it sped off.

No official body has been able to give an explanation of the machine.

Neither RAF nor USAF bases have had machines like it in the area.

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# Queens UFO Investigator Takes Reagan's Speculations on 'Alien Invasion' Seriously

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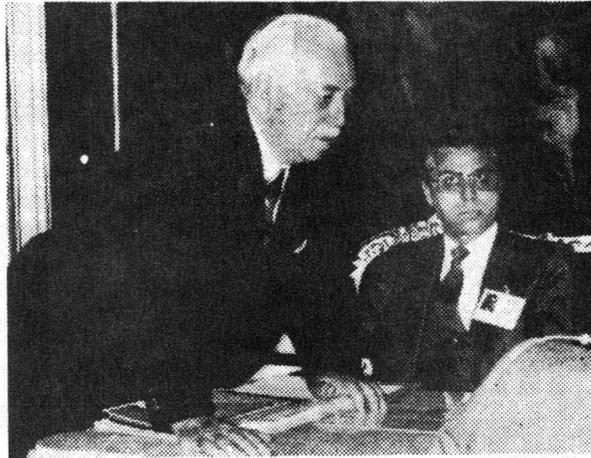
In our previous column we discussed what appears to be something President Reagan thinks often about: how an alien invasion from outer space could unite the nations of Earth in a common front. The idea had been postulated earlier by General Douglas MacArthur, yet almost nobody has paid attention to it. Colman von Keviczky, a retired Major with the Royal Hungarian Army and the founder and director of ICUFON, a small UFO research organization based in Queens, is the exception to this rule. The Hungarian-American military ufologist believes both Reagan and MacArthur didn't pose a rhetorical or hypothetical question with their alien invasion scenario, but actually issued a veiled warning to the public that this indeed was the case.

Von Keviczky received his Master of Military Science and Engineering (MMSE) at the historical Ludovica University in Budapest. As a Captain and then Major with the Royal Hungarian Army, he created the Audio-Visual Department of the Hungarian General Staff before World War II. After the war he worked for the U.S. occupation forces in Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1952, the year his interest in UFOs began. Von Keviczky is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics (AIAA) and his biography appears in *Who's Who in Aviation & Aerospace*.

In the mid-60s, von Keviczky worked with the United Nations staff audio-visual department, where he became involved in a controversy over UFOs and the U.N. In 1966, von Keviczky was actually commissioned by Secretary General U Thant to work on a preliminary memo on how the UFO problem could be inserted in the U.N. agenda. However, the Major found he no longer had a job at the U.N. after he leaked news of this assignment to the press. Yet U Thant confided around that time that "he considers UFOs the most important problem facing the U.N. next to the war in Vietnam," as reported in Drew Pearson's syndicated column.

Out of the U.N. in 1966, von Keviczky has pursued this "UFO Crusade" on his own and through ICUFON from his home in Queens. Through countless contacts in Europe, Japan, Brazil, and many other countries, he has amassed a remarkable collection of UFO photographs and documents from around the world. The best of the documents have been presented recently in his latest massive memoranda filed with the Secretary General and several U.N. Missions.

The Memorandum consists of four "Dossiers," divided in: A) "The UFOs Potential Threat Syndrome;" B) "Military Disposals on Armed Defense against the Extraterrestrial Intruders (UFOs);" C) "Undeclared Warfare against the UFO-Galactic Forces;" and D) "Road to the Star War and the Question of Survival." Altogether, they contain about 300 declassified documents, which describe some 140 "classic cases."



ICUFON Archives

COLMAN VON KEVICZKY (standing) briefs Austrian officials including President Rudolph Kirchlager (not in picture) at the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, October 17, 1983.

The first dossier deals with a number of UFO incidents over atomic installations, oil fields, and other power sources, close encounters with commercial airliners, vessels, and motor vehicles, and finally the mystery of so-called cattle mutilations. The documentation includes CIA, FBI, USAF, and other U.S.

government documents released under the Freedom of Information Act, as well as report forms from commercial airline companies, scientific sources, and the news media.

The Major has not always been successful in retrieving documents to prove his point. For instance, on June 14 and on July 24, 1984, "a huge elongated solid structure" was seen by security guards at Reactor No. 3 of the Indian Point Atomic Power Plants in Buchanan, upstate New York. Although investigator Phillip Imbrogno personally interviewed the witnesses and published an account of the case in his book about the Hudson Valley UFO flap, *Night Siege*, neither Imbrogno nor von Keviczky were able to obtain under the FOIA a single official document about this incident. In what the Major nicknamed a "rolling FOIA ball," he was given a complete run-around by the N.Y. Power Authority, the NRC, DOE, the USAF and NASA. Since we know that something potentially serious took place at Indian Point, we must conclude that these agencies are either incompetent or are engaged in a cover-up regarding this incident.

The following dossiers in a similar fashion produce whole lists of UFO incidents at various war fronts, military bases, leaks by military personnel, etc. Some cases, like the 1976 dogfight between Iranian F-4 "Phantom" jets and a UFO over Teheran, or the disappearance in 1978 of a Cessna plane in Australia, are well known in the UFO literature. Others are certainly not, and the author must be congratulated for making these known. A case in point is a July 1985 "restricted" report from the UN Military Forces in Cyprus.

such occurrences could create a risk of outbreak of nuclear war between the two countries." Furthermore, "Article 8" tells us that, "This Agreement shall be of unlimited duration."

The Major believes that the super powers are well aware of this UFO threat, and that SDI should really be called "Star Wars," since its real target are the "UFO Forces" and not the Soviets. The rest, he says, is a propaganda campaign launched both by Washington and Moscow to deceive world attention about the purpose of this and other space weapons. Although this will sound preposterous to many, the whole collection of documents released by ICUFON must be read before one can pass judgment on the Major's theory.

In any case, whether you become convinced or not that Earth is facing a potential alien invasion, Colman von Keviczky has certainly produced a valuable package of UFO-related documents that should be of interest to anyone who wants to study this contemporary problem. Even Robert Sheaffer, a prominent UFO skeptic, once commended von Keviczky for preserving for posterity a number of classic UFO documents.

The document's "ITEM 2" was titled, "Observation of UFO's in the Area of Famagusta." It informed the UN about UFO sightings in Famagusta, describing them as "bright lights changing from white to red and green," and adding to "ask UN to give information if UN would have recognized the incidents. UN promise to investigate." Yet when von Keviczky inquired about this report with the UN Military Staff Committee, he was told that such report didn't exist, and that "the United Nations has no organization that follows the sightings of UFO's."

A significant portion of the dossiers contain political and diplomatic documents about space agreements between the super powers. Of particular interest is a little known clause of an "Agreement On Measures to Reduce the Risk of Outbreak of Nuclear War" between the USA and the USSR, signed by Secretary of State William Rogers and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on September 30, 1971. "Article 3" reads, "The Parties undertake to notify each other immediately in the event of detection by missile warning systems of unidentified objects, or in the event of signs of interference with these systems or with related communications facilities, if

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# Woman in Delphi takes UFO sightings seriously

If you've had a bona fide sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object, Carla Shaeffer of Delphi would like to hear from you.

"I think there are lots of people out there who have had UFO experiences but are afraid to mention it because they are afraid others will think they are crazy," Shaeffer says.

She knows about that because of a UFO experience she had as a teenager in the 1960s. She never said much about it for fear that she would be considered a nut.

But that experience excited her curiosity, and she's been reading and collecting information about UFOs ever since.

"I can't remember the year exactly, but it was a girlfriend and I were riding ponies the night through woods and fields. We

rode out onto a meadow that had a hill on its top, and we rode up there. There it was — this orange glowing light hanging over a road below us.

There were other colored lights too — red, green, amber and yellow. We could see an outline of a shape, and it looked like a coal glowing there in the night."

Our horses were very frightened and so were we. 'Let's get out of here,' I



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Jack Alkire

Journal and Courier

said, and we turned our ponies around and started riding back to the barn. The horses were so frightened it was one of the wildest rides I ever had," Shaeffer says.

"The evidence is here. I feel many people choose to bury their heads in the sand and ignore it," she says.

Her studies of UFO reports and sightings have convinced Shaeffer that they are vehicles of an advanced civilization from outer space, probably on a mission of observation of earth society. She says she doesn't feel there is a threat from them.

"I'm believe we're being watched with curiosity, similar to our outings to the zoo to view the animals."

She says people are turned off from making UFO reports to authorities because their experiences are explained

away by saying they mistook something ordinary for a UFO.

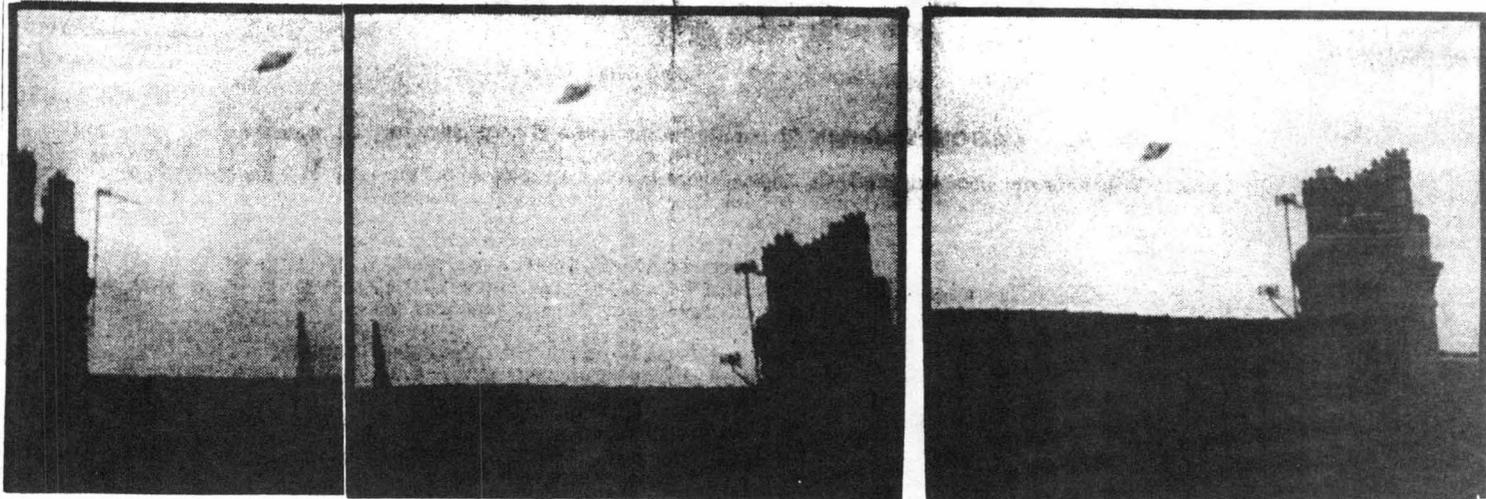
And too, she says, people who do mistake airplane lights and stars for UFOs don't help the cause.

There is lots of literature around on Unidentified Flying Objects, including books by Edgar Cayce and Ruth Montgomery, and she urged people interested in UFOs to read them.

Even the Bible, she says, speaks about UFO, and she cites Ezekiel 1:28, 2:1 and 1:4-5; Zechariah 4:1-2 and 1:9-10, Mathew 2:9, and The Acts 1:9-11 in the King James Version.

If you've had a UFO experience you've kept quiet about, Shaeffer would like to hear from you. Write to her at P.O. Box 580, Delphi, 46923. She won't laugh at your experience.

# UFO sighting sparks off probe



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## Thame women claim they saw two spaceships

CLAIMS by a Brill family that they saw UFOs in the night sky have been confirmed by two Thame women.

They saw what they believe were spaceships on the same nights.

"We kept quiet because we thought we'd be laughed at. But we certainly saw something," they said.

"We watched at least two through binoculars on different evenings and they were certainly moving," said Mrs Marie Smith of Wellington Street, Thame.

Her graduate daughter Julia, 26, spotted them first from a bedroom window.

"When we saw the Oxford Mail story about the Brill people, we knew we hadn't been seeing things.

"I wonder how many other people saw them, but like us kept quiet for fear of being ridiculed," she said. The Brill couple, Faye

and Keith Walker from Brae-Hill Road and their neighbour Mr Eric Crawford saw the UFOs at the weekend.

They told the Oxford Mail that the objects were circular and rimmed with light.

Mrs Smith said: "When we saw them they seemed to be over St Mary's Church and then disappeared towards Buckinghamshire.

"On one evening there were certainly two objects together," she said.

Julia, a science graduate from Salford University had a UFO experience in the north.

She said it trailed her car and stopped when she stopped. It frightened her a lot.

"Other people must have seen these things — but fear of ridicule is a great silencer," said Mrs Smith.

THE sighting of a UFO over Hoyland and Elsecar a fortnight ago is being investigated by a nationwide team of UFO spotters.

The object was spotted by an Elsecar man as he drove home from his work in Ecclesfield at 10 p.m. The man stopped the car twice so he could study the object more closely.

When he arrived home, he told his wife, who looked out of the window and saw the box-shaped object with flashing green, white and red lights.

David Clarke, a student at Sheffield University, who is a member of the group of UFO spotters, said that it appeared to be similar to an object seen at Hoyland, Elsecar, Wombwell and Penistone on Wednesday, February 10.

On that evening a 200 ft. long diamond-shaped object with flashing lights was seen hovering 150 ft. above Wombwell town centre by two or three people, and later witnesses reported that it followed the power lines between Hoyland and Elsecar.

At 10.30 p.m. a motorist on Penistone by-pass saw a similar object moving towards Manchester.

Mr. Clarke said all the incidents were being investigated, and he is now looking for more witnesses. His phone number: Sheffield 694537.

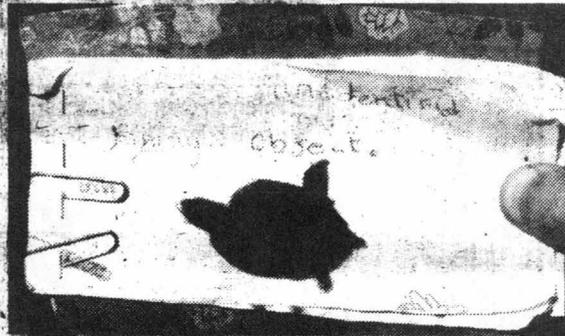
Footnote: Photographs of a UFO (left) seen flying over Sheffield Road, Barnsley, which appeared in the Chronicle last year, are now being studied by space experts at Nassau.

Did anyone else see mysterious object?

# UFO encounter shocks Kelly, 8



Puzzled Kelly looks skyward . . .



... and this is her sketch of the UFO.

**WHAT** was the mysterious black shape that eight year old Kelly Habgood spotted over her garden?

The UFO, which she says was like a flattened sphere with four thick antenna-like projections, swooped low over her garden in Moorside Road, West Howe, around 7.30pm on Tuesday, April 5, and she and her mother Jill want to know if anyone else saw it too.

Kingsleigh First School pupil Kelly was playing in the garden when she was startled to see the object, which was bigger than the full moon, moving slowly across the sky which was still light.

After a few seconds it vanished behind some tall flats only seconds later but Kelly had seen enough to call her mother and quickly grab a pencil and paper to draw what she'd seen.

Until single parent Jill, 38, explained to her, Kelly had never heard of UFOs or spaceships but a few days later when the national papers were full of reports of black sky objects sighted all over the country she insisted the Advertiser was phoned.

Kelly said: "It looked a bit like a big black plastic bag but it wasn't that and I know it wasn't a plane either. My mum told me about people from other planets and if they were inside I'd like to meet them."

Her mother, a hospital nurse, said: "I don't know if I believe in this sort of thing. All I know is that Kelly is a very truthful girl and I know she's seen something in the sky which isn't normal."



... and this in what was inside the UFO.

A young man walking with his girlfriend in the Rubislaw area reported seeing an orange light travelling very quickly over the city at about 1500ft shortly before 11p.m.

He described it as flying laterally, unlike a flare, across the airport flight path. It appeared to be powered, but was not a plane or helicopter.

He watched it until it suddenly disappeared.

A Turriff resident also reported seeing "green balls" south-west of the town.

But a young caller to the "Press and Journal" last night claimed to know the real source of the phenomenon . . . some friends of his who make mini-hot air balloons out of black plastic bin bags.

"They've been doing it for years and set off one tonight," he said. "They got the idea out of a magazine."

He declined to give either his name or that of his friends — perhaps wisely, since the aviation authorities do not take kindly to unauthorised users of air space.

His explanation was backed up by another reader, merchant seaman Mr Ron Calder, who was walking his dog in Fountainhall Road on Thursday when one of the "UFOs" drifted to earth.

"It was nothing fantastic at all. It was like a parachute made of fine plastic with four strings attached to a flare holder," said Mr Calder, Blenheim Place.

"There was nothing scary or exciting about it. It must have been someone trying out some simple physics."

Mr Calder added that he first saw the device about 150-200 ft. up and watched it drop into the road about 11p.m.

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ANOTHER orange light was seen over Aberdeen last night, in roughly the same area and at the same time as on Thursday.

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# UFO hunter!

## Chris is hot on the trail of the sky's mysteries

STRANGE sightings, unexplained glowing lights, even fully-fledged flying saucers . . .

If you've spotted any of these mysterious phenomena in the skies above Pontefract and Castleford, then Chris Gibson would like to hear all about it.

Chris, 34, of Arncliffe Drive, Ferrybridge, is keen to set himself up as the area's first properly organised UFO investigator.

And with the help of a 24-hour UFO hotline which has been set up by enthusiasts in Batley, Chris hopes to be on the trail of unexplained happenings in the shortest possible time.

Chris, who works as a charge nurse at Pontefract General Infirmary, first became interested in the UFO phenomenon around two years ago.

"I began to write a science fiction novel and read various books as part of my research," he said.

### Discovery

"I became more and more intrigued with the possibility of contacts with extra terrestrials. But as I found out more I realised there is more than one possible solution for the unexplained things people sometimes see."

Chris wrote to the authors of some of the books he had read to find out more, and discovered the existence of two bodies dedicated to UFO re-

search, the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) and the more recently formed northern-based Independent UFO Network (IUN).

### First meeting

"Things really took off for me in March this year when I went to a lecture in Sheffield and met some other UFO enthusiasts. I was a little nervous at first as I wasn't sure what I was getting myself involved with," he said.

"But I was pleased to find there were people there from all walks of life, many with different ideas and views. But they discussed them in a very friendly way, there was no animosity and I got on well with them."

Last month Chris went to his first IUN meeting and decided he would like

to become an investigator.

"The important thing about the IUN is that they take an independent view, they have no firm views on what is responsible for the UFO phenomenon and take very great care in researching sightings."

Chris said the IUN grants complete anonymity to witnesses of sightings, if they wish, so they need not worry about being thought cranks.

### Explanation

"The only way to investigate sightings properly is to talk to ordinary people about their experiences and then to see if there are any logical explanations for them," he said.

Calls about local sightings to the Batley hotline will be referred back to

## 'Large orange star' sighted

The outbreak of UFO sightings over the Cannock Chase area has escalated with eye witnesses reporting seeing a "large orange star" at tree level.

Mrs Lynette Lloyd, of Burntwood, was driving from Lichfield to Rugeley with a friend when they both spotted the orange glow in the sky.

"It was like a large orange star which came down slowly," she said.

"I stopped the car and it came down to just above tree level. We headed off the main road towards it and when we reached the trees it was hovering just above them.

"We watched it for a little while and as we got back in the car it went up slowly."

Mrs Lloyd said she later watched the object disappear "like a white power flash".

Mrs Lloyd's sighting brings the number of UFO's reported in the Cannock Chase area to 80 in the last few months — a figure normally reported in a year.

Mr John Hurley, the chairman of UFO Studies Investigations, said the latest report was obviously a very genuine one and he was looking closely at it.

## Report by Mike Russell

in the Five Towns area.

"My friends and workmates give me some good-natured ribbing but everyone agrees it is an interesting hobby. We aren't fanatics or cranks, just people who are keen to know the truth."

### Damaging

"In some ways the image of looking for little green men in spaceships still hangs on to us and it is quite damaging."

As yet Chris himself has never seen a UFO.

"Of course I would love to see something, but I realise it is often a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and I am still waiting," he said.

● The UFO hotline number is Batley 444049, a 24-hour service with answerphone in complete confidence.

# Visitors from outer space?

A DAWN walk among the Pennine foothills was the unexpected background for a unique UFO sighting which is currently exciting the interest of university researchers and photographic experts.

In what is described by experts as a "bizarre encounter" a former police officer from Manchester spotted a 3½ft tall figure entering a strange object — and there is photographic evidence.

Manchester University and Kodak are currently investigating "a degree of physical and photographic evidence" — and their findings so far are said to be impressive evidence in favour of a genuine UFO sighting.

It's just one of several strange UFO sightings in the area according to Britain's only professional "ufologist" Jenny Randles.

Jenny, who co-ordinates a team of trained investigators throughout the country in her capacity as investigator for the British UFO Research Association, says this is only one of several cases in the North West currently under investigation.

## EXCLUSIVE

By Chris Southern

Another involves a Manchester airline pilot who, along with other people in the Wilmslow area, spotted a UFO in broad daylight.

The off-duty pilot spotted a "pie can" object about 10ft in diameter which moved across a road at treetop height — at breakfast time. Jenny says this is a typical sighting — one among many in what recently has become the biggest "splurge" of UFO sightings in the area in the last 10 years.

### Encounters

And before you dismiss these close encounters of the third kind, Jenny says scientific evidence shows that there is always an increase in UFO sightings at times of high sun spot activity.

"It happens every 10 of 11 years and is one reason we are currently hearing of so many sightings."

And if you are interested in the subject of UFOs there will be a unique opportunity to find out

more or to discuss with experts your own "close encounters" later this month.

Jodrell Bank is to host two "UFO Days" on May 29 and 30 featuring an exhibition of serious research showing how UFOs are investigated and what has been discovered. Jenny Randles and writer Peter Hough will also be along on both days to present a slide show and visual presentation of "The UFO Phenomenon".

A unique "surgery" will be offered for witnesses to come along and present their photographs or describe in complete confidence their own encounters to serious UFO investigators.

The two-day event is part of Granada Television's Telethon and Jenny Randles says it will be both a fun event and the opportunity to find out more about what is now being accepted as a serious scientific subject.

"The public have a lot of misguided ideas, mainly brought about by the media who sensationalise stories about little green men and the like.

"The result is that many people are frightened of telling even their families about UFO sightings and keep the whole experience bottled up.

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## UFOs are 'keeping a watch on Brill'

Members of a Brill family are sure their area is being watched by UFOs.

Faye and Keith Walker claim they saw a bright spherical object with flashing lights on four consecutive nights from their home in Brae Hill Close, Brill with their neighbour, Mr Eric Crawford.

Mr Walker, 34, who works for Crendon Concrete, said he saw two very similar machines on one night.

He said: "We're ordinary down-to-earth people and we know what we saw. It wasn't a plane and it behaved very oddly. It certainly seemed to be going round our village and watching."

They thought at first they were looking at a very bright star. But then they say it grew very dim and red before suddenly flaring brightly again.

They invited *The Oxford Times* to witness it at the weekend but mist prevented any sightings.

Mrs Walker, a nurse at Chilton House nursing home looked at the object through binoculars but was unable to see clear details.

She said: "We have been thinking it could be all sorts of things, from UFOs to the second coming of Christ. On the first night it was huge and then went smaller and smaller to a pinprick of light before coming down again. It also seemed to wobble around like a jelly. On one night it showed revolving green and red lights."

None of the Walkers chil-

dren — Peter 17, Kath 15, Keith 8 or Paula 7 — have seen anything.

Mr Crawford has been interested in UFOs for several years and has seen other odd sightings, but nothing as clear as this. Mr Walker has only experienced one sighting before — several years ago on the other side of Aylesbury.

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# UFO investigator looks for sightings

## Poland resident checks into reports of unexplained happenings in the air

By Diane Laney Fitzpatrick  
Vindicator staff writer

Robert Patton has a frustrating job. As an investigator, his leads rarely lead anywhere at all. In fact, he's never solved a case in 10 years.

He doesn't advertise and even stopped handing out his business card because of harassment from nonbelievers who think his work is a hoax.

Patton is a UFO investigator, one of a handful of area people who not only believe that creatures from outer space are visiting our planet, but also spend their time investigating those claims.

And he's living proof that the UFO hype that began in the 1940s has not completely died out.

"We keep a low profile," said Patton, a Poland resident. "Unfortunately, a lot of [cases] just hang around because no one really comes up with an answer. Nothing is concrete."

While he may not have any solutions to chalk up, the past 20 years of research and investigations have given Patton several things: A notebook full of accounts from local people who say they saw unexplained happenings in the air; a collection of tapes, slides and literature on UFO investigations worldwide; and an open mind.

"I can't ridicule anything without investigating it," said Patton, 66, a retired millwright from Wean United Inc. "I try to keep my mind wide open."

Patton himself said he has seen about eight UFOs, most of them strange lights in the sky that he is certain are not conventional aircraft. But his belief is reinforced by dozens of others in the area who say they have seen — and believe in — UFOs.

His interest began about 20 years ago when he was asked to tape record a speech by a man who claimed to have been taken to another planet by creatures from outer space.

"He was a weirdo," recalled Patton, an electronics buff who at that time tape recorded public events.

Patton delivered the tape to his client, who then was chairman of the Youngstown UFO Club.

He was skeptical, but eventually he became chairman of the group before it disbanded. For the past 13 years he has belonged to the Tri-

County UFO Study Group, an organization of about 40 "ufologists" from Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties.

Patton won't say how many UFO sightings he has investigated. But he said he has talked to between 25 and 35 people about possible sightings from this area.

He approaches each case with skepticism. "I assume people have been hallucinating. Then I start asking questions," he said.

He carefully guards the notebook with the cases he's investigated. To investigate possible public ridicule, names are never given out.

In 1973, a group of patients at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center said they saw a UFO, and in 1975, an area resident saw five lit objects hovering over the Carbon-Limestone property in Poland Township.

His most recent investigation was his own sighting of an unidentified flying object on state Route 46 in Austintown about four weeks ago.

Patton watched with binoculars as a strange, motionless light in the sky hovered above for about 10 minutes before disappearing.

People who believe in UFOs are more likely to see them, he said, not because they're imagining them, but because they have opened up their minds to the possibility.

"When you shut your mind off from normalcy, that's when you see the strangers," he said.

Since the first series of UFO sightings in 1947, the popularity of the controversy has varied.

During the '40s and '50s, local sightings of flying saucers were featured in newspaper stories, but the reports and the media coverage died down in the '60s and '70s.

"I find that people are backing off from everything they see to avoid the publicity," Patton explained.

Patton himself avoids publicity about his work and never actively seeks clients. People who have seen UFOs contact Patton through word of mouth. That, he says, is the way it will always be.

"I keep as low a profile as I can," he said. "I don't want to be called names because I know a little bit about UFOs."

He understands skepticism, he said. In fact he, too, has his doubts sometimes that the whole idea isn't a grand hoax.

"I still have the thought in the back of my mind: 'Who came up with this idea?'" Patton said.

# UFO kidnaps 26 elephants

A GAME reserve has lost 26 full grown elephants and eyewitnesses claim they saw them kidnapped by a spaceship.

The bizarre story is coming from Lugo, Spain, where an African safari park is located.

Eyewitness have said they saw a 250-foot UFO with purple lights hover over a herd of elephants.

Suddenly 26 of the animals were bathed in a beam of orange light from the spaceship and right in front of their eyes the witnesses say they saw the animals beamed up into the belly of the vessel.

Mrs Imelda Gil-Casares was driving through the park at the

napped 200 animals from zoos and safari parks all over the world in the past six months as part of an apparent study of Earth and its creatures.

He said governments were aware of the extraterrestrials' activities.

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time with her children when the incredible event took place. She saw the whole thing.

She said, 'I thought it was some kind of a stage-managed stunt at first when I first saw the spaceship. But when all those elephants went up in the air into the UFO I became frightened.'

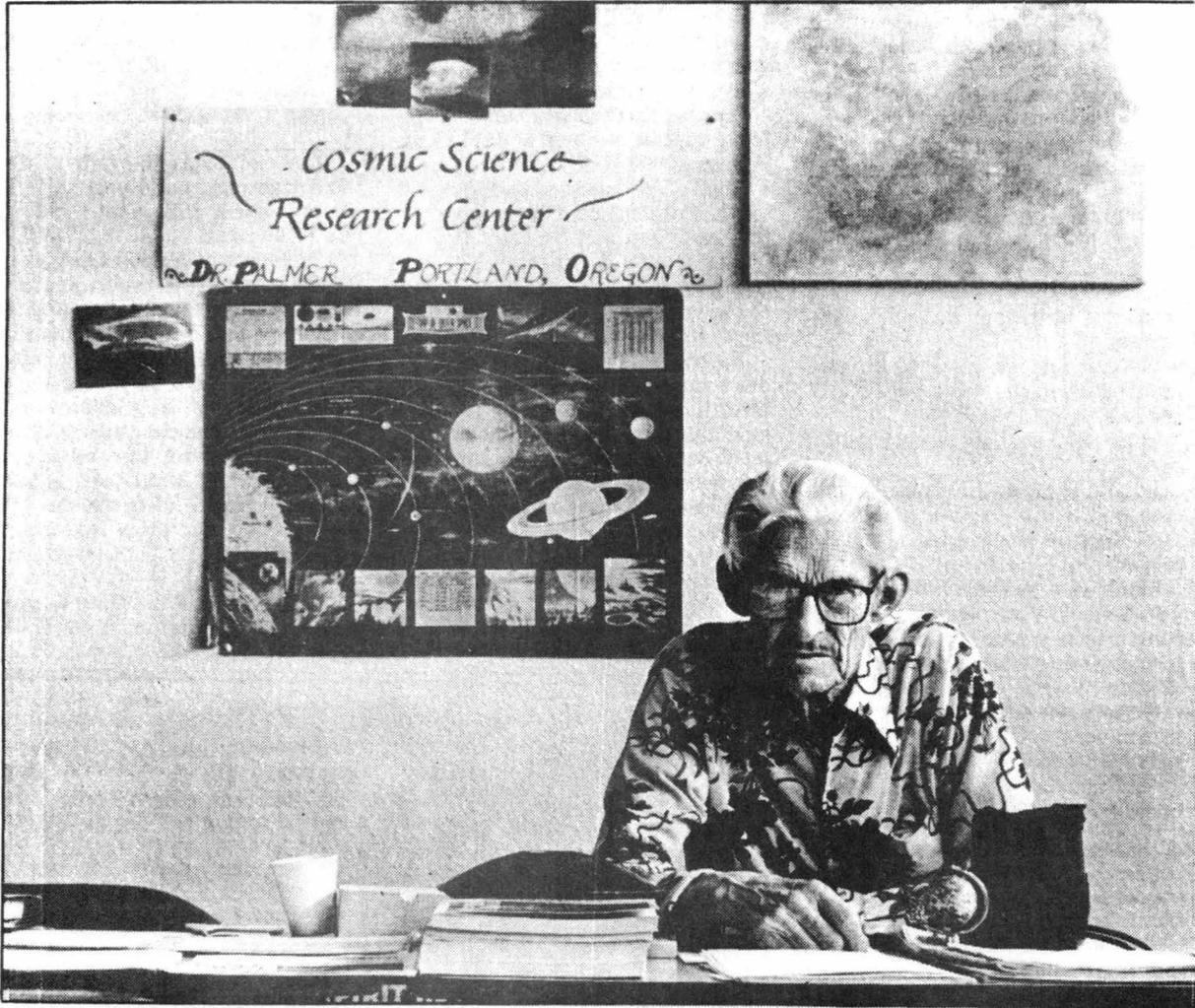
The children were screaming and laughing but I was speechless.'

She said the whole amazing episode lasted about two minutes. She said the spaceship was silver and shaped like an upturned bowl.

UFO researcher Jose Diaz-Salazar of Madrid says aliens have kid-

# Seeing is

# believing in UFOs, aliens



Peter Haley/The News Tribune

Ufologist Edward Palmer says aliens took him to the moon for a few hours in 1969.

## Stargazers cross paths, swap stories

By Matt Misterek  
The News Tribune

Some say they have seen luminescent flying saucers. Others say they have seen spacecraft shaped like a fine Cuban cigar. One woman says she has seen a golden ship the size of three football fields descend on Tacoma's Wapato Park.

Unidentified flying objects are the sizzling topic at the 27th Annual Space Age Conference this weekend. Various ufologists, as some stargazers like to call themselves, have taken the time to unravel accounts of close encounters they have had with extraterrestrial life, while others have listened intently to the details.

The Friday through Sunday event, held at the Unity Church of Christianity in Federal Way and sponsored by the New Age Foundation, is slated for the same time every year to commemorate the historic UFO sighting at which the term "flying saucers" was coined. Friday was the 41st anniversary of that sighting by UFO pioneer Kenneth Arnold, who spotted nine saucer-shaped objects flying toward Mount Rainier in 1947.

One of the most warmly greeted

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# Aliens

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speakers at the conference was Edward M. Palmer, a doctor of metaphysics from Oregon. Palmer publishes an intermittent bulletin called *Astra Space News*, containing messages that he says are transmitted by aliens from other planets.

Palmer says that in 1969 he was whooshed into a spaceship that landed in his yard and subsequently ferried him to the moon.

"I went out to my lawn, which was all lit up, and right above me was a large spacecraft," Palmer remembers. "I got goose pimples all over my body and got raised into the ship. I looked down and the opening (of the ship) closed like the lens in a

camera." On the journey in the hermetically sealed craft, Palmer says he was tutored in cosmic sciences by a man who looked like former English film star Leslie Howard.

"He had short brown hair and nice features, like a movie actor," Palmer says.

Before he was taken back home to earth, Palmer spent three hours on the moon and met an electrical engineer from Los Angeles who was living there. The aliens gave Palmer the moniker of "Rayonda" and have kept in touch with him, he says.

Nicholette Fay, a health consultant who recently moved to Seattle after living in Tacoma for 10 years, says that a close encounter she had in Tacoma's Wapato Park in 1986 has been embedded in her memory ever since. She was at the park with her daughters and a friend for a rendezvous with an alien spaceship that she says had been communicating with them, when a golden, 300-yard-long behemoth craft began to de-

scend on them, she says. "As we began to discern the domed shape of the spacecraft, we began to see about a dozen other ships darting around it at right angles," Fay says.

Soon, it vanished in the blink of an eye, she says.

"The ego tends to want to deny these sightings, but I will go to my grave knowing that what I saw was real," she adds.

A person's own conscience is not the only thing that rebels against a UFO sighting, says Wayne Aho, the founder of the New Age Foundation. Most people still look upon ufologists as crackpots. In fact, Aho contends there is a conspiracy of federal government officials who like to perpetuate this freak-show image and see ufologists publicly ridiculed. These officials, he says, have documented proof that life exists in outer space, but they are covering it up.

"This cosmic Watergate is not a question, it's a reality," asserts Aho,

who claims to have bombarded U.S. congressmen with evidence of UFO sightings he has amassed over the last 40 years, in the Mojave Desert and near Mount Rainier, among other places.

Aho says Air Force radar operators and other military men who have spied UFOs have been gagged by higher-ups who don't want the secret leaked. Because alien life forms appear to have the answers to living peacefully and converting to advanced forms of electromagnetic energy, Aho says, he believes the government is blacking out their existence, so that defense contractors and fossil fuel barons won't be put out of business.

Daniel Ross, author of a book offering evidence of life on Venus, Mars and the moon, agrees.

"When you talk about NASA these days, you're talking about a giant defense corporation," he says, adding that the government is mute on UFOs out of self-interest and fear of change.

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## More unusual lights are spotted in PC skies

ELLSWORTH -- An Ellsworth woman reported seeing an unusually bright green and white light in the sky above her rural home on Stonehammer Road shortly before 9 p.m. Thursday.

The woman, who declined to be identified in an article published Saturday in the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram, said her husband called the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and two officers were sent to the scene.

"It was a very bright light—white

and green—it really wasn't consistent in the way it flickered, not like an airplane's light," the woman said. "It was like a strobe light. What caused me to question it was that it went from side to side rather than in a straight line, like an airplane."

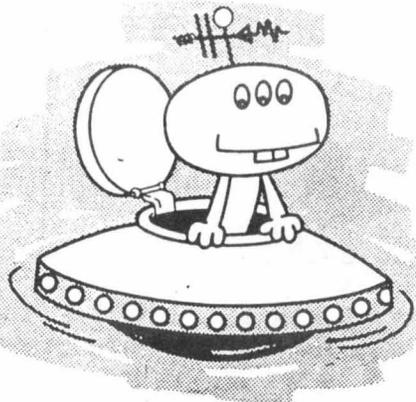
She said the light was high up in the sky, but slightly lower than the height of planes that travel near her home. Each night about five or six planes usually fly over the area.

"At different points, it would disappear and then reappear as it was going away from us," she said.

She and her husband watched the light for about 20 minutes before going outside to find out if it was making a noise. They heard nothing, she said.

One other person reported seeing the same bright light but refused to disclose his name, a sheriff's department spokesperson said.

A Pierce County Herald reporter tried several times to reach the couple at their home, but was unsuccessful.



# Did UFOs do this?

A FREAK storm which ripped through Kirkby last November may have been caused by UFOs.

The claim has been made by Denis Harriman, director of the National UFO Investigation Society.

He says there could be a link between the storm - which ripped holes in several rooftops and smashed a number of windows - and high UFO activity in the area at the time.

"The storm had some strange effects which leads us to believe it wasn't entirely a natural phenomenon," he said.

**by George Robinson**

## Freak storm may have been work of aliens

"For instance, several windows were smashed by the force of the storm - but not all the same way. Some imploded, others exploded."

"That is a highly unusual and bizarre effect."

He added: "Electrical storms as violent as that are unusual anyway, and at

that time there were numerous UFO sightings reported in

the area."

The storm damaged a number of flats and homes in the Abbey Road area of Kirkby, bringing down chimneys and blowing out windows and doors.

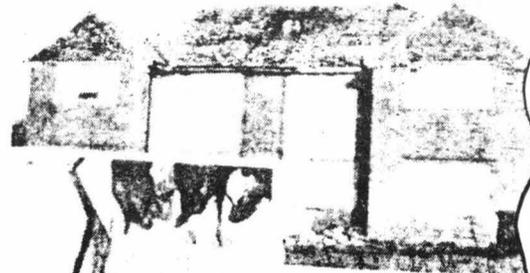
### Violent

It raged for some hours during the night, firing off violent thunderbolts and sheet lightning.

In the morning the streets were littered with splintered wood,

## Bolt out of the black

Flats of a block in Kirkby had de awakening on Thursday evening when a terbolt struck building almost it in half. g hit a chim- ack during a storm and the which was nearly ten away, caused of the Abbey ts to cave in.



### Freak storm

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### ● Flashback to our story on the storm last November.

smashed roof tiles and broken glass.

● A NEW wave of UFO

sightings are being reported in the Notts and Derbyshire area, says Mr Harriman.

Scores of people have been contacting his group in recent weeks claiming they have seen everything from saucer shapes with coloured lights to huge 'mother ships' gliding over treetops.

"There seems to be a great deal of UFO activity in the area," he said.

"Two years ago we were getting around 50 reports a year."

"Now it's gone up to around 800 a year."

If you have spotted alien shapes in the sky, tell Mr Harriman all about it on 033174961.

### Tile Hill sighting

AS regional investigations coordinator (Midlands) for the British UFO Research Association and an investigator for Strange Encounters, I wish to enquire if there were any witnesses to a sighting on Tuesday evening (about 9.55 pm), June 7, when a woman driver travelling towards Tile Hill observed a peculiar moving light in the sky over Jardine Crescent.

She says it was too large for a star or planet and an aircraft, was egg-shaped and appeared to glow from within.

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# State group is hoping for confirmation of UFO sightings here

By Barbara Sauers  
The Tribune-Democrat

A Greensburg man who heads a statewide volunteer organization that investigates unidentified flying objects is hoping area residents will confirm sightings of a UFO Wednesday evening and April 13.

Stan Gordon of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained said he received a report of a pentagon-shaped craft with multiple lights on its belly near the Route 56 Bypass and the Solomon Run Road area on Wednesday evening.

Dispatchers for the city and Richland Communications said they did not receive calls reporting a sighting during the 3-to-11 shift.

But the city and Mainline dispatchers said they had received several calls from people describing a strange oblong craft with lights sighted overnight April 13 and 14. Calls were received from people living in Westmont and Southmont and the Gallitzin and Portage areas. Reportedly, one man was followed by the craft on Route 53, but the incident could not be confirmed.

Mr. Gordon said he had not been notified of the April 13-14 sightings, but there was a report of a daylight sighting of a UFO near

the small community of Chicora, Butler County, at about the same time. He said a caller saw an unidentified craft on the ground either April 12 or 13.

Since a local story about a Feb. 10 sighting near Blough in Somerset County, Mr. Gordon said, the association has received additional reports, mostly describing a metallic, football-shaped object with many lights.

"We've had multiple reports of a very large, oblong structure," he said. "There's a lot of activity going on."

There was a report from a Salix area resident who saw an egg-shaped craft in a stand of trees at about 7:40 p.m. March 2, Mr.

Gordon said. The resident reported that he saw the craft silently rise over the trees.

"He was very close to it," Mr. Gordon said.

There was another sighting at 2:30 a.m. March 26 in the Daisytown area. Mr. Gordon said more than one witness saw a large object that appeared to be resting along the edge of a mountainside. He said the witnesses reported seeing smaller lights flying around the larger craft.

Mr. Gordon said reports of UFOs have been on the increase since August. There have been sightings in Ohio, West Virginia and New Jersey.

"Whatever is going on, it's very interesting," said Mr. Gordon, who has been involved with UFO sightings for 28 years.

More recently, he said, the association has received multiple reports from Blair, Indiana, Westmoreland, Fayette, Allegheny, Washington, Bucks, Mercer and Elk counties. He said members of his group investigate the sightings.

He asked that those who have seen something unexplainable call the association at 412-838-7768 or write to 6 Oakhill Ave. Greensburg 15601. All reports are confidential, he said.

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## Woman spots strange light

A STRANGE light descending slowly in the sky aroused the curiosity of Wrotham resident Mrs Vivienne O'Gallagher recently. She had been woken by her dog at about 3am on Friday morning and was letting him out when she saw the light over nearby hills.

Mrs O'Gallagher, who lives on Kemsing Road, said: "It looked as though it was descending on a parachute, because it was a steady descent. It didn't seem to be heading anywhere special and I worked out that it came from the north and was travelling east, so perhaps it was circling."

She added that it sounded exactly like a light aircraft, though because of the slow descent, the light could not have been a flare.

A spokesman from Biggin Hill air traffic control said this week: "It could not have been an aircraft from here, but it could have been either a helicopter going to Redhill or a hot-air balloon making a night landing."

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## UFO witness plea

STAFFORD MP Bill Cash has asked the Ministry of Defence to look into UFOs seen over the town last month.

He is appealing for any witnesses to come forward so that information can be passed on to the minister, Roger Freeman.

This week, Mr Cash said: "I have written to Mr Freeman and given him details of the sightings and I have asked him to make inquiries and let me know his views."

"Several independent individuals in the constituency who can be regarded as reliable witnesses saw these things and were caused a great deal of concern. I don't know what they were myself."

The mysterious objects were seen over Stafford on Monday, May 16 at around 10pm by police statistical officer Eileen Ballard and five of her friends from their home on Fernwood, Stafford.

She reported large triangular shapes with a lot of lights cruising slowly and, most

remarkably, with complete silence overhead.

A story in the Newsletter and a sketch by Mrs Ballard sparked off other reports by witnesses. John Teasdale of Knowle Road, Stafford said he was sure they were refuelling VC-10s, but another reader, Enid Turner, of George Close, Uttoxeter, disagreed flatly.

An aviation enthusiast, Mrs Turner said the objects didn't even make enough noise for a glider, let alone a VC-10. Several other people in Uttoxeter, said Mrs Turner, also saw the UFOs and reports also came in from Penkridge and Wolverhampton.

The British UFO Research Association said it suspected the UFOs were in fact the top secret American Stealth F-19 radar proof fighters on test flight from RAF Alconbury in Norfolk.

The existence of the F-19 is officially denied by both British and American governments.

# Was it a UFO in sky?

A 'BERMUDA triangle' comprising Long Furlong, the A27 Arundel Road and Cote Street, including the weird domain of Clapham Wood, has been a centre of mystery for a long time.

In October, 1987, the Worthing Herald reported that two businessmen, Ian Sheaff, 33, and Tony Whittick, 44, saw a UFO while running over the Downs at Long Furlong.

At about 9pm one evening they were confronted by a glowing object in the sky.

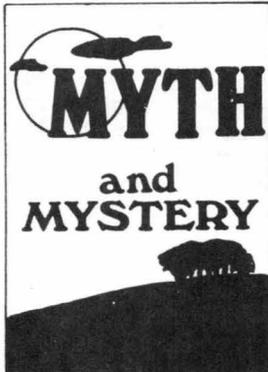
Mr Sheaff, of High Street, Worthing, a salesman for Glover Cars, said, 'It was hovering, looking at first like a shaft of light right in the middle of the sky.'

## Stretched

'It seemed to change shape, from a rugby ball, to a hemisphere, to a triangle then a square, then it gradually shrank into a red dot and disappeared.'

'I have never seen anything like it in my life. There was definitely something up there. It was about the size of a full moon seen quite low.'

Mr Whittick, of Unicorn Carriers, Worthing, said, 'It was amorphous - it

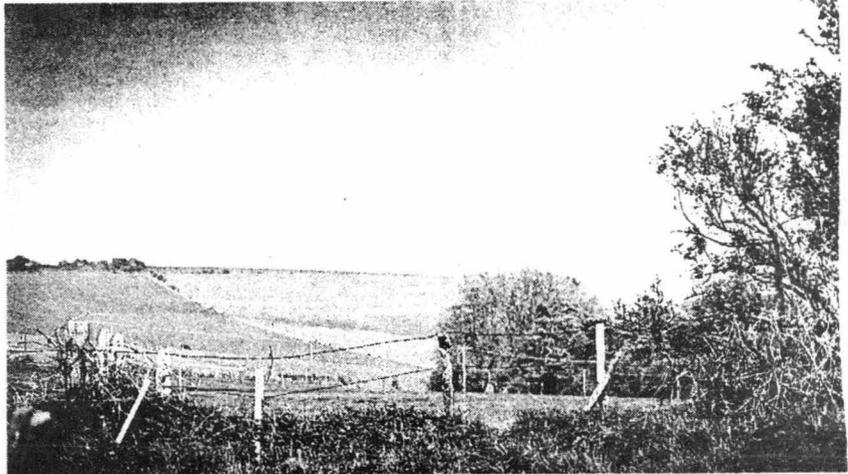


By Andrew Knight

kept changing shape. I have never experienced anything like it before. We could see it clearly for 20 to 25 minutes.'

Two days later Durrington insurance clerk, Mark Green spotted a strange yellow light over the Downs.

Mr Green, 18, of Torridge Close, said, 'It sort of



THE DOWNS ABOVE Long Furlong, where strange sightings have been reported.

stretched as if it was trying to break apart.

'It was as though some invisible hand was playing with plasticine - I assumed it was a supernova.'

Worthing Police notified the RAF after a UFO was spotted in 1981.

Mr Derek Stenning and his son Simon were driving home from Patching at 7.30pm when they saw it. The 13-year-old said, 'A large coloured disc was hovering above a clump of trees on the north of the A27.'

'One half was red and the

other white and the two colours kept flashing alternately.'

## Incredible

The red and white lights also transposed their position as they flashed.

'It had two exhaust-type projections from which sparks were appearing.'

As he pointed out the object to his father it suddenly rose in the air, seeming to come towards the car as it crossed the A27.

Then it accelerated away

towards the sea at an incredible speed.

It all happened in less than a minute but left Simon terrified. He said, 'When I got out of the car at home my legs were all shaky.'

In October, 1972, a couple walking near Long Furlong saw a sphere low on the horizon move quickly northwards, keeping in line with the ridge of the Downs. When the object was above Clapham Wood, a beam of light descended, then rapidly withdrew, and the UFO moved away at great speed.

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## Man spots 'flying saucer'

A GLOWING red flying saucer has been spotted near Oldham - for the second time in a week.

Coach-driver Mr. Paul Hartley noticed the unidentified flying object as he drove through Strinesdale on Thursday evening.

"It was exactly 10 p.m., I looked up and saw a reddy-orange-coloured glow, which glided very quickly across the sky", he said.

"Three passengers also noticed it - it was really strange".

## Helicopter

Mr. Hartley, of Florida Street, Oldham, saw the object for only 15 seconds.

"It could not have been a plane or helicopter, because it was so big."

Earlier last week, Mr. Thomas Mundy, saw a glowing object from his flat in Montrose House, Crete Street Estate.

## County UFO alert

by Gareth Twose

LEICESTERSHIRE residents have reported spotting a bright yellow UFO hovering through the night sky.

Reports of the UFO which allegedly changed shape as it moved have been received by Radio Trent, the Leicester Mercury and police.

But neither East Midlands International Airport or the RAF Luffenham air base picked up any unidentified objects in their radars.

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## White light

The National UFO Investigation Society based in Draycott, Derbyshire, said such sightings were consistent with a rise in UFO activity in Leicestershire since August 1987.

Director of the society Dennis Harriman said sightings fell into three categories: orange spherical objects near pylons, gravel pits and reservoirs; pairs of white lights; a black bullet-shaped UFO with yellow lights at the back and a ring of red lights beneath.

# Balls of fire and ghosties

TWO ITEMS appeared on the same day in the "Press and Journal" last week which reminded me again of the truth of the English Bard's remark about there being more things in heaven and earth than we can dream of... even now.

The first was a report of mysterious orange balls spotted over Aberdeen, late at night. The UFOs were said to have been heading in a northerly direction at only a few hundred feet up.

Motorists in the city's Queen's Road were reported to have stopped their vehicles to join pedestrians gazing skywards at the strange objects which, according to an eyewitness, were ball-shaped and travelling at incredible speed.

The other item was about the sale of an elegant, former manse near Alford in Aberdeenshire. It is a Category B Listed property, once lived in by the Rev. James Duncan, known for his involvement in compiling the Greig-Duncan Folk Song Collection.

The story, however, had more to do with the fact that the property is said to be haunted by a naked man, a benevolent spectre seen by all three of the present family.

There was "nothing sinister" about the ghost, one of the owners is quoted as saying. "It is a very happy, warm and friendly house."

Not having had any definite, personal experience, I can only keep an open mind about ghosts and the supernatural. But I cannot say the same about UFOs.

On a pitch-black, autumn

evening about 15 years ago, I was driving home towards Aberdeen with a friend after a political meeting in Banchory. It must have been about 10.30p.m. and we had driven only a few miles towards the city on the North Deeside Road to a point where the road is straight and fringed with trees.

Suddenly, coming towards us at a great speed, between the trees, was a large circle of brilliant light. It passed low over the car and, over my shoulder, I could see it land in the adjoining field, just a large circle of dazzling light.

We were very frightened and, safe at home discussing the sighting, we wondered if any others had seen it; if anything would be reported next day. Nothing was.

What was it? A flying saucer manned by extra-terrestrial crew? A shooting star falling harmlessly to earth? A meteor? I shall never know. What I remember still is the eerie silence of the thing and telling my colleagues about the experience in the office next day.

"Did you not take enough

water in it, then?" they chided.

Given that sort of reaction, it is not surprising that people who do have paranormal experiences are reluctant, very often, to talk about them.

Because I know them as people very well, I am convinced utterly that what happened separately to two of my friends was exactly as they described it.

Sam is as stolid and practical and honest as any of his Buchan breed and I knew him quite a long time before he told me about the night when — his deliveries complete — he was driving home one winter in a storm.

It was "blin'-drift", as they say in that part of the world, and Sam was almost upon the old woman before he knew it, her bent figure caught in the lights of the van as she plodded through the snow by the woods at Bonnykelly.

He pulled up wondering, as he jumped down from the van, what an aul' body was doing out in such a night. She agreed to a lift and he helped

her into the passenger seat, placing her little case at her feet. He climbed in himself, started the van, turned to speak to his passenger. But her seat was empty.

Alice, a friend of many years, is now a widow and living in England. She had been very preoccupied with plans for her daughter's wedding, coping with many of the arrangements on her own. Her late husband had been much in her mind and, especially at that time, she was missing his support.

One morning, before the wedding, she awoke with a start, aware of a presence at the end of her bed. At first, she was very frightened but she recognised her husband as he moved towards her.

"Do you approve of everything?" she asked him at last.

He smiled, nodded — and was gone.

Neither Sam nor Alice are keen to speak openly about their experiences — almost, somehow, as if they were something to be ashamed of. I have news for them! They are in good company for even the Queen, herself, is said to have seen a ghost.

According to a recent book by Peter Underwood, one of Britain's leading authorities on the paranormal, the kilted figure of John Brown is often seen to this day stalking the corridors and the entrance hall at Balmoral.

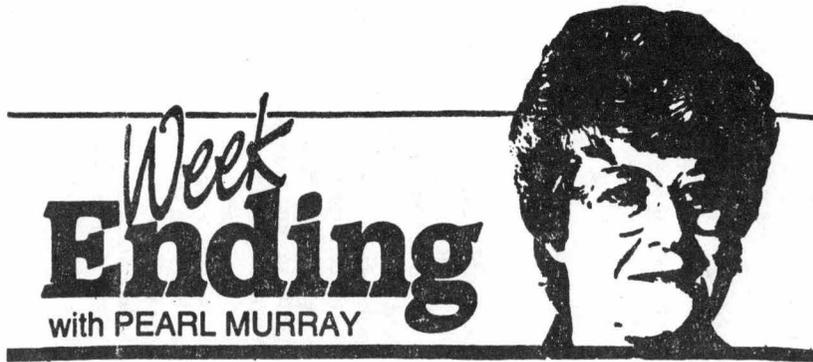
It was there, in the entrance hall to the castle about 10 years ago, that Her Majesty is reported to have seen the ghost of Queen Victoria's faithful gillie.

The Queen Mother, too, who spent her childhood in one of Scotland's most haunted castles, can be no stranger to the supernatural. Indeed, her younger brother, the late Sir David Bowes-Lyon was said to have "the gift".

When their elder brother, Michael, an officer in World War I, was reported killed in action, the family at Glamis were plunged into grief. But David refused to mourn, insisting that his brother was still alive, that he had "seen" him twice, that he was in a large house surrounded by many trees and that he had a bandage round his head.

He was proved right. News came through to Glamis several months afterwards that the eldest son had been wounded in the head and was in a German prison hospital.

As for me...? My only experience of the paranormal is on the written page. Vivid memories remain of adolescence when I would take a book of ghost stories to bed, read until the early hours, scare myself witless, too paralysed even to put out the light.



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# A unique sound in Ho-Ho-Kus

On Feb. 6 at 8:30 p.m., Nina and Henry Seelbinder were home in Ho-Ho-Kus watching a Channel 13 special when they felt a strange sensation.

"There was a rumbling, a noise, a vibration in the house," recalls Nina Seelbinder. "I asked my husband to go check if the boiler was in trouble."

Soon after Henry Seelbinder went to investigate, he called his wife to the kitchen window to look at something poised above a neighboring house.

"It was pretty low, I would say it was not more than about 30 or 50 feet above the house behind us. It was moving very slowly" says Nina Seelbinder, who, nearly five months later, still seems amazed by it all. "You really couldn't make any determination in the shape, but there were eight white lights — two, two, two, and two," she says, indicating with a finger the even spacing of unblinking lights arranged in a straight line.

Seelbinder estimates that she stood at the window for a good 20 seconds before the thing, which was heading east, went out of sight. She says the entire episode lasted about two minutes — long enough for her to know that it was not an airplane.

"It was a unique sort of sound, and the vibration was something we'd never experienced."

Afterward, the Seelbinders turned on the 11 o'clock

news, but there was nothing reported. The couple didn't know the neighbors over whose house the thing was hovering, so they were reticent to ask them about it.

They were also reluctant to call the police.

"You feel sort of silly. I mean, it's Saturday night over Ho-Ho-Kus!" says Seelbinder.

The Ho-Ho-Kus police say they received no report that night, but then, Seelbinder says she and her husband weren't looking for independent confirmation.

"I don't think we were looking for somebody to say that there was something there," she says. "We knew something was there."

In many cases, people do report such experiences to newspapers, airports, and police.

One series of sightings — over the Wanaque Reservoir in the mid-Sixties — has become something of a New Jersey legend.

"Years and years back, 22, 23, 24 years ago, we had some supposed sightings, but nothing that was ever confirmed," recalls Sgt. Dennis Schirmer of the Ringwood Police Department. The stories brought a steady stream of observers to the site — a narrow winding road in a remote area near the reservoir.

"We had a bit of a problem with traffic," says Schirmer.

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who adds that lately, things have been quiet.

Astronomer Philip J. Imbrogno, co-author of "Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings" (Ballantine Books, \$6.95), says that people who say they've seen a UFO should not be written off as crackpots or hoaxsters.

"Many of these reports come from professional people. We're talking about police officers, mechanical engineers, pilots, teachers, your average IBM executives, doctors, lawyers," says Imbrogno.

In the past two decades, Dr. George Obsuth, an optometrist from Washington Township, has had two unusual sightings — both of which were witnessed by a number of other people throughout Bergen County.

An amateur astronomer, Obsuth saw his first over Washington Township in the mid-Sixties; he doesn't recall the date.

"This was a pink light that pulsed across the sky from north to south, then became stationary and disappeared in a brilliant flash of light," recalls Obsuth. "That was all I observed. Other people said it was sausage-shaped."

Back then, Obsuth says, he requested that he not be identified by name in a newspaper story, for fear that it would affect his practice.

"Today, it's more open, he says. "You have more credibility."

And so, this March 17, when Obsuth again found himself among a large group of observers who spotted something unusual in the skies, he allowed The Record to quote him. Recently, Obsuth again described the blimplike object he saw traveling east over Washington Township.

"My observation, if I block out everything I heard from other people, is that it was not one single thing but a group of small things," Obsuth recalls. "The speed that it was moving was too slow for most aircraft. So it could then have to be a blimp or a helicopter. But I didn't hear any helicopter engines."

Obsuth, who at one time was a participant in a government program for amateur astronomers set up before the launching of the first American satellite, says, "My feeling is that probably 90 percent of sightings are explainable if we had more data." He adds, "Which leaves us with 10 percent. I believe there's something beyond natural phenomena in a small percentage of them."

Teterboro Airport reported that the March sighting was of a group of small planes flying in formation.

Carl Morales, operations coordinator for Pan Am at Teterboro, says his office gets sporadic re-

ports of UFOS, most of which turn out to be explainable.

"I would say probably 50 percent we have had, after a little investigation, there's some kind of confirmed reason, whether it be advertising, somebody using spotlights in an overcast sky," says Morales. "The majority that's left we didn't see at all. That's not to say that it wasn't something logical. But I can say I don't ever recall something so outrageously unusual that had any validity."

Sgt. Ken Bogdan, a public-affairs technician at Maguire Air Force Base in Wrightstown, says the base infrequently gets UFO reports.

The Air Force no longer investigates sightings, Bogdan says. In 1969, it discontinued its study of UFOs, called "Project Blue Book," after 22 years of scientific investigation. In that period, the Air Force investigated more than 12,500 sightings, 95 percent of which turned out to be explainable, caused by such natural phenomena as meteors, satellites, aircraft, lightings, balloons, weather, reflections of other planets, or were hoaxes.

"The very few that remained unidentified, there was no indication of a technology beyond our own scientific knowledge, or that any sighting could be considered an extraterrestrial vehicle," says

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Bogdan, who was reading from a prepared statement.

If callers are persistent, Bogdan says, the Air Force gives them the number of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle. Morales says that Teterboro Airport does the same.

The National UFO Reporting Center, which was founded in 1974, gets calls from all over North America. Director Robert Gribble says the center is averaging about two reports a day, down from about 10 reports several months ago.

"It has always fluctuated like a yo-yo," says Gribble.

The center evaluates all reports and refers those with merit to the Mutual UFO Network in Sequin, Tex.

Although Gribble does not have figures, he says that New Jersey, along with California, is ranked No. 1 in volume of sightings.

Says Gribble: "I can't give locations and dates, but I know there have been a lot of good reports from New Jersey of landing and occupant sightings — where someone came out [of a craft] and left physical traces behind to acknowledge their visitation."

Why are there so many in New Jersey?

Says Gribble: "If there's a reason, we don't know it."

## Taxi drive to outer space mystery

CLAIMS that a huge U.F.O. hovered over a car as it drove along a deserted road in South Tyneside have left police baffled.

The "flying saucer," measuring about 80ft. long and covered with bright lights, is said to have followed a taxi along the Coast Road while the man and woman inside watched in disbelief.

The woman driver, who works for a South Shields taxi firm and who wishes to remain anonymous, said at around 3 a.m. she picked up a man from South Shields, and was driving him home past Marsden Grotto, when they noticed the saucer-shaped object.

She said: "I was just driving along as normal when I noticed this brightly-lit object in the sky."

"As I watched, it came closer and closer until it was right by the car and following us."

"We couldn't believe what we were seeing. It was about 80ft. long, with red lights on the top and bottom



"IS THERE A MARS DEN GROTTTO AROUND HERE?"

and a string of white lights along its rim.

"The roads were deserted and it followed us until I stopped the car near The Marsden Inn at Whitburn. It was just hovering above us at a height of about 30ft."

"It was definitely some sort of machine because we could see grey metal on its top. But the weirdest thing was the way it made no noise. Everything was completely silent."

"We got out of the car to have a closer look and then backed off before disappearing over the golf course and away inland. There was nobody around and I know it seems ridiculous but we both saw it," she said.

After driving to the golf course to try to see the U.F.O. again, the taxi driver and the man decided to report the sighting to the police.

Today a police spokesman said: "We get quite a few reports of UFO sightings but this is the most dramatic I have come across."

"This woman and man are not crackpots and did not know each other before the incident, so there is nothing to indicate they would have made the story up. The whole thing is a real mystery," he said.

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# AMAZING TALES OF THE MOON

AMONG those 'Amazing Tales', which have added a certain sparkle to this midweek provincial, there were two in particular that caught my mind and somehow linked with a letter of mine in a recent Herald that referred to biblical and present-day UFO activity.

The first of these accounts was about a young Chinese boy being reduced to the size of a thimble and 'beamed up' to a football-sized UFO.

The second was the

Soviet scientist's report of the American World War Two bomber that was photographed in a lunar crater and his theory that it 'was hijacked by extraterrestrials'.

Dr Stanislav Makayev may well be right, but I believe that a more likely solution is teleportation.

I say this because on October 28, 1943 — during research involving Einstein's unified field theory — a US Navy destroyer was successfully teleported

hundreds of miles from a dock in Philadelphia to Norfolk, Newport, and back, but the crew suffered terribly from the experiment, most being killed instantaneously!

It is known in certain circles, that since that fateful day, 45 years ago, the Super Powers have used teleportation to move masses of material to the moon in setting up a lunar base.

So, it could be that the American bomber was the subject of an early test and a tentative step on the ladder to 'Alternative Three'. Anthony Chamberlaine-Brothers, South Winds, Hill Road, Old Town, Eastbourne.

## AFTER MP'S PLEA, MORE TELL OF UFO MYSTERY

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# 'I stood under it for 15 minutes'

A REQUEST by Stafford MP Bill Cash for more details on last month's UFOs has brought further reports from witnesses.

Last week, Mr Cash said he would be putting the strange sightings to Defence Minister Roger Freeman for official investigation.

But this week, The Newsletter received several new reports. The most startling was from Joan and Michael Acocks, of Hillcote Hollow, Stafford.

Mrs Acocks said she and her husband actually saw the object appear and disappear in exactly the same position several times.

"We were just on the way back from a stroll on the Monday night and we saw two triangular shapes hovering above some trees. They were lit up, but somehow they didn't seem solid objects.

"I stood there looking and all of a sudden it just disappeared. I stood there for a while and then it appeared again exactly as before in the

same place, hovering for a few seconds before it disappeared again and we walked on."

Mrs Acocks said she and her husband, who is an accountant, saw the UFO at the same time as previous reports, 9.50pm on Monday, May 16.

"What struck me more than anything was that it was absolutely silent," added Mrs Acocks.

see any markings or anything to identify it. The amazing thing about it was that it was so quiet, there was no sound at all.

"It was going very slowly and seemed in no rush to go

from end to end, completely motionless and completely silent.

"There were a lot of lights around it. I got out of the car and stood for about 15 minutes, hoping it was going to land, but it just drifted off.

"It definitely wasn't a plane, there was no sound at all."

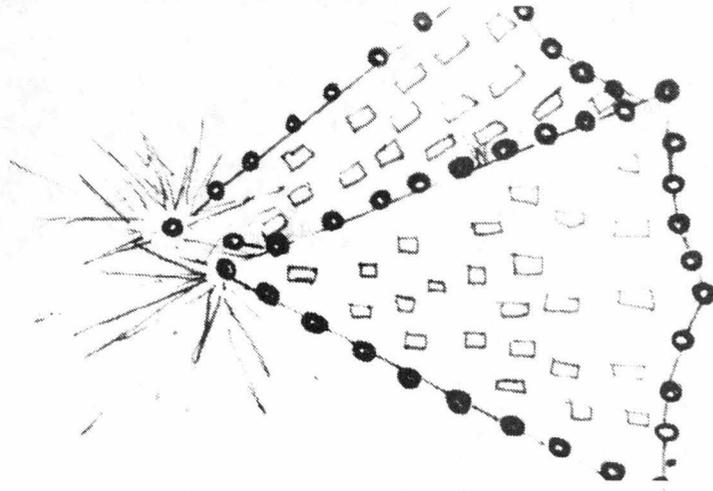
But the British UFO Research Association still maintain the mystery objects are the American top secret radar proof F-19 Stealth fighter.

Director of investigations at BUFORA, Jenny Rands, said: "It's often very difficult to make factual observations at night. If it has a lot of lights and suddenly they're put out, it's easy for the observer to assume it's disappeared.

"Hovering can be an illusion because it's difficult to judge distance and the complete silence can be caused if the engines are highly tuned and the wind's blowing away from you.

"I'm as certain as I can be that there's a conventional explanation to this one, probably the F-19 or remotely controlled reconnaissance aircraft known as RPVs which are all sorts of shapes and sizes and are also an open secret. They can hover and they're fairly quiet and they're used a lot in Northern Ireland."

Mr Cash reiterated his request for all information on the subject from witnesses to be sent directly to him so that it could be put to the minister.



By Barry Heafield

Another witness, Elaine Willacy, of Harrowby Street, Littleworth, said she had a look at the object through binoculars with two neighbours.

"It came across the sky, looking just like the sketch in the paper," said Mrs Willacy, "then it seemed to turn quickly and as it came over, it was just an array of bright lights, orange, red and blue.

"We had a look through binoculars but we couldn't

anywhere. It felt as though someone was looking down on us and taking pictures."

David Myatt from Marston House Farm, Church Eaton phoned in and said he'd seen exactly the same things seven years ago.

"There were reports about it at the time," said Mr Myatt, "I saw it just outside Brocton on my way to Stafford. I looked up and saw it and stopped and it was right over head, about 50 feet

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# MUFON is ready for any visitors from outer space

By MAX RIZLEY JR.  
The Daily News

CLEAR LAKE CITY — It's been awhile — almost seven years, in fact — since the last rash of unidentified flying object sightings around Galveston. That was in October 1981, when the big orange light seen hovering over the isle made news nationwide.

But if the UFOs do come back, John Schuessler and his MUFON volunteers will be ready.

MUFON is short for Mutual

UFO Network, a non-profit organization that investigates claims of UFO sightings. Their members include engineers, pilots and astronomers; their methods are scientific and methodical. These are not people you'll find sitting on mountaintops in aluminum-foil hats, talking to Martians.

As a matter of fact, you'll more than likely find Schuessler, MUFON's deputy director for administration, sitting in the office that takes up much of his home's second floor, "talking" to a per-

sonal computer.

He and about 50 people cover the Galveston-Houston area, interviewing witnesses of sightings, taking down descriptions of what they see, and calling area airports, military bases and the Goodyear blimp base to make sure they aren't flying anything unusual.

Schuessler and his MUFON colleagues pore over the data, looking for the high-value stuff —

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multiple-witness sightings, sightings involving animal reactions or interference with electrical equipment, things beyond a vague "light in the sky."

"We try to eliminate the knowns," such as aircraft and astronomical phenomena, "and get it down to the category of the truly unknown," he said.

Some 90 percent of UFO sightings turn out to be identifiable, Schuessler said. "It's generally re-entry debris (the burning remains of old satellites falling back to Earth) or aircraft in unusual positions," he said. "That's pretty easy to track down — it just takes time."

It's that 10 percent of sightings that remain unidentified that keep this sober, silver-haired space operations engineer fascinated with his hobby.

"My personal interest is in cases that are more than just a light in the sky," he said. "I like the cases where there are a number of witnesses, and — I hate to say it — where people are injured. People won't do that to themselves.

Injuries? Oh, yes, Schussler said. Some people who have been close to a UFO suffer burn injuries, severity varying with proximity. The injuries usually appear to be radiation burns — not the kind one would get from exposure to a radioactive substance, he explained, but rather the sort of injury a high-energy source might cause.

"Something has to cause an injury," he said, explaining the

value of such incidents. "If you can get enough data, you can model a range of things that might have caused it. It begins to tell you a little bit about the nature of the object."

Other valuable sightings are those seen by several independent witnesses — such as Galveston's 1981 visitation, which was seen by several policemen as well as civilians, and is thus especially valuable.

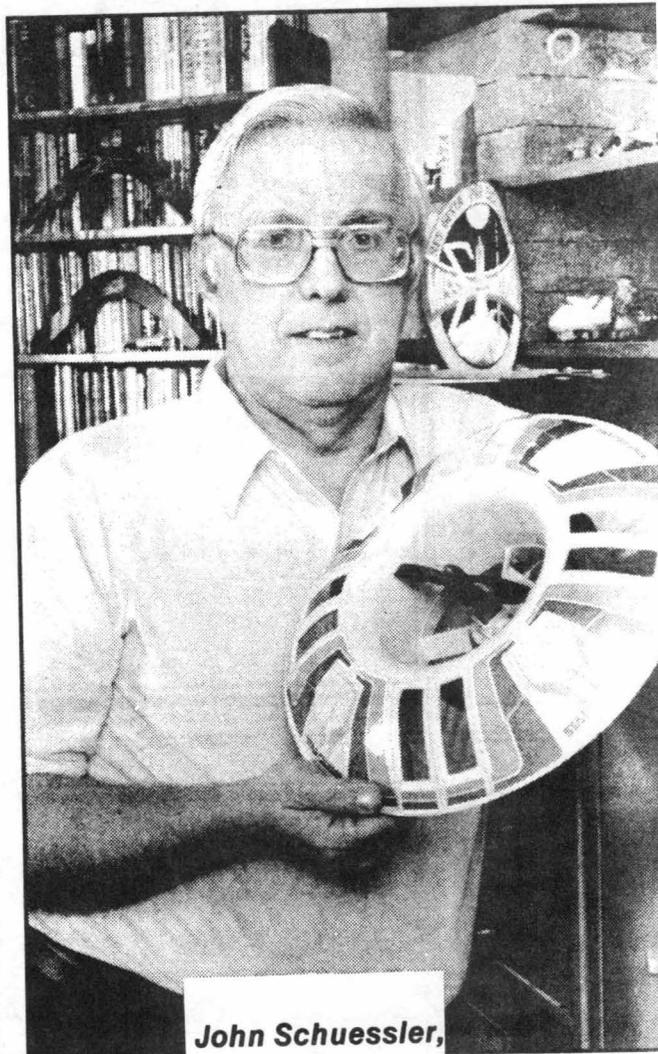
"A policeman is a very good reporter," Schuessler explained. "He puts it in distinct, police-report terms — just the facts, as they say."

The UFO scene, at least in Galveston County, is quiet now, although Schuessler says there has been a worldwide upswing in sightings last year. In fact, there was one tumbling light in the sky over Red Bluff Road in Pasadena April 22, watched by a San Jacinto Junior College student and several policemen.

One reason Galveston has been so quiet, Schuessler said, may have more to do with its isolation rather than disinterest on the UFOs' part.

"Galveston's so separated," he said. "Galveston's news stays in Galveston — you have to get it by word of mouth. If you don't get it that way, you don't get it." And, he said, most incidents anywhere go unreported, since the witnesses tend to assume someone else also saw it and will report it.

Schuessler would like to get some volunteers in Galveston County to improve his coverage here. Anyone interested can write him at P.O. Box 58485, Houston, 77258-8485.



John Schuessler,

Staff photo by Lee Baker

MUFON deputy director

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## Millionaire counting on aliens' curiosity

By Jim Daly  
Regional editor

The commander of an alien spaceship approaching Earth spots a 200-foot sculpture shimmering in the sunlight from orbit 100 miles above the planet.

Looking down, the commander then notices a similar object somewhere in North America, specifically, Elmwood, Wis.

Because curiosity is believed to be a universal trait, the alien crew wonders about the connection between the two objects and lands at the UFO Site Center near the Pierce County village.

That, folks, is the project UFO Site Center officials and a Florida multi-millionaire want to launch.

"It would be an international effort among different people and different countries . . . it's an international peace gesture. It's a welcome mat," said Bill Sergio of Coral Gables, Fla.

According to a Wall Street Journal story from a few years ago, Sergio has made a fortune in television, mail-order businesses, fashion and aviation. He even founded a club for men with net worths exceeding \$1 million to meet beautiful women, but he closed it about two years ago.

"(Sergio) wants to put something in orbit," said Tom Weber of Chippewa Falls, UFO Site Center president. "He wants to do this on behalf of the Site Center."

According to Weber and Sergio,

the orbiting sculpture would appear from the surface to be about as prominent as the full moon. It would be made from Mylar, a very light but strong, highly reflective material.

"The concept is very simple," Sergio said in a telephone interview Tuesday. The satellite would be designed with an illustration or sculptured emblem to let aliens know the peaceful intentions of the people they are about to visit, he said.

It would be rolled up into a small mass, placed on a rocket and launched. An attached mechanism would unroll the satellite to its 200-foot-length when it reached its low

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# UFO project still requires NASA approval

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orbit 100 miles above Earth, according to Sergio and Weber.

A similar reflective design would be placed at the UFO Site Center in Elmwood.

"Out of curiosity, if I were an alien, I would wonder what's the connection between the two," said Sergio, 40.

The center, proposed last winter, would be a place for unidentified flying objects to land on Earth, in addition to being a hub for UFO

research. Center officials have been trying to get donations for the project.

Sergio said UFOs "may exist," but he doesn't know if any have ever landed on Earth. He said the project could become a way to promote peace and cooperation among the nations.

"It nothing else, it can serve to do some real good," he said.

According to Sergio, the biggest hurdle in getting the project off the ground is approval from the National Aeronautics and Space Ad-

ministration.

"It's actually not that expensive," he said. A rocket would cost about \$100,000 and the payload \$50,000, he claimed.

The most costly and difficult parts would be the use of a launch pad and getting NASA's approval, he said.

Sergio isn't too worried about people who might not like seeing a prominent man-made object every time they peer at the night sky.

"It depends on the purpose of it," he said. "I would not put it up

there if it was to promote a Pepsi-Cola or a Coca-Cola. It can always be taken down by the space shuttle."

Weber said Sergio contacted him after seeing a report about the proposed Elmwood UFO center on "Geraldo," a syndicated talk show featuring Geraldo Rivera.

The Wall Street Journal estimated Sergio's net worth at more than \$100 million.

"I don't know where they get those figures, but I'm doing OK," he said.

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## UFO lecture set Thursday at TPAC

Edwin Slade, a lecturer on UFOs and extraterrestrial matters, will speak at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Polk Theater at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center.

Slade, of Las Vegas, says that UFOs are a fact of life, not a myth: "I saw my first UFO when I was camping in Vermont in 1952."

He adds, "UFO sightings are not by accident; aliens are always scanning Earth for receptive humans."

He also believes that the U.S. government's denial of extraterrestrial beings to be a coverup and claims that there are 67 inhabited planets in the Milky Way.

Aliens, he says, "have a superior intellect. You can qualify that... because they've been here."

Because of his association with them, he prefers to call aliens "space brothers." His "space brothers," he adds, "have come to Earth to crossbreed with humans."

"The space frontier is our extended home. We do not own the solar system nor other regions of space and should take care of — and be thoughtful in — our relationship to the natural systems of which we are all a part."



Edwin Slade  
Saw first UFO in 1952

Slade, a graduate of Cooper Union in New York, received his master of

chemical engineering degree from New York University in 1959 and also has done work toward his doctorate there. For 36 years, he has examined the circumstances and events surrounding UFOs, and draws on many disciplines to account for their phenomena.

Aliens, he says, live between 300 and 1,000 years; and when they're about to die, their appearance is that of a 50-year-old earthling.

Also, Slade believes that earthlings are more barbaric than their alien counterparts: "We on Earth think evil and make war." On the other hand, his space brothers have been at peace for six billion years.

Tickets to Slade's lecture and question-and-answer session are \$10 and may be bought at the door. In addition to the lecture, persons who feel they have been abducted by aliens will have the opportunity to be examined for alien markings, the mechanics of which are done with ultraviolet light.

Persons who can't attend the lecture may address their questions to Slade by writing him at P.O. Box 60811, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121. ■