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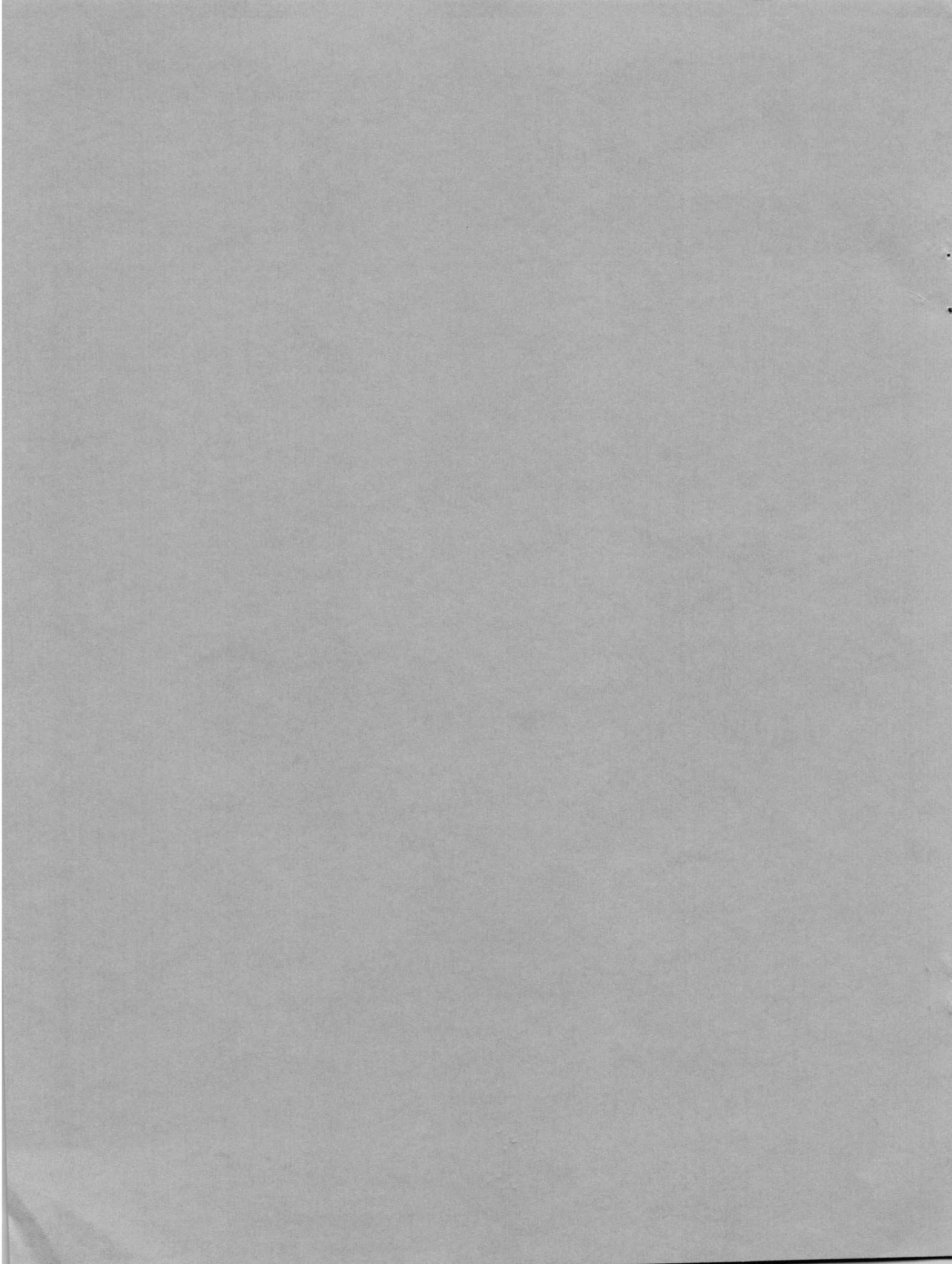
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Spaced out with Morton Downey Jr.

DARING to venture where no talk show host has gone before, Morton Downey Jr. is ready to find out if he really was abducted by extraterrestrials.

It all goes back to one spine-tingling night in 1953.

Mort has told the story more than once: He was 20 years old. He was driving, alone, through the Berkshire Mountains, toward his family's log cabin. Suddenly, he remembers, he saw a brilliant light beaming from the horizon.

His car began to stall. Pulling over to the side of the road, Mort felt the hair on his head and his arm become electrified. Everything got hazy. Then he blanked out.

He awoke in a confused state and found that his car was now working. As he drove home, Mort recalled the dream he had just had. He dreamt he'd been lying on an examination table. When he reached the cabin, he saw that a clock there read 2:55 a.m. He checked his watch. It said 2:15.

Mort has long wondered what happened during those missing 40 minutes. Now he's ready to delve into that dark galaxy that is his subconscious.

"The plans haven't been finalized," emphasized Dr. Jean Mundy, professor emeritus of psychology at Long Island University. "But he has said he wants to be hypnotized."

Dr. Mundy noted, "We certainly couldn't do it on TV, because it could take several sessions."

Nevertheless, Mort has been talking with the New York Center for UFO Research about videotaping the hypnosis session for possible broadcast.

"Once you open that lid to the memory," Dr. Mundy told PAGE SIX's George Rush, "you have to be prepared to find out anything. You're really revealing a lot about yourself. It's a strange thing to reveal on national TV. But maybe it's not so strange for Morton."

"Of course, just because someone remembers something doesn't mean it's automatically true." The psychologist said she's been studying people who believe they were abducted by aliens for about a year.

"I have no real certainty about what happened to them. But so many of them have similar stories, they're hard to ignore. I treat them as if they're suffering from trauma."

As for Mort: "I think there's a definite possibility that he believes he was abducted. By and large, the people who've come to me with abduction stories are not psychotic people."

Of course, the doctor noted, "I've only seen his show once."

Mike Luckman, director of the New York Center for UFO Research, told us Mort "feels there's a cover-up going on."

Naturally, even if Mort does remember green tentacled aliens probing his body, his foes may have one question: Why didn't the aliens take him with them?

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Believers in UFOs revealed

Above Top Secret: The World-
wide UFO Cover-Up
By Timothy Good
Morrow, \$19.95

By Robert Chapman
Free-lance Writer

Where UFOs are concerned, people tend to have one of three reactions: belief, indifference or disbelief.

All who are disbelievers or indifferent should make a point at least to browse through the appendices of *Above Top Secret*. Clearly, from the declassified documents, our government and intelligence agencies take UFOs seriously, but have gone to some trouble to see that American citizens do not.

Thousands of pages of documents concerning UFO sightings are still classified above top secret (hence the book's title), and the government refuses to declassify them.

Good's book is a valuable contribution to UFO literature and a fascinating read because it is well-written, carefully researched and packed with amazing accounts of UFO sightings. His approach, while influenced by a book published several years ago called *Clear Intent*, is to publish or attempt to publish documents from the Air Force and various intelligence services detailing their convictions of the reality of UFOs and their probable interplanetary origins.

Sound farfetched? Your government doesn't think so. Read *Above Top Secret*, study the reproduced Air Force and other government documents and your opinion may change.

Shropshire's mystery over UFO sightings

There has been a dramatic rise in sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects over Shropshire. Sightings of flashing orange balls and "hovering things with lights" have been reported to the British UFO Research Association.

Expert Ufologists are mystified and the Ministry of Defence is said to be puzzled.

Mr Eric Morris, the association's North Midlands investigations co-ordinator, said: "We have been inundated with reports from Shropshire, Cheshire and Staffordshire.

"At least 20 different people have reported sightings in Shropshire in the past month. That really is amazing, because it's normal to go six to eight months without a single sighting."

Mr Morris, who runs the Cheshire UFO Studies Centre at Crewe, said most of the sightings were in Telford and Shrewsbury.

"It's been very unusual. Even the Ministry of Defence have been in touch with us, about a reported sighting of a circular object with lights, darting in different directions before falling to earth."

Mr Morris said the association would be in touch with meteorologists, to check if unusual weather conditions were responsible.

"Most sightings are explained away; they are aircraft, fairweather balloons or something like that. We even had one report of a sighting, which turned out to be the moon.

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UFO expert: Object sightings not just flights of fancy

By EILEEN BARRETT
News-Press Staff Writer

The UFO phenomena circulated around Southwest Florida Sunday, gathering facts and followers at the Lee County Nature Center.

Everett Walter, assistant state director for Mutual UFO Network Inc., told about 100 people that about 1 million sightings have been reported since 1947. Eighty percent can be explained and identified.

What about the unexplained 20 percent?
"They don't have answers. They defy

explanation by experts of the evidence left behind," Walter said.

Skeptics would be wasting their time trying to convince Walter that he's seeing things.

"We're not arguing whether they exist or not. That's ancient history. There are UFOs, and they do exist . . . If you want to make fun of the subject, I'm not interested in talking to you," he said Sunday.

The evidence, say the believers, includes radar or sonar detection, photographs, broken trees, scorched grass and radioactive remnants.

The ruckus about objects in the sky began

with the first sighting 42 years ago in Roswell, N.M. Walter showed a 15-minute film, produced by Home Box Office, about the first sighting.

Debris was discovered on a ranch, and the owner was sworn to secrecy by the U.S. Air Force. Investigators said the wood-like remnants couldn't be cut, didn't burn and were weightless. But the UFO probe was squashed when Uncle Sam said the remains were those of a weather balloon.

Candy Burgess of Fort Myers brought her two small children to hear about the unexplainable subject.

"I definitely think there's been secrecy by the government and Air Force. However, a lot of this stuff (in the film) was dated and nothing was current," she said.

Even though the federal government was tight-lipped about the Roswell incident, speculation about the unidentified flying objects opened wide.

Recently, in Fort Walton Beach, 46 witnesses observed three interesting objects.

"It's the biggest thing to hit the UFO phenomena, or the greatest hoax. We don't know yet, we're still investigating," Walter said.

UFO investigator expects skepticism

By Andy Wessels
STAFF WRITER

ELKHORN — Forgive, please, a touch of defensiveness. As West Virginia's resident expert on unidentified flying objects, David Bodner has heard everything from good-natured ribbing to downright scorn.

The 32-year-old Elkhorn resident, for the most part, takes it all in stride. He expects a degree of healthy skepticism.

"Your best friends will ridicule you," he says. "Everyone will experience the ridicule when they first step through the door. But the same people who ridicule you will come back to you in a week, a month or a year and tell you they saw something."

Bodner "stepped through the door" as a UFO investigator almost 15 years ago as a high school senior when he photographed objects on two successive nights from the yard next to his parents' McDowell County home.

A framed type plate from the Bluefield Daily Telegraph, which used those photographs on its front page, hangs in Bodner's office. Two prints by Conan illustrator Frank Frazetta adorn the opposite wall. In another room, Bodner keeps two bookcases of science fiction classics by such authors as Isaac Asimov, Frank Herbert and Arthur C. Clarke.

There had been other sightings in the area before those October nights in 1973. Bodner had waited in the yard with a 35mm camera. Some nights, there would be 10 or 12 people waiting with him beside the old coal company house.

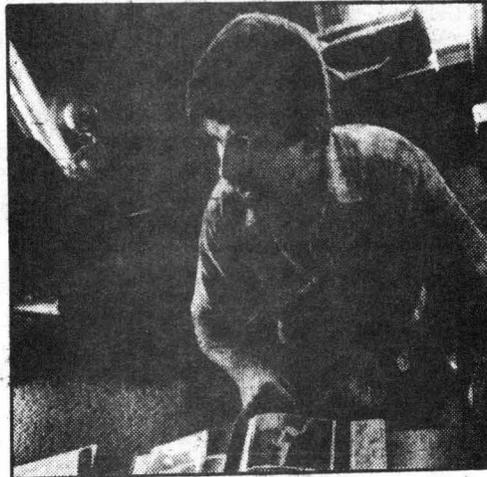
"I was ready for it, anticipated it," he recalls. "I was fortunate. I was able to see what I think was the same thing twice."

He adds, "This is just the fuel for my flame. The prints proved to me there was something out there that, to me, as of yet, I can't explain."

Bodner joined the Mutual UFO Network, a non-profit organization headquartered in Texas, in 1976. He succeeded Theodore Spickler as state director for MUFON in 1985.

The organization's goal, he says, is to distinguish between IFOs or identifiable flying objects such as weather balloons, meteors and satellites, and UFOs, objects that defy conventional explanation. Bodner says about 95 percent of reported sightings turn out to be IFOs.

"We're keying on that 5 percent," Bodner says. "That 5 percent is a big number of unknowns, especially considering the technological advances we've made in the past 40 years."



Bodner's photographs.

Bodner attended West Virginia University for two years, studying veterinary medicine. After 10 years as a foreman in training and safety for U.S. Steel Corp., he's a student again — studying for an associate's degree in business from Bluefield State College.

He keeps a briefcase full of MUFON manuals and questionnaires, back copies of a monthly magazine called the UFO Journal, as well as photo albums of newspaper clippings about UFOs.

The MUFON material, like Bodner himself, emphasizes the credibility of those who donate their time and expertise to studying UFO reports. For example, a profile of the organization states that most members of its board of consultants have advanced degrees in science or medicine.

"We're getting past the stage now," Bodner says, "of the uneducated getting out and making fools of themselves."

The UFO issue has been debated for decades. For 20 years, from 1948 to 1969, the

Air Force kept a file of more than 12,600 UFO sightings called Project Blue Book. The Air Force stopped keeping those records in 1969 after release of the Condon Report, which rejected theories about extraterrestrial visitors.

One of the theorists, Northwestern University astronomer J. Allen Hynek, believed a small percentage of the most reliable UFO reports indicated visits from other worlds.

Area interest in UFOs surged last fall when hundreds of people reported sightings in and around Wytheville, Va. WYVE news director Danny Gordon said he saw strange objects a dozen times and conducted radio call-in shows on the subject. Community meetings led to formation of the Southwest Virginia UFO Group and publication of "Southern Skywatch" newsletters.

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LIFO INVESTIGATOR

"He's like I was in 1976 — all or nothing," Bodner says of Gordon. "A lot of people get a catalyst like that and it burns them out. I keep it in reserve."

"On the other hand, I imagine some people in Wytheville have already written it off. People want quick results, quick explanations, but it doesn't work that way."

Many reports, Bodner acknowledges, can readily be dismissed as IFOs, or products of the power of suggestion. Others, particularly those that involve some type of physical "evidence" such as a photograph, require more careful scrutiny.

"Photographs prove that you're seeing something," he says. "They don't prove what you're seeing."

Bodner says organizations like MUFON have become increasingly cautious about what information they pass along. He likens the process to a court case making its way from a police call to the Supreme Court.

A UFO sighting report goes from a field investigator to a state director, to a regional director, to MUFON headquarters in Texas, to the Center for UFO Studies. The report can grind to a halt at any point in the chain.

"The public accepts a whole lot more than what they would 20 years ago," Bodner says, "but not as much as they will 10 years from now."

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'UFO' spotter unconvinced it was an old Soviet rocket

By Frances Misutka
London Free Press

For some people, the final chapter in the story of the "UFO" that streaked across the Great Lakes area Sunday may never be written.

Canada's national department of defence and NORAD spokesmen reported Sunday that the object that sent people from Huron and Perth counties scurrying to their phones to call police was a Russian rocket used to launch a satellite Aug. 18.

But Sherri Cronin of St. Columban, said she knows what she saw, and what she saw "wasn't a rocket."

"A rocket doesn't go around in a circle with light's flashing. And it wasn't a flash of light. We watched it for a full 10 minutes" over a neighboring cornfield at the hamlet on Highway 8, east of Seaforth and west of Dublin.

Cronin said she feels she and other witnesses have been made to look like fools by reports from defence officials.

NORAD spokesman Captain Thomas Niemann said Monday that the U.S. Space Centre in Colorado stopped tracking the object once it had confirmation that it had come down out of its orbit.

"Unless somebody sees it (land), we have no way of knowing if it actually survived," Niemann said from Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado.

Lieutenant Jean Morissette,

spokesman for the Canadian department of national defence, said no ground search was ordered because "there were no reports of damage or injuries."

Niemann said the centre had received no reports that the object had survived its plunge toward Earth and, in all likelihood, it burned itself out before reaching the surface.

Loretta Dolmadge, who lives on a farm near Seaforth, is comfortable with the NORAD and defence department reports on what the object was.

"It looked fairly close, and I was sure it was going to come down right on our farm," said Dolmadge, who, with her husband Neil, witnessed the aerial spectacle while driving home Sunday.

"I feel a little more comfortable now that I know what it was."

Niemann said sightings of the rocket began in New Mexico and continued all the way up to Southern Ontario, but the centre didn't issue a public warning "because of the imprecise nature of the tracking system."

Once pieces of space debris come close enough to Earth's atmosphere, the atmosphere causes friction, or drag, which might force the object in and out (of the atmosphere), Niemann said. As well, weather conditions cause the object to move in and out of the space centre's radar, and out of the visual path of those monitoring with telescopes.

Niemann added the first mathematical calculations the centre made predicted the rocket would land somewhere in the Pacific Ocean.

"It's a very imprecise science," Niemann said. "But when you combine the fact that 95 per cent of the objects we track burn themselves out before they ever reach the Earth, and the fact that 50 per cent of the Earth's surface is covered by water, the chances of it hitting an inhabited area are not very great."

Niemann said falling debris from outside the Earth's atmosphere is a natural result of living in the space age.

Since the Soviets launched the first Sputnik in 1957, the U.S. has tracked more than 18,000 objects, and the U.S. Space Centre in Colorado is constantly tracking more than 7,100 objects in space.

The space junk the centre is monitoring ranges from small items dropped by astronauts — a glove, a screwdriver, a camera — to larger objects such as Soviet satellites.

But back in St. Columban, Cronin remains convinced that the object spotted Sunday wasn't space debris, and said she spoke with many others who were also angered by reports from defence officials.

"But I won't give their names because they don't want to get involved."

Cronin said she plans to write a letter to the national department of defence to let officials know she doesn't buy the experts' explanation.

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Physical evidence?

Report of UFO over Egremont is investigated

By Erik Bruun
Berkshire Eagle Staff

EGREMONT — In an incident reminiscent of a scene from the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," an unidentified flying object reportedly was observed in North Egremont last weekend.

The sighting was the latest in a series of reports of UFOs being seen by people along the Massachusetts-New York state line, said Gary Levine, an investigator for the Mutual UFO Network.

"We've had some reported sightings along the border between Columbia County and Berkshire County," Levine said. "We've also heard of other sightings that have not been officially reported. The UFOs haven't been identified as helicopters or astronomical phenomena. No conventional explanations can be made for them."

Police Chief Michael Balcom said a "responsible" resident reported this week seeing a flying object with bright lights hovering above North Egremont. He said the sighting was made Sunday at about 8 a.m. but was not reported until Tuesday night. Balcom forwarded the information to the UFO Phenomena Research and Reporting Center in Seattle. They sent Levine to investigate.

Physical evidence

Levine said the report seemed to be legitimate. According to the person who saw it, the UFO had an elliptical shape and bright white lights, Levine said. It remained stationary at about a 30-degree angle above the ground for between 60 and 90 seconds before departing, Levine said.

Physical evidence of the UFO may have been left, and tests are being undertaken to determine whether the evidence can be explained, he said.

"Samples are being evaluated because of the nature of the physical evidence," Levine said. "The evidence was left in a very orderly manner. There were very precise measurements involved, which would make one suspicious that it was something of significance."

Neither Levine nor Balcom would reveal what the evidence was, the specific location of the sighting or the person who reported it.

Other reports

Levine, who said he has a doctorate and has been investigating UFOs for several years, said similar reports have been made in northern and northeastern Columbia County near the Massachusetts border in the last two weeks.

In one incident, he said, a person saw an object with bright white lights hovering over a rural area for several seconds.

If a UFO is sighted, Levine said, it should be reported and a regular procedure is followed. If the UFO center believes the report is legitimate, an investigator goes to the scene to determine what happened. Details of the sighting, such as where and when it occurred, what was seen and who made the sighting are recorded.

Levine said anyone who has made a sighting or knows of a sighting should write him at P.O. Box 1485, Kingston, N.Y. 12401.

Men spot UFO 3128 over hamlet

THE subject of unidentified flying objects arouses a certain amount of scepticism in most people's minds and Mr Martin Salisbury of Heavenham would have numbered himself among the disbelievers until recently.

On Sunday May 8 however Mr Salisbury could find no rational explanation for the low-flying silent object which passed over his house at 10.30am, covered in flashing lights. He had just returned with a friend from playing squash and both men saw the object.

Mr Salisbury said: "It seemed to be about three or four miles up, which rules out the possibility of it being a satellite as they fly at about 100 miles high. It could not have been a commercial jet as one went over a little later and we could hear that clearly, whereas this object was totally silent."

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mmercial jet as one went over a little later and we could hear that clearly, whereas this object was totally silent."

The object apparently flew from west to east fairly fast, passing over Mr Salisbury's house in Watery Lane where he and his friend Mr Peter Bryant of Beckenham saw it.

Mr Salisbury said: "There are very few houses along the road, so I doubt if anyone else saw it. I am just thankful that Peter saw it too, or I would think I was going mad. I have always been fairly rational but I cannot find any reasonable explanation for what I saw."

A spokesman from Biggin Hill Air Traffic Control said: "We close here at 8pm, so no aircraft would fly over with our permission after that time. We do have many different types of planes under our control which often have coloured lights, so Mr Salisbury could have seen one of those."

Mr Salisbury however stressed that the lights flashed from side to side and jets generally have static lights on their wingtips.

Wythe folks say UFO identified

By Mark Holmberg
Times-Dispatch staff writer

After a decade of cloak-like silence, the U.S. Air Force announced last week that the secret B-2 Stealth bomber will take off on its maiden flight this fall.

But according to some Wythe County residents, the Stealth bomber flies just fine already.

The release of a drawing of the radar-baffling bomber rekindled the smoldering UFO flap that rocked the quiet, southwestern Virginia region, where more than 2,000 UFOs were reported in recent months.

"I was watching CNN News that Wednesday night and they had the drawing of the Stealth bomber ... I sort of gasped," said Patricia Aker, a Fort Chiswell resident who saw what she described as a "triangular-shaped object" several times late last year.

"Gosh, I know that's what we've been seeing."

Back in October, Jack and Carolyn Ellison described the objects that slowly flew over their Rural Retreat mobile home as large, silent triangular objects. Even then the Ellisons were convinced the low-flying crafts were part of a secret military operation.

When the drawing of the Stealth bomber was released last week, Mrs.

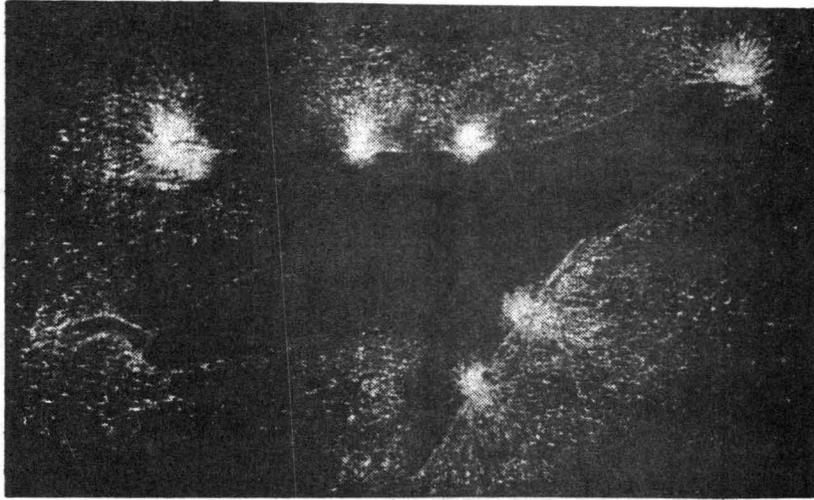
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Ellison said: "It made me think of what we saw because of the shape of it."

Last week Danny Gordon, news director for WYVE-AM radio in Wytheville, was kept busy at his phone listening to area residents who recognized the Stealth bomber as the object they saw over their gently rolling hills.

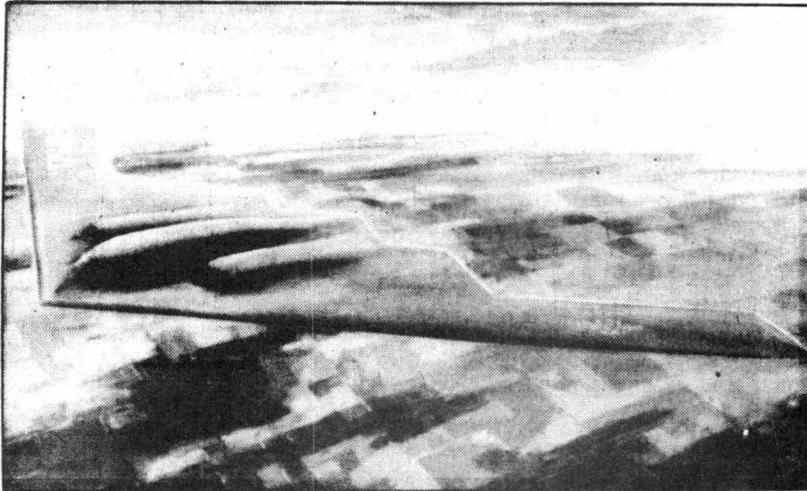
"The craft that was in the newspapers looks exactly like the craft at least 50 people in the area have seen," said Gordon, who became a central figure in the Wythe UFO flap with his in-depth news features about the sightings.

The callers didn't have to convince Gordon. "The drawing is exactly the same as the flying wing that I've seen on a number of occasions. No doubt it is a similar aircraft, if not the same."



Graphic by Clarke Bustard

SIMILAR? — The drawing of a UFO Patricia Aker saw in October resembles the bomber, but her later sighting looked more like it.



Associated Press

SNEAK PREVIEW — Some Southwest Virginia residents say the Stealth bomber has already been tested over their mountains. Mf

Gordon said he has seen more than 20 UFOs, some of them similar to the Stealth bomber, in the past few months. He spotted his last triangular-shaped object Monday of last week. He said five or six people called after the Stealth drawing came out, saying they saw the boomerang-shaped flying wing that same Monday night.

Have the skies over Wythe County

been the testing grounds for the expensive, slow-to-develop bomber?

"No chance," said Capt. Jay DeFrank of the Air Force Strategic Unit. "It's scheduled to take its first flight this fall."

When asked if the Stealth would be capable of the slow, silent flights described in the Wythe sightings, DeFrank replied: "I can't discuss performance parameters."

If the Air Force had conducted secret test flights, would he be able to admit it?

"No, I would not be able to tell you," said DeFrank. "But common sense would tell you we wouldn't fly a [secret] aircraft in an area where the public could see it."

The Air Force's response has been less than satisfactory for some of the UFO spotters in Wythe County.

"I don't believe it," said Mrs. Akers. "If they lied about it for 10 years, they'd cover it up now. If they would just say yes, we're in the area, I wouldn't want to know why. But for them to say no, it's not us, makes us look like idiots."

She said she is also concerned about the dangerous flight patterns the crafts have been using. "They're flying low over private property in the dark, with a lot of power lines overhead. It's dangerous." M

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WILLIAM THOMAS
Commentary

Ufologist keeps hunt for the truth in motion

There are two odd things about Nor Sivad of Memphis.

One is that he prefers to use his name, Ron Davis, backward.

The other is his unflagging interest in Unidentified Flying Objects.

You remember UFOs. They used to be in all the newspapers, including this one.

Depending on who sighted them, they were red, green, blue, silver or circles of light. They were shaped like saucers, cigars, pyramids or big birds that terrified people at night. They hummed, buzzed, or made noises like silent pancakes or roaring bananas.

Some said they carried creatures with wrinkled skin, crab-claw hands, and pointy ears. Some said the creatures were 5-foot-2, with no necks, sharp noses, and skin like elephant hide. Students and faculty at the College of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Ark., described one as "a ghost-like bearded creature with long gray hair who foamed at the mouth."

A Brazilian farmer said he was seduced by a saucermaid. Two shipyard workers in Pascagoula, Miss., said they were taken aboard a fish-shaped craft by three weird creatures who studied them with an eye-like scanner. A Huntsville, Ala., man said he was kidnapped by an extra-terrestrial named Cliff and flown to Pluto.

A Russian scientist said the creatures might simply be trying to say "hello." An American scientist said they might be the inventions of people needing diversion from wars, scandals, and woe.

Sivad, who has been studying UFO reports for the past eight years, remains baffled.

"There have been 90,000 sightings reported in 35 years," he said, "and I don't know what any of them were. But I am a curious person, and I think we, as a curious people, ought to try to find out. That's what Ufology is all about."

Sivad said he has never had a close encounter. The best he's been able to do is snap a picture of something crossing the sun during an equinox. However, he thinks the UFO mystery might be illuminated by investigating sightings and coordinating the information.

Sivad hopes to do this by reviving a UFO investigative group similar to one that was active in Memphis in 1980-81. Sivad, who was then in the insurance business, helped organize the group after his secretary sighted a UFO on Summer Avenue. Three years earlier, four Memphis policemen and a Tennessee Highway Patrolman had seen a UFO big as a football field. Sivad started investigating.

His investigation led him to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the astronomy department at Northwestern University, who worked as a consultant on the U.S. Air Force UFO study, "Bluebook." Before his death, Hynek blasted the scientific community for failing to investigate persistent UFO reports. He helped Sivad form a watch group here and conduct a yearlong study.

Sivad, 47, an impeccable man with a Hemingway beard, founded the Society for UFO Studies in Hot Springs last September. He moved the headquarters here this year, and will give a workshop — UFO's: a scientific inquiry — at the Days Inn at Brooks and I-55 at 7 p.m. Saturday. Advance tickets are only \$6, which says something about the UFO business.

"It's not rewarding," said Sivad, who now works as a freight inspector and writes science fiction. "UFO sightings are not socially acceptable. There are 8,000 Ufologists active in the U.S. But many won't admit it. They stay in the background. Even I have been told to go home to whatever world I came from."

In some cases, the UFO craze has taken a serious toll. In the mid-70s, a couple known as "Bo" and "Peep" or "The Two" talked hundreds of followers into giving up everything from sex to jobs to possessions for a trip to another spiritual plane on a UFO. Two disciples of "The Two" came to Memphis in the spring of 1976 but found no recruits. It was just as well.

That was one UFO nobody ever saw.

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Saucer 3125 riddle

FLYING SAUCER experts are still baffled by unique video shots of a dazzling light.

One week after amateur photographer Jerry Twaites snapped the mysterious visitors apparently hovering in a silver ship over the city centre, investigators from the British UFO Association are no nearer explaining what he saw.

"They want a copy so they can get it analysed," said Jerry from Great Holm.

And more bashful eye witnesses have come forward.

"It looked like a silver egg that tapered at one end," said Cheryl Bowen of Emerson Valley.

And Richard Davy of Downs Barn commented: "It didn't look like any normal phenomenon."

MYSTERY

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OBJECT SPARKS A PROBE

Driver shoots video
of UFO over the city

ARE WE BEING WATCHED?

That's the question tantalising scientists this week after an amateur photographer captured incredible shots of a dazzling UFO — hovering

over the city centre.

For 30 seconds the historic video film records a mystery object blazing like a torch over the A5 — where stunned cameraman Gerry Twaites spotted it on Monday night.

Though Gerry's hands are shaking with excitement and disbelief the glow, which he swears is proof we're not alone, scarcely wavers.

Then, at the end of the reel, the cigar-shaped light seems to tilt slightly, before vanishing as mysteriously as it appeared.

From his home in Great Holm, a still shaky Gerry described his close encounter.

He told the Citizen: "It was a sheer fluke I had the video camera. I've never used one before, I'd only borrowed it for a wedding on Saturday.

"We were driving down the A5 at Little Brickhill when we first saw it. Then near the Bowl my wife Sue spotted it again. It was like

By JANE MATTHEWS

a cloud — except there wasn't a cloud in the sky."

Added Gerry: "It wasn't the shape of an aircraft, and no way was it a weather balloon — it was too low.

"By the time it stopped it could have been five miles away but I'd say it was very large, anything up to a mile long."

The space oddity — which is an uncanny repeat of UFO sightings near Bletchley last year — was also witnessed by Gerry's nine-year-old son Danny.

He recalled: "Danny was really shaking. He knows what he's seen and he doesn't tell lies. I know what I've seen too. It's incredible, I can't believe it."

When the Citizen contacted UFO expert Arnold West, who chairs the British UFO Research Association, he promised an immediate investigation.

"We look for an explanation, but in about five per cent of cases we can't find one and then it's logged as an unidentified flying object."

But Gerry's film record



● Gerry Twaites.

got a sceptical response from the Ministry of Defence which was called in by intrigued Milton Keynes police.

A spokesman commented: "I've seen flying oranges — until they turned out to be balloons. It depends on the time of day, the position of the person, the weather.

"We follow some of the reports up but we've never yet been able to prove the existence of little green men."

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Mystery or

A MAGICAL Monday night out to see The Tempest continued as a Leamington girl and her two friends drove home.

As they neared Warwick a mysterious neon lit object appeared in the sky before them.

Was it by any chance an airborne police patrol — ready to descend upon speeding motorists?

Baffled and bewildered the girls concluded that the strange sighting had to be a UFO.

They deny that their imagination could have been working overtime after watching the stage effects put on by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

And because they had to drive home at the end of the evening,

they had kept away from strong drink.

They are so sure about the sighting that they are writing to the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall who record details of mysterious sightings like this.

Joanna Goddard, 21, and her workmates Catherine Vaughan, 22, and Elizabeth Tranter, 23, said that the road was quite busy at the time

Joanna, who lives in Willes Road, said: "We were driving towards Warwick at about 10.30 pm when we saw a round object in the sky with red and blue flashing lights."

She said that it remained stationary, then suddenly dropped, reversed and flicked to the left before it disappeared.

imagination?



"Is there a chin shop around here luv?"

Battle of the little green men

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"IF anyone else had told me that story, Billy, I'd lock them up for being drunk," said Sheriff John Greenwell. "But I know you're not a drinking man. And, besides, I've never seen you in such a state. In fact, I'd say that a drink right now would do you good."

Forty-year-old Billy Sutton stood in the sheriff's office in the small town of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, in an apparent state of shock. He had stumbled in, deathly pale and shivering uncontrollably.

Greenwell had known the stolid farmer for more than 20 years and regarded him as a down-to-earth, unimaginative man. Yet here he was, literally scared out of his wits.

It was shortly after midnight on August 21, 1955, when Sutton's station wagon had roared into Hopkinsville and the farmer arrived in the sheriff's office pleading for help.

His story, if true, was surely one of the most astonishing ever heard by a representative of law

and order. For Billy Sutton claimed that his farm and family were being attacked by creatures from outer space!

Today, more than three decades later, the mystery of the "little green men" remains an intriguing enigma.

There has been books on the subject and countless newspaper and TV investigations, but none have come up with a definite answer to the question: was it a hoax or a genuine attack by beings from another world?

Billy Sutton was a respected member of the community, a non-smoking, non-drinking member of the church and a stalwart of local politics.

He was the last man on earth the sheriff expected to burst into his office to report that little green men were besieging his farm!

"We've been fighting them off," he told the astounded sheriff. A few minutes later, much against his better judgement, Greenwell and two deputies set

off for the only Sutton farm, following Billy's station wagon.

A statement later given to the police described what was supposed to have happened at the Sutton farm earlier that evening. It makes astonishing reading.

According to Billy Sutton, he and his wife were entertaining friends at the farm when "a circular object landed in a nearby field. At first, we assumed it was some sort of plane making a forced landing, and ran out to see if we could help.

"Then we saw about 12 green figures climb out of the object. We all saw them. None of us had been drinking.

"They were no more than 4ft high and their eyes seemed to glow with a luminous pink light, like moonlight. My friend, Gene Schrieder, saw them first and he said we all ought to get into the house.

"We did so. Gene and I loaded two game rifles and told our wives to lock the doors and hide

the children in the cellar. As the creatures started to approach the house, we began to fire. We were convinced they were coming to kill us.

"A shot sent one of them tumbling behind the porch, but our shooting just seemed to keep them at bay. They shone spotlights at the house, and the moment we stopped firing they ran towards the house again."

The siege, said Sutton, went on for more than half an hour. When all seemed quiet, he climbed out of a back window and ran to his parked station wagon.

"As I drove off, one of the green men came round the corner and I hit him, although I swerved to avoid him. The bumper struck him and he went spinning into a ditch.

"Then I drove into Hopkinsville as fast as I could, to get help. I could still hear Gene firing as I drove away. I just prayed that nothing would happen until I got back."

As the sheriff and his men

reached the farm, an ominous silence greeted them. The house was shuttered, but as they drew up in the yard the face of Gene Schrieder could be seen at an upstairs window. He was still holding a rifle.

"I think they've gone," he shouted. "But they may be round the back..."

A search of the yard and buildings revealed nothing, and Sheriff Greenwell was beginning to suspect he was the victim of some pointless hoax...until he entered the house.

The women were almost hysterical with fear. Schrieder was still clutching his gun and peering nervously into the darkness, while down in the cellar, the sheriff and his deputies could hear children sobbing.

Mrs. Sutton poured out her story. It was identical to her husband's, and the Schrieders confirmed all that she said.

There wasn't much more the sheriff could do that night, except to leave his deputies patrolling the area. They saw

nothing, except a series of flashing lights in a nearby wood.

At first light, they were reinforced by other officers, who made a careful search of the area.

In the words of Sheriff Greenwell's official report: "At the rear of the house, we found a strange, scorched circular patch of grass which looked as though it had been subjected to great pressure and great heat.

"Nearby were score-marks in the grass, which looked as though they had been made by pointed objects."

The Suttons, despite being deluged by the media, tried hard to return to a normal life. Eventually, the memories of that horrific night faded and things on the Kentucky farm returned slowly to how they had been.

Almost, but not quite — for a smear of blood found on the fender of Billy Sutton's wagon was analysed and found to be of no known human group...

Speculation over mystery circles

STRANGE SIGHTING AT SILBURY HILL

A MYSTERIOUS set of circles has appeared near Silbury Hill firing speculation that the area has received a visit from extra-terrestrials.

Clearly visible from the A4 road, the five circles were apparently first reported on Friday morning. But the farmer on whose land the circles sit believes they appeared on Thursday night.

An eye-witness, who asked not to be named, claims that while driving along the Avenue from Avebury to the A4 at West Kennett on Wednesday night, saw a golden glow in the sky.

'As I looked, a constant beam of white light stretched from the clouds to the ground. The area of light was definitely being reflected from the cloud. I have never had an experience like that before.'

The witness drove towards Silbury to investigate, but the beam and the glow had gone on arrival at the hill.

Roger Hues, who farms the land adjoining the ancient monument, found the large circle of flattened corn surrounded by four smaller circles on Friday morning. The larger circle was 16 metres in diameter. It was bigger than any previously seen in Wiltshire. Thirty metres separate the central circle from the outer rings.

By Richard Martin

Over 400 sightings, similar to that at Silbury, have been recorded around the world. Fifty six have occurred around Southern England in the last 2½-months.

One theory is that a high-power beam of energy, similar to that seen by the Silbury eye-witness, flattens the crops in a circular direction.

The phenomena is being monitored by Mr Colin Andrews, of Andover, who heads the Circles Investigation Group. The group consists of a number of specialised scientists.

Mr Andrews stated that this theory is consistent with a number of reliable sightings around the country. In recent months both a policeman and a vicar are on record as having similar experiences to the Silbury eye-witness.

Mr Andrews spent several hours at the Silbury site on Monday examining traces at the site. The Silbury circles are larger than previously recorded and the direction of rotation of the crops on the ground is opposite to previous traces.

However, he is keeping an open mind as to the validity of the Silbury circles. 'It could be that we are seeing a new pattern of phenomena in the Wiltshire area.'

Mr Andrews added that sightings in Wiltshire are becoming increasingly frequent. This year 13 have been found at the former Yatesbury Airfield, seven at Beckhampton, five at Silbury, five at Upton Scudderhouse and six at the White Horse, Westbury.

'These things are rising at one hell of a rate,' he said.

And while not committing himself to a theory of extra-terrestrial visitations, Mr Andrews said that some sort of aerial component is responsible.

Roger Hues telephoned RAF bases in an attempt to discover the cause. He was told there had been no military activity in the area that night.

A power line runs immediately above the circles, making it unlikely that anything could have landed there.

Similarly, a spokesman for Bristol Weather Centre told the *Marlborough Times* that weather conditions in the district were stable. This would discount suggestions that the circles were formed by a freak storm.

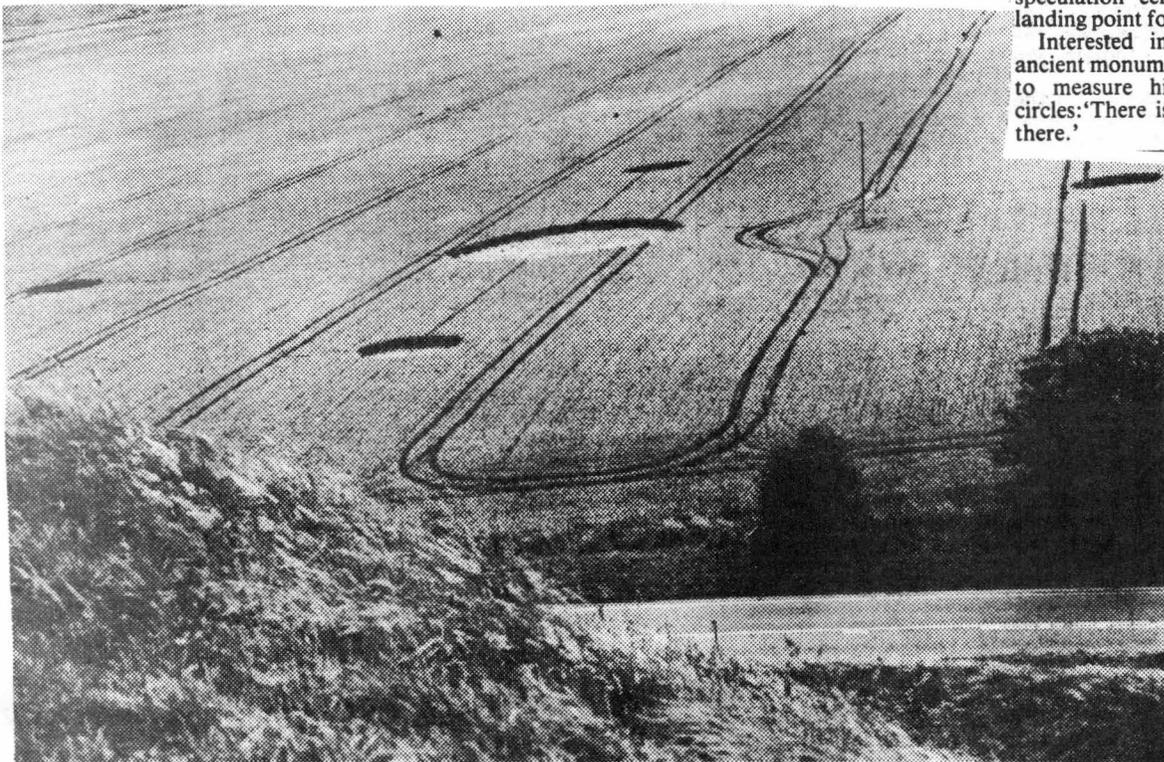
A spokesman for the Met Office at Bracknell, stated: 'I would not have expected any weather conditions to have resulted in a pattern so regular.'

Mrs Sue Hues said that both she and her husband are mystified by the circles. 'I think it's very weird, frankly. It is so precise, that's what I do not understand.'

Avebury shop-owner Brian Ashley is in no doubt about what caused the circles.

He said that over the years there has been speculation centred around Silbury Hill as a landing point for extra-terrestrials.

Interested in the significance of the local ancient monuments, Mr Ashley uses divining rods to measure hidden energy. He said of the circles: 'There is a tremendous energy and force there.'



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Up in the air as we encounter more and more

MP asks ministry what are they?

THE UFO phenomenon has probably hit the headlines more times in the past year than any since the Seventies.

Sighting after sighting has been made by sane, honest and reliable witnesses, causing such concern that a local MP has requested government ministers to look into the matter.

Stafford MP Bill Cash is still awaiting results of enquiries made to Roger Freeman at the ministry of defence before the parliamentary recess.

An official account of what was seen by a number of different people in various different locations in May this year over Stafford will no doubt be interesting. Is it really an otherworldly visitor or the top secret American Stealth F-19 fighter?

The likelihood, of course, is that Venus, refuelling operations or simply a night time aircraft will be given as explanations.

But surely there's much more to it than that. Since August 1987, according to British UFO Research Association statistics, more than 1,000 sightings have been documented around Britain - treble the usual number.

Staffordshire has witnessed a number of strange objects in the sky which no one so far has come up with any explanation for.

In August last year, Margaret Hamer from Burton Road, Woodville arrived home from Burton at about 6pm. She let the dog out into the back garden and was confronted with a vertical row of lights in the sky at about a 45 degree angle.

The red and orange lights made a cigar shaped object which began to move away slowly followed by a separate

set of lights accompanied by a low rumbling sound.

After watching this for several minutes, the lights veered off towards slowly Burton. Another sighting was made over Abbots Bromley the following month by a Uttoxeter man and his father.

Dominic Goodwin and his father James were driving by Baggot's Wood. "My father suddenly shouted 'what on earth's that,' and I looked up and saw the underneath of what looked like a strange triangular shaped craft," said Mr Goodwin. "It was moving very slowly, almost stationary."

"I wound down my window and there was no noise at all. It slowly banked over to one side. The underneath had lights which were pulsing in sequence and on each point were large strobe lights. It moved away then towards Abbots Bromley."

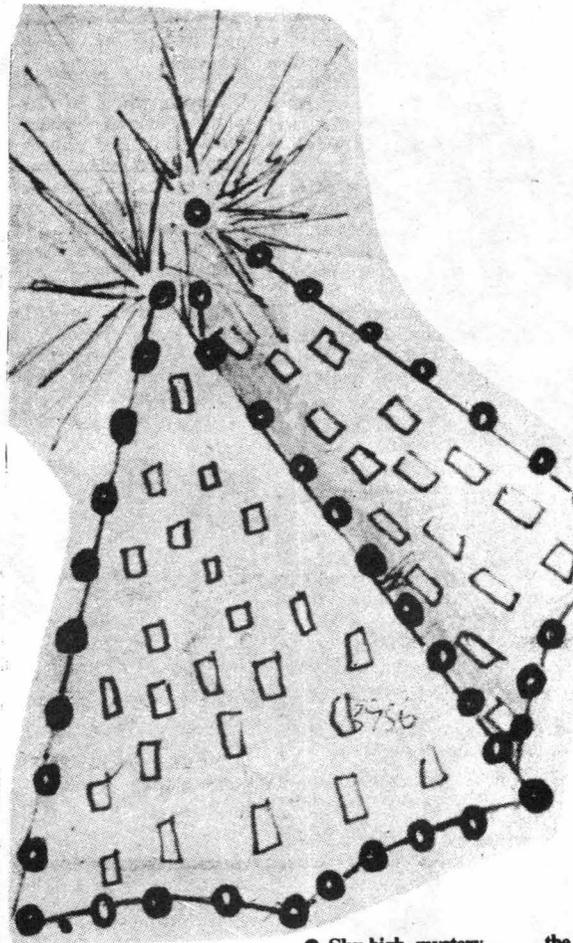
In May, Eileen Ballard, from Fernwood, Stafford, saw two odd triangular shapes while she was talking late at night in a neighbour's garden with four of her friends.

"We were standing in the garden when two spot lights came through the sky towards us. They banked over and went into side by side formation, one above the other, and flew very slowly across the sky without any noise at all."

"There were a lot of lights underneath, red and green around the edge with lots of others within that. I was in the RAF for four years myself and if these weren't planes."

The appearance of Mrs Ballard's sketches of what she and her friends saw in the Newsletter provoked a number of responses from various other people who had seen the same thing.

some said they might be



● Sky-high mystery . . . the formation of lights which fascinated so many

VC-10s, but aviation enthusiast Enid Turner from Uttoxeter said: "I would know a VC-10 if I saw it. VC-10s are pretty big and heavy and they make a lot of noise. These were low, slow and very quiet."

Mrs Turner said she saw the mystery craft appear over her garden hedge, very low, silent and with a lot of bright lights. A number of other people in the town had also seen it but were afraid to speak up, she said.

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

"I stood there looking, but all of a sudden it just disappeared. I stood there for a while and then it reappeared again exactly as before in the same place. What struck me more than anything was that it was absolutely silent."

Another witness, Elaine Willacy of Harrowby Street, Littleworth, had a look at the objects through binoculars with two neighbours. She described an amazing array of lights, complete silence and a feeling that someone inside the craft was watching her.

The sightings in May also prompted a number of reports from people who had seen UFOs similar to the triangular objects years before, but had been afraid to say anything.

Carole Goodwin, from Weeping Cross, Stafford, wrote in to say the sketch was exactly the same as one she had made in Spring 1981 after seeing something in the sky over Brocton.

"I stopped the car and got out and saw this thing which had flashing blue and red lights in the sky," she said, "it wasn't moving, so I sketched it and then it just disappeared."

"It didn't fade or move away, one second it was there, the next it was gone."

David Myatt, from Marston House Farm, Church Eaton, also reported having seen the objects in 1981. "I saw it just outside Brocton," said Mr Myatt.

"I was in my car when I

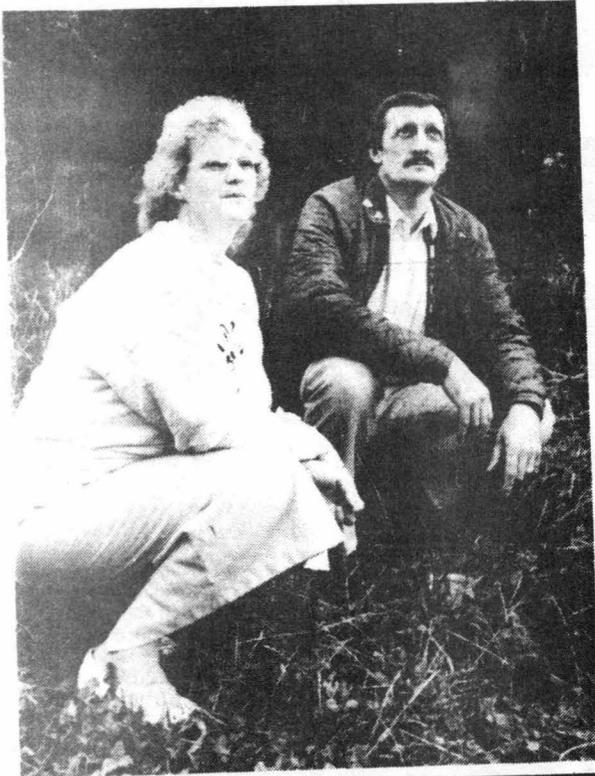
Reports also came in from Penkridge of clusters of red and orange lights on the same night, Monday, May 16, which moved very suddenly from one place to another and sightings were also made in Wolverhampton.

Mr Cash's appeal for information to present to the ministry brought a number of other reports forward.

Joan and Michael Acocks of Hillcote Hollow, Stafford, actually saw a similar UFO which appeared and disappeared in exactly the same position several times.

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looked up and saw it and stopped. It was about 50 feet in the air, completely motionless and completely silent. There were lots of lights around it and I got out of the car and stood underneath it for 15 minutes."

More recently, a large UFO about 30 feet across and enveloped in a gaseous cloud was seen by Reg Morgan and Gloria Hall returning to Stafford late at night over the edge of Cannock Chase.

"It was a circular object about 30 feet in the air with a gaseous cloud around it. Some of it seemed to touch the ground as well, overhanging a hedge. The cloud was fluorescent and glowed red near the ground.

"We saw it for a few seconds and then it disappeared and then reappeared a short distance away. We were both very shocked," said Mr Morgan.

Even more interesting was that this UFO actually left physical traces on the hedge which was badly burnt in one semi circular patch.

So, why so many in the past year and particularly in Staffordshire? National coordinator for BUFORA, Jenny Randals put forward several theories.

"There have been an awful lot over the past year - 520 last year, due almost entirely to the last few months and 662 so far this year.

"UFO reports go in cycles. We've noted that the seventh year in every decade is always significant. In 1947, it all really began with a sighting in Staffordshire when a silver craft was seen at Ranton.

"There were also a lot in 1957, which was also the time Sputnik went up, and 1967 was Britain's great wave year for UFOs, particularly in Staffordshire. May 1977 also saw an enormous wave of reports, so we were sort of anticipating something.

"There could be a real correlation with sunspots because they increase electrical activity which could account for a lot of UFO 'lights' sightings.

"There's also UFO reporting, as opposed to sighting, which is a social thing, and goes in waves of media interest.

"The climate of credibility goes up and last year there were a couple of books and lots of reports."

But BUFORA work from the premise, surprisingly, that nine out of ten sightings have a conventional explanation.

- That sounds somewhat fishy since the UFO investigation industry is famous for its political infighting and splits between groups all supposedly interested in the same thing.

Often, it seems, what they really want is to get hold of information first which can't be in any common interest of actually discovering what they are.

At the same time, the police never ever reveal details to the casual enquirer about a UFO sighting and will frequently deny they have received details even when witnesses say they have provided them.

So the mystery continues. It's highly unlikely, in actual fact, that very many UFO sightings have real conventional explanations. Those given above are perfectly good examples, though other phenomenon are recorded like time lapse.

Often witnesses will swear they saw a UFO at such and such a time and then suddenly find that several hours have elapsed when it only seems like a few minutes.

● Mystery revisited . . . Reg Morgan and Gloria Hall with the burned bushes

Report by Barry Heafield

Lily's bright light puzzler

SUNDERLAND pensioner Lily Bluett is a puzzled woman after seeing a UFO hovering near her Grindon home.

Lily (66) of Nookside, was in bed shortly after 3.30 a.m. on Thursday when she was woken by a bright light.

She looked out of her front bedroom window and saw the light motionless above the houses for three minutes.

Lily said: "It was like a headlamp off a brand new car - very bright - and it was high up. It did not move for three minutes and made no sound. Then it just faded away. It was not a frightening experience. The light was lovely."

She is convinced it was not an aeroplane and has wracked her brains for an explanation but has ruled out all possibilities.

"I do not really believe in UFOs but I have never seen anything like it," she said.



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SECOND SIGHT ... Lilly scans the skies

Alien craft are familiar to spotters

By RICHARD
BOWYER

STRANGE objects have been spotted on the local skyline.

The Evening Telegraph's special UFO hotline has been buzzing with reports of flying saucers.

And local people have unveiled chilling tales of close encounters with alien life-forms.

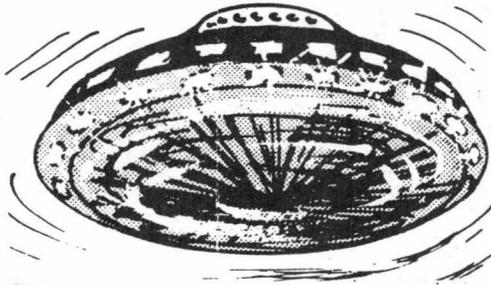
Our UFO hotline was opened after a flying saucer was spotted swooping low over Cambridgeshire.

And callers revealed that the aliens had visited the county before . . .

● **Ronald Lane**, of The Pentlands, Gunthorpe, saw four UFO's in three different sightings.

He said: "My last sighting was 18 months ago in Gunthorpe when I saw two together."

Mr Lane said they were similar to the one spotted in Cambridge — a large orange coloured globe



hovering like a spaceship.

In 1979 he saw a "giant torch" flying very low in the sky over Bretton the size of three houses.

● **Terry O'Neill**, of Winwick Place, Westwood, Peterborough, said his house could be visited by an extraterrestrial being.

He said: "When we went to bed our tape recorder was unplugged from the wall.

"But we were woken up by the noise of music playing."

He went downstairs and found the music machine was plugged in.

● **Little Sian Holcroft** woke her parents last

Sunday night when she entered their bedroom at Lincoln Road, Walton, and stared out of the window.

The following morning she told parents Sean and Barbara of a strawberry and yellow coloured rectangular object in the sky.

● **And Maureen Harwood**, of West Street Gardens, Stamford, called to tell us about two sightings her mother, Vera Nieland, of Queen's Walk, Stamford, has had in the last few weeks.

Mrs Harwood said: "She saw something over Ketton with a stream of light as a tail, and the rest orange in colour."

Is it a bird ? Is it a plane ? No, it's Mars

A GROUP of Selby residents were mystified when they saw a bright object in the sky on Monday evening.

The householders wondered whether they were seeing a UFO, a planet or a satellite.

One of the residents, Mrs Margaret Atkinson, said the mystery began around 9pm when her children called out to her to look at a strange object in the sky.

Mrs Atkinson, of Field Lane, said the object was oval-shaped and very bright.

"It must have been 30 times bigger than an aircraft because we saw red lights flying passed the object shortly afterwards which must have been those of a plane," she said.

"It was in the same position for a long time and seemed to move very slowly. We went inside after an hour but it was still clearly visible."

Mrs Atkinson believes that because the object did not disappear — as is customary with unidentified flying objects — what she saw was a planet or satellite.

Neighbour Mrs Susan Lord said she thought the object was a planet.

"It couldn't have been a UFO because it wasn't moving — it appeared to be a bright star bigger than the rest," she said.

A spokesman from the Royal Observatory in London said the planet the people saw was probably Mars.

Although Mars is known as the red planet it is bright white tinged with yellow in colour, he said.

UFO sighted in Blanchardville?

Was it actually an unidentified flying object or just flashing lights with a practical explanation?

Either way, something was reported in the night sky from the village of Blanchardville, Aug. 17, and a Lafayette County Sheriff's deputy was sent to investigate.

The incident began at about 9:25 p.m. when a nine-year old Blanchardville girl called the sheriff's department, reporting flashing lights moving up and down at their residence. She and her siblings thought it was a UFO.

While the girl was on the phone, the sheriff's department received a call from the Grant County Sheriff's Department informing dispatcher Sharon Drees they had received a similar call from the girl.

Drees continued to speak with the girl, whose mother was relaying information to her about the location of their residence. The girl told the dispatcher that when she and her siblings went to the barn to tell their mother, the lights followed them. The kids got scared and went into the basement where they heard tinkling noises.

Deputy Walt Fischer was then sent to the scene.

The dispatcher later phoned the girl's mother, who confirmed that there was a light of some sorts. But her children hadn't convinced her it was a UFO.

The Lafayette county sighting came a day after a number of UFO sightings were made from Sheboygan to Fond du lac. However, published accounts of those sightings weren't reported until Aug. 18.

That UFO: was it just fireworks?

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ALIENS hovering in the skies of West Sussex have been discounted as the explanation for apparent UFO sightings across the Horsham district on Saturday.

A huge number of people reported having seen the strange phenomenon lighting up the night sky at about 11 pm on Saturday. Horsham police were besieged by so many anxious callers that they made an official UFO report to the RAF.

The switchboard at the Southern Sound radio station went berserk with residents throughout the district 'phone in to describe weird flashing lights.

After lengthy investigation the County Times has come up with the most likely explanation for the illusion which tricked hundreds of people into convincing themselves they had seen an alien from outer space.

As hundreds of residents

stared into the sky in utter disbelief the Burrell family were celebrating 200 years of living at historic Knepp Castle, West Grinstead, with a massive firework display.

Estate clerk Carol Edmonds said: "It was definitely our fireworks. It was just a big family party. We have got no aliens running around."

Despite this theory many eye witnesses remain unconvinced that what they saw was simply an extravagant firework show.

Space expert Dr Alan Johnstone, who works at the Mullard Space Science Laboratory at Holmbury St Mary, near Ewhurst, could offer no scientific explanation for the sightings.

He lives in Itchingfield and did not see any UFOs but added: "I saw that firework display and it wasn't that."

He discounted theories that it could be a Russian satellite orbiting out of control and suggested the most likely cause could be a stray weather balloon. The RAF says it was certainly not an

by Gillian Baker

aircraft.

Civil engineer Peter Watts, aged 19, saw something to the north of his home in Finches Close, Partridge Green, at about 10.45 pm on Saturday.

He said: "There were about 20 bright flashes which lit up the sky and then there was a shock wave which rattled the windows. It was just white light and would have been a very boring display if it was fireworks."

The lights stopped after about five minutes and his theory is that it could have been something hitting electric power lines. Seebord say they have no record of any such happening.

Meanwhile in East Street, West Chiltington, 13-year-old Tom Hoadley was babysitting for his two-and-a-half-year-old brother Sam when the baby woke up and he went to investigate.

His mother Jean said: "He saw these flashing lights out of the corner of his eye but didn't take much

notice, then it got brighter and he went to the window.

"He saw a roundish sort of object stationary above the trees in the east. There was red and blue light and a big spotlight which kept flashing and making a rumbling noise and bright orange lights lit up the sky."

Student Annabel Newby, aged 16, of Collingwood

Road, Horsham, claims she saw a UFO at about 7.30 pm on Tuesday night as she travelled along the A24 south of Southwater with her mother.

She said: "It was a bright white light like a 'plane but much bigger and had an upside-down pyramid-shaped light coming from the bottom. It was really weird but I have told people and they have just laughed."

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We saw the flying 'visit'

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Umbrella of lights

A SCEPTIC of UFOs admitted this week that she could not account for an airborne umbrella-like object she saw moving slowly over St. Mawes.

Mrs. Valerie Warren, of Beacon-road, Falmouth, was looking out across the harbour at 7.50 pm on Monday when she first spotted the object, which was then white.

She picked up a telescope to find that it had turned into a circle of star-like, brightly coloured lights.

Mrs. Warren said: "It burst into all these bright colours then it seemed to go white and silver again. This happened about five times."

She has asked lifeboatmen, pilots and the harbourmaster in case the lights were linked to a rescue, but they were not.

She described the spot where the object moved slowly overhead as at the top of Trefusis field, between St. Mawes and St. Just-in-Roseland.

Penryn and Truro police stations said that there had been no calls about UFO sightings. Falmouth coastguards, who also had not received reports of sightings, could not offer any explanation.

● I read with interest the report about the UFO sighting, Recorder, August 18. It seems the policemen saw the same as my son and I.

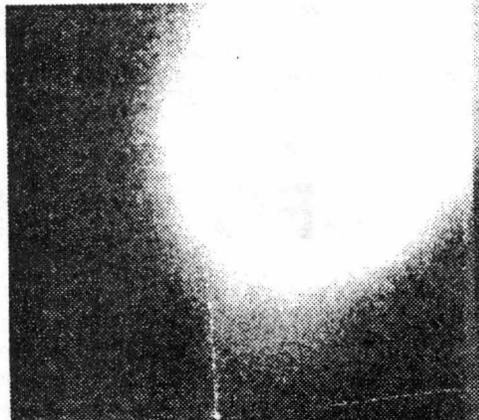
We were on Leyton Marshes at 11.45am on Sunday August 14. I looked up and saw a curved shaped object with a dark red band, which seemed to be pulsating, and with flashing white lights.

It turned upright a few times and looked cigar shaped. The light flashing stopped until it turned back again.

Then it went on to its side and went straight up at tremendous speed.

I didn't tell anyone about this because the few people that were there with us laughed when we told them

MRS J GOODMAN,
Stow Crescent, Durban Road, WALTHAMSTOW.



MY UFO SNAP

THIS is my picture of the UFO spotted two weeks ago by police. I saw the V-shaped craft on two nights. At first I thought it was a star. It was moving towards Newham General Hospital — SHARON DEBENHAM, Newham City Road, Plaistow.

UFO baffles expert spotters

SIGHTINGS of an unidentified flying object in the skies above Waterloo last Wednesday have drawn a blank with Crosby UFO expert Gary Raymer.

Blundellsands coastguards, RAF Woodvale, Liverpool Airport and Manchester Airport's radar sub-station also failed to pick up any signs of the object.

Brenda Taylor spotted the strange, very bright sphere, high in the sky while she was walking her dog at about 9 pm near Victoria Park. Both Miss Taylor, of Fir Road, and the friend she was with, dismissed thoughts it was a firework, shooting star or a small plane on fire.

It was in the sky above Victoria Park before disappearing after about two minutes, travelling towards Brooke Road.

Another reader, who didn't wish to be named, said that the object was smoking and showing flames. It was travelling towards the coast before it disappeared. A couple of minutes later a plane circled in the sky looking for the UFO before it flew off.

HAVERHILL ECHO SUFFOLK
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Mystery light investigated

THE mystery red lights which have baffled Haverhill police are being investigated by a UFO expert, Ron West, of Clacton-on-Sea.

His attention was drawn to the recent Echo story telling how youth worker Graham Palmer was dazzled by a red pinpoint of light as he was walking his dog late at night in Ash Grove.

Mr Palmer reported the incident to the police and it was learned that two similar sightings had been reported by a man and a woman.

Mr West, an accredited investigator of the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, would like the unnamed man and woman to get in touch with him on 0255 431391 as soon as possible.

He has already written to Mr Palmer and wants to interview all three people — plus another Haverhill man who also saw the red light.

Mr West said he recently investigated a similar report in Suffolk which turned out to be a helicopter testing radar beams.

'If the Haverhill sightings were not accompanied by the noise of helicopters than they must be classified as a phenomenon requiring investigation,' he said.

BRIGHTON EVENING ARGUS

AUG 18 1988

UFOs are not going round in circles

I LEARNED with interest of the debate by your readers on the cause of the mystery circles which appear every summer across Southern England.

As the regional investigator for the British UFO Research Association I can confirm that UFOs are not causing them.

Quite apart from the fact that most UFO reports turn out to have ordinary, prosaic explanations (such as aircraft, bright planets etc), only a tiny proportion of circle formations are being accompanied by reports of UFO sightings.

Since 1980 the Tornado & Storm Research Organisation, based in Bradford, has examined and measured over 200 circles across Southern England and the evidence they have collected clearly indicates that stationary vortices or whirlwinds are creating the circles.

Only air pressure can produce crop field circles without damaging the crop itself and only rotating vortices can create that characteristic swirl pattern which all genuine circles display.

If any readers have observed vortices creating circles I would be interested in hearing from them. PAUL FULLER, 3 Selborne Court, Tavistock Close, Romsey, Hampshire.

SOUTHERN STANDARD READER
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Spaceship sighting claimed

FOUR friends claim to have spotted a spaceship hovering above a Laindon shopping centre.

The friends were walking through Essex Close, when they saw the spaceship at about 10.15pm on Friday. One of them, who asked not to be named, said: "It was like a black diamond with lights, it was quite low and really big and silent."

"It seemed to be there a couple of minutes then just went past. It couldn't have been a plane. I have never seen anything like it before."

Hovering

He said the spaceship was only about 10 — 15ft long and appeared to be hovering at about 200ft.

His sighting has been backed up by independent reports of a UFO spotted in the Thames estuary.

Southend area earlier in the week.

UFO expert Ron West said: "On September 4, four independent witnesses saw what they described as a multi-coloured square-shaped object, lighting up like a Christmas tree."

"This was seen over the Thames estuary and Southend area."

Appeal

Mr West, who is a member of the East Anglian UFO Society, has appealed for anyone who may have witnessed either of these two events to ring the UFO hotline 0728 830757.

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One evening in July my nephew and I came across what we believed to be an unidentified flying object. It was in a remote part of the country park at Shorne.

My nephew was about to take a photograph of me and his dog, when the dog suddenly

started barking at something. Thinking it to be another dog we turned around to be confronted with the object in the photo.

If you have any doubt about the photograph's credibility, perhaps you could obtain access to photographic experts to prove it is not a hoax.

P.R. Gravesend, Kent



Notts UFOs — record sightings

By TOM HILL

UFO investigators are probing a record number of sightings of strange objects in the sky over Notts and Derbyshire.

Mr Dennis Harriman, director of the Derbyshire-based National UFO Investigation Society, said his agency was stretched to breaking point.

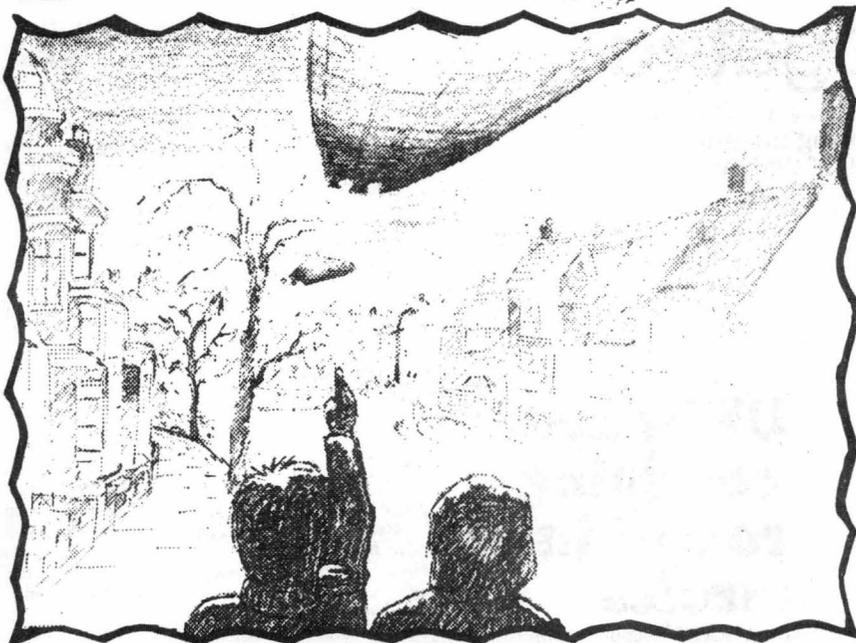
"This year the number of sightings has shot up and our investigators are snowed under with work," he said.

Last week several people reported a cluster of red and white lights hovering over Stanton ironworks to Mr Harriman and two Notts women saw a hovering bright white light.

Mrs Valerie Shaw woke at her Radcliffe-on-Trent home to see a mysterious light hovering and circling in the sky.

"I was sleeping with the curtains open and so when I opened my eyes I could see this light," she said.

A puzzled Mrs Shaw watched the silent lights through binoculars for over two hours and has been unable to come up with any feasible explanation.



●Flashback... Post artist Tony Rose's impression of the UFO which sparked a string of calls last December

"A plane passed over while I was watching it and I could hear that — even though it appeared to be much further away than the light I was watching," said Mrs Shaw.

'Deafening'

When little Lawrence Bettison, three, walked into the living room at his mum's home on the Edwards Estate, Nottingham, at 11pm and said he had seen a shooting star she was not surprised.

"I had been woken up by a deafening sound like an aircraft hovering which made the walls of the house vibrate," said Julie Bettison, of Rosecroft Drive.

But air traffic controllers at East Midlands Airport say that despite the reports they have seen nothing unusual on their radar screens.

The latest crop of sightings adds fuel to the theory that UFOs do exist. Last December, dozens of worried Post readers reported seeing two UFOs "the size of football pitches".

The sightings — from Newark to the Derbyshire border — baffled police and air traffic controllers.

Then, in July, scores of people reported seeing unusual objects in the sky above Mansfield and the Ashfield area.

We're all psychic, says doctor

JOHN OLIVER talks to a former teacher with
an eye for the paranormal

Ronald Reagan was right to consult an astrologer before taking important decisions, according to a leading member of an international UFO and psychic healing organisation.

Dr Richard Lawrence, a former London comprehensive teacher with a degree in music and drama, is now full-time secretary and a director of the Aetherius Society - a group which crosses all political and religious boundaries.

The group had an exhibition in Bristol over the weekend.

The Society believes in and monitors the millions of UFO sightings each year, as well as promoting yoga, alternative medicine, psychic and spiritual healing and using dowsing to find water.

Despite official ridicule and scepticism from most ordinary people, Dr Lawrence - he is a doctor of divinity - claims more people are taking an active interest in the Society's advance to New Age living.

According to the Society's surveys, 25 per cent of Americans now indulge in some sort of New Age lifestyle.

"In Britain, around 60 per cent of people believe in flying saucers. The majority believe they exist. What they believe about them is something different," said Dr Lawrence, 35.

New Age living is based

around the idea that at some point in the future, mankind's outlook on life will shift drastically.

Dr Lawrence's calm voice makes the Aetherius Society's ideal of the future sound utterly reasonable.

"We do believe a New Age will come to this Earth, which will be a time of glory, peace and harmony," he said.

Around the same time, the Society - formed in 1955 by medium and mystic, Sir George King - believes visitors from another planet will arrive on Earth to share their ideals.

The millions of reported UFO sightings each year are just scouting missions to see how we are getting on.

The Society's office in London - they are based on all five continents - receives around 600 reports of UFO sightings each year.

In 1978 - the year Close Encounters was at the cinema - there were 13 million reported sightings in America alone.

While Dr Lawrence and his fellow Aetherians await the New Age, they are getting on with a more down-to-earth preparation.

The main point of their efforts in 1988 is to make more people aware of the powers and benefits of psychic healing.

"It's not a gift that just comes to a few - it is something everyone is capable of if they learn how

UFO 'BUZZED' MOTORIST

A WOMAN who reported a UFO over Hampshire says it followed her for more than 40 miles.

Mrs Margaret Harris claims the mystery object hovered over her car all the way from Christchurch to her home in Chandler's Ford.

Mrs Harris, 48, of Augustus Close, said: "It was something very strange and fascinating which I could not explain in my mind.

"All I could see was a bright white and yellow light, but no real shape."

Believe it or not

EXTRATERRESTRIALS opened a black lid on a Bulgarian woman's head and manipulated whatever they found underneath with "tweezers and needles," the Communist Youth daily *Narodna Mladezh* reported yesterday in Sofia. She is reportedly endowed with extrasensory powers, and said she felt a "slight and pleasant shiver" running down her spine after the manipulation by her guests from outer space. — (AFP).

MoD makes UFO probe

THE Ministry of Defence is investigating claims that a UFO was spotted hovering over Hampshire.

The mystery object was seen by a Mrs Wilson on her way home to Chandler's Ford late at night.

She told police the light, which was bright white with shades of yellow, was very low and moving to the North West of the M27 motorway.

Mrs Wilson, of Augustus Close, was a passenger in a car

ETs have landed

THE MYSTERIOUS, geometrically-precise giant circles that have appeared in fields (Express letters, Monday) are not the result of natural phenomena or elaborate hoaxes.

We have constantly maintained that the circles are "UFO nests" or landing sites made by spacecraft visiting our planet. Scientists have been unable to disprove this.

It is not just a theory but based on the fact that preceding each appearance there have been reports from reliable witnesses of strange lights in the vicinity.

Ken Rogers, Chairman,
Unexplained Society,
London N7.

Was mystery object a UFO?

AN unusual object was sighted on Sunday night in the sky above in Tytherleigh.

Mrs Marion Sampson, of Culverfield, Tytherleigh, near Chard, was looking out of her bedroom window at about

10.30pm and saw a large circle of white lights.

"It came over from the Axminster area, passing over our house, and going towards Chard. There were about ten to a dozen white lights each as big as grapefruits forming a large

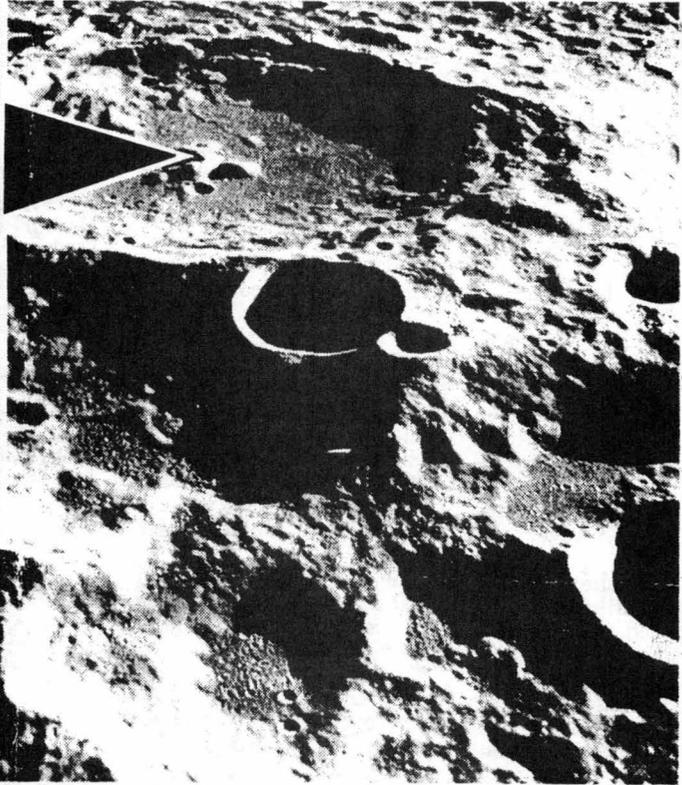
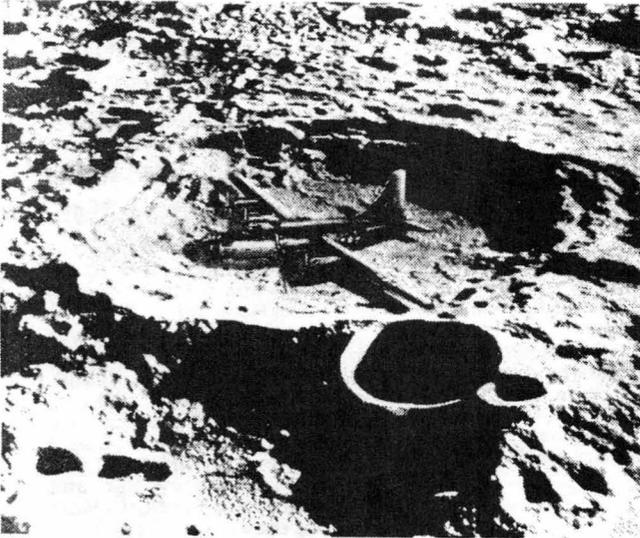
circle. It was very low and no noise came from the object. I called my husband Stanley to come and look and we watched it for about five minutes. I got him out of bed because I knew he wouldn't have believed me in the morning."

A spokesman from Yeovilton could give no answer for this mysterious object.

The last time The News was notified of an unidentified flying object was in 1979 when two young schoolboys reported a sighting at Halcombe, Chard.

IT'S GONE!

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● FROM PAGE ONE
SPACE experts believe the missing bomber may have been hijacked by ALIENS.

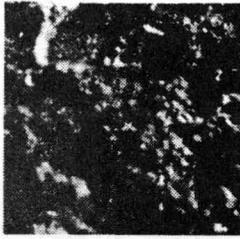
They are working on the theory that the plane — believed to be a 1940's Consolidated Privateer — has been whisked away into the depths of space.

"A few more months and we might have been able to figure out how it got to the moon in the first place," said Dr Makeyev.

"It almost as if someone — or something — was aware of our investigation and took the plane away before we found out too much."

Top UFO investigator Dr Wilhelm Greder, head of Swiss UFO group CONTACT, is now convinced space aliens are responsible for the bomber's disappearance.

"From the outset we speculated the airplane had



FLOWN . . . the elusive aircraft's gone AWOL from its moon base

WW2 bomber found on moon — has vanished

been hijacked by extraterrestrials and taken to the moon," said Dr Greder, who claims to have worked with scientists on a joint US-Soviet probe into the mystery.

"Now that it has vanished we are even more certain of an alien connection.

"The bomber is a big, clumsy plane. It's certainly not capable of flying out of

a crater or into space.

"It would have taken a spaceship of enormous size and sophistication to move it, but we're about 99 per cent sure that is what happened."

Space experts at NASA were last night keeping all details of any investigation into the bomber secret.

But one spokesman

admitted: "It would have to be some plane if it flew up there by itself."

The bomber would have needed special heat protectors and an amazing 40,000 gallons of aviation fuel to make the 238,885-mile trip.

British aviation experts who studied satellite photographs of the plane

believe it is a Consolidated Privateer, a maritime patrol bomber that came into service at the end of the Second World War.

The plane's prototype made its first flight on September 20 1943 and 740 of the bombers which had a top speed of 247 mph later went into service over the Pacific Ocean.

THEORY 1: SHAMED Adolf Hitler has flown to Mars in the bomber after being exposed as woman by Sunday Sport.

The goose-stepping Nazi — who American space watcher Bud Carandento claims lives on the moon — has gone into hiding after our exclusive revelation that the former Fuhrer dresses in suspenders.

THEORY 2: THE crew of the bomber are still alive and have flown back to Earth to sabotage the American Presidential election.

Despite claims that they starved to death, White House insiders fear the ageing war veterans want to stop George Bush from taking office.

They probably want Ronnie to go on forever," said one.

THEORY 3: HOAXERS could be behind the mystery of the World War Two bomber that vanished from the moon.

The pranksters may have used hi-tech photography equipment to fake the original snap of the plane laying in the crater.

"It's absurd," said Captain Warren of the Patrick Air Force base in Florida.

Elsie features in new UFO book

THE 'close encounters' of a local woman, who saw an Unidentified Flying Object in the Daventry area, have been recorded in a revolutionary new book.

Elsie Oakensen's strange experience, which occurred almost ten years ago, has been included in 'Abduction', a recently-published book by Denny Randles a researcher from the British UFO Research Association.

And the Church Stowe woman, a former head of Daventry Teachers' Centre, has also been interviewed by other researchers with a view to including her experience in a future book and article.

'Abduction', which includes accounts from more than 200 people from all over the world, aims to represent a step

By Susan Ward

forward into research into UFOs. It includes many accounts from people who claim they have experienced direct, sometimes on-board contact, with unidentified beings.

Mrs Oakensen claims she saw the UFO, which was shaped like a giant hour glass or egg-timer, approximately 150 feet above the A5 at the bottom of Stowe Hill when she was driving home after work on November 22, 1978.

During her account in 'Abduction', she explains that she spotted two lights, one red and one green, at each circular end of the object.



Elsie Oakensen — her UFO experience lives on.

She also relates how her car mysteriously stopped and started, how the area was plunged into total darkness and how unexplained piercing white circles of light appeared all around her car.

When Mrs Oakensen arrived home, she found that she was almost 15 minutes later than usual,

which could not be accounted for.

Mrs Oakensen consulted with investigators from the British UFO Research Association following her experience and was also placed under hypnotic regression in an attempt to find out more about the sighting.

She said she felt as if she had been "selected, scanned and ultimately rejected," by the object.

Although no other motorist reported seeing the object, the sighting of the lights was corroborated by four Women's Institute members from Byfield who saw a red and green light later that evening.

"I have read the book and found it very interesting," said Mrs Oakensen. "It is very straightforward and easy to read."

"I was hoping to read of other people who had had similar experiences but, after reading the book, it seems that mine was pretty unique," she said.

Mrs Oakensen added that she had also been visited by further researchers who are hoping to bring out a book on UFOs in the future.

She has also been interviewed by a reporter in preparation for an article in a new magazine 'Plus', which will be launched later this year, and she has appeared on television programmes, including BBC's Kilroy.

New film twist in strange tale of Hants U.F.O.

A HUNT for a film showing a mystery flying object at Chandlers Ford has taken a new twist with a solicitor's claim that it may have been stolen by a member of a secret organization.

The strange case of the U.F.O. started when 48-year-old Mrs. Margaret Wilson told police that a glowing white and yellow object had followed her car as she drove home from Bournemouth a week ago.

The police informed the media - and a man claiming to be a journalist went to Mrs. Wilson's home and asked for the undeveloped film she had taken of the U.F.O.

He showed no credentials, and promised to have the film developed and returned the following day. But he failed to keep his promise.

Manchester solicitor Mr.

Harry Harris, who is a keen U.F.O.-ologist, is now acting on Mrs. Wilson's behalf to recover the film.

He has issued a description of the man who claimed to be a reporter. He is about 5ft. 8in. tall, with collar-length dark hair, green eyes, and was wearing jeans and a white shirt, with a tape measure on his right hip. He was driving an old dark red car.

'Secret organization'

"I believe he is either an unscrupulous U.F.O.-ologist prepared to poach anything, or a member of some secret organization, possibly with Government connections," said Mr. Harris.

"I appeal for this man to return the film to Mrs. Wilson - it is her property and retaining it is theft."

Close encounter with UFO

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A SOUTH Shields family today described their close encounter with a mysterious flying object.

Moirra Mills, 41, was stargazing with her two teenage sons and their friend when she saw a bright light speeding across the sky last night.

Minutes later the group watched as two low-flying fighter planes gave chase to the fleeing UFO.

Mrs Mills, of Wharfedale Drive, said: "It was a lovely clear night and we were standing near the house looking at the stars when we saw this light.

"It was very, very bright - at first we thought it was a comet or a shooting star.

"It was moving very quickly and it seemed to be revolving as it moved. Just before we lost sight of it, it increased its speed and disappeared to the south."

She added: "I keep saying to myself: there is no such thing as UFOs, but I'm not so sure now."

Mrs Mills' son, Jason, 18, who was looking at the stars with his brother, Christian, 14, and friend Stephen Moore, 16, said the object was too low to be a shooting

star.

"I've never seen anything like it before. It was very bright and round."

Jason, a keen astronomer, added: "Less than five minutes after it passed we saw two Tornado jets go after it in the same direction - that was what made us think it must be a UFO."

At 10.20 last night, shortly after the Mills say they saw the object, Gazette photographer Jim Appleby also noticed a strange light in the sky.

He said: "I was driving through

Winlaton, near Newcastle, when I saw what I thought was a shooting star. But when I think back, it was probably too big to be that."

A spokesman for South Shields police said they had received no reports of UFO sightings in the town last night.

An RAF Boulmer spokesman added: "At the moment we have no reports of any unidentified aircraft in the area.

"I would suspect that if there were two jets chasing something it would be part of a military exercise."

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Armada show 'caused UFO'

by ADRIAN RUCK

TWO explanations have been given to mystery sightings of a UFO over Mary Tavy a fortnight ago.

A 'giant UFO, the size of Wembley Stadium' was sighted hovering over the village during the early hours of Thursday, July 28, by a terrified group of hill walkers from Dorset.

They described it as huge, with flashing green and white lights moving to and fro like an oscilloscope.

Tavistock magistrate Mrs Anne Voss-Bark, who runs the Arundel Arms at Lifton, also saw the eerie lights in the sky.

Lifton also saw the eerie lights in the sky.

'I was just coming home when I saw the white, and

coloured lights flashing in the clouds,' said Mrs Voss-Bark.

'I was petrified; I thought it was a UFO,' she said.

But the next day someone told Mrs Voss-Bark that it was the rehearsal for the Armada laser show which took place the following night.

Plymouth City Council confirmed to the *Times* that a practice for the Armada light show took place between midnight and 5am on Thursday July 28.

Several people also say they saw the strange lights on the night. Mrs Sheila Jasper of Brentor, and Mr Steve Grummitt, of

Courtney Road, Tavistock, also at first thought the lights were from a huge UFO. But Mr Grummitt supports the

He said it could have been an unusual illusion caused by moving clouds, laden with ice crystals, and a particularly bright planet Mars shining in the skies to the east.

'Mars is very bright at this time of the year, and the light it sheds has been known to fall on clouds of ice crystals, causing a burst of colour, appearing to move or "flash" as the cloud moves,' said Mr Harris.

But Mr Harris did say that the rehearsal of the laser show seemed the likeliest explanation to the UFO sightings.

'But many UFO sightings are recorded in August because of the brightness of the planet Mars,' he said.

Thousands of shooting stars also blaze a trail through the atmosphere during the month, every year.

The group of meteors which pass over the West Country is known as the Perseid shower because it appears to come from the Perseus constellation.

'They will travel untold millions of miles through space and then burn up when they hit the atmosphere - they are also often mistaken for UFOs,' said Mr Harris.

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'UFO' over the Common

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EXETER'S Ian Heaver got a terrible shock when he went for a quiet stroll on Woodbury Common with some friends early yesterday.

For up in the sky lurked a strange rectangular object with white and blue flashing lights.

"It was very weird, there was no sound at all and it stayed stationary for about two minutes so it can't have been a plane. It must have been a UFO," he said.

Mr Heaver and his friends were so unnerved by the extraordinary sight

that they got in his car and drove off right away. But now he is very keen to know exactly what was happening in the skies above Woodbury.

But a check with Exeter Airport has shed no light on the matter. A spokesman there said they had not noticed anything unusual in the skies early on Monday morning.

Hollywood

'Unsolved Mysteries' films in Gulf Breeze

By Michael Burke
and Dave Richardson
News Journal

The television show *Unsolved Mysteries*, with Robert Stack as host, will feature the Gulf Breeze UFO sightings in its season-opening program Oct. 5.

Stack is scheduled to tape part of the program Saturday beginning at 5:30 p.m. from Shoreline Park South in Gulf Breeze. He will talk with area residents who have reported seeing unexplained objects in the sky.

The Gulf Breeze segment of the show is largely based on experiences of a Gulf Breeze businessman, known as Jim, who reported seeing and photographing UFOs beginning last November.

Jim took 37 photographs with a variety of cameras during about a dozen different sightings. Some students of UFOs claimed the photos were faked. However, scientists who studied them have failed to turn up evidence of fakery.

A television camera crew filmed in Gulf Breeze from Aug. 10-14 to recreate the experiences, including the blue beam of light that Jim said froze him, lifted him off the ground and then dropped him on the road.

Jim believes he was taken by aliens, examined, then returned. Although he has not had a sighting since May 1, another couple has.

Dr. C. Fenner McConnell, Escambia County medical examiner, and his wife saw an object in the sky around 4:30 a.m. July 5. McConnell said he was preparing to go jogging when he saw what looked like an airplane with bright landing lights. It was over the water on the south side of the peninsula.

"It looked like sort of a disc-shaped object with a lot of windows in it, and it was shining its light down on our pier. Then it disappeared over toward the Navy Base." He said the object had no wings and made no noise.

In the TV show, Santa Rosa County Commissioner David Kessler will play the part of Jim. Kessler, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and now a professional photographer and artist, was one of 12 who auditioned for the part through a local modeling agency.

To recreate the scene where Jim was lifted by the beam, Kessler said he had to do slow chin-ups — about 15 of them — while they filmed his feet, then do deep squats while they photographed his head.

See TELEVISION, 2B

in search of UFOs

Television show recreates Gulf Breeze UFO sightings

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Then he had to fall, simulating being dropped by the beam.

Kessler worked for two nights, from dusk until well past midnight. The first night was filmed at a residence, which was used to simulate Jim's home in Gulf Breeze. The second night was filmed east of Gulf Breeze where Jim says he photographed a UFO hovering above the road.

Kessler said Jim monitored each scene to ensure its accuracy.

Kessler's acting job follows a life of interest in space and flight. He is a 1970 graduate of the astronaut training program at Edwards Air Force Base and now serves as a

member of Gov. Bob Martinez' Commission on Space.

Kessler earned \$200 for the filming.

Unsolved Mysteries was originally broadcast as seven specials starring either Stack, Karl Malden or Raymond Burr. The shows feature three or four segments, often detailing different unsolved crimes. A spokesman said the seven shows produced leads that led to capture of eight fugitives and solutions to eight cases.

This year, Stack will be the permanent host, and it will be shown weekly on NBC, beginning with the Oct. 5 show. It may be seen in Pensacola and Gulf Breeze at 7 p.m. on Channel 10.

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Reagan hinted he saw a UFO first-hand

By Jane Mayer
and Doyle McManus

In the summer of 1974, Norman C. Miller, then a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* and now national editor of *The Los Angeles Times*, was told by then-California Gov. Ronald Reagan about his having sighted an unidentified flying object on a flight in his private plane. Reagan had persuaded his pilot to follow

the object, which was heading toward Bakersfield. But then, he told Miller, "it went straight up!"

Reagan soon told his wife about what he had seen, and they did some personal research. Reagan related to Miller that they had found references to UFOs in Egyptian hieroglyphics. Reagan was extremely animated as he spoke, and it became clear to Miller that the governor

really believed in flying saucers. But when Miller asked him, "Governor, are you telling me you saw a UFO?" he said that Reagan seemed to remember suddenly that he was talking to a reporter. "This look crossed his face," recalled Miller, who said that Reagan then replied, "Let's just say that I'm agnostic." This was also the answer Reagan gave in 1988 when questions arose about whether he shared his wife's belief in astrology.

Essex UFO sightings coincide

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FOUR friends claim to have spotted a spaceship hovering over Laindon.

They were walking through Essex Close at 10.15pm, Friday and one, who asked not to be named, said: "It was a big black diamond

with lights and silent. "It seemed to be there a couple of minutes then just went past. It couldn't have been a plane. I have never seen anything like it before."

The thing was 10 to 15ft long and hovering at about 200ft.

The sighting has been backed up by reports of a UFO off Southend earlier in the week.

UFO expert Ron West said: "Four independent witnesses saw what they described as a multi-coloured square shaped object lighting up like

a Christmas tree over the Thames and Southend area."

Mr West, of East Anglian UFO Society, wants anyone else who may have seen something to ring the UFO hotline 0728 830757.

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THE MINISTRY of Defence has been notified of the reported sighting of an unidentified flying object over Knaresborough. 3128

Chief Insp David Lodge, said police were notified of the sighting by Mrs Lynne Bentley, of Spitalcroft Green.

He said the object appeared to be a slow-moving black dish-shaped object which moved without making a sound.

Chief Insp Lodge confirmed that, in line with usual police policy, the Ministry of Defence had been told of the reported sighting so they could investigate further if necessary.

Mystery object seen over town

Mrs Bentley said she was convinced the object was not an aeroplane.

She added: "I have no idea what it was, but I have no reason to believe it was Martians."

Mrs Bentley believed the object could, possibly, have been a "weather" balloon op-

erated by the Meteorological Office.

"I don't think it was likely to have been anything weird. I'm a sane sort of person."

Mrs Bentley said she informed police of the sighting because she was hoping they would find a rational explanation.

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UFO 'hovered over park'

By JAMES MURTY

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CONGESTED flightpaths and mid-air near misses may have prepared us for anything in the sky — anything, that is, except flying saucers.

But a Reading couple have claim to have seen a UFO when they looked out of the window at their home in Parkhill Drive, Tilehurst, in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Sandra Milano, aged

MoD 'told of two sightings of craft'

41, and her boyfriend Nigel Haywood, aged 34, were getting ready for bed when they say they saw a long oblong-shaped craft over the Arthur Newbury Park.

Sandra said: "It was hanging quite still above the trees about two or three miles away from

the house for about three minutes and then it dipped down to one side and was gone.

Sighting

"It was long and oblong like a cigar with a dome on it and bright white lights going round and round."

"I went to get my son Marcus who was in bed so that he could take some pictures but by the time he got ready it was gone."

Sandra phoned the Ministry of Defence who said there had been another reported sighting of the craft.

She said she did not expect anybody to believe her but that she was assured she was not going silly because her boyfriend saw it with her and because of the other sighting.

UFO over golf club shocks a motorist

By KAREN PICKUP

A scared motorist spoke yesterday of his 'unearthly experience when he saw an Unidentified Flying Object hovering over Baxenden.

The man — who was too embarrassed to be named — said that he saw lights shining very brightly in the sky above Baxenden Golf Club.

As he drove below them his car moved forward with great difficulty and the headlights began to dip and fade.

The man said the lights were very low and he was sure they were not from a helicopter or a plane.

He reported the UFO sighting to the police but said that he felt very silly.

The police officer who took his call said yesterday, "The man did sound convinced that he had seen something and also sounded upset but he would not give us his name or address."

He added that there was very little the police could do as the caller rang in 12 hours after the alleged sighting.

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