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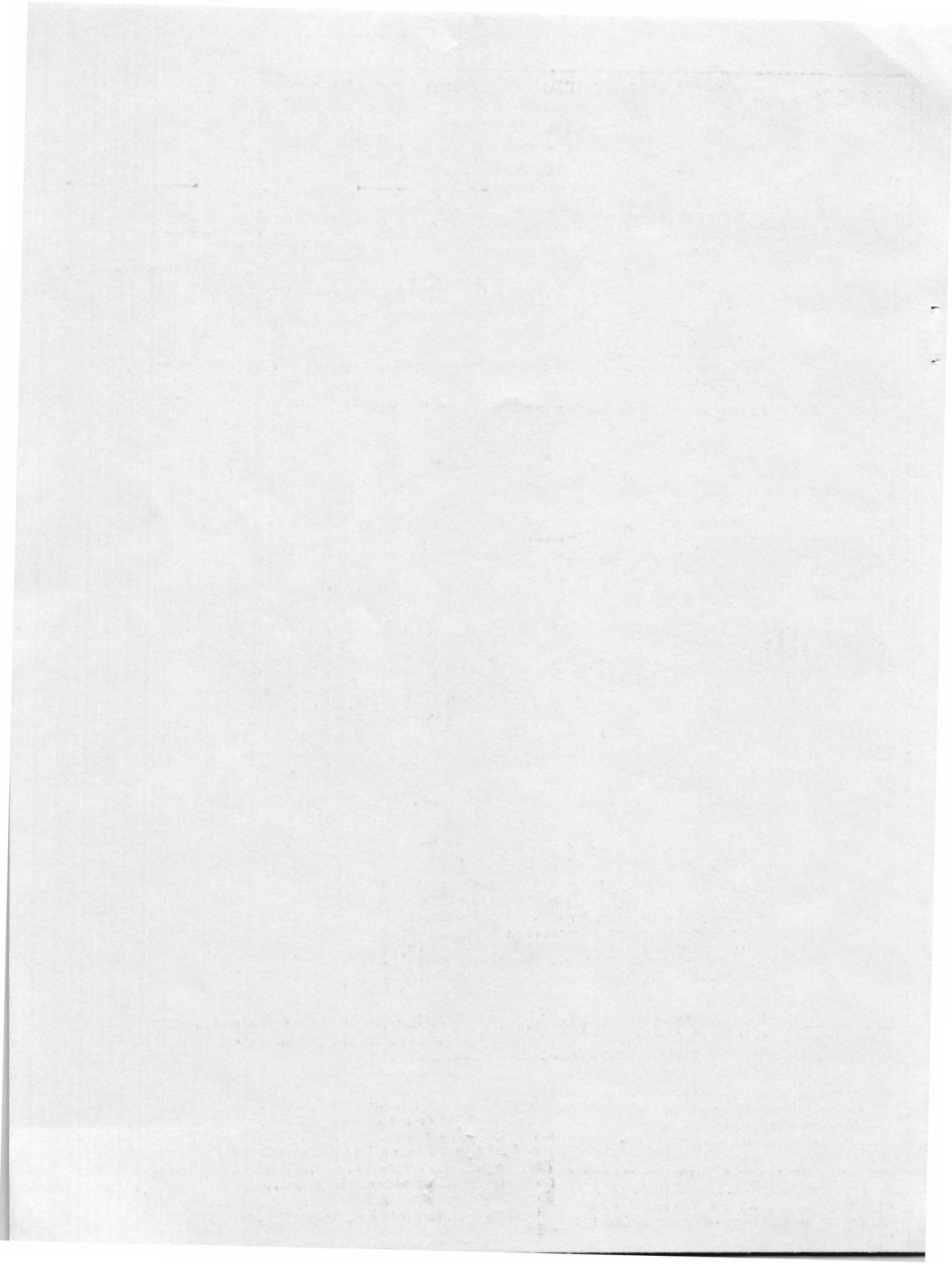
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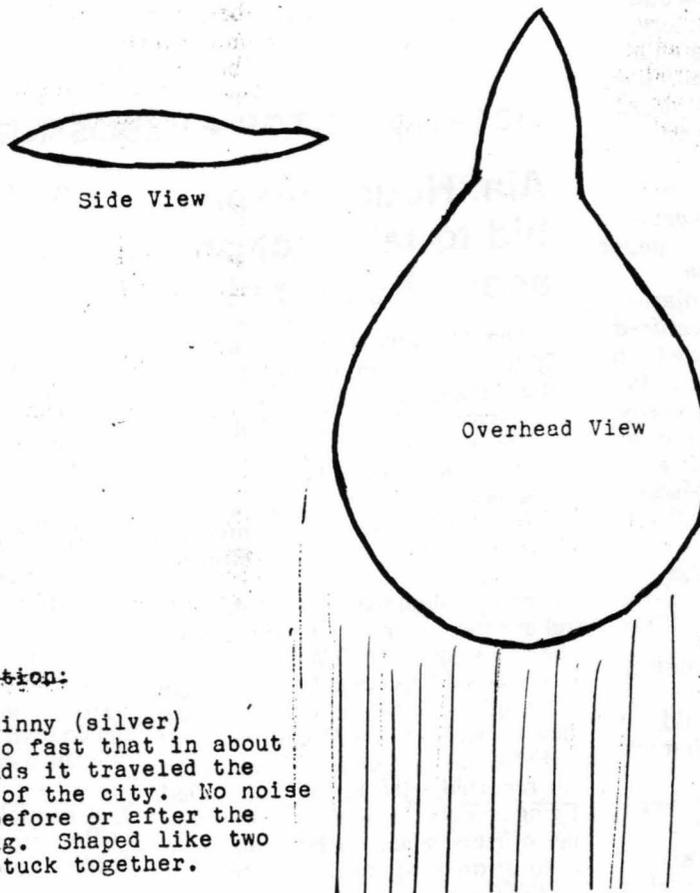
WAY WE WERE

# Those mysterious lights in the sky often have down-to-earth explanations

Sighted by: Alan Chaponis

First report was, low going from North to West, then the object circled and went South West at 927 am.

Second report was, high going from South to North at 935 am.



### Description:

Very shinny (silver)  
Going so fast that in about  
2 seconds it traveled the  
length of the city. No noise  
heard before or after the  
sighting. Shaped like two  
discs stuck together.

**By Bill Gruber**

*In March 1954, Alan Chaponis provided The Republican with this drawing of a UFO he said flashed from horizon to horizon in two seconds, with no sound. The object flew over Waterbury's City Hall twice.*

**Y**ou're driving north along Route 8 on a dark night and slowly, a bright light in the distant sky captures your attention.

It seems to be moving too slowly to be an airplane. As it gets closer, you notice its size and odd shape. Pulling off to the side of the road to get a better look, you roll down your window and find that there is no sound of an engine. The thought inevitably dawns: Could it be a UFO?

Sightings of UFOs, reported in the Waterbury area as recently as 1987, aren't a new phenomenon here.

Articles in the library of The Republican and The American newspapers indicate that area residents saw inexplicable sights in the sky throughout the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

UFOs — Unidentified Flying Objects — do exist.

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That is, they exist to the extent that, when someone sees an object flying through the sky and can't identify it, it is an unidentified flying object. But various explanations usually have been found for the glowing balls and V-shaped strings of lights sometimes seen silently plying the night skies around Waterbury.

One of the most interesting cases occurred in the mid-1960s. Hundreds of witnesses — including police officers — reported seeing glowing, inexplicable lights in the sky all over the city on several consecutive nights.

"We saw it come down in the cemetery," a Summit Avenue woman said, describing her family's encounter with a UFO in March 1967. "Then my husband and daughter came into the house and we closed and locked the door. Just a few minutes later, we heard a slow knocking at the door. When my husband opened it, there was no one there."

**THE FAMILY CALLED THE POLICE,** who dispatched four cruisers to the area and sealed off the walled-in Riverside Cemetery. "A search of the cemetery grounds located a plastic bag hanging in a tree," The Republican reported the next morning. "This long, plastic bag, used by cleaners to cover dresses and coats, contained a frame holding small candles."

A day before that sighting, three teenagers brought a similar contraption to the newspaper office. When candles stuck into styrofoam crossbars were lit, the bag became a miniature hot-air balloon that floated freely and emitted an eerie glow. "Some kids out West made them and for about two weeks the police went nuts with calls about them," said 19-year-old Tony D'Angelo, who explained that he learned how to make the device from a magazine article. "Teenagers Show How a UFO Can Be Made," read the headline on that story. But sightings continued.

More than a year later, similar sightings were reported by alarmed residents. Members of the Republican staff also spotted the UFOs from the newspaper's Meadow Street building but noted the next day that, "since no Martians were found, the occurrence could possibly be a repeat of a college prank that was played last year."

Periodic UFO reports have continued over the years. Interest in — and sightings of — UFOs were at their highest in the 1950s and early '60s, before the U.S. Air Force concluded an investigation that determined UFOs were simply misunderstood earthly phenomena. Interest hit another peak just after the 1977 release of Steven Spielberg's film, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," which used convincing special effects to depict the visit of a benign and musically inclined group of aliens to the United States.

**BUT NOT ALL UFO sightings** were easily explained and many observers remained convinced they saw something paranormal.

"It was a gigantic round thing with green and red lights flashing on and off," a Watertown woman said after the most recent publicized UFO sighting in this area, in Southbury last May. "It looked like a giant spaceship, like in 'Star Wars.' I got a little nervous. I was waiting for it to shine lights down, like in the movies."

As in several previous UFO sightings around Waterbury and the Northwest Corner, the spaceship turned out to be a group of light planes from Stormville, N.Y., flying in formation with their landing lights on. Small aircraft also have position lights that are red green and white.

"People call and they're wondering what they are," Trooper James Bleidner of the Southbury state police barracks told the newspaper. "They're always a little bit embarrassed to ask and then they're a little disappointed when I tell them."

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### Ala. House nixes bid to take action against columnist

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The Alabama House refused April 20 to call for punitive action against the Jacksonville State University newspaper editor for a column he wrote about residents of the northeast Alabama town of Fyffe.

A resolution sponsored by Rep. Ralph Burke called for university president Harold McGee either to

suspend columnist Matt Brooks or relieve the writer from his duties with the newspaper, *The Chanticleer*.

Burke said his constituents in Fyffe were offended by the column in the newspaper's March 23 edition.

Fyffe has attracted wide attention for reported sightings of unidentified flying objects, including reports from law officers. The Legislature passed a resolution designating Fyffe as a "UFO Capital."

Burke said residents of the rural DeKalb County community took exception to the columnist's writing that the "only unidentified thing around Fyffe is a brain." He also noted Brooks' refusal to apologize for the article.

"I will never apologize for what I write," Brooks said when state Sen. Lowell Barron, Fyffe's former mayor, wrote a letter to McGee demanding an apology.

Brooks, a 20-year-old sophomore who is features editor, referred in the column to Fyffe residents as "ugly with a capital U."

On a 13-4 vote the House refused to consider the resolution.

Brooks was not available for comment because he was taking exams, but the newspaper's faculty adviser, P.J. Hemlinger, said the proposed resolution was unconstitutional.

He said the newspaper printed nearly an entire page of letters from Fyffe residents and others protesting the column in its April 6 edition. Also published in that edition was a column

by Chanticleer editor Cindy Owens apologizing for not toning down Brooks' column.

— AP

# BID TO SOLVE UFOs RIDDLE

## Plea to farmers

**AN expert in the investigation of UFOs is seeking help in his research from West Country farmers.**

Paul Fuller wants to hear from any farmers who have discovered unexplained circles on their land.

He is particularly interested in circles which appear compressed in crops.

### Atmosphere

Mr. Fuller, a member of the British UFO Research Association, is keen to dispel 'nonsense Martian stories', which, he claims, have dogged his investigations for years.

He said: 'We can usually tell if a circle is genuine or not.

'Several years ago UFO experts were baffled by one circle which appeared in a field.

'It turned out that four farm hands from Cornwall had rolled around in the crops to make the impression', he said.

Mr. Fuller, of Romsey, Hampshire, said most circles can be easily identified as nothing out of the ordinary.

'Columns of air dispersing in the atmosphere are one cause,' he said.

A recent survey revealed that only 10 per cent of farmers report mysterious happenings on their land.

Mr. Fuller believes this is because they are afraid publicised reports will attract unwanted sightseers, who could damage crops.

'Farmers' reports will be treated in the strictest confidence,' he promised.

One of the strangest reports ever investigated by Mr. Fuller concerned a bubble of light, which apparently floated along a busy street.

But there was an explanation.

'It was a rare meteorological discharge,' he said.

# 'Rugby ball' UFO seen over river

RESEARCHERS have been investigating a surge of UFO activity in the skies over Thurrock in the last two weeks.

Strange lights and mysterious objects have been spotted with increasing frequency, says the East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Association.

by Staff Reporter

'In the last two to three months we have had 18 reports of UFOs in this area,' said investigator Peter Oliver. 'That is a big increase on the number of reports we had been receiving previously.'

The association has now set up a hotline so that members of the public who spot UFOs can contact them without delay.

Among the latest sightings have been a bright object described as a 'rugby ball with a tail,' and a brilliant green light hovering over the A13. Both are being investigated by the society which has ruled out the possibility of them being normal aircraft.

The 'rugby ball' was seen by a man in Grays, at about 3am on April 12. It was covered in flashing lights and he watched it hovering over the river for half an hour

before losing it in the clouds.

The object was seen by people in Canvey and Rettendon within hours of the Grays' sighting.

Later the same day, the brilliant green light was spotted by an elderly Grays woman at about 9pm as she was putting out her milk bottles.

She said she watched it for about ten minutes and during that time it changed from green to yellow and then to white.

The edges of the object gave off light similar to a Bonfire Night sparkler, she said. Eventually it moved off in the direction of the river.

Mr Oliver said he had interviewed the woman and it was certainly not a helicopter or any other form of aircraft that she had

seen.

'We would like to hear from anyone else who saw these objects in the sky,' he said.

'We would also like to hear of any other UFO sightings or supernatural experiences.

'Many people are reluctant to talk about these kind of things because they fear ridicule by neighbours, workmates or even family and close friends.

'But we have carried out many interviews and take these things very seriously. The data we gather is processed and used to try to find out what these things are and where they come from.'

Anyone with information should contact the society's hot line on Basildon (0268) 286079.

SOUTH END EVENING ECHO, ESSEX.  
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## UFO shaped just like a fish

UFO investigators are interviewing people who saw a large skate-shaped object in the sky which when it banked was about 30 feet deep. The mystery fish craft, about 100 feet long, was seen over Southend, inland and by people on the beach.

If anyone else saw the craft they are asked to ring the UFO hotline on Basildon 286079.

EXTRA TERRESTRIAL *Style*

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# Experiences of the 'untoward'

**S**OMETHING very strange is going on. Thousands of people every year see mysterious flying objects which may or may not be interplanetary space ships with little green men on board.

Some witnesses will end their days convinced that they have experienced a fairly Close Encounter with extra-terrestrials; others are merely puzzled and intrigued, and thus it was that there were true believers and doubters among the 70 or so people who gathered together in a room at the Bradford Central Library on Saturday to hear what the ufologists had to say.

There were, in the audience, a boy hugging a skateboard, a mother with a very little baby and a self-confessed eccentric with his hair done up in a pony tail. Reference by a speaker to a sighting of three lights, close together, with a smoke-like trail elicited from him the knowing response "plasma!"

Organisers of the meeting were the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) and the Independent UFO Network, both representing the cool-headed end of ufology. There was, though, one maverick among the organisers: David Barclay, bearded and bespectacled, who has had so many "untoward experiences" that he can be excused a certain off-handedness.

He has, for instance, seen the Blue Lady who haunts Temple Newsam, near Leeds and the Black Monk who lurks around the city's Kirkstall Abbey, and when he was living in Shipley a large ball of orange light, as big as a Mini, came down the drive and settled in the middle of the lawn, just a few feet away from him. No, he was not frightened; he went in doors to make a cup of tea. He thinks UFOs and ghosts are related phenomena.

There are, of course, rational explanations for some so-called phenomena. Andy Roberts, a BUFORA investigator and publisher of the UFO magazine *Brigantia*, demonstrated how several Yorkshire UFOs have lost their credibility. There is, for instance, the case of the brilliant light photographed against a cliff face by a policeman. After exhaustive inquiries, it proved to be a band of highly reflective quartz. There was also a mundane explanation for the three saucer-shaped objects photographed by a Sheffield schoolboy through his window: they were paper cut-outs stuck on the glass. And so on and so forth.

Mr Roberts's revelations were met by a stoic, if disappointed silence.

The most extraordinary story came last. Peter Hough, author and chairman of the Manchester UFO Research Association, is investigating a report by Mr Peter Spencer, a retired police officer, that on December 1,



1987, he "lost" one and three quarter hours after seeing a little green man with spindly legs, very long arms, Mr Spock-like ears and big eyes, on Ilkley Moor. The one photo Mr Spencer took is, as always with UFO pictures, blurred and poorly exposed.

Under "regressive hypnotism" Mr Spencer was to describe following the creature to a strange craft where other little green men examined him on a table and, among other things, showed him a film depicting man's wanton damage to the environment. He then found himself on the moors again.

Mr Hough is keeping an open mind on the Spencer case, but meanwhile, Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire will continue to have a disproportionate number of UFO sightings. Next year, if another meeting is held in Bradford, you yourself might be there.

In the meantime, UFO sightings can be reported on Batley 444049, a 24-hour hot line.

Stephen Biscoe

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# Did you sight this UFO?

By FRED HAMMERTON

A MYSTERY object with yellow, white, green and blue lights and shaped like a rugby ball has been seen by 26 people in Canvey, Shoebury and Southend.

The latest sightings were over the Bank Holiday weekend.

The object, looking like two saucers joined by a single blue light, was watched by a Canvey man for three-quarters of an hour on Sunday night.

It was first seen about 9.30pm from Canvey and about 10pm spotted from Leigh and Westcliff.

Four people also saw the object between Canvey and Leigh.

Early Monday morning, about 3.20am, a Southend milkman saw it on his way to work and another worker on his way home saw the "rugby ball" along the Estuary.

At 10.15pm on Monday it was also seen from Kent. People there said it was spinning and watched it for about half an hour.

There was another sighting from Great Wakering.

All were reported to the East Anglian UFO Research Association.

Anyone with information can contact it on the hotline, 0268 286079.

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## Lights phenomena keeps Jenny busy

LOCAL AUTHOR on UFOs and the paranormal, Jenny Randles, of Cheadle Heath, held a talk on her latest book at Edgeley library recently.

Jenny attempted to explain the mystery surrounding UAPs, or unexplained atmospheric phenomena, or basically 'strange lights'.

Jenny said: "They are lights, but we don't know where they are coming from."

"Certain areas all over the world seem to produce them, and one very close to home, the moors between Oldham and Skipton, is famous for it."

Jenny claims that the lights and UFOs are one and the same.

"We are getting close to understanding the physics of it," she said.

"It is connected with the geology of certain areas."

"Faults in the earth's crust seem to trigger the phenomena, and scientists in Norway have tracked orange and blue lights with lasers," she added.

Jenny said that most victims felt pressure, electrostatic tingling and experienced their hairs standing on end.

"Electrical equipment and car engines were also affected, showing some sort of force was operating," she said.

# 3128 Secrets from outer space

A BRICKLAYER had the shock of his life while cycling to work at Broadlands, Lord Mountbatten's home, in 1955.

He saw a flying saucer land and "a column, about the thickness of a man, descend from it".

Then a ray of light came from the portholes of the flying saucer. The bricklayer fell with his bicycle on top of him, and felt as though an unknown force was holding him down.

He got up, dazed and shaken, as the saucer took off.

In a written statement, Lord Mountbatten said he was sure his bricklayer was completely convinced of the truth of what he said.

The former Supreme

*Above Top Secret by Timothy Good (Grafton, £5.99).*

Allied Commander never rejected the possibility that such objects existed and in a private letter to a Fleet Street editor, suggested that the UFOs were themselves the inhabitants of other planets, rather than the actual machines.

He thought a team of investigative journalists should try to find out more!

This is the sort of story (and the book is full of them) that makes Timothy Good's "Above Top Secret" compulsive reading.

The weight of evidence for the existence of UFOs builds up as Mr Good produces what tradesman would call "unsolicited

testimonials".

Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding, Commander-in-Chief of RAF Fighter Command during the battle of Britain in 1940, had this to say on the subject of UFOs. "They have been tracked on radar screens and I am convinced that these objects do exist and that they are not manufactured by any nation on earth.

"I can therefore see no alternative to accepting the theory that they come from some extraterrestrial source."

At Stanmore, Middlesex, on April 26, 1984, a team of policemen alerted by a woman living in Belmont Lane,

went to the house and watched an object for about two hours.

One policeman, Richard Millthorp, drew a sketch of it — circular in the middle with a dome on top and below.

"The dome on top had blue and white flashing lights while the dome underneath was blue, green, white and pink."

Chief Supt Ronald Poole, of Harrow, said he was quite satisfied with the validity of the report filed by Pc Millthorp and Pc Paul Isles. "They are two normal sensible people who are confident they saw a UFO."

Hertfordshire had its own UFO on August 1, 1963. A stationary object of a translucent or glass-like appearance, was seen by hundreds of people. A plane from the de Havilland Aircraft Company went up to investigate but was unable to get near because of the object's great altitude.

Vice Admiral M. M. Krylor, Chief of Communications in the Soviet Navy, announced in 1978: "The UFO problem exists and it is extremely serious."

Thousands of people have seen UFOs and up till now it is still not clear what they are. It is entirely possible that concealed behind this question, there lies the problem of communication with extra-terrestrial civilizations."

Top-level investigators have concluded that the crews of flying saucers (seen and described by many) "possess the ability to disappear and reappear at will and not being subject to the physical laws of our planet, seem to be deliberately constructed in order to confound all our notions of space, matter, time and dimensions."

So what, if they do exist what are the UFOs up to? Why don't they 'come out' and hold a Press conference in Hyde Park?

Not such a silly idea as it sounds, because if some of the wisest and highly scientific people on our planet believe in them, that question must be asked.

Timothy Good believes that the public are being wilfully kept in the dark by the world's rulers, who know more than they dare tell. And that is not just an expression of opinion. Official documents marked "Top Secret", some heavily censored, all point to a conspiracy of silence.

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# 3128 More UFO sightings reported

A RECORD number of UFO sightings were reported in Grays last month as more people related their experiences to a team of experts.

Mr Ron West, founder member of the East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Research Group, said that details of six Grays sightings in March had been reported to the Group.

Various sorts of UFO have been seen, including a craft shaped like a doughnut with red, green and blue lights around the edge.

Mr West said: "This seems to be a very popular craft and has been spotted all over South East Essex and reported to us on numerous occasions."

by Clair Orton

This UFO was reported by two different people who gave similar descriptions, adding that it had been seen in the area of Lenthall Avenue.

Another two of the

sightings also occurred in this particular area, although the type of UFO described was different.

Mr West is delighted that the response from people in Grays is now picking up and that sightings are being reported.

He said: "It is not surprising that UFOs should be seen in the Grays area because we think these objects come up the Thames estuary heading towards or coming back from London.

"Obviously, people in Grays are now starting to look at such objects and think about what they could be.

"Now we have investigators working in the Grays area, people are beginning to report these things and now we are getting as many sightings in Grays as we are in other parts of South East Essex."

If anyone has seen a craft which they would like to report, they can contact the special UFO Hotline on Basilidon 286079.

# UFO BUZZES PLANE IN MID-AIR PLUNGE PANIC

by NICK CRAVEN

THE captain and passengers on a VIP flight watched in amazement as a UFO sped towards them.

They sat spellbound as a silvery glow with flashing lights appeared over the Mediterranean.

Seconds later, guests on the maiden flight were thrown forward as the shape disappeared and the plane plunged, spilling coffee and smoked salmon.

The chairman of British Island Airways, Peter

Viller, was among executives and journalists who witnessed the drama on the inaugural flight of the firm's McDonnell Douglas 83.

At first captain Bob Taylor thought it was another plane and told passengers to look out of the window as they crossed Sardinia.

Susie Walton, a presenter with London's LBC Radio, said: "The sky lit up with shimmer-

ing lights. It was like a disco. It was very pretty, almost a romantic light.

"After the light disappeared, the captain came back on and said it wasn't an aircraft. He said it could have been a missile or a UFO. But if it was a missile he would have been warned about it in advance. There was no sound, it was silent.

"When the plane suddenly dropped a few minutes later, it was terrifying. I thought that was it. They later said the drop was due to

'wake disturbance' which you get if you fly into the vacuum created by a jumbo jet. But there were no other planes around."

Capt Taylor added: "I've never seen anything like it before. It looked like the remains of a condensation trail.

"It came towards us somewhat faster than normal, in fact it was obviously missing us and climbing tremendously high way above us.

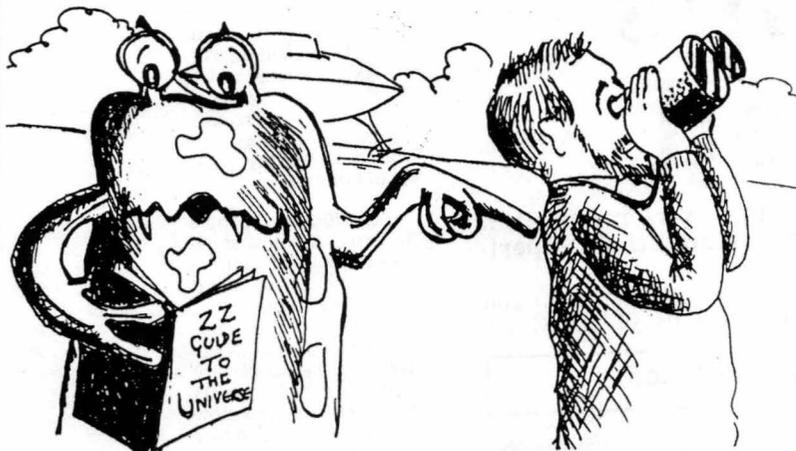
"At first I thought it was an aircraft. It was the way it suddenly disappeared that made me change my mind. I can tell my grandchildren I might have seen a UFO."

No one has identified the object which did not show up on air control screens. But BIA chairman Peter Viller insisted: "The lights were anything from 500 to 3,000 miles away. I'm certain it was not a UFO."

# Wanted! People to investigate aliens

LARE DAWKINS

ALIENS from another planet could be hovering over your me. In the past few months UFO investigators in the county have received reports of blue flashes, large saucer-shaped objects and a ball of orange light in the sky. Now the East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Research Association is looking for people in north-east Essex to investigate sightings. Founder member and spokesman for the association Ron West said: "I have been investigating UFOs for over 20 years. The East Anglian UFO ne into being in July 1968 with just two members. Now we have 51, but are still thin on the ground in north-east Es-



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The most recent "sighting" was last month, when a silver object was seen over Boxted. Other recent "UFOs" include a ball of orange

light at Clacton and a spinning object seen at Weeley.

Mr West said: "I am still investigating a large saucer-shaped object that was seen over Colchester in November."

A recent investigation by Mr West has concluded that a craft surrounded by a blue light, seen over Essex last October, can be classified as an UFO.

Security guards in Clacton saw the blue light

with "a shape like a bullet inside it".

A Maldon man who saw it said: "It certainly wasn't a meteorite. I have

seen these before. There was a blue/white flash of light. I looked up and saw a craft coming towards my house."

Official reports said: "The object was a natural occurrence and was a meteorite which had been tracked from Belgium. It

eventually landed in the sea at Southend."

However, of the 50 people that saw it, six said there was a craft

within the light. Mr West is convinced it was an unidentified flying object — origin unknown.

He would like to hear from anyone who has seen strange lights or craft in the sky, whether they were recent or not, and anyone who would like to join the association.

It has a UFO hotline for reports of sightings. The number is 0268 286079.



ONLY nutcases believe in UFOs, right?

Sensible, level-headed people, and those who like to be thought that way, dismiss it as pseudo-science, barely credible as the plot for a money-spinning Spielberg movie.

I could buy that. But if they aren't there, why don't they go away. Why do sightings pour in from all over the world year after year?

American radio hams claim to have heard the space shuttle Discovery telling ground control it was being buzzed by "alien craft" on its last flight. They reported loss of power and control.

### **Wish**

The theory that there is an organised cover-up

● **Gary Rowe keeps a careful watch on the night sky.**

Picture: Terry Williams.

# Believing in the

*"The evidence of these machines is evident and I accept them, absolutely . . ."* Air Chief Marshall Lord Dowding, former head of Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain.

## BELIEVING CONT

Gary Rowe, of Rhyl, was bitten by this bug 25 years ago; the love of astronomy and a scientific fascination with unexplained phenomena.

This sober-suited cash register salesman, now 46, married with a son at Manchester University, overcame his own secondary modern school education, to become one of Britain's leading experts on the unknown. If it sounds like being at the forefront of ignorance, he is not dismayed. At least he knows there is something to be learned.

This ordinary looking family man in his conventional home, complete with passionate labrador, told me: "I never see little green

men. I'm wary of ridicule. Not so much for my ego but because it impedes the work.

"No-one will contact a crackpot with information, and I value the co-operation of many serious, scientific people out there. I don't want to risk losing it.

"I'm one of a tiny majority of UFO investigators who believe in a logical nuts and bolts explanation for all but a fraction of sightings.

"Hoaxes are surprisingly few. Most of the lights in the sky at night are aeroplanes, reflections off the underside of birds, unusual shaped clouds - in particular the scarce lenticular clouds that look like saucers.

"I hate to think how much I've spent on my hobby. But I now have some very sensitive equipment for measuring, photographing, picking up any unusual readings in magnetic fields, electro-static, sound. I've even got a geiger counter."

Gary was called in to investigate the paranormal happenings at Dodleston near Chester, where a former schoolteacher has written a book based on his computer linking him in communication with people who inhabited his cottage four centuries earlier.

### Missing

He will not be drawn on his conclusions there, but points out that not all unidentified phenomena have been the flying variety.

Mentioning the lengthening list of missing persons, he tells of the young farmer who went missing on Parys mountain, Anglesey, some years ago. He left his car with the doors open and despite an extensive air and sea search was never seen again.

The mountain was once the site of a huge copper mine. Gary was called in to investigate UFO sightings on the other side of it at Llanerchymedd. In Sep-

tember 1978 people had reported "landed objects and humanoids," according to Gary's voluminous files, with their detailed sightings forms neatly ordered.

He said: "At that time two children independently drew and described saucer shaped craft, with unusual details of the underside. They were at Pensarn. Both had been terrified.

Common UFO spotters are country policemen, not a breed normally famed for either intellectual agility or their imaginative flights, but certainly in a job where a hint of the fruitcake could damage career prospects.

Gary is convinced we are not alone and that evidence of wrecked alien craft does exist. The mathematical odds on us being the sole tenants of the universe, are overwhelmingly against.

"They say the distances are too vast," said Gary, "but look at the speed of progress. In 1849 it took a covered wagon 166 days

to cross America. The Shuttle took eight minutes in 1980. And who is to say our visitor's life spans mirror ours. Here on earth some creatures exist for an hour and others for a 100 years. trees for 2,000 years."

# UFO spotted 3128 flying high over villana

### Pulsating

"Then outside that there is a pulsating red band, which looks like a clock face going mad," said 27-year-old Sue.

"The first time we saw it, it was in the sky outside our window for about half-an-hour.

"If it turned out to be Martians, I'd put the kettle on and make them a cup of tea and make them

in the night sky over the village of Moulton.

by Richard Thomas

feel welcome... if there is anyone up there of course," joked Sue.

In case you think Sue and Dave, 38, are seeing things, the object

nations, is fuelled by their steadfast denial of what others have seen, and failure to follow their safety first brief of identify or destroy.

It is normal to gaze at the pale brilliance of the night sky, feel its lonely magnitudes, and wish for the comfort of knowing there were others like us out there somewhere. Hopefully, rather better than us in some respects.

# unbelievable

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**A MYSTERIOUS object has been spotted high over a Northamptonshire village three times in the last two weeks.**

The UFO first appeared Easter Bank holiday above the

Villagers Sue and Dave Harrison who spotted the object from their bedroom window, said it was about twice the size of the brightest star in the sky and moved much more slowly than a

"I'd love to know what it is. It looks like a disc, blue in the middle with a white band round it.

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when they came round and looked through Sue's grandfather's telescope.

And now work colleagues at Hestair Maclaren in Northampton want Sue to tell them the moment she sees it again so they can come round and view it though the telescope as well.

"I really don't know what it is, but it surely can't be a spaceship," added Sue, who now checks the skies every night for the object which last appeared on Tuesday.

## 200 gather for meeting about UFOs

Speaker was 'contactee'

By Stephen Steed  
GAZETTE FAYETTEVILLE BUREAU

EUREKA SPRINGS — "Better not touch the hull, pal, it's hot."

Those supposedly were the first words spoken to Dr. Daniel Fry by an alien being whose flying saucer landed July 4, 1950, at the White Sands Rocket Proving Grounds in New Mexico.

Fry, who claims he was one of the first "contactees," was an engineer then. Now he's a frequent speaker at UFO conferences across the nation.

This weekend, Fry, of Alamo Gordo, N.M., joined about 200 other UFO enthusiasts who met in Eureka Springs for a three-day conference to talk about phenomena of outer space.

Most of those in attendance were believers that earthlings weren't the only living beings in the uni-

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verse.

Others were curious enough to at least consider the prospect of life elsewhere.

All were serious about their work, or their hobbies.

"You bet this is serious," Russell Matthews of Baltimore, Md., said. "You won't find anyone overtly making light of what we are doing here."

He was right. This wasn't a "Star Trek" convention — there were no antennae playfully dangling from conventioners' heads, no space suits, and no jokes about "little green men."

Instead, the conference featured about a dozen speakers, most of them authors or researchers, who talked about possible sightings and possible landings of UFOs around the world. They also discussed what those aliens might have done while they were here.

One part of the conference centered on cattle mutilations, some of which has occurred in Arkansas. Others centered on the media's coverage of possible UFO sightings and on the government's unwillingness to openly investigate the prospect of life beyond Earth.

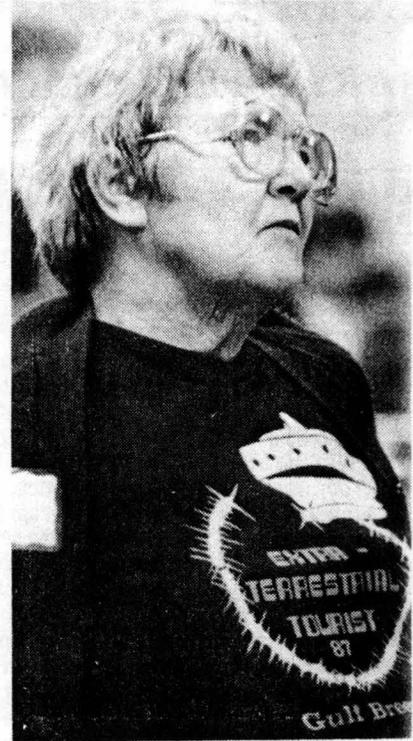
"If there's any credibility to be lent to any of this work, a lot of it is going to have to come from the government," said Vicki Cooper, publisher of *UFO Magazine*, founded in Los Angeles in 1986.

Fry, now 81, said he didn't get much help from the government — or anyone else — when he reported the landing at White Sands.

He said the spaceship and the voice that came from it startled him so much that he fell backward.

He got up only after the "alien" said: "Take it easy, pal, you're among friends."

Fry has written of his extra-terrestrial contact in a book, "To Men of Earth," which he sells at conferences like the one in Eureka



LOIS WILSON

—Staff Photo

Springs.

"There always will be skeptics and cynics," Fry said. "I knew that when I decided to come forth [in 1952] with the story.

"Who's to say something like that never happens? People always doubt these things, until it happens to them. I was a skeptic myself, even after it happened."

Fry said he has no reason to disbelieve anyone when they say they have seen a UFO or spotted an alien being.

"I'd say, generally, that if anyone who says he had contact with an extra-terrestrial and tells about it consistently and constantly for a year, I'd say he had that visit," Fry said.

Lou Farish of Plumerville, who helped organize the conference, said he hoped it becomes an annual event for Eureka Springs. This year's conference ends today.

UFO-watching is gaining credibility, he said.

# License suspended of doctor who warned of UFO invasion

By ALAN BAVLEY  
Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Dr. Scott Corder is convinced that extraterrestrials cruise the galaxies in spaceships.

Corder, a family practitioner in Ottawa, Kan., believes that these space creatures are actually angels.

And he is certain the apostle Peter, now an E.T., communicates regularly with a woman in Russell, Kan.

That is enough for the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, which suspended Corder's license last month and ordered him to see a psychiatrist before it will consider reinstatement.

"The board feels there is a distinct possibility of mental impairment," said Richard Gannon, the board's executive director.

At issue in Corder's case, some observers say, is how far a doctor can stray into unorthodox beliefs before he is considered unable to practice medicine.

"The entire focus of the disciplinary proceeding is that he does have some very unusual opinions on extraterrestrials and UFOs from outer space," said Chip Wheelen, spokesman for the Kansas Medical Society, which has not taken a position on Corder's case.

"The critical question is whether the beliefs and opinions that Corder expressed are symptoms of something that could harm his patients."

The case is unusual, said Dr. Bryant Galusha, executive vice president of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States.

Citing confidentiality, the Board of Healing Arts would not reveal whether it has received any complaints about Corder's medical treatment of patients. Corder has been practicing in Ottawa for 10 years.

The eight doctors at Ransom Memorial Hospital in Ottawa, where Corder, 38, had staff privileges before his license was suspended, have sent a letter to the Board of Healing Arts saying Corder gave patients appropriate care.

"Quite frankly, his practice is beyond reproach," said Len Daugherty, Ransom Memorial administrator. "He's a fine physician. He takes excellent care of his patients."

Corder said he has been interested in unidentified flying objects for about 11 years, but his current involvement didn't begin until he met Donna Butts of Russell, who claims to be in regular communication with the apostle Peter, several years ago.

"He (Peter) can either appear in (her) house as a physical being or as a holographic projection," she said. "There's hardly a day when he's not in contact."

Corder said he came to believe Butts was getting information from Peter after she repeatedly told him personal things about himself that no one else knew.

According to Corder, Peter told them that on May 14, 1988, the world

had entered the period of tribulation foretold in the Bible and the drought in the U.S. Midwest and the earthquake in Armenia are just the beginning. Peter also supplied Butts with prophecies of an earthquake that will hit the Kansas City area by this summer and of a limited nuclear war that will occur sometime in the next two years, Corder said.

Corder's own tribulations with the Board of Healing Arts began shortly after he and Butts told their story to the Weekly World News, a supermarket tabloid that often features news of purported UFO encounters. The Florida-based newspaper published an account in its Dec. 13 issue under the headline, "They're Coming! Space alien invasion only 3 years away, says top UFO expert." Corder's photo appeared with the article.

Later a medical board investigator came to his office with an order from the board to see a psychiatrist at the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Corder said, adding he went to Menninger but refused the psychiatrist's request to stay at the hospital for observation.

Corder has hired a lawyer and is currently negotiating with the board to find a psychiatrist whose assessment they both will accept.

Meanwhile, Corder remains certain the Board of Healing Arts will give him back his license.

"Someday," he said, "they're going to apologize to me."

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## UFOs could prove significant to religion, minister believes

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Smile indulgently about it if so inclined. That's OK with the Rev. Barry H. Downing. But he firmly maintains that UFOs are real and that they have key religious significance.

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He says recognizing the existence and operations of these unidentified flying objects could do much to strengthen faith and renew confidence in biblical accounts.

"It would establish scientific plausibility for the whole biblical field," he says. "It would reinforce faith and make it possible in a scientific context."

Downing, a Presbyterian pastor with a scientific bent, says government equivocation has caused skepticism about UFOs and so he expects some scoffing at his views.

"You have to have a good humor about it," he said in an interview. "I can't prove I'm right, but there's lots of evidence for it, and until it wins out, some people are just going to have to laugh."

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He theorizes that activities of UFO-borne "higher beings" or "angels," likely from another dimension rather than other planets, are indicated in biblical events ranging from guiding the Israelites from Egypt to Jesus' ascension.

He said postulating such activities in forming biblical faith would open a middle ground between fundamentalist literalism and liberal theology's "demythologizing" of supernatural events as symbolic.

"It would cut down the distance between liberals and fundamentalists, and serve as a mediating force between the two extremes," he said.

"The mythological concepts would have to be re-examined, which would be important for the liberal wing. The conservative wing, which stresses certainty and wants everything locked up tight, also would be impacted.

"This would mean unlocking things."

Downing, 50, an Endwell, N.Y., pastor, has a B.A. in physics and, after completing Princeton Theological Seminary, got a doctorate at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland on relations of science and religion.

He details his ideas about UFOs and about eternity as a coexisting

universe, based on Einstein's relativity theory, in a new paperback edition of his book, *The Bible and Flying Saucer*, issued by Berkeley Books.

"What is clear through the biblical material is that God's will for the Jews, and eventually for all mankind, was 'revealed' by beings

from another world," he writes.

"Usually these beings looked very much like ordinary human beings (they almost never have wings) ... once the 'package' of biblical religion had been delivered, man became responsible for the distribution of the contents..."

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# Lights lead county residents to claim UFO

Airport official says pilots are playing joke over Westchester

By Nuna Alberts  
Staff Writer

In a stunt that would have made Orson Welles grin, six pranksters took to the skies and pulled a practical joke on the scale of the director's 1938 radio version of *The War of the Worlds*.

That is if it was a joke.

Carrying lights, the six unidentified pilots Thursday night flew in ultra-light planes in a V or circular formation. As a result, witnesses deluged local law enforcement agencies with reports that they'd seen UFOs.

The pranksters have pulled the same joke for three years running, and each time, police and airport telephone lines have been jammed with callers reporting a halo of hovering red and white lights over the Saw Mill and Taconic parkways.

"I can tell you one thing — those aren't UFOs," said Bob Brunner, night operations supervisor at Westchester County Airport. "If they were, don't you think by now one of those would have landed and picked

"I can tell you one thing — those aren't UFOs. If they were, don't you think by now one of those would have landed and picked one of us up?"

— Bob Brunner, night operations supervisor at Westchester County Airport

one of us up?

This time, Brunner himself saw them, about 10:10 p.m., while driving from his home in Putnam to work at the airport.

"They looked real beautiful in a crystal clear sky," he said. "They fly at a very high altitude. They move slowly at that altitude, maybe 40 mph, and they stay overhead a long time."

Even after hearing that it was a practical joke, Adrian Mackenrow of Harrison was skeptical of Brunner's explanation.

"I have flown an ultra light in Florida. Ultra lights are noisy. I would have heard them," said Mackenrow, who stopped with his

wife, Olga, near exit seven on Interstate 287 to see the lights.

Brunner said the pilots use small planes that have the same markings as any other aircraft. Their shapes, however, become distorted when they fly high in the sky.

On Halloween night in 1938, the New York area panicked after they heard Welles' version of the H.G. Wells tale of Martians landing on Earth, *The War of the Worlds*. After the broadcast Welles had to tell frightened listeners, who thought they were hearing a description of an invasion from Mars, that the Mercury Theatre broadcast was a hoax.

Airport officials don't know who the jesters were Thursday night. But Brunner said the guess is that they use a small upstate airport without a control tower to which they would have to report.

"I feel they just want the publicity," he said. "What they want to see are headlines 'UFOs strike Westchester' so they can sit around and go 'ha-ha'." The pilots aren't doing anything illegal, he added.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

# Something's out there, UFO club

## members say

By Craig Cairns  
Pensacola News Journal

Charles Flannigan remembers the exact time, date and place he began believing in UFOs.

"I crossed the line (of disbelief) on July 2, 1952, at 2:30 p.m.," said Flannigan, a Pensacola real estate agent and director of the Escambia-Santa Rosa chapter of Mutual UFO Network Inc., or MUFON.

"Myself and three other people observed two daylight discs maneuvering in the sky above us for 12 to 15 minutes in Indiana. I thought 'UFO' at the time," he said.

"Later I spent 20 years in Naval aviation, and no nation on earth has such technologically advanced craft."

Numerous reported sightings of UFOs in and around Gulf Breeze has helped make the local MUFON chapter the largest in the nation, MUFON officials said last week.



**Flannigan**

They asked any local citizens who see or hear what they believe to be a UFO to call 477-7777 at any time

and ask for a MUFON investigator. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

Walter H. Andrus Jr., MUFON international director in Seguin, Texas, said the active members in the Escambia-Santa Rosa chapter give it more members than any of the nearly 150 chapters nationwide.

MUFON, an international scientific organization of people interested in researching the UFO phenomenon, has 2,000 members worldwide, with about 1,800 members in the United States, Andrus said.

He said belief in UFOs is not a requirement of membership.

But Flannigan and three other local

MUFON members said they are convinced of the existence of UFOs and a massive government cover-up of an alien presence.

They said local MUFON investigators have probed 135 sightings in the twenty county area, most since a Gulf Breeze businessman known as "Ed" first reported sightings and took pictures in November 1977.

No one has been able to prove Ed faked the photos he took, although many have questioned their validity. MUFON members said numerous sightings by Ed and other responsible local citizens prove this

## UFOs are out there group members say

**FROM 1A**  
is not a UFO hoax.

"We're talking about the greatest mystery of all time — the greatest cover-up of all time," Flannigan said about the government's refusal to confirm the existence of UFOs.

But Maj. Lou Figueroa, a U.S. Air Force public information officer in Washington, D.C., said the Air Force hasn't investigated UFOs since 1969, when "Project Blue Book" ended.

Figueroa said that project investigated more than 12,000 reported UFOs from 1948 to 1969, but found no proof UFOs are extraterrestrial, present a threat to national security or go beyond the limits of nature and modern technology.

Still, MUFON members Rex and Carol Salisbury of Navarre Beach, and Vicki Lyons of Pensacola, said they agree with Flannigan that all is not as it appears.

Rex Salisbury, a retired Air Force colonel and mathematics professor for St. Leo College northeast of Tampa, which offers classes at area military bases, said he became a UFO believer in the early 1960s.

He said nine Air Force personnel in three planes were flying over Kansas City, Mo., "when we all saw a lighted object at an altitude of 40,000 feet and traveling at about 1,500 mph."

The next day a Kansas City newspaper reported a UFO landing, Salisbury said. But he said none of the men he flew with wanted to report their sighting to officials.

"It would have been too much of a hassle — a lot of paperwork and nobody would believe it," he said.

Carol Salisbury, an assistant professor of psychology and English for St. Leo College, said she and another woman were driving along Navarre Beach at 7 p.m. on April 7, 1988, when they spotted two disc-like lights in the sky.

"We drove closer and they blinked out. We were amazed. Then we drove off and they blinked back on," she said. "If I had been by myself I never would have reported it. I just wouldn't have believed it."

Lyons, a piano teacher, said she has never had a UFO sighting, but became convinced they exist after extensive study of the phenomenon and hearing reports of sightings from people like the Salisberrys.

Flannigan said MUFON believes that 90 percent of UFO sightings worldwide go unreported because people fear ridicule or worse if they tell people what they saw. "One of our chapter's main goals is to encourage all people to report sightings," he said. "We could learn so much more."

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# Should doctors be allowed to believe in UFOs?



BOB DRIVER

## THE DRIVER'S SEAT

**A** physician in Ottawa, Kan., has had his license suspended for a month because he believes in Unidentified Flying Objects.

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts has not only suspended Dr. Scott Corder, a family practitioner, from seeing patients; the board also ordered him to see a psychiatrist.

Dr. Corder believes that extraterrestrial beings travel the galaxies in space ships. He also thinks the Apostle Peter is an ET who talks regularly with a woman in Russell, Kans. It is so refreshing to see this kind of story

coming out of Kansas.

Stuff like this happens all the time in Southern California, but it's fairly rare that small-town Kansans will admit to a belief in UFOs.

This story restores my long-held belief that Kansans are just as interesting and unpredictable as anyone else.

My wife thinks that anyone from the Midwest is a paradigm of honesty, hard work, decency and good sense. I contend that many of them are that way, but that other Kansans are tramps, murderers and thieves.

If you don't agree, just ask any cop in Kansas.

Getting back to the UFO thing: Would you continue seeing your family doctor if he said he believes in UFOs and ETs?

I think I would, as long as he didn't let his UFO ideas influence the way he practiced medicine.

However, I would be somewhat shaken if I went to my doctor for bronchitis and he said,

"The Apostle Peter left some really great bronchitis pills with me when his space ship landed in the hospital's parking lot last week."

As anyone knows, the Apostle Peter didn't know beans about bronchitis, or anything else medicinal.

During my lifetime I have been treated by several excellent family doctors, and I don't recall any of them revealing their thoughts on UFOs or anything else of an intimate, personal nature.

I like it that way, and I expect most patients agree with me. If my doctor tells me he jogs or that he studied in Boston, I have no objection.

But I would just as soon not know his religious beliefs, political leanings, his favorite author, or whether he prefers Schubert's symphonies to those of Haydn.

For one thing, most top-flight physicians are busy people, and I would feel guilty taking up my doctor's time with unofficial chit-chat, no matter how enjoyable it might be.

The other reason is this: I would probably

respond by telling the doctor some of my own beliefs, with the result that he might drop me from his patient list.

For example, I have refrained from informing my doctor that the ghost of blues singer Bessie Smith has taken up residence in my left knee.

On cold mornings when I first swing out of bed I can hear Bessie singing the first few bars of "I Ain't Gonna Give You None of My Jelly Roll."

My wife knows about my knee, and Bessie's unexpected singing drives our cat — literally — up the wall. But unless actual physical complications set in I will keep the truth about my knee hidden from my doctor.

I know he will be grateful. My silence will relieve him of the decision of whether he should write about my musical knee in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Such an article might cause him to have his license suspended, and I don't want that. So mum's the word. //

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■ In Wythe County — where about 3,000 sightings of unidentified flying objects had been reported over a 19-month period in 1987 and 1988 — 82 percent of the 240 surveyed never saw anything resembling a UFO. Eighteen percent did, but their descriptions varied as to shape, size and color. Only 26 percent thought the sightings actually were UFOs, and most of those thought they were military aircraft of some kind.

# Aliens among us, local writer says

by CHARLIE BRENNAN

Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

There are strangers among us.

So says veteran Littleton documentary filmmaker Linda Moulton Howe, who will make her debut as an author next month with a startling new book: *Alien Harvest: Further Evidence Linking Animal Mutilations and Human Abductions to Alien Life Forms*.

Caution: People with a low threshold for the bizarre and improbable may want to skip here. For the rest, here is Howe's description of the book's hypothesis:

"The case is very strong that we have some kind of non-human alien life form that is intruding on this planet for reasons that are still not clear to me, and may not still be clear to the government."

Howe is far from the first to allege that the highest levels of government have kept a tight lid on their own knowledge of unidentified flying objects, and their crews, at least since the supposed crash and recovery of a craft near Roswell, N.M., in July 1947.

But Howe's credentials separate her from many UFO believers. Her master's degree is from Stanford University, and her resume features an entire page of journalism awards — 30 of them. They include three regional Emmys for television documentaries.

One of those Emmys came for *A Strange Harvest*, which first aired in 1980 and explored the possible links between western livestock mutilations and UFOs.

Livestock mutilations became such a concern in western states in the mid-1970s that Gov. Richard Lamm ordered the Colorado Bureau of Investigation in 1975 to examine the problem.

A year later, the CBI concluded — in a report many still criticize — that all but a few mutilations they studied could be attributed to predators. And the animals were in most cases already dead from natural causes, the CBI said.

In her book, Howe expands upon the mystery she first probed with *A Strange Harvest*.

Within three weeks of the film's first broadcast, Howe said, "All I heard from ranchers, from deputies, from sheriffs, from a fellow journalist up in northeast Colorado — from one veterinarian who would only talk to me confidentially — were wild UFO stories."

"I heard so many UFO stories that I myself was stunned," she said.

U.S. Air Force officials have heard plenty of stories, too, but don't express great interest.

Maj. Lou Figueroa acknowledged that the Air Force did investigate the UFO phenomenon from 1948 to 1969, and checked out "over 12,000 sightings."

Of that number, he said, "There were only 701 reported sightings that could be categorized as unexplained."

The final "Project Blue Book" report, he said, stated that "there has been no evidence" that any sightings recorded as unidentified are "extraterrestrial vehicles."

The government stance is vexing to Howe, who has a copy of the "Majestic-12 Preliminary Briefing for President-elect Eisenhower." It purports to be a digest concerning findings of a top-secret panel empowered by President Harry S. Truman to investigate material recovered from the Roswell incident and others.

The Nov. 18, 1952, alleged government report describes the wreckage, and the condition of four "human-like beings" recovered near the wrecked aircraft:

"It was the tentative conclusion of this group that although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has apparently been quite different."

Figueroa said he'd heard of the Majestic 12 report but had never seen it. Asked if he had ever heard an explanation that would debunk the report's content, he said simply, "No, I haven't."

Philip Klass, a senior editor for 35 years of *Aviation Week & Space Technology* maga-

zine, is perhaps the nation's best-known UFO skeptic. He considers the Majestic-12 report a fraud.

Among other things, Klass said, the military-style writing in the document is inconsistent with the military style at the time.

In short, said Klass, "There's a greater chance that Santa Claus and his little elves exist, than us having extraterrestrial visitors."

University of Colorado physics researcher George Lawrence, a board member of Rocky Mountain Skeptics, also dismisses Howe's theories, though in more guarded language.

Lawrence said stories of supposed UFOs "fall into the category of being too good to be true."

His skepticism stems in part, he said, from his belief that "there are no hard artifacts" to prove UFOs' and aliens' existence beyond any doubt. Still, he concedes, he's "never really researched the UFO

question" for himself.

Howe denies that she has adopted "some kind of 'ism' or a belief system."

"I am a filmmaker and I am a writer who has been presented material from a variety of sources that all say the same thing, that we have alien life forms mucking around on this planet," she said.

Howe has done more than merely review the already well-thumbed documentation of UFO lore. She actively investigated continuing developments in the field as recently as last month.

Howe was contacted in March by Jim Williamson, editor of the *Little River News*, in Ashdown, Ark. After a series of what Williamson called "dancing lights" in the night sky dating back to August 1987, local residents discovered five dead cows in a field March 1 of this year. Three had been mutilated. There were no signs of bleeding. Or of human footprints.

Williamson and Howe said tissue from one of the carcasses was analyzed at their request by pathologist Dr. John Altshuler of Denver.

Micro-photographs showed that the excisions were made "at a very high heat" and were done "rapidly," Altshuler told the *News*.

Williamson, called by Arkansas State Police, said that one of the cows appeared to have died suddenly, practically in mid-stride.

"Something freeze-framed it," he noted. "If we've got buzzards that are doing this, they're awfully some."

Howe said that although she feels her research has been thorough and exhaustive, she has no illusions about winning over the doubters of the world.

"In terms of hard proof, until the aliens and the silver discs are laid out in front of us by the President of the United States... I don't think anybody is going to accept anything as hard proof," she said.



JANET REEVES/Rocky Mountain News

Littleton writer Linda Moulton Howe says the case is very strong that some kind of extraterrestrial life forms are intruding on this planet.

## COLORADO INCIDENTS

Colorado, along with the entire Rocky Mountain region, has long been fertile ground for tales of strange doings that may — or may not — be linked to visitors from beyond.

The following are highlights of recent oddities that have surfaced in reports to police, the military, the media and others:

■ **May 1988:** Unexplained cattle mutilations, the target of hot debate in the 1970s, continue. Weld County sheriff's deputy Mike Stark photographs a mutilated cow near Greeley that bears wounds corresponding precisely to those suffered by hundreds of other livestock around the world.

■ **Oct. 31, 1988:** Jefferson County sheriff's personnel investigate a "large orange ball of fire" that falls to the ground near Aspen Park. They conclude it "probably

was a meteor" but find no debris.

■ **March 10, 1989:** Little River County, Ark., is the site of three cattle mutilations. A Denver pathologist's examination reveals findings identical to results of tests on "Lady," a mutilated horse discovered in Colorado's San Luis Valley 22 years earlier.

■ **March 21, 1989:** Flight controllers at the Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center are baffled by strange radar blips. Some controllers "had a dozen or more of these targets merging with actual aircraft targets over a half-hour period," controller Kevin Cain wrote. Cain now dismisses the episode as "false targets" generated by a computer malfunction.

■ **March 28, 1989:** A Longmont resident writes the *Rocky Mountain News* to

report her sighting of a daytime UFO she witnessed March 21, the same day FAA controllers made their puzzling sightings.

■ **April 3, 1989:** A "brilliant blue object" rocketing across Colorado daytime skies tentatively is identified as a possible "rare daytime meteorite" by a Boulder astronomer. North American Defense Command at Colorado Springs acknowledges sightings, has no explanation.

■ **April 18, 1989:** Capt. Thomas Niemann, at the U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs, says that military facility routinely tracks 6,900 man-made objects in space. Each day, he says, an average of "one or two" objects enter the Earth's atmosphere which do not "correlate" with any known object.

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## More of the 3128 mysterious UFOs seen

WHAT was the silver glowing light seen by families enjoying themselves on Southend beaches?

One family watched it for about 10 minutes. Other beachgoers also noted it and spotted another silver light. Both were out to sea and from the beach area looked pea size.

The two objects hovered for about 10 minutes at 5pm on Tuesday and then sped off.

But UFO investigators are even more interested in an incident in South Woodham Ferrers on Saturday about 10pm.

Two teenage girls were walking along Hullbridge Road when a red ball of light appeared and stopped in front of them.

The frightened girls retraced their footsteps. On two other occasions they returned to the glow appeared to chase them before disappearing.

Also on Saturday night over Vange a bright orange light was seen apparently over the Pitsea area, and on Sunday about 10.30pm an oval object with white lights round the centre was spotted. It hovered for some time and then sped off.

On Monday about 9.30pm six people saw a green light hovering over the sea at Southend. It moved out to sea and vanished.

Mrs Connie Yeowell, of North Creswell, Southend, and her husband spotted a bright light in the sky and pieces came from it.

UFO investigators would like any other witnesses to telephone them on the hotline 0268 286079.

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## UFO PROBE

POLICE are investigating a report of a "strange orange glow" in the sky seen between Stanford-le-Hope and Grays on Tuesday night. The light glowed strongly for a couple of seconds before fading away.

# 3128 Phones cut as objects hover

## over station

# Mercy in crew alert UFO

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By Matt Finnegan

**AN AMBULANCE** crew today claimed to have had a close encounter with a UFO which hovered over their station for more than an hour.

Stuart Goulding and Walter Gorse watched in disbelief as three objects appeared in the night sky directly over Heywood ambulance station in Hind Hill Street.

They say one of the objects, flanked by two white lights, sent out red, white and blue flashes.

And when they turned on the headlights of their ambulance they say the UFO went "haywire." Phone lines at the station went dead and they were unable to dial 999.

One of the men ran to the nearby police station to summon help. A policeman then followed the lights for more than a mile, but they suddenly darted away.

Air traffic controllers say they didn't see any UFOs and police are investigating one theory that the sighting may have been a star which reacted to atmospheric conditions.

### Sightings

Over the years there have been several sightings of UFOs in the area and just a few miles away the area round the Rossendale Valley has earned the nickname of UFO Valley for having the highest number of sightings in Britain.

Unexplained objects have also been reported over nearby moorland. A team of UFO experts was today due to investigate the latest sighting.

Both ambulancemen were off duty and unavailable for comment today. But a colleague said: "They were scared stiff by what happened. They just couldn't believe what they had seen. When the police confirmed the sighting they knew they weren't

hallucinating.

"One of the objects was spinning round with lights all around the outer rim. They were multi-coloured and two other white objects were on either side

"When they tried to phone up to report it the phones went dead and they couldn't get through. Both of them are convinced that what they saw was real."

A police spokesman said flashing lights were seen over Heywood by several other people, including police officers.

"But it has been suggested that it may have been a star and at the moment we are satisfied with that explanation. We certainly don't think we were being invaded."

### Looking for UFOs

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THE Northamptonshire Unidentified Flying Object Research Centre (NUFORC) was set up in November 1987 by members from Northampton, Corby, Wellingborough.

It is a reporting centre in which the public can report to us any UFO sightings. When these reports come in we analyse and investigate to see if we can find a reasonable explanation.

Members are made up from people with different lives but united in their interest in UFOs. We all follow up local reports and conduct active research which we gather together and analyse. All the reports are typed and filed for future reference and all case reports are passed on to BUFORA. (British UFO Research Association).

May I through the Chronicle & Echo request any of your readers who may have observed a strange object on April 20 anywhere in Northampton to get in touch with me.

Also it would be of great help if the couple who actually reported an object over Moulton to get in touch.

Also if readers are interested in the centre or spot anything we would very much like to hear from them.

Cassie Pollock,  
NUFORC,  
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Blackthorn,  
Northampton.

# Strange stories about strange lights

A STORY appearing in the spring issue of Stockport Heritage Magazine about the history of strange lights, like will o' th' wisps over the moors has been given a hair-raising twist.

In it, a local author on UFOs and the paranormal, Jenny Randles, of Cheadle Heath, attempts an explanation of the age-old-mystery which she terms unexplained atmospheric phenomena, basically "strange lights," the title of the article in the magazine.

In a meeting at Edgeley Library recently, she told her audience: "They are lights, but we do not know where they are coming from. Certain areas all over the world seem to produce them, and one very close to home, the moors between Oldham and Skipton, is famous for them."

She then startled her audience by claiming that the lights and UFOs were one and the same.

"We are getting close to understanding the physics of it," she said. "It is connected with the geology of certain areas. Faults in the Earth's crust seem to trigger the phenomena, and scientists in Norway have tracked orange and blue lights with lasers."

Jenny quotes Lord Hill Norton, former Admiral of the Fleet and Chief of the Defence Staff, as an authority figure who believes something is going on.

"I have spoken to him a number of times and he is convinced there has been a cover-up of an official investigation," she said.

Jenny, who is a research director for the British UFO Research Association, has chronicled many sightings, including close encounters, she says.

The Heritage Magazine article mentions

sightings over the moors, and includes a photograph of an unidentified light over Werneth Low in 1915.

"We have tried to throw more 'light' on this old phenomenon," says the magazine's editor, Steve Cliffe. "Jenny cites policemen who have seen strange things."

One constable took a photograph of a figure on the moors, and another sketched an object he saw in the sky. Both suffered memory lapses and had nightmares.

"Most victims felt pressure, electrostatic tingling and experienced their hairs standing on end."

"Electrical equipment and car engines were also affected, showing some sort of force was operating."

And she asked: "If you see anything, please make a careful record."

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## No-cover up — UFO expert

UFO EXPERT Philip Mantle, who has examined copies of official Government documents, claims there has been no UFO cover-up by ministers.

And Mr Mantle, who runs a nationwide UFO hotline from his home in Woodall Drive, Healey, said the Government knows as little about UFOs as the rest of us but doesn't like admitting it.

Mr Mantle has been checking official documents, all of which must be 30 years old before the Government can release them, to assess how much the Government knows about UFOs.

"I don't believe the Government is hiding any truth as such. I think they are just as confused as we are," he said.

Mr Mantle has seen papers including questions from former prime minister Winston Churchill and none of the replies given in the House of Commons have provided satisfactory answers.

When he lived in Morley Mr Mantle asked MP Merlyn Rees to raise the UFO question in the Commons but defence secretary Michael Heseltine failed to come up with convincing answers.

Mr Mantle said politicians tend to "talk round in circles" and often do not know the right questions to ask.

Several years ago the Ministry of Defence promised to release some documents relating to UFO sitings but have so far failed to do so.

"The Ministry of Defence stated in black and white they were going to release documentation that they have. I am not saying it's secret but for some reason there has been an about-face," said Mr Mantle.

The UFO hotline has taken more than 300 calls in two years but only about three calls from Batley.

Two years ago several people in Healey spotted a shooting cigar-shaped object but Mr Mantle investigated and dismissed the siting as an effect of extreme weather conditions.

Mr Mantle, who was interviewed on Derek Jameson's Radio Two show on Monday morning and had an article published in a national newspaper recently, can be contacted on Batley 444049.

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## Spotting you spotting me at high level



Mr Douglas Haig Hughes

By Nia Griffith

A GREY, cylinder-shaped flying object was spotted early on Monday evening by a local man who believes it took a photograph of him.

Douglas Haig Hughes, 68, from 18 Queen's Road, Llandudno Junction, a gunner with the Royal Air Force for five years during the war, was strolling along Ffordd Maelgwyn with his wife Catherine at

5.30pm on Monday: "A cylinder-shaped object approached from the Glan Conwy area about 600ft up and proceeded towards Llandudno," said Mr Hughes.

"It was massive in diameter. I could see it with my naked eyes. It appeared at

first to be moving at about 45 to 55 miles per hour.

Then it slowed down and flashed a bright light, like an infra-red light, from the window of the cylinder onto us. I didn't feel anything. When the light went out, travelled on towards Llandudno.

"It was definitely not from this earth. We have been trying to get an aircraft for years and years that doesn't make a noise. There was no noise at all with this.

"I used to be very sceptical about such things, but what I saw on Monday convinced me beyond doubt that there's life on another planet," he added.

A spokesman for R. Valley, Anglesey, said: "We haven't been flying any planes over the last three days."



A CITY is planning an out-of-this-world welcome for alien visitors — by building them a special civic landing pad.

Councillors in Nashville, Tennessee, believe UFOs are queuing up to see Earth but cannot find a suitable spot to touch down.

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Now they are proposing to build them a £500,000 official landing site.

Councillor George Darden, the man behind the close encounter bid, said: "I am very serious. People were reporting all these strange creatures coming to town and they had no-where to land."

The site would be bigger than FOUR football pitches

# Police chase Riddle as objects light up night sky

# a UFO

## Aliens have invaded, says Arthur

By Matt Finnegan

AN AMBULANCE crew today claimed to have had a close encounter with a UFO which hovered over their station for more than an hour.

Stuart Goulding and Walter Gorse watched in disbelief as three objects appeared in the night sky directly over Heywood ambulance station in Hind Hill Street.

They say one of the objects, flanked by two white lights, sent out red, white and blue flashes.

And when they turned on the headlights of their ambulance they say the UFOs went "haywire." Phone lines at the station went dead and they were unable even to dial 999.

One of the men ran to the nearby police station to summon help. A policeman then followed the lights for more than a mile, but they suddenly darted away.

Air traffic controllers say they didn't record any UFOs on their screens and police are investigating one theory that the sighting may have been a star which reacted to atmospheric conditions.

### Sightings

Over the years there have been several sightings of UFOs in the area and just a few miles away the Rossendale area has earned the nickname of UFO Valley for having the highest number of sightings in Britain.

Unexplained objects have also been reported over nearby moorland.

Both ambulancemen were off duty and unavailable for comment today. But a colleague said: "They were scared stiff by what happened."

"One of the objects was spinning round with lights all around the outer rim. They were multi-coloured and two other white objects were on either side hovering over."

"Both of them are convinced that what they saw was real."

A police spokesman said flashing lights were seen over Heywood by several other people, including police officers.

Jenny Randle, Stockport-based director of investigations for the British UFO Research Association, said: "Since early spring there have been a number of reports of very pronounced auroral displays. These are electrical particles which cut through the upper levels of the atmosphere and create very strong electrical signals which glow incandescently."

"More of them seem to be getting through because of the weakening of the ozone layer and they can create different colours and interfere with electrical systems like telephones."

UFO INVESTIGATORS in the North West claim to have uncovered startling new evidence of an alien invasion of earth.

They revealed their findings at a public meeting at Leigh.

The lecture, by leading UFO expert Arthur Tomlinson, focused on cases of human abduction, reports of flying saucers said to have crashed in the US, and the existence of alien bases in New Mexico.

The group also claims to have possession of previously top secret reports which back their claims.

The lecture, at Leigh Library's Derby room,

By Evening News Reporter

was the third in a series.

Steve Balon, a member of the Direct Investigation Group of Aerial Phenomena, said: "The response has shown that there is definitely a solid interest in the subject."

"The vast majority would treat it with scepticism, but we feel we have to show people exactly what is going on."

## UFO alert over orange craft

UFO investigators have been called in after two noiseless orange coloured ball or pear-shaped craft were seen over Southend and Rayleigh.

A couple were walking along Southend seafront when they saw the object about 200 metres from them. It went down behind trees but they were too

scared to follow.

About the same time a mother and son walking near Rayleigh Weir with their dog had a feeling something was behind them.

They turned round to see an orange ball-shaped object, bright and hovering. It descended and disappeared, also behind trees.

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The rugby-ball shaped object seen by dozens of people has been spotted again, this time by a woman from Chelmsford who saw the red-brown object between Brentwood and Chelmsford travelling in the Southend direction.

If anyone else saw these objects they are asked to contact the UFO hotline on 0268 286079.

# 1381 Did the prophet Elijah ride a UFO to heaven?

By **GEORGE W. CORNELL**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Smile indulgently about it, if so inclined. That's OK with the Rev. Barry H. Downing. But he firmly maintains that UFOs are real and that they have key religious significance.

He says recognizing the existence and operations of these Unidentified Flying Objects could do much to strengthen faith and renew confidence in biblical accounts.

"It would establish scientific plausibility for the whole biblical field," he says. "It would reinforce faith and make it possible in a scientific context."

Downing, a Presbyterian pastor with a scientific bent, says government equivocation has caused skepticism about UFOs, so he expects some scoffing at his views.

"You have to have a good humor about it," he said. "I can't prove I'm right, but there's lots of evidence for it, and until it wins out, some people are just going to have to laugh."

He theorizes that activities of UFO-borne "higher beings" or "angels," likely from another dimension rather than other planets, are indicated in biblical events ranging from guiding the Israelites from Egypt to Christ's ascension.

He said postulating such activities in forming biblical faith would open a middle ground between fundamentalist literalism and liberal theology's "demythologizing" of supernatural events as only symbolic.

"It would cut down the distance between liberals and fundamentalists, and serve as a mediating force between the two extremes," he said.

"The mythological concepts would have to be re-examined, which would be important for the liberal wing. The conservative wing, which stresses certainty and wants everything locked up tight, also would be affected.

"This would mean unlocking things."

Downing, 50, an Endwell, N.Y., pastor, has a bachelor of arts degree in physics and, after completing Princeton Theological Seminary, got a doctorate at the University

of Edinburgh in Scotland on relations of science and religion.

He details his ideas about UFOs and about eternity as a coexisting universe, based on Einstein's relativity theory, in a new paperback edition of his book, *The Bible and Flying Saucers*, issued by Berkley Books.

"What is clear through the biblical material is that God's will for the Jews, and eventually for all mankind, was 'revealed' by beings from another world," he writes.

"Usually these beings looked very much like ordinary human beings (they almost never have wings) . . . Once the 'package' of biblical religion had been delivered, man became responsible for the distribution of the contents . . ."

Downing said a hovering, UFO-like "cloud" by day, and glowing "pillar of fire" by night, guided the Israelites out of Egypt projecting some propulsive force that parted the Red Sea, leading them for years across

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the desert.

Other events he sees as carried out by UFOs include:

The firelike phenomenon on Mount Sinai in which Moses received the Ten Commandments, the Prophet

Elijah taken to heaven in a fiery chariot, the star of Bethlehem, the engulfing light of Jesus' transfiguration, his being "lifted up" at his ascension and the blinding visitation of Paul en route to Damascus.

"All these were UFO types of reports," Downing said.

Downing, pastor for 22 years of Endwell's Northminster Presbyterian Church, also is theological consultant to the Mutual UFO Network, based in Seguin, Texas, and Fund for UFO Research, based in Washington.

Recalling a 1969 government commission finding that Air Force observations offered "insufficient evidence" to substantiate UFOs, Downing said the government was "covering up" and the full report never was released.

He displayed a 1975 letter from then-Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., saying the material was being withheld as "above Top Secret."

"If the government weren't lying in denying UFOs exist, we'd have had a religious revolution starting 40 years ago," Downing said. "It would not mean undermining biblical faith, but reinterpreting it in light of UFO phenomena."

In the pulpit, Downing said he rarely brings his UFO ideas into sermons, recognizing the controversial aspects, although members are aware of his interest in the subject. He added:

"Three or four have said they've had UFO experiences."

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## Rugby ball was UFO — official

A MYSTERY object spotted by five families throughout South East Essex has been classified as a UFO by the East Anglian UFO Society.

The rugby ball shaped object was spotted in Canvey, Grays and Rettendon, and Ron West of the UFO society feels it could have been spotted by others, as yet to come forward.

The object was first sighted off Canvey at around midnight on April 11 when a man saw what he described as a "rugby ball with a tail" hovering out in the estuary.

The man, who went into his garden to watch the object for more than 30 minutes, said it was covered in flashing lights and dis-

appeared behind the clouds.

Three hours later a man in Grays spotted the object, which he too described to the UFO society as rugby ball shaped, bedecked with flashing lights hovering over the estuary.

He watched the object for half an hour before loosing it in the clouds.

The final sighting was over Rettendon

Common where Mrs Janet Perry and her husband were woken by the sound of their dog barking.

Mr West of the UFO society ruled out the possibility of the object being a plane or helicopter.

He said: "Until we hear otherwise this has to be counted as a UFO and I would like to hear from anyone else who saw the object."

# Who carved the cow worries farmer

By Frank Sikora  
News staff writer

MAPLESVILLE — The mutilation of a cow in Chilton County last December first set off speculation about satanic cults.

Now, UFOs have zoomed into the picture.

It all started when a cow turned up missing in a wooded area adjoining a pasture. The animal belonged to Millard Reynolds, a Chilton County lumberyard owner and cattle farmer.

The cow had wandered off when the herd was moved to a new grazing area.

Several days went by and one Tuesday morning a neighbor called and said, "I think I found your missing cow."

Reynolds went to the area and found a shocking — and mysterious — sight. The animal had been beheaded, the body cut in two.

The back half of the body was gone, but the front remained. The head was about 100 feet away.

"I've never seen anything like that," said Reynolds.

But the real mystery, he said, was the fact that there was no blood found anywhere.

"It looked to me like somebody used a chain saw to cut her in two like that," he said. "I examined the head and the cow hadn't been shot. Usually people shoot a cow if they want to butcher it for the meat. But if they wanted the meat, why'd they leave the front

**It looked to me like somebody used a chain saw to cut her in two like that.**

*Millard Reynolds, cattle farmer*

shoulders and all? It's just a mystery to me."

Reynolds believes that the butchery might have been the work of a satanic cult who killed the beast to use in a ritual.

But usually such groups in Alabama have been using goats or chickens, which are easier to deal with than a cow.

And satanic groups, when they do kill an animal, tend to be messy in the work, leaving blood as they dig out the heart or some other organs to use in rituals.

Now, a group that has been looking to the skies for signs of UFOs, says it also will look into some of the cattle slayings to see if there is a connection between the slaughter and sighting of unidentified flying objects.

"It's always kind of a pat answer to say that a satanic cult is responsible," Jeff Ballard, state director for MUFON (Mutual UFO Network).

He says there have been mysterious cattle mutilations in 30 states — mostly the West and Midwest — and in many of them there have

been sightings of UFOs.

He says the precision of some of the cattle killings — some appeared to have been cut with heated instruments or lasers — has raised questions with MUFON which believes there is "the possibility of non-human perpetrators."

"We're not saying this is the case; it's just something we want to look at," he said. "But some of the wounds have been clean incisions, almost bloodless. There has been an absence of blood. The eyes and other organs and glands have been cleanly removed."

He said he is sending letters to cattlemen's associations and law enforcement agencies to see if there have been such cases in Alabama.

"We just don't feel that all such cases should be written off as satanic rituals," he said. "It's an easy answer for something which may not have an easy answer. However, if it turns out these are satanic cults, then I'll leave it alone."

There have been reports of slaughtered animals in Marshall and Cullman counties, also believed the work of satanic cults.

In Mobile, law enforcement officers have come across a number of abandoned houses and other buildings which appear to have been used for rituals.

Police there found an altar at an abandoned house.

"The satanic thing is a fad," said Sheriff Department Sgt. Charles Flowers. "A lot of this stuff is young people dabbling around in it. But a lot of people get panicked. It's all blown out of proportion."

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## For councilman, UFOs not an alien concept

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Staff Writer

E.T., phone Metro.

Call Metro Councilman George Darden. He filed a resolution yesterday asking Metro to build a landing pad for unidentified flying objects.

Yes, Darden says he is serious.

"What it was, people were reporting all these strange creatures coming to town, and they have nowhere to land," said Darden, who last year filed a bill to ban sex in the Metro Courthouse.

It failed.

"I'm very serious," Darden said.

"When people see them, do you want to just cast them off as a lunatic? I don't think so. I've never seen them."

Asked how Darden expected to pay for the landing pad when Metro is in a budget crisis, he said, "I've written to both [Congressmen] Bob Clement and Bart Gordon to see if they could get some federal money for the project."

How would UFOs know it was their pad?

"They put a beacon on there, and you just have to get some people to know what kind of beacon to put on them to signal these folks."

Councilman Paul Blankenship said a neighbor of his once saw a UFO.

Does that mean he'll vote for this?

"No," Blankenship said. "I don't want them to land."

"But if he gets this passed, I'll take you for a ride." ■