

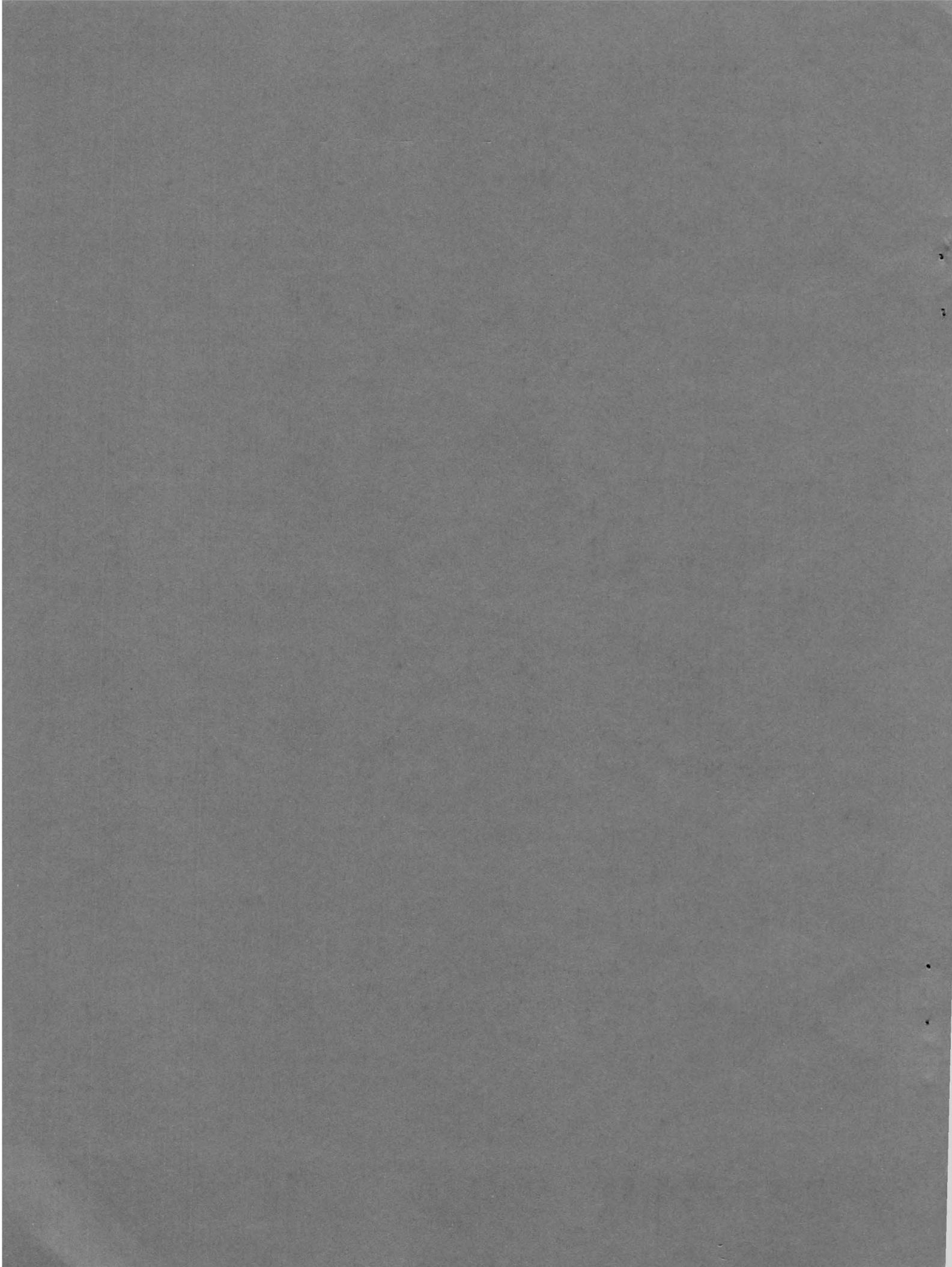
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Observers don't have clue about UFO's origin

Sightings as far away as western Md.

By ERIC RUTH
Staff reporter

The mysterious glowing ball that shot through Saturday's night skies remained a mystery Sunday as reports of the UFO came in from as far away as western Maryland.

Regular sky observers on the Delmarva Peninsula and surrounding areas had no explanations of the colorful projectile's origins.

"I haven't heard anything at all, period," said Clyde K. Dossett, who as a meteorologist at New Castle County Airport keeps an eye on Delaware's skies.

Some witnesses suggested that the green ball, which trailed a fiery tail as it streaked through the sky after 7 p.m., was a meteor.

Yet meteors and meteorologists have little in common.

"We don't have anything to do with that," Dossett said. "It's got nothing to do with meteorology."

Upstairs from Dossett's office,

at the airport's control tower, air traffic control specialist Dean Dungan said no one in the glass-encircled perch saw the object. And no pilots had radioed in sightings.

Dover Air Force Base officials said no aircraft — civilian or military — could be blamed for the phenomenon.

Witnesses in Delaware and surrounding states said the object traced a nearly flat trajectory across the sky, then abruptly disappeared.

"I could not believe it. It was incredible," said Michelle Amadio, who was returning to her Hockessin home from the Concord Mall by way of Montchanin Road when the UFO appeared. "It was bright green, it was really big and it looked like a ball of flame ... with a yellow and orange tail. At first I thought it was an airplane that exploded and was falling to the ground."

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Sighting may be big meteor

WASHINGTON — Thousands of people in the Eastern United States reported seeing a strange blueish-green light in the sky Saturday night which some experts said could have been an unusually large meteorite.

"We are quite confident it was not a man-made object re-entering," said Maj. Dick Adam, public affairs officer for the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) in Colorado Springs, Colo. "We have no idea what it was."

Robert Gribble of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, a private group, reported receiving dozens of calls.

"Based on descriptions that have been given, I'd say we're dealing with a very large solid, a very large meteor," said Gribble.

"Descriptions run from a blue-green to a bright green coming down in an angular descent leaving a short tail behind it," said Gribble. He said everyone who had telephoned the center described the object "as coming down and hitting the ground in their area, which is very common in something like is."

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Other observers reported similar characteristics.

Dan Lauber, a 66-year-old engineer, said he was driving west from Bowie, Md., when he saw a bright, blue-green light with an orange-yellow flaming tail speeding south through the sky. Lauber said the light measured about 40 feet long when he sighted it at 7:12 p.m.

"After something like maybe three to five seconds, it disappeared," Lauber said.

The object was reported in all three Delaware counties. In Maryland, sightings were reported

from Allegany County in the western part of the state to Tilghman Island and Crisfield on the Eastern Shore.

Maryland State Police reported receiving dozens of calls to report strange lights. A police helicopter pilot who spotted the lights while flying in the Glen Burnie area tentatively described them as a meteor shower.

The other obvious source of unusual lights in the sky, Wallops Island National Aeronautical Flight Center in Virginia, reported no rocket firings Saturday.

"We've had a lot of reports,"

said State Police Sgt. Mike Zeigler at the communications center in Baltimore. "Citizens called and said they saw a big glow in the sky."

"One individual called it green, like a vapor, and said they saw sparks. They described it to me as a turbine breaking up," said State Police Sgt. Don Tatterson in Salisbury. Another person called from Crisfield and described bright lights, "something like a shower," Tatterson said.

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Differing Drums

Some thoughts about flying doohickeys

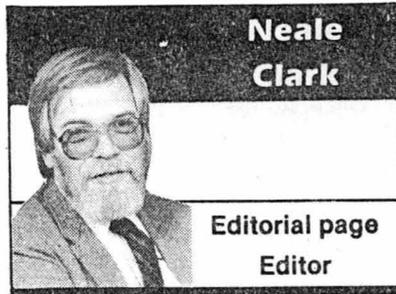
UFOs, those mysterious Unidentified Flying Objects, pop in and out of the news with regularity. The question is, are they flying saucers or natural phenomenon? Depends on who you ask.

If you ask the military or anyone else in government, they are weather balloons or helicopters or odd cloud formations coincidentally lit by a spotlight brought in for the grand opening of Aunt Lucinda's Fried Chicken Emporium out on Route 10.

If you ask the *Weekly World News*, they are aliens on the prowl for matronly housewives from Nebraska to produce hybrid offspring for purposes they won't reveal (possibly as a pool of back-up guests for "Geraldo").

Scientists hesitate to make positive statements based on most sightings, since many of these phenomena have been witnessed by elderly couples in a pickup truck going down a country road on their way back from the Grange meeting. But even if the reports are reasonably sophisticated, intellectuals generally speak in vague, elliptical terms lest they be regarded as crackpots.

Writers of science fiction, the better ones at least, don't get into a lot of stuff about creatures with three eyes and octopoidal appendages, strange ray guns and the ability to defy gravity. They write more about science and set it on a futuristic plane as their understanding of where science might lead us.



Neale Clark

Editorial page Editor

The real fantasy stuff is too entrenched in dungeons-and-dragons derring-do to address the matter seriously (such as Conan Doyle's John Carter, the Warlord of Mars).

So, you come to me for answers, do you? Okay, I'll try.



THE FIRST UFO, (or at least strange up-in-the-sky phenomenon) on record, to my knowledge, is the wheel Ezekiel saw. That's in scripture and probably had nothing to do with alien life forms, but tell that to the *National Enquirer*.

Throughout recorded history are little snippets of information about sightings of UFOs. Woodcuts from the Middle Ages, ink on rice paper renderings from the Far East and other bits and pieces in the archives show something over the heads of mystified people on the ground, most whose facial expressions indicate they might need a good laxative.

Since French author Jules Verne wrote his uncanny futuristically-oriented books, authors have given us all manner of fic-

tion to consider, some of it thought-provoking, most of it so far-fetched that the Literary Society on Betelgeuse 3 is still doubled over, tears in their eyes, laughing (in their own alien way, of course).

For about the last 45 years, the prevalence of UFO sightings leads one to conclude that perhaps Planet Earth is being considered for an international convention of the Mystic Lodge of the Aurora Borealis Shriners or some such.

For about the last five years, television "documentaries" have strongly suggested that flying saucers have crashed, killing all occupants, and that the government moved in immediately and spirited away all evidence, hush-hushed the affair and said it was simply a crashed weather balloon and that those funny-looking dead things were kangaroos carried inland by a freak hail storm.



ARE WE BEING WATCHED by intelligent life forms from other planets? I don't know. Why would they, other than for a few laughs, spend so much time observing a zoo like the one we live in?

I do not believe other planets in this sun system are capable of sustaining life, so if there are space aliens they would have to come from a planet orbiting another star. If they were capable of interstellar flight, I would imagine them to be extremely advanced, highly sophisticated

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and accustomed to far more challenging forms of entertainment than watching Terra Firma's most intelligent life trying to kill each other and foul their own nest.

Then again, perhaps they are anthropologists comparing our primitivity with their own early stages of development, in an attempt to fill in some holes in their understanding of themselves.

But is there, somewhere in the width and breadth of the vastness of this finite universe, other life, intelligent life, reasoning, thinking, loving and hating life?

Science doesn't know, or at least isn't committing itself one way or the other. The government says it's only weather balloons. The Bible doesn't say there is, but neither does it say there is not. It doesn't treat of other planets because that isn't pertinent to the subject matter, which is man on Planet Earth.

As for me, I do not think we're the only game in town ("town," in this case, being several zillion square miles large). To assume otherwise is indicative of mankind's arrogance, an egotism that is in danger of destroying this planet.

I regard such alien life as another part of Creation, probably with their own Bible. They might behave much the same way as we do. And if that's the case, they'll do well to get off their own planet, never mind crossing the galaxy to visit us.

Lights in sky a mystery

Are we just two flightly females?

I saw one of the strange things in the sky again the other night when I happened to be out late near the small town of Lagro, Ind.

Coming home from work at midnight, Arlene and I used to notice them often. We always saw them only in a certain area bound roughly by U.S. Highway 24 and State Road 105 from Andrews to perhaps three miles west of Lagro.

They are lights, similar to the lights of planes, but not exactly like the lights of any planes I've ever seen. Looking at them head on, there are three lights in the shape of a triangle, one on the nose and one farther out on either side. What you see if you look back at them is exactly the same, so that presumably they would appear diamond-shaped if one could see them from above.

They usually travel much lower and slower than planes. They can come to a stop in mid-air and have the capability of moving either straight up or straight down. They can also go high and fast if they choose, disappearing almost instantly into the sky.

One of the most noticeable qualities of these lights is their lack of noise. Though on occasion we've been quite close to them and they emit no sound that we could hear.

Arlene and I asked other second-shift



VICKI WILLIAMS

workers if they'd noticed the strange things in the sky and some of them have. Riding together, Arlene and I watched for them every evening. Some nights we saw as many as three. Other nights there would only be one or none at all.

At times, they seemed to be watching us back, cruising somewhat higher and to the right or left of us but maintaining a speed that matched our own. Always, though, they would leave us shortly after we passed through Lagro, almost as if they had a boundary beyond which they weren't allowed to go.

One of the most interesting things about the lights was the reaction of the people whom we told about them. Their attitudes ran the gamut from extreme excitement to disinterested skepticism to pure disbelief.

The first group was eager to believe the lights are something more than just ordinary objects. They usually asked lots of questions about the appearance and movements of the things. Many of them wondered why we'd never attempted to

communicate with them by blinking lights. They asked if we'd ever tried slowing down or stopping to really study them on the nights they seemed to be noticing us. (We hadn't. While there is no reason to be afraid of the lights, we had no desire to have a one-on-one confrontation with them either, whatever they may be.)

These people were excited by the idea of unidentified flying objects in the sky over Lagro and the possibility of alien beings from another planet come to visit us. They were turned on by the mystery of knowing there are things in the universe we simply don't understand.

By contrast, the skeptics had logical explanations galore. The lights are simply low-flying planes or weather balloons, atmospheric disturbances or perhaps nearby Air Force base testing experimental aircraft such as the Stealth bomber. They didn't disbelieve that we saw something, but with a shrug, they indicated that everything has a reasonable solution if only we knew what it was.

Some folks are upset by our story and their answer is to flatly refuse to accept that the lights even exist. No one ever came right out and accused us of lying about them but some gave us looks which led us to believe they suspected us of having recently escaped from an institution.

So there you have the tale of the strange lights in the sky over Lagro and you are free to pick your own answer. Are they weather balloons, UFO's or figments of the imaginations of two flightly females?

Stealth theory could explain strange lights

Southwest bureau

WYTHEVILLE — A Rhode Island businessman who has made a study of the experimental B-2 Stealth bomber says it may be the unidentified flying object causing hundreds of sightings in the skies over Southwest Virginia in 1987 and 1988.

Tony Gonsalves will talk about his findings at a UFO program Saturday at Wytheville Community College, starting at 7 p.m. in the Grayson Hall Commons. The meeting is open to the public at no charge.

Gonsalves, 47, who runs the Rhode Island Checkwriter Co. and the Doublemint Cards sports memorabilia shop in East Providence, R.I., is a former Navy aircraft carrier jet mechanic whose hobbies include model rocketry and radio-controlled model airplanes.

He also has constructed a 4-foot scale model of the radar-eluding Stealth aircraft, complete with working rows of lights, based on information that has been made public about the aircraft.

Gonsalves contends that many, if not most, of the UFO shapes described in Wytheville and elsewhere two years ago can be explained by a triangular-shaped aircraft like the Stealth varying the lights it activates. It also could explain UFO sightings in places like Hudson Valley, N.Y., and Fyffe, Ala., he says.

The government has denied that the Stealth has been tested over Virginia or anywhere on the East Coast.

Gonsalves will use his model to demonstrate how different banks of lights can make a dark craft at night seem to have different shapes when viewed from the ground.

He says he wants to hear from area residents who have had UFO sightings and see if his model approximates what they saw.

The program is scheduled to last for 90 minutes. Further information is available from Danny Gordon, 228-3185 day and 228-7890 night.

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Holmes' ring remains an unsolved mystery

By JOHN LOWE
T-R Staff Writer

A Holmes County family will tune in to an NBC television broadcast of "Unsolved Mysteries" with special interest tonight. When it does, the family of Judi Neville may well experience a feeling of *deja vu*.

The Nevilles encountered an unsolved mystery of their own last fall when a large "ring" appeared on their lawn in Monroe Township.

The circular area, which appeared sometime on Nov. 11, was about 7 inches wide and 45 feet in diameter. The band of matted grass lay about a half-inch deep, according to information released by Holmes County sheriff deputies.

Similar rings have apparently popped up in locations all over England. It's the English rings that "Unsolved Mysteries" will focus on tonight.

"We always watch the show," Neville said Tuesday.

An article in the Sept. 18 issue of Time magazine described the English rings. Conflicting explanations for the circles have divided experts and have ranged from unidentified flying objects landing in fields to balls of air spinning about the countryside.

None of the rings or circles had been reported before 1976. Since then, however, more than 600 instances have occurred in Great Britain.

Neville told authorities in November that, other than an unusual amount of barking by the family dogs on the morning the ring appeared, no one heard or saw anything out of the ordinary.

Other Holmes County residents, however, reported strange lights in the sky that same Saturday.

"Unsolved Mysteries" airs at 8 on NBC-affiliated channels.

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Pilot Says He Saw UFO Hovering In Sampson

By TOM WEAVER
Of The Times Staff

GARLAND — A former U.S. Air Force pilot said he is convinced that a brilliant white light he claims to have seen hovering near this Sampson County town Thursday morning was an unidentified flying object.

"It was northeast of Harrells," Art Canady said. "A bright light but soft, like a fluorescent bulb. And in spite of the brightness, it did not hurt my eyes. At that time it was suspended in the air, completely motionless."

He said the object made no sound.

"Any type of aircraft as we know it would have made some type of noise," he said.

The commercial fisherman from Garland said he followed the light about 20 miles into Pender County, where he stopped at a store at Johnson's Corner and alerted the clerk and two customers.

Clerk Wanda Johnson said she, too, saw a light in the sky from the window of her store but could not say whether it was a UFO. Mr. Canady, who commutes daily to Topsail Beach, said the two customers went outside with him and also thought that it was an unidentified flying object. The customers were unable to be reached for comment.

Mr. Canady, a licensed pilot, said he was about three miles west of Harrells on N.C. 411 when he first saw the light about 5:40 a.m. He estimated that it hovered at 1,500 feet.

"I couldn't tell the shape of the object, but no light came from the bottom, only from the sides," he said. "Later I noticed three red lights over the white one."

While he was watching, Mr. Canady said, the light that had been stationary moved "4,000 to 5,000

feet in a matter of two or three seconds and continued in a southeasterly direction almost parallel to the highway."

Mr. Canady said he last saw the object about 6:43 a.m. ascending slowly. An air traffic controller at New Hanover County Airport said the tower, which opened at 6 a.m. Thursday, reported no UFO sightings. Authorities with the N.C. Highway Patrol and the Sampson County Emergency Management Center also did not report any sightings.

"I had read about things like this," Mr. Canady said. "But this morning's experience really made a believer out of me. I'll never forget what I saw, and I would gladly take a polygraph test to prove what I'm telling is true."

TV show revives interest in phenomenon

Public attention mystified Holmes woman more than ring

By JOHN LOWE
T-R Staff Writer

Judi Neville is not surprised anymore when people stop to look at her lawn. That's not to say she once wasn't.

Yes, she admits, it was strange when a "ring" appeared on the lawn in front of her house last November. No, she has no explanation for it, then or now.

But was it really weird enough to warrant the attention of television folk?

Apparently so. At least the people at WJW in Cleveland thought it was, Neville said. They sent a crew all the way to her home in Monroe Township in Holmes County after they learned the sheriff department was investigating the ring.

"I'm surprised at the number of people who have called and have been interested in it," said Neville. "It really surprised me that a lot of people said, 'Oh, I believe in (UFOs).'"

The ring of matted grass was about 8 inches wide with a diameter of 45 feet, she said, adding that it was perfectly circular. The ring was impressed in the ground where there was little grass.

"It was down about an inch (deep)," she said, "so it was like it was made by something heavy." Although a trace of the imprint lasted for about six weeks, it is gone now.

Interest in the Neville ring rekindled after an NBC broadcast of the show "Unsolved Mysteries" a week ago.

Though a lot of people have been quick to attribute the ring to the landing of a UFO, Neville pooh-poohs the notion:

"I was pretty much a skeptic at first. I kept teasing my husband and saying, 'Do you think there was a flying saucer out there?'"

"I don't believe ... I guess I shouldn't say I *disbelieve* in UFOs, and we haven't really come up with any other logical explanation of what it could have been. It's odd."

Neville thought the ring may have resulted from

a prank pulled by some of her 16-year-old son's friends.

"It was after Halloween, and we tried to think of any kind of prank his friends could have played, but we really couldn't come up with anything because there were no tracks leading into (the ring)."

Publicity has caused no hassles for the family, but it has brought a stream of onlookers during the past three months. How many?

"I'd say 100 or more. A lot of people drove by and, if they saw anybody stopped, they would just pull in the driveway and have a look themselves."

A segment of last week's "Unsolved Mysteries" focused on a similar "circle" phenomenon occurring in England near the ancient megaliths of Stonehenge.

Although there are no megalithic monuments in Holmes County, one of the circumstances associated with the English circles and shared by the Neville ring was the sighting of lights in the sky.

On Nov. 10, the night before the ring was discovered, the Holmes County Sheriff Department took a number of calls from people reporting strange lights over the Glenmont area.

The Nevilles saw nothing unusual, but they did hear their dog and its three pups barking.

"That Friday I was up during the night," Neville said. "At 1 or 2 our dogs started barking like crazy and I kept yelling out the kitchen door for them to be quiet."

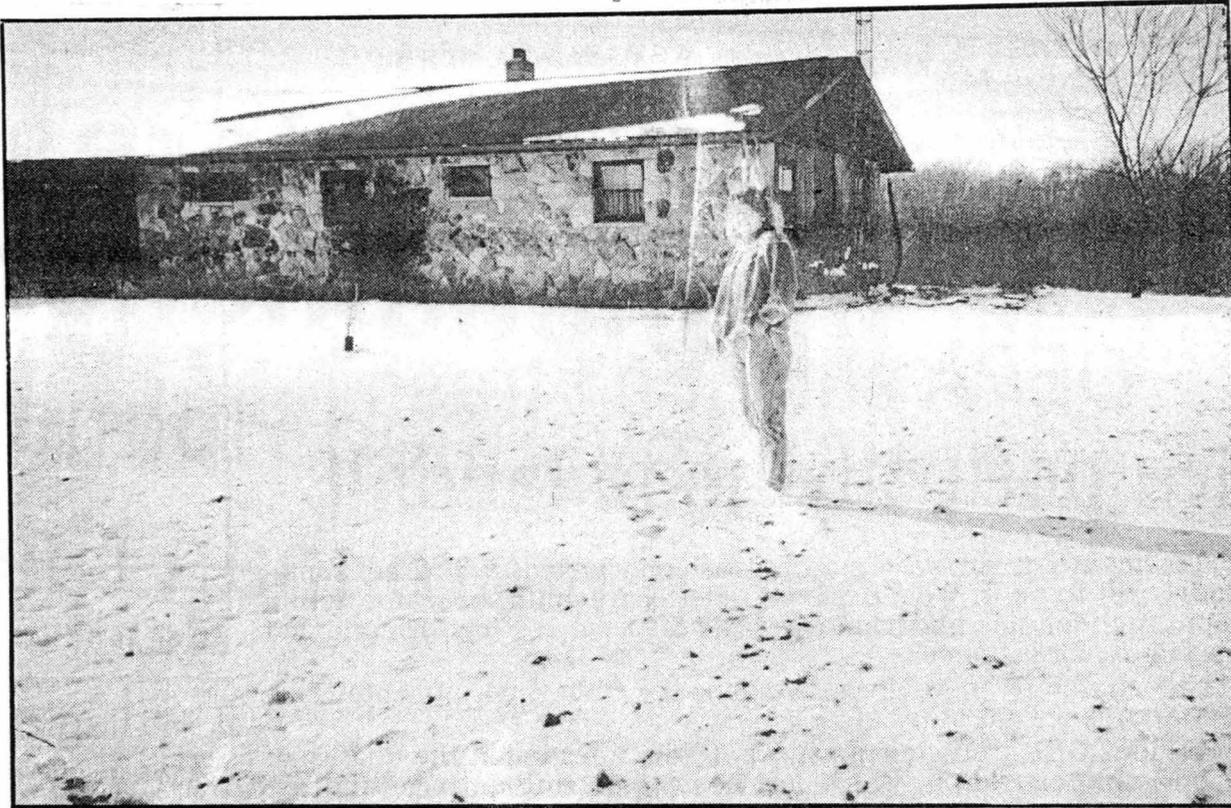
Though the dog is known to bark occasionally, it is unusual for the pups to bark and for them to bark continuously for 45 minutes.

Neville said she did not look out the front window that night and so could not have seen the area of the yard where the ring formed.

The ring was discovered by her sons about 4 p.m. the next day when they were tossing a football. The ball lodged on the roof of the house and when one son climbed up to retrieve it he spotted the ring. The Nevilles didn't know what to make of it.

"When it first happened, we didn't say anything

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Judi Neville stands in her yard where a mysterious ring appeared in November. Neither Holmes County sheriff deputies nor the 100 people who have visited since have been able to explain the phenomenon.

to anybody except family and friends. It was kind of at their urging that we called in the Holmes County Sheriff Department to see if there was anything else unusual going on that night."

After the department's investigation, a steady stream of people arrived at the Neville homestead - including an elementary teacher and students from nearby West Holmes High.

Also arriving were people associated with an organization known as the Mutual UFO Network.

Neville smiled and said the group took soil sam-

ples before warning the family to watch if snow would stick to the area of the ring.

"We haven't noticed anything unusual," she said.

Neville said someone had telephoned "Unsolved Mysteries" and given the producers the Nevilles' name. The family, however, has not been contacted.

"I don't know if there has ever been anything like this (ring) in our country," she said. "I know we'd like to have an explanation for it."

By **GLENN GOLZ**
ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

UFO is spotted

Thousands of people in Eastern United States reported seeing a strange blueish-green light in the sky Saturday night which some experts said could have been an unusually large meteorite.

"We are quite confident it was not a manmade object re-entering," said Maj. Dick Adam, public affairs officer for the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) in Colorado Springs, Colorado. "We have no idea what it was."

Kitty Harrison, assignment editor for WOAY-TV in Oak Hill, West Virginia said what she saw was "absolutely not" a meteorite.

Chris Gray, 13, of Stanaford, West Virginia was carrying firewood to the house when he saw the object.

"I was looking in the binoculars and I saw this purplish football with rings around it and it was going around in circles and stuff," said the teen-ager.

"It was changing colors and it started separating and going back together," Chris Gray.

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'We Don't Want to Run a Three-Ring Circus'

By Bill Goodykoontz
JOURNAL REPORTER

LEWISVILLE — UFO sightings are surrounded by confusion, controversy and questions. Does intelligent life exist on other planets? If so, could that life contact us? And why would it want to?

MUFON — the Mutual UFO Network Inc. — is an international organization dedicated to answering those types of questions. But one of the questions MUFON members asked most at the state chapter's quarterly meeting here Sunday was, "How do I find the Lewisville Community Center?"

Actually, that question usually was asked at the Friendly Food Mart, a convenience store just down Shallowford Road from the turnoff to the community center, where the meeting was held.

"A lot of people asked for help," said Joyce Wooten, who was operating the cash register at the store.

Beneath Ms. Wooten's cash register was a display rack for *Weekly World News*, a sensationalist tabloid whose front page screamed, "Most Amazing Photo of UFO Ever!"

That isn't the kind of thing you will find at a MUFON meeting.

"We don't want to run a three-ring circus," said George D. Fawcett, the state director of MUFON.

"We want people who are interested."

The 50 or so people who attended certainly seemed interested, despite the length of the meeting, which was scheduled to last six hours. Many took notes during the 10 speeches and presentations that were given, and often joined in the discussion.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a long-distance talk over a speaker phone with Betty Hill. Her claims that she and her husband were captured, examined and released by aliens in 1961 became the basis of a book, *Interrupted Journey*, and a television movie, *The UFO Incident*.

Mrs. Hill, who lives in Portsmouth, N.H., said that she and her husband Barney, who died in 1969, were driving through the White Mountains of New Hampshire when a spacecraft got behind them and followed them for about 30 miles.



Becky Whitlow films the meeting for a television news program.

They stopped the car, she said. Barney Hill grabbed binoculars and got out for a better look. Then the craft began to descend.

"Barney had the feeling they were trying to grab him," Mrs. Hill said.

"He got into a panic."

HE RACED BACK to the car and sped away, she said. They somehow wound up on a dirt road, when their path suddenly was blocked by a group of human-like figures.

The next thing they remembered was trying to find the main highway from the dirt road. But something nagged at them.

"We both had the feeling something had happened that we couldn't remember," she said.

They tried to investigate the matter, but didn't get very far. Then Hill's health began to fail, and in 1964 he went to a psychiatrist, who suggested hypnosis.

Both Hill and his wife tried it, and they remembered what happened that night in 1961, Mrs. Hill said.

"We were taken on board the craft, given a short-type physical examination, told that we would not remember what happened and sent on our way home," she said.

THE SHIP HAD 11 aliens on board, she said.

"There were no two who were alike. Actually, if you saw them walking down the street, you would not turn around."

She described the aliens as about 4½ feet tall, with gray skin, no hair, large eyes, and a small mouth and nose. They wore one-piece outfits, with no buttons or zippers.

"The leader was distinguished from the others by a black scarf around his neck," she said.

During the examination, one alien tried to insert a needle-like instrument into her navel, Mrs. Hill said.

"When they saw this caused pain, they stopped," she said. "The leader said it was a pregnancy test. I said, 'It isn't any pregnancy test here.'"

When Mrs. Hill asked where they came from, the leader showed her a star map, which she re-created while under hypnosis. Later the map was found to be accurate, she said, and included two stars that weren't discovered until about 10 years after the couple was abducted.

The leader gave her a book to prove that she really had been captured, Mrs. Hill said, but it was taken from her at the last minute after another crew member complained that it shouldn't be allowed off the ship.

ALTHOUGH THEIR stories aren't as dramatic as Mrs. Hill's, most MUFON members claim to have spotted UFOs — including the director of the local chapter, Rob Anderson.

His sighting was in 1975, he said. He and a friend were driving down Trade Street near Smith Reynolds Airport.

"I observed an object that was flying very slowly at treetop level," he said. Anderson drove to 14th Street, where the object flew over his car.

"As it came over, I could see red and blue lights underneath," he said, but he couldn't make out its shape. "As it went out away from me, it made a banking turn."

That allowed him to see that the ship was saucer-shaped, with a domed top, he said.

It appeared to land near Atkins High School, but when Anderson and his friend arrived they found no evidence of it, he said.

"I sat up the rest of the night on my porch with binoculars," he said. "I was too excited to go to bed."

Robert H. Hair, MUFON's assistant state director, said that he, too, has seen UFOs.

Like Fawcett, Hair was very businesslike during the meeting. Both men wore blue shirts, gray pants and ties. Fawcett kept a pencil tucked behind his ear; Hair wore a watch that doubled as a calculator.

HAIR REMAINED professional — almost clinical, really — while he described his encounters with UFOs, which occurred in the late 1960s and early '70s.

"I've seen some things I couldn't identify," Hair said. "Obviously, I couldn't tell you what they were. Lights in the sky, movement."

His description wasn't too detailed, but Hair wasn't prepared to take notes when he saw the lights.

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"You don't plan to see these things," he said. "It just happens."

Hair — as well as the other MUFON members — said that he doesn't blindly accept reports of UFO sightings as being true.

"There's some evidence that points to these being intelligently controlled objects," he said of UFOs.

"I think there needs to be much more investigation. That's what we're about."

"This is not a matter of faith. It's a matter of scientific investigation. We're not preaching a doctrine. We're simply working together to try to make this a more respectable science."

He compared UFO sightings to a tornado, or an attack on a swimmer by a shark.

"They're rare," he said, "but they do happen."



That's
life

Mystery flash not pie in sky

By MARTY DOUCE
Tribune Columnist

People who know Tom Magyar of Bristolville agree he is a rational, law-abiding citizen, and an upstanding husband and father.

Tom isn't exactly saying he saw an unidentified flying object on Saturday, Jan. 27, but he is saying:

"I've seen shooting stars before and I don't think that was a shooting star. Like I said, it was a pretty green and blue color but you know how they (government) try to hush things up. Now if there is something out there, they should just tell us. Why not?"

This is Tom's story.

He and his wife, Gilda, and their children were driving on the Warren by-pass about 7 p.m. Jan. 27 when they saw something appear in the sky. "We were just about to the exit at (Ohio) 46. We were going to the (Eastwood) mall. I was driving so Gilda was describing it. There were three cars ahead of me and they were slowing down and about stopping. Then I looked. It was only about 15 seconds. I saw it was white — like a streak — and hesitated in the sky and then changed colors to blue-green. There was a long trail on it."

At first, Tom was willing to concede it was a meteorite shower as reported in the media, but now he is wondering.

He recently saw the televised account of a UFO landing in the 1940s on the program, *Unsolved Mysteries*. And then, of course, there was the bomb scare he and Gilda experienced on an airplane they had boarded in Athens, Greece.

And even Julianna Anastasiadis, the Tribune's own Astral Adviser had mentioned UFO's in a column printed on Friday, Jan. 26, the day before the sighting.

Tom told me to look up the column and I did:

In part, it read: "The main focus of your attention will be directed towards group endeavor vs. the individual effort. It is also a time when our country is likely to take a serious look at some very unusual and bizarre topics in a serious light, i.e. UFO's being acknowledged by a government agency's official reports..."

The bomb scare occurred on Jan. 3. Tom and Gilda had just taken off from Athens airport in an Olympic Airlines 747 plane.

"We were right by the wing and I could see liquid coming out for 15 or 20 minutes," Tom recalled. There was some tense discussion about it between a few of the passengers and the stewards — "there were more stewards than stewardesses" — appeared a little concerned. Although Tom heard some remarks from the attendants about "having something to worry about," nobody told the passengers anything, he said.

After being in the air for about an hour, it was announced that the plane was relanding at Athens. "We had just been circling around. We landed way out in the boondocks and there were fire trucks and ambulances all over the place. We got in a bus and were taken back to the terminal and they told us there had been a bomb threat."

That delay made them late for a connecting flight out of New York.

Tom isn't anxious to return to Greece. "I didn't like the food. You know how hungry you can get for a hamburger? I thought I found one there and it turned out to be a lambburger, full of filler."

Was Tom influenced by the television program on UFOs, the astral adviser's predictions and a bomb threat high in the sky over Athens? Did all these events trigger his imagination?

Tom doesn't think so.

"I just think that if there is something out there, they should tell us," he said. "Why not?"

Talk about space aliens

HANK BROWN, W6HB

Every few weeks a friend of mine has an appointment at a Veterans' Administration hospital as a result of having gone ashore on Guadalcanal Island during the early part of the second World War.

At the hospital my friend meets all sorts of people, most being veterans who have suffered — taking it on the chin in any of several wars going back over the years and, now, as recently as Vietnam and Grenada. There are plenty of oddballs but, outstanding among these, is one who claims he is a space alien.

He seems to be normal, otherwise well balanced, personable and evidently raised in a normal family atmosphere. He is married and has children and holds a job. He says he does not know specifically why he is here, but says he knows he was placed on earth for some fixed purpose. However, the mother ship has never contacted him and he feels that he's been left high and dry. Poor guy.

As my friends know, all my life, from the mid '20s and the years of high school, onward to the present day, I have emphasized an interest in space

and communicating through space. This interest shaped my professional career and, before and after, was the backbone of my interest in ham radio (I prefer to think of it as Personal Radio).

This mind-set led to my part in the first two-way moonbounce QSO and active participation in the early OSCAR program, notably OSCAR 3, the world's first non-military real-time-repeater satellite.

But let's go back, way back: Licensed in 1923, the radio signals I sent out during my school years are still radiating outwards; out there somewhere traveling at the speed of light, 186,000 miles per second, spreading, diluting themselves in the awesome voids of the cosmos.

They started in 1923 and their farther edge is still spreading outward at the steady rate of over 16 billion miles a day for each of the days of the past 66 years. Of course, they are now quite weak, diluted by diffusing into that boundless void. But they are there, churning along like the foamy edge of a wave hissing up a beach. And they could be detectable as they reach and pass among solar systems that are the

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**Mysterious Field Patterns
Have Scientists Going in
Circles in the Snow**

home of intelligent beings.

The earth is surrounded by a layer of rarefied air ionized by ultra violet rays from the sun that, until short waves were generated, normally reflected radio signals back to earth. It was as though we were inside a sphere that let very little out beyond the shell that has become known as the Heaviside Layer.

In the early days of "wireless," the longer wavelengths, those over 200M crest to crest and longer, much, much longer, were the ones the experts judged to be of value. The shorter waves were thought to be useless. So, by treaty and fiat, we hobbyists and learners were confined to the "useless" part of the spectrum.

No one knew it then but those shorter wavelengths were the waves that could readily penetrate the ionospheric shell. Forced to do so if we wanted to be involved, we were the first significant numbers of radio operators with stations generating radio energy capable of routinely penetrating the barrier layer surrounding the earth and thus gaining access to outer space.

And there were lots of us. So, day or night, from the radio shacks of the kids of the world came this preponderance of the earth's first signals to outer space.

Now, nearing the last decade of the 20th century, with our powerful television, FM broadcast, radar and communications stations, there is a massive cacophony of radio borne sight and sound pouring forth from earth, bombarding space as it bombards our citizenry. But the signals from my peers and me, from our school years of over six decades ago, are out there at the leading edge, probing and seeking, for the surge of modern TV and FM and the other waves dally 25 to 30 years behind, travelling at the same speed as those we sent, destined forever to never catch up with, let alone pass, the leaders.

So, thinking of that poor soul waiting for word from the mother ship, who are the true space aliens? Well, to paraphrase Jon Carroll (*San Francisco Chronicle*), here we are spinning through the unmapped void without a road map, preceded by radio waves generated by a bunch of kids, bound to spread unease for any distant civilization that intercepts them. . .we'll be lucky if they don't fumigate before landing.

"We, bolstered only by the evidence of things not seen, book ended between birth and death, bewildered by our own emotions. . .talk about space aliens." □

By JULIA HAYLEY
REUTERS

ALRESFORD, England—Farmers in Britain may be surprised to find scientists wandering around their fields this winter looking for circles in the snow.

Mysterious circles, some almost 100 feet across, have been appearing in increasing numbers in corn fields in southern England for several summers, and some researchers are continuing their quest for the causes into the winter.

The government takes the view that the circles—corn flattened and swirled into precise, symmetrical patterns—are a natural phenomenon.

After ruling out whirlwinds, UFOs, vandals on motorbikes, fighting deer or helicopters as possible causes, two engineers studying the circles are convinced that they are neither man-made nor within the realm of conventional science.

"There is something there that we cannot account for," says Colin Andrews, an electrical engineer.

"And it's gathering momentum," says Pat Delgado, a retired electro-mechanical engineer.

The two, who have written a book on the subject, expect to find more crop circles and probably larger and more intricate ones.

About 270 circles appeared during the summer of 1989, 50 of them in new sites.

The 98 circles reported in 1988 and about 50 in 1987 were confined to a narrow band across the southern counties of Hampshire and Wiltshire, Andrews and Delgado say.

But in 1989 they spread to seven other counties, and in many cases people whose families had farmed the land for generations said they had never seen them before.

The government is aware that

'I'm extremely reluctant to say this . . . but they appear to be caused by some form of intelligence.'

ROBIN WINGFIELD
Marine Geologist

the circles have been appearing, a spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said, but it takes the view that "this is much more likely to result from a combination of wind and local soil fertility conditions."

Physicist and meteorologist Terence Meaden, editor of the *Journal of Meteorology* and head of its subsidiary *Ceres*, the Circles Effect Research Unit, says circles are caused by wind vortices, which resemble ocean whirlpools.

"Hills interrupt wind flow . . . there's turbulence on the downward side and a vortex forms in that turbulence," he says.

Crops are flattened by the death throes of a whirling mass of wind, says Meaden. He says electric charges set up by the main vortex are powerful enough to induce more charges which form rings around the circles. They can also charge the surrounding air to form glowing balls of light.

Asked why vortices and circles are not more widespread, he says: "The rolling downs of Hampshire and Wiltshire are just big enough."

The Welsh mountains, for example, would be too big, he says.

Andrews and Delgado have been collecting data in Britain and abroad for more than five years and have amassed photographs and measurements, interviewed farmers and eyewitnesses and sent numerous plant and soil samples for analysis.



STUDY OF U.F.O'S CON'T

■ Sightings of UFOs would be covered by all the major papers and television stations. Since there's not much about it in the news, there must not be a lot happening.

■ The technology it would require for UFOs to visit simply doesn't exist. You can't get here from there.

■ There never seem to be any witnesses. If there were, wouldn't they step forward and tell what they saw?

But, Stults says, "I've never been to Australia, but I certainly believe it exists. That's what I always say when someone tells me they don't believe in UFOs just because they've never seen one. In fact, I've never

seen one either."

He said MUFON has documentation to prove the U.S. government is well aware of the presence of UFOs but has chosen not to make that knowledge public. "I don't think the average American could cope with the fact that we are not alone in this universe — that someone else is out there," Stults said.

Because of a general fear of chaos, Stults says the government has not only withheld information on UFOs, it has purposely leaked misinformation on the subject. "This is why most articles end up in tabloids and not in the New York Times," said Stults.

Many of the claimed sightings indeed have had witnesses who verified the presence of a UFO.

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The group then moved chairs closer to the television to view a videotape from KLAS in Los Angeles, which has produced a program on a strange phenomenon occurring on cattle ranches out West. Livestock are being mutilated and drained of blood, but officials can find no evidence of cult activity in the area, according to the tape. There's evidence that the animals have been operated on by some sort of laser technique, the report continues.

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In July, 1947, some believe that a UFO crashed in a spot like this in New Mexico.

centric rings around it and sometimes two to four satellite circles around those, they say.

The measurements are precise.

But Delgado insists: "UFOs are not connected with this phenomenon in any way."

Delgado, who says he has seen

more widespread, but passing unnoticed.

"It just needs something to register in," Delgado said.

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Picture a family

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Organization brings the study of UFOs down to earth

BY KASANDRA MCNEIL
Daily Herald correspondent

It was a quiet Sunday afternoon in Downers Grove. Only a couple of joggers were pounding the pavement. But cars were beginning to line the street at the top of the hill. Something was definitely going on at the home of Thomas and Judy Stults.

Men and women of all ages, carrying briefcases and looking rather serious, were headed to the basement of the Stults home. About 50 people were finding chairs and greeting one another. It was not going to be a family reunion or an Amway demonstration.

These individuals belong to the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network Inc. and were getting ready to hear the latest updates on the subject.

"Most of these people have either experienced a sighting themselves or know a family member or close friend who has," whispered Adrian Olivo before the meeting began. Olivo is a computer programmer and has a master's degree in science. He

became interested in UFOs mostly from reading books and listening to late-night talk shows.

"I don't want to embrace something outlandish," said Olivo, "and most of these members are very

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—Thomas Stults, state director of MUFON

skeptical about someone who claims they've seen a flying saucer."

MUFON was founded in Texas in 1969 and has grown into an international organization. Each U.S. state has a director to oversee trained field investigators. The investigators volunteer their time and expense to document sighting information. They are taught to approach each case in a thorough and unbiased manner.

And since the organization wants

sincere, competent individuals, membership is gained by invitation only.

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Chatter stopped as Thomas Stults starts the meeting. The Illinois MUFON director opens his home several times a year for informal meetings. Since several individuals in the group were visiting for the first time, he took the time to explain why many people do not believe in UFOs. According to Stults, many believe:

■ If they've never seen a UFO, they don't believe in them.

■ Under the Freedom of Information Act people can get all the information they want.

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middle of the night, their faces full of awe as they inspect the shattered pieces of a spaceship spread out on their kitchen floor. It's not the plot of a Steven Spielberg movie—it's Jesse Marcel Jr.'s life

Like most 11-year-olds, Jesse Jr. was expected to go to bed at a reasonable hour and stay put until morning. But the night of July 7, 1949 was like no other.

At 2 a.m., Jesse's father, charged with excitement, roused the boy and his mother from sleep and summoned them outside.

In their driveway in suburban Roswell, New Mexico, Jesse's dad was unloading the family car. He motioned for Jesse to help. What was all the fuss about?

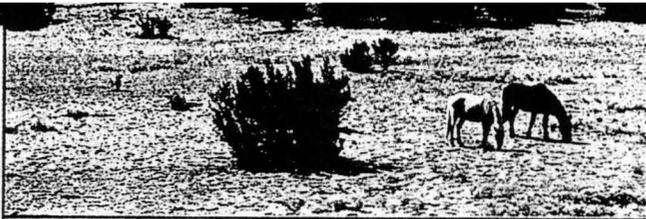
Jesse knew his dad, Major Jesse A. Marcel, had been away for some days investigating a nearby aircraft crash site—something he did routinely for the Air Force. But his explanation for bringing home some of the debris was anything but routine: "It's not an airplane, I think it's a flying saucer!" he blurted out to his startled family.



Jesse Marcel Jr. at the time of the UFO crash his father investigated

"Mom and I helped him carry an odd assortment of unearthly goods into the kitchen," Jesse recalls. "We spread them out on the floor, trying to fit the pieces together, looking for a clue as to what we were looking at. There were scraps of a thin foil-like substance, odds and ends of a black plastic-looking material, and long things with purplish-pink hieroglyphic characters on them."

Jesse, now in his early 50s, and an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist with a medical practice in Helena, Montana, recalls his father took the debris to the nearby Roswell Air Force base.



Did the Air Force hush up a flying saucer crash?

The next day his dad said nothing more about the strange debris—Jesse believes his father was told by his superiors to "clam up."

But that wasn't the end of the story.

Shortly after Jesse's dad made his discovery, rancher Mac Brazel claimed that when he went to check his cattle after a big thunderstorm rocked the area, he found the whole saucer!

The debris Major Marcel had collected came from another part of Mac's large property—and some in the area believe that debris had fallen from the exterior of the spaceship Mac found.

Supposedly worked up by his "find," Mac raced 10 miles to tell his neighbors.



STRANGE BUT TRUE CON'T



Major Jesse A. Marcel, who brought UFO remains home, in an Air Force photo

Air Force officers with what they said was debris of a weather balloon—some say the debris was faked.



who insisted he call the authorities . . . who contacted the sheriff . . . who phoned Roswell Air Force Base.

According to *The Roswell Incident*, a book about these strange goings-on by Charles Berlitz and William Moore, the Air Force actually sent out a press release announcing the existence of a UFO there.

But it soon revoked that statement and claimed what was found must have been a downed U.S. Army weather balloon.

But it was too late. Already, the world was tuned

in as the media put Roswell on the map.

Locally, rumors were spinning like planets. And from the shards on the Marceles' kitchen floor to Mac Brazel's saucer, the story of what happened in Roswell grew. According to *The Roswell Incident*, the saucer Mac discovered on his ranch wasn't empty: it had a crew!

And the book maintains the military had carted off four "humanoids" from the

The aliens were dressed in black jumpsuits and had manicured fingernails

craft—rumors circulated that three were killed in the crash, but that one may have survived!

Len Stringfield, a researcher with the Mutual UFO Network, which believes in UFOs and investigates sightings, claims he has spoken to "thirty-eight firsthand informants who have seen Mac's craft or the bodies."

But he adds these witnesses have requested anonymity because they include military and medical personnel worried about job security and reputations.

Nevertheless, Stringfield says he has created a profile of the UFO's crew: they were about 3½ to 4½' tall, with large bald heads, hairless bodies, slanted, sunken eyes, slit mouths, thin necks and limbs, webbed fingers and gray skin.

According to the *Roswell* book, aircraft photographer Nicholas von Poppen was hired by the military to take pictures of the UFO. Von Poppen described the craft as "thirty feet in diameter with a curved ceiling."

The aliens, he said, wore black jumpsuits and had manicured fingernails!

Will we ever know the whole story of what happened in Roswell?

Stringfield thinks so, although he admits it's been tough. "We've tried to get information from the Air Force through the Freedom of Information Act, but

have been told that National Security is involved."

Besides, the Air Force—as for that matter any government agency—no longer investigates UFO reports because the government claims they don't exist.

Walter Haut, who released the Air Force's initial UFO admission in 1947, believes "this is one big cover-up by our government."

But after more than 40 years, Stringfield believes the truth will be known: "The evidence is stacking up . . ."

by Catherine Hazard

'Balloon' theory proves hard to burst

Despite efforts by many, no irrefutable evidence has been presented that can confirm the incredible tales from Roswell.

"The Air Force has identified the wreckage as the remains of a weather balloon and instrument package," says Michael R. Dennett of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, which tends to be skeptical of UFOs. Dennett accepts that view because "our careful examination of the many

'witnesses' accounts reveals them to be riddled with contradictions."

For example, Dennett says photographer Nicholas Von Poppen claimed he found the aliens' bodies sitting undisturbed in the craft, while medical informants say the bodies were badly damaged by the elements.

"Until there's evidence to the contrary," he adds, "it's reasonable to assume Roswell wasn't the site of the most important event of this century."

UFO

On the evening of Jan 24, 1990, just after dark while attending a trash fire in my garden, a big jet liner passed over going west. Sighting the plane, focused my eyes on an unidentified flying object higher up going south at a rather fast clip, with a circle of lights underneath. They were not yellow, electric lights, but a circle of reddish-orange lights. I took that to be a circle of propulsion jets, assuming that the occupant could tip his vehicle forward and left or right for directional flight as one does with a helicopter. Hope I'm right about that.

I saw my first UFO in 1962 about 200 feet in diameter, about 2,000 feet away, rather low over a hilltop. I drew a picture of that one.

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Fascination With UFOs Still Strong

Doctor Says Aliens Took Her On UFO

By David A. Maurer
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What Dr. Rauni-Leena Luukanen saw outside her living room window, nearly four years ago, scared her more than death threats and angry soldiers waving machine guns at her.

The sight she now refers to "as the shock of my life," occurred during August 1986. She and a friend were enjoying a

quiet evening together at her home on the outskirts of Rovaniemi, Lapland.

"In an open field, about 100 meters from my home, I saw a large craft, illuminated in a yellow glow, hovering about 20 or 30 meters above the ground," she said. "I yelled for my friend to look, and she saw it, too."

This sighting and the subsequent events that follow have altered Luukanen's entire perception of the world, she said.

A physician, Luukanen served as the chief medical officer in Lapland for 13 years. She describes herself as a "very down earth, no-nonsense-type person."

"In my medical practice, I've worked with the boat people in Malaysia and had machine guns pointed at me and have been threatened with death," said Luukanen during a visit to a friend in Charlottesville before attending a conference on unidentified flying objects in Blacksburg.

"But, I have never been so terribly shocked and scared before in my life," she said. "I think I got so frightened because, when I saw it, I knew that I was seeing something from another world or dimension. It was very big, about one hundred meters in diameter.

"It stayed in one place hovering for perhaps fifteen minutes. After it was gone, I convinced myself that it was the moon or something, and I tried to forget about it."

Before the sighting, Luukanen said she was as skeptical as most people when it comes to the subject of UFOs. But, the following day, she found it hard to rationalize what she saw.

"The newspaper had a story about the sighting the night before and about 100 other people had seen it," Luukanen said. "Two days later, officials at the local Air Force base said that it had been a Soviet rocket. I really got scared then because a rocket doesn't hover for fifteen minutes."

Recorded sightings of UFOs go back thousands of years, but the modern era of UFO sightings is considered to have begun on June 24, 1947. On that date businessman and pilot, Kenneth Arnold, from Boise, Idaho, reported seeing a formation of nine objects flying at a high speed around the peaks of the Cascade Mountains in Washington state.

He described them as "shiny, disc-shaped craft," and said he clocked their speed at about 1,350 mph. This was months before Air Force pilot Chuck Yeager would break the sound barrier at a mere 741.8 mph.

When Arnold described what he saw to reporters: "They flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across water," he inadvertently coined the now-common term for UFOs — "flying saucers."

During the following weeks, scores of other sightings were reported, not only by ordinary people, but military and civilian airline pilots as well. These

subsequent cover-up. At one point in the document, it stated, "On 07, July, 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object for scientific study. During the course of this operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded."

Like many things connected with UFOs, the briefing has not been proven one way or another.

However, it does make interesting reading.

The report said the beings were found about two miles east of the wreckage site and contains other details.

"All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week time period which had elapsed before their discovery.

"Although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in homo-sapiens."



Luukanen

UFOs STILL STRONG

The group suggested that "the term 'Extra-terrestrial Biological Entities', or 'EBE's', be adopted as the standard term of reference for these creatures until such time as a more definitive designation can be agreed upon."

Are the Majestic 12 documents a hoax or the smoking gun that UFO proponents have been looking for? Research into the truth or falsity of the "MJ-12" documents is continu-

"My own gut feeling is that they are authentic, but if they turn out to be a hoax, it's a very good one."

Mark Blashak
MUFON director

ing under the sponsorship of the Fund for UFO Research.

"When looking at the actual document, it does give the impression that they are authentic," Blashak said. "My own gut feeling is that they are authentic, but if they turn out to be a hoax, it's a very good one."

"If they are fake, someone went through an awful lot of time and effort," Blashak said. "What was really striking to me about the documents was the list of players in MJ-12. They were all individuals who most people would never have heard of but are the best group of people the government could have assembled at the time."

Another curious point was the fact that the documents were leaked just a few weeks after the last alleged member of MJ-12 died.

"If you like a mystery you have to love this because it keeps going deeper and deeper the longer it's investigated," Blashak said. "Another curious thing about it is where's the payback if it's a fake? Why would someone go through all this trouble for no gain?"

events received heavy coverage in the media and perhaps fueled the imaginations of many who reported sightings during the ensuing weeks.

Nonetheless, in January of 1948, the U.S. Air Force began a study on UFOs that would last for 22 years. The first name for the investigation was "Project Sign." The name was changed to "Project Grudge," and finally to "Project Blue Book."

By the time the investigative project officially ended in December of 1969, it had 12,783 cases of UFO incidents on file. Of these, Air Force officials said 701 couldn't be explained.

Even more disturbing than seeing a UFO is being taken aboard one. In an apparently recent phenomenon, people report that they have been abducted by alien beings and taken onto UFOs. Luukanen numbers herself among the hundreds of individuals who say they've been abducted by beings from another planet.

The conference that brought Luukanen to Virginia was held in Blacksburg recently and it dealt with these alleged abductions. The first conference of this kind was held in Connecticut in May of 1989.

The Blacksburg conference was called TREAT II — Treatment and Research on Experienced Anomalous Trauma. Attendance was by invitation only and was said to include physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists and UFO experts, among others.

"In November, 1986, I was attending the annual parapsychology conference in Basel, Switzerland," Luukanen said. "During one of the meetings, a large group of us were hypnotized, and as soon as I went into a hypnotic state, I saw the sky and a UFO coming toward me."

"I was totally flabbergasted because I was suddenly reliving being inside this UFO," Luukanen said. "I was totally surprised by this, and didn't know what it meant. I didn't tell anyone about it because it just seemed too bizarre."

"That afternoon we were hypnotized again, and it began to happen all over," Luukanen said. "After the second time, I told the whole group and they were as surprised as I was."

Luukanen said after these two initial revelations, she underwent

other hypnosis sessions in which she remembered the events in more detail.

"I was on a table like the type you will find in operating rooms," Luukanen said. "There were three or four little ones around the table, and they looked to be about one meter high. They had no hair, big eyes and a grayish brown skin or covering like a diver's suit."

"I was paralyzed, but I could think and communicate telepathically with them," she said. "They worked with hazy instruments that put off a white beam of light and also a bluish violet color. At one point, they took a long needle-like instrument and inserted it in my lower abdomen. As a doctor, I know where they put it would give them access to my ovaries."

Luukanen said after she remembered her ordeal, she found a small scar she believes was caused by the needle. She said the aliens didn't appear to express any emo-

tions and that they went about their task with a detachment that reminded her of dissecting rats in medical school.

"My conviction is that they don't want to harm us or upset us psychologically," Luukanen said. "I think that's why the memory of the episode is taken away. But when most people remember, it's very traumatic. One of the main purposes of the conference is to learn how to treat and deal with these people who have been abducted."

Luukanen said she is convinced that what she said happened to her really did. She said her gut feeling is the Earth is being prepared to be taken into the larger community of the universe.

"I have a feeling of responsibility now to inform people that we are not alone in the universe," Luukanen said. "The question in my mind is not whether or not they exist, but 'how do we deal with them?'"

Are they here?

Seminar explores possibility that UFOs really do exist

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By Sarah E. Crowley
Staff Writer

"There are two methods of getting a sighting. One is to go where lots of sightings have happened and camp out night after night until you see one. The other is to send up a thought message that you'd like to have a sighting. And you'll get one."

R. Leo Sprinkle pressed the remote control on his projector and up flipped another slide of a UFO hovering hauntingly in a black-and-white sky. Even though it was a reproduction of a black-and-white photo, the familiar Frisbee shape, and Sprinkle's comments, caused the audience to sit up and take notice.

Not that they hadn't been sitting up right along. These 17 people had come from all over Southern California to hear Sprinkle, an internationally known UFO researcher, explain a subject that seemingly has no explanation at all.

Titled "Inner Time and Outer Space," the recent workshop at Griswold's Claremont Center examined techniques for exploring and evaluating patterns of UFO reports, as well as the more intriguing aspects of productee/contactee reports of people claiming to have been kidnapped by aliens and those receiving telepathic messages from them).

Judging from the personal experiences revealed, the attendees had more than a casual interest in what most of us consider to be a fascinating but bizarre topic. Stories ranged from the woman who believed she saw an alien in her laundry room to a man with a small mark on his leg which, he thought, was caused by space junk experimenting on him aboard their craft.

Sponsored by the Association of Past-Life Research and Therapies Inc. of Riverside, the program also introduced the

possibility of reincarnation as a link to UFO phenomena.

Sounds like a heavy dose of goofball stuff for a supposedly rational person to swallow. After all, UFOs are nothing new. We've all read reports about them, and just about everybody can still recall that five-note musical theme from the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

The common reaction of so-called normal people is to smile smugly, and wonder how in the world anyone could believe in extra-terrestrial visitors. But let's be honest. Deep down in your soul, haven't you wondered if maybe, just maybe, those people might be right? And somehow, there's a little part of us that hopes they are.

But right or wrong, there's a stigma attached to those willing to stand up for their beliefs.

"No one wants to be thought of as a fool. But I guarantee if you go into UFO research, you'll be thought of as a fool," said Sprinkle, a counseling psychologist in private practice in Laramie, Wyo. A professor emeritus at the University of Wyoming, he's known among researchers as a pioneer in the field, and has appeared on a number of national TV and radio interview programs.

Sprinkle's interest in UFOs began in 1949 at the University of Colorado at Boulder, when he and a classmate saw a silent saucer in the evening sky.

"I reacted like most people — with fear and trembling. I repressed it," said Sprinkle, adding in 1956 he and his wife saw another UFO, again near Boulder. "It hovered and moved. It was no airplane, no helicopter. I thought uh oh, two sightings is something unusual."

Since then, Sprinkle has documented hundreds of cases, interviewing people who feel they've experienced something strange, and often using hypnosis to aid their

recollections.

However, the problem with pursuing such an elusive subject, said the ufologist (pronounced "youfologist"), is that even when people believe they've seen a saucer, they tend to discount their own experiences.

"People are frightened to talk about it. They're afraid people will think they're crazy. When I try to reassure them, and tell them I've also seen them they say, 'Well, you must be crazy, too,'" said Sprinkle, who maintains a real discrepancy exists between what he calls "objective" established science and the "bastard" studies of parapsychology and UFO research.

"My bias is I know flying saucers exist, I'm not sure about science. The problem is we're used to investigating phenomena as objective observers, and UFOs are too elusive for objective observation."

During the seminar, Sprinkle discussed patterns of UFO reports and said that according to statistics, two-thirds of all educated people in the world believe in them.

In a lecture-slide presentation, he showed dozens of examples of different space craft, everything from what he called "daylight discs" (the usual saucer shape) to "radar visuals" (something perceived on a radar screen).

It seems that 71 percent of those who had seen UFOs reported circular-shaped objects, and the duration of these sightings was roughly five to 15 minutes.

"That's long enough to see something unusual, but not long enough to get the Air Force jets

ARE THEY HERE CON'T



Staff Photo by Tom Zasadzinski

R. Leo Sprinkle discusses patterns of UFO reports during a recent seminar in Claremont.

out," said Sprinkle.

That's just the trouble with them. Just when you think you've seen one and run for witnesses, the darn things disappear.

At least, that's what one seminar participant said. Because of the nature of this workshop, everyone interviewed for this story (with the exception of Sprinkle) asked that their names not be used.

This woman, let's call her

Debbie, is a certified clinical hypnotherapist who said she saw a UFO when she was a 12-year-old living in Granada Hills. Or, more to the point, she was rudely awakened by one at 2 a.m.

"I remember awakening with an extremely bright light in my room. I could see it through my eyelids," said the 35-year-old. "The whole room was lit up. I looked out the window and saw a huge flying vehicle ... big as a

football field. It was all bright, yellow lights, millions of them. It moved slowly, there was no sound."

Of course, when she dragged her parents out of bed the amazing spectacle had vanished. But Debbie still feels a close kinship with those mysterious visitors.

"It was exciting, but my impression was that it was more like an old friend stopping to say hi. Just a nice 'hello, we're here.'"

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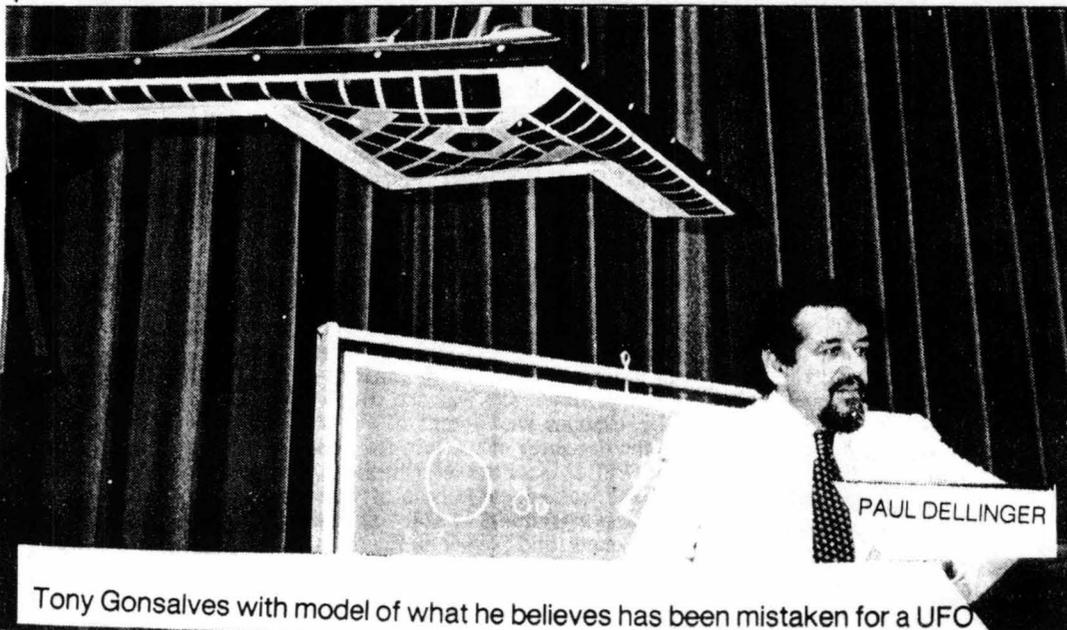
attributed to secret plane

By PAUL DELLINGER
SOUTHWEST BUREAU

WYTHEVILLE — Several people who viewed a pattern of lights hovering above their heads in a darkened Wytheville Community College room agreed that it looked like an unidentified flying object they had seen in the skies of Southwest Virginia.

They were not seeing a flying saucer containing little green men, but a model of the radar-eluding Stealth B-2 bomber that Rhode Island businessman Tony Gonsalves had constructed.

Gonsalves, 47, visited Wythe County earlier this month because it had been a hotbed of UFO sightings in recent years. He said similar sightings have been reported in Hudson Valley, N.Y., and Fyffe, Ala.



Tony Gonsalves with model of what he believes has been mistaken for a UFO

SECRET PLANE CON'T

"I believe there's a secret government aircraft flying around that the public hasn't been advised about," he said.

Gonsalves is not talking about the Stealth aircraft that was rolled out for public view in 1988, one of six that reportedly have been built. Those would make noise, he said, and the boomerang-shaped aircraft spotted across the country in recent years have been silent.

Referring to recent debate on what happened to \$22 billion of the money allocated to developing an airplane that can avoid radar detection, he said: "I don't think it [the money] disappeared at all. I think they built some airplanes."

He suggests that the money went into Stealth craft powered by "UFO technology" — in his view, some sort of antigravity field generated by nuclear energy.

"Now, where did they get it [the technology]? That's another story, but in my opinion, they have it," he said.

One possible source, he said, would be a crashed flying saucer that the government recovered and kept secret.

"I am a firm believer that this planet is being visited by aliens. I think they've been coming here for a long time," he said.

Whether they agreed with him on that, at least five of the about 75 people attending his talk at Wytheville Community College agreed that the Stealth shape is what they saw.

What convinced the group was a quarter-size model of the aircraft, built by Gonsalves, based on what data has been released about the secret plane.

Using his experience as a jet mechanic on U.S. Navy aircraft carriers, Gonsalves said he placed lights on his 4-foot model in a pattern that would be logical for landing purposes or illuminate the ground for a low-flying, slow-moving plane.

Gonsalves said he came to Wytheville to talk with people who might have seen an experimental-Stealth aircraft. He is compiling the information for a book. //

Great Balls o' Fire

Officials in N.C., Virginia Receive Reports of Unidentified

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Lights Streaking Through the Sky

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The strange calls started coming in about 7:30 last night.

Sheriff's dispatchers and spokesmen for police departments in a 150-mile swath across northwest North Carolina and southwest Virginia reported receiving more than a dozen calls of UFO sightings.

The dispatchers suspected a meteor shower, but local astronomers questioned that theory.

Dispatchers in Surry and Wilkes county reported four sightings in each county, and there was one sighting in each of three other counties: Ashe, Davie and Watauga.

A caller in Surry County reported seeing a "big blueish-green flaming ball of fire," and a caller in Watauga said that the flaming ball had sparks coming from the tail.

A spokesman for the Virginia State Police in Salem said that his department had received calls from Smith Mountain Lake and

Christiansburg, about 150 miles from Watauga County.

The calls were reminiscent of reports nearly three weeks ago of sporadic meteor bursts across North Carolina, but a physics and astronomy professor at Appalachian State University said that a meteor shower at this time of year would be rare.

Dr. Dan Caton said he had not seen the flaming balls of light, but guessed that they could be related to military tests in the area.

Caton said that such reports sometimes correspond to a military test of upper-air winds. The military fires missiles that emit a glowing gas, he said, and then test the drift of the gas.

A spokesman for the Morehead Planetarium at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill said that he had heard no reports of a meteor shower and that none had been expected.

Most of the sightings occurred between 7:30 and 8:30. //

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UFO sighting on Warren's east side draws stares from friends

By JULIANNA ANASTASIADIS
Special To The Tribune

DEAR JULIANNA:

On the evening of Jan. 27, 24 hours after your Astral Adviser column predicted more UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) sightings, my wife, Gilda, myself and our two children, Tom and Valerie, were driving on the Ohio 5 bypass heading East when we looked up and noticed to the right in the sky what we all thought was a shooting star. It was moving very fast, had a bright silver color and a long tail. It seemed to pick up speed as it headed South. I told my wife that it might be a satellite falling through the atmosphere. I had never seen a shooting star turn colors like that. They usually stay a silver color and seem to fall, this one just stayed in the sky.

There were three cars in front of me and they all slowed down and even



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stopped as if they had seen it at the same time we did.

I didn't think any more about it until I turned on the evening news at 11. On Channel 21, Lorin Shultz reported that an object in the sky was seen by many people as far away as Virginia and New York at about the same time we saw it.

That piqued my curiosity. I looked in The Tribune and couldn't find any story, so I called a friend of mine at the paper, Marty Douce and asked her for any information on the sighting. She said no but did write an article using the information I gave her.

After that article was published I received a few phone calls from other people who had seen the same thing. They also were amazed at what they had seen. One woman was from Newton Falls and another from the Niles area. They were both happy about the article because nobody

would have believed them if they were the only ones who had seen it.

After the article was published, all my friends at work (Warren Consolidated) were teasing me about seeing a UFO. They began calling me Captain Kirk and said for me to "beam them up" to the crane that I operate which they also re-named the "Enterprise." It was all done in fun, but some of the guys did admit that at one time or another they also had seen something in the sky and didn't know what it was. They confessed they didn't care to say anything about it because of the notoriety that goes

with reporting something like that.

I thought that this was something that you would find interesting since it was directly after you published the predictions about the UFO sightings in your column on Jan. 26.

— TOM MAGYAR

DEAR TOM:

I am very glad that you did report what you saw and I am sure that it validated what must have been a confusing sight to many. I understand that the U.S. Government Naval Observatory has called this a meteor shower. I wonder what they will say in April 1992?

I wondered if there were any groups in this area that explored the possibility of UFOs, and discovered one in Alliance called "The Tri-County UFO Study Group."

I contacted Brenda and Jim Carnes of Warren, who are coordinators in the Warren area for the Study Group, for information on where and when

they met and if the group knew of any sightings recently. She told me she and her husband also sighted a UFO (about the size of a pencil eraser held at arm's length) on that same night in the same area. It was silver then turned to bluish green as it fell at an 80 degree angle, became stationary and then moved in a southerly direction until it became obscured by the tree line.

The UFO Study Group meets on the second Saturday of every month and their next meeting will be held at 8 p.m., March 10, in the meeting room at Perkins Restaurant, three miles east of Alliance on Ohio 62. The meetings are informal and open to the public. They have 30 to 35 active members and have been in existence for over 16 years.

Looking at your personal horoscope chart and that of your wife, I can see where this experience is to have a very profound effect on the both of

you, publically and privately.

There is an interesting profile of what changes occur in people who experience sightings. Some very interesting reading material is in the book entitled "Casebook of a UFO Investigator" by R.E. Fowler, available at the public library.

Documented research that is readily available would certainly be food for thought to any open mind. It is not a topic that is going to fade with the passing of time, as will be evident in 1992.

CONFIDENTIAL TO SAGITTARIUS:

Hang in there, it is going to get a lot easier for you after Feb. 20. You have gone through a period of delays. Persistence pays.

Letters to Astral Adviser may be sent to Box B-8, Tribune, 240 Franklin St., S.E., Warren, Ohio 44482 and must include exact date, time and location of birth. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to obtain a chart depicting rising sign (ascendant).

World peace is OK, but fun begins when UFOs get here

By Paul Weingarten
Chicago Tribune

ALBUQUERQUE—It is clear to Eileen Dunn, clear as a New Age crystal.

There's only one explanation, according to Dunn and many other New Age disciples, for the astonishing events of the past year, when the Iron Curtain disintegrated and peace and democracy swept the globe.

Harmonic Convergence worked.

Remember Harmonic Convergence? It was a cosmic communion nearly three years ago in which thousands of New Agers gathered at sites they believe sacred, from Chaco Canyon, N.M., to Mt. Fuji, Japan, to pray, chant and meditate in one mighty metaphysical effort to propel the planet into a new era of peace and environmental enlightenment.

"It definitely worked," says Dunn, sipping a glass of milk at E.J.'s coffee shop near the University of New Mexico campus. "It's not a joke. Things are tumbling really quickly now."

Since Harmonic Convergence in August 1987, the Berlin Wall has crumbled and the world matrix has rearranged itself with astounding swiftness. But even as Tuesday's vernal equinox marks the beginning of spring and is celebrated in New Mexico and elsewhere as a stepping stone in the Harmonic Convergence movement, there is one significant group of people who still can't seem to get along: Convergence believers.

The trouble is UFOs. Any day now, the Earth may receive "the first official landings of galactic interdimensional technical assistance teams" to guide the planet

through chaos and confusion into a new Galactic Confederation, according to Jose Arguelles, the 51-year-old New Age prophet who revealed the secrets of Harmonic Convergence in his 1987 book, "The Mayan Factor."

That tenet has split Convergencers into two squabbling factions—those who believe in UFOs and those who don't.

"I don't have little green men in my room at night waking me up," says Barbara Hand Clow, an editor at Bear & Co., the Santa Fe-based New Age publisher that issued "The Mayan Factor."

"It's wild fringe stuff," she adds. "The whole UFO network, I avoid them like the plague."

Just wait, replies local psychic C.W. Davis, a UFO believer. "The mother ship is about to land," he says.

Aliens notwithstanding, Harmonic Convergence has become a sort of Woodstock for the New Age, a touchstone event that captivated and galvanized New Agers.

While the vernal equinox—the moment when winter gives way to spring, when the sun is directly above the equator and daylight and darkness are roughly equal—comes once a year, Harmonic Convergence was a once-in-23,412-years event, a sort of celestial "window in time" that opened Aug. 16, 1987 and coincided with a rare alignment of planets and other events, according to Arguelles.

If 144,000 people gathered at "holy sites" around the world—including the Pyramid of the Sun at

San Juan de Teotihuacan, Mexico, the Egyptian pyramids, the Indian religious kivas at Casa Rinconada in Chaco Canyon, N.M., and, strangely enough, Central Park in Manhattan—the Earth would be propelled into a new era of peace and unity, he said.

Some who were there, however, have become disillusioned.

"Harmonic Convergence was a fleeting chance to grasp something—anything—that might suggest a break in the daily routine," says Julian Spalding, a former Convergence adherent. "There are a lot of crazies in the New Age."

Arguelles, who lives in Hawaii, is currently "on sabbatical" and unavailable for comment. In his book, he said he divined Harmonic Convergence from studying the ancient Mayan calendar. Arguelles, who has a Ph.D. in art history from the University of Chicago, believes the Mayans were extraterrestrials who left instructions for Harmonic Convergence as a way to guide the planet through its current period.

After that, Arguelles predicted, there will be no crime and no war. Then, in 2012, a "quantum leap" in human evolution will make earthlings fit company for a galaxy of alien lifeforms.

Whether that ever happens, the current adventure in freedom and democracy around the world is unfolding at a brisk pace and, even without UFOs, the world seems to tremble at the possibilities.

"I'm one of those people who grew up with the atomic bomb," said editor Clow, who is among the Convergence faithful. "I believed that sooner or later the world was going to blow up. But now I don't believe that anymore."

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Experts Claim:

UFOs Aren't Spaceships — They're Living Creatures

Many UFOs are actually living creatures from outer space, say experts — who reveal that Prince Charles' great-uncle and mentor, Lord Louis Mountbatten, shared this belief.

"Lord Mountbatten proposed way back in 1952 that UFOs are alive," said UFO investigator Timothy Good of Britain, author of "Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-Up."

"He outlined his belief in a letter to a British newspaper editor, proposing that UFOs are inhabitants of other planets rather than mere nuts-and-bolts spacecraft."

Many UFO cases support this astonishing theory, paranormal expert Brad Steiger told THE ENQUIRER.

"For instance, there are numerous reports of UFOs moving as though they were creatures rather than space vehicles — such as moving along on the ground and entering and exploring inside homes.

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LIVING CREATURES CON'T

"In one 1973 case, a UFO entered a bedroom in Logrono, Spain. The resident, Javier Bosque, lay terror-stricken as he watched it maneuvering around his bed.

"Moreover, many descriptions of UFOs down through history describe living creatures — such as in the form of dragons and serpents — moving through the skies.

"These entities from deep space may have the advanced ability to transform themselves into various shapes — making themselves look like animals in the past, and solid spacecraft in modern times.

"They are a unique life-form with highly advanced intelligence."

Lord Mountbatten, who served as Supreme Allied Commander for Southeast Asia during World War 2, was Prince Charles' personal hero. They were very close, and their many conversations on the paranormal sparked Charles' own well-known fascination with UFOs, said a royal insider.

Living UFOs may have evolved on other planets — or from cosmic dust and gas

in deep space, said Hayden Hewes, executive director of the International UFO Bureau.

"These sky creatures may even be living, thinking pure energy!" Hewes told *The ENQUIRER*.

"Most assuredly, many UFOs are actually living creatures — and undoubtedly are among the universe's oldest beings!"

— FRANKLIN R. RUEHL ^{Mar}

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1381 Calling all UFO abductees — this group's for you

In a city where every bulletin board and kiosk is covered with posters, pamphlets and fliers, this notice nonetheless stands out: **UFO ABDUCTEE SUPPORT GROUP.**

■ "Have you had an experience with a UFO?"

■ "Do you feel alone and unable to talk about this experience with anyone else?"

■ "Do you think you are the only one to have this experience?"

■ "Would you like to meet others with similar experiences?"

■ "Would you like to find out you're not crazy?"

The problem with all of these questions culminates with the last question, which prompts another question. "If a person tells you you're not crazy, but that person is crazy, does it still mean you're not crazy?"

Counselor/therapist Al Hite isn't crazy enough to address that ques-

tion, just as he isn't billing himself as a frequent flier on the Intergalactic Spaceship Trogg.

"I neither believe or disbelieve, that's not my concern," Hite said. "If someone believes it happened and it disrupted their lives, that's my concern."

Hite did say that he's "sympathetic" to close encounters of whatever kind, and that he's been interested in paranormal phenomena all his life.

"My family has had psychic things happen. My ancestors had psychic things happen," he said this week. "My grandmother was a heal-



Mike Leonard

H-T Columnist

er. She could stop bleeding. She could draw the fire out of burns. It was just something in the family — something we all acknowledged."

Hite recently opened his New Age Counseling center in downtown Bloomington, promoting the UFO Abductee Support Group and an "Introduction to Your Psychic Self" workshop in addition to more standard counseling services for personal growth, pain, stress, depression, drug abuse and other areas.

"Really, the 'new age' name is more to get people's attention," Hite admitted. "I do old age, too."

With his silver-frame glasses, snow white hair and neatly trimmed white beard, Hite takes on the look of your basic "old age" Freudian psychologist. Except that he shudders at the notion.

"I am not a Freudian," he emphasized.

Hite's associate, Jean Farmer, said his approach is termed "neurolinguistic programming" in the counseling field.

"The Freudians want you to resolve the problem before you can go ahead," Hite said. "My approach is, 'What if it can't be resolved? You still have to go on. It might not be your problem, anyway. It might be somebody else's.'"

Hite said the basic problem for people who have seen UFOs or witnessed paranormal events is that they often are frightened or confused and they can't talk to their typical confidants, such as family and friends. "You can't take these people and say, 'Well, you're crazy to start with.' What would that accomplish?" he asked.

"If a person believes he or she saw something, and society doesn't believe it, you can't let go of it," Hite said. "It can cause real problems, whether something actually occurred or not. There are some

crazies out there, no doubt about it. But there also are crazies who don't believe in the paranormal. The two don't necessarily go hand-in-hand."

Hite's inaugural UFO Abductee Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18. The counselor said he'd like for people to contact him at 336-6670 to discuss their interest in the group before he reveals the location of the meeting.

Hite believes the group will also assist him in his own research on UFO abduction and people's reactions to it. "It's a fascinating area," he said.

No doubt.

Hite maintains, however, that his primary interest is providing a support avenue for people who have had problems coping with their experiences.

"Even if there's one person in the world who believes as you do, that can be very helpful," he said.

SPECIAL REPORT: ENCOUNTERS WITH UFOs

UFO sightings have intrigued us for decades

Sightings of unidentified flying objects have been reported since ancient times, but an extraordinary outburst of reports occurred in the late 1940s, 1950s and 1960s and locally since November 1987.

Here are some of the most famous international and local sightings, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, the Pensacola News Journal and the Gulf Breeze Sentinel:

- **July 7, 1947** — U.S. Army investigators reportedly collect wreckage and remains of four dead aliens from the site of a reported UFO crash near Roswell, N.M. The aliens are described as humanoid, 3½- to 4-feet tall, with large heads and large eyes. Reports say that more than 100 witnesses testified that they saw the craft or the aliens. Rumors persist the bodies and craft were stored at Building 18 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, and never have been moved.

- **Jan. 7, 1948** — A Louisville, Ky., highway patrolman reports a flying saucer to Godman Air Force Base, which ends up a group of four F-51 jets. One pilot reports seeing it and follows it to 10,000 feet where his oxygen runs out and

he crashes.

- **July 24, 1948** — A pilot and co-pilot over Montgomery, Ala., report a red object passes them at 5,000 feet. They describe it as 100 feet long with two rows of lighted windows and a dark blue glow beneath.

- **Aug. 13, 1956** — Two Royal Air Force ground radar station workers detect several objects near Lakenheath, England, and track them at 3,000 mph.

- **Sept. 10, 1957** — Three fishermen near Sao Paulo, Brazil, report a UFO explodes over the water. Tests of fragments show it is "magnesium of a higher purity than attainable in techniques known to man."

- **Sept. 20, 1961** — A couple returning from a Canadian vacation to Portsmouth, N.H., see a large disk-shaped object and walk over to investigate it. Later, under hypnosis, the two tell similar stories about being taken aboard a flying saucer and being examined by humanoids.

- **April 24, 1964** — A highway patrolman in Socorro, N.M., reports a 20-foot hemispherical object on four legs near an abandoned shack, where he earlier saw two people dressed in white. He finds four

deep impressions in the ground.

- **Nov. 9, 1965** — New York City was without power for exactly 12 hours (to the minute) after a short near Niagara Falls caused a power surge that knocked out breakers. Witnesses reportedly sighted UFOs at Niagara Falls at the time of the unexplained surge.

- **Oct. 10, 1966** — A woman and her five children witness the slow passing of a metallic object near their farm home in Newton, Ill., on a clear, dry day.

Local sightings:

- **Oct. 14-17, 1973** — More than 50 scattered UFO sightings are reported along the Gulf Coast in Destin, Walnut Hill and near Crestview. Most are described as glowing white lights. Eglin Air Force Base personnel report tracking a UFO north of the base about the same time as six motorists watch objects hover over Interstate 10 between Crestview and Milton.

- **April 21, 1975** — 12 Holmes County residents and two sheriff's deputies see a large glowing, egg-shaped UFO fly at sharp angles just above the trees near

Bonifay.

- **July 6, 1975** — 12 people fishing in Bayou Grande see an object cut across the sky "at incredible speed." One witness: Ed Gillette, assistant chief of the Federal Aviation Administration radar control tower at Pensacola NAS.

- **Jan. 31, 1976** — Late in the afternoon, Eglin personnel take 40 frames with high-quality film of a round and brightly lit UFO over Duke Field. Nothing shows up except background when the film is developed the next day.

- **Feb. 4, 1976** — For at least an hour before dawn a Florida Highway Patrolman watches a star-like UFO move erratically across the Gulf south of Navarre.

- **April 24, 1980** — A Vernon resident reports that something lands in her pasture leaving a burned circle 26 feet wide.

- **Nov. 11, 1987 to May 1, 1988** — Ed Walters reports 20 encounters of UFOs and takes numerous pictures, leading to a debate between UFO and photographic experts that culminates on a nationally televised show. During the same period, dozens of Gulf Breeze residents report similar UFO sightings.

- **Oct. 25, 1988** — Two toll booth operators at the Bob Sikes Bridge at Pensacola Beach and dozens of motorists report seeing 13 bright lights in the sky near Tiger Point.

- **April 21, 1988** — Gulf Breeze resident Truman Holcomb reports UFO staying just ahead of his car above the trees on U.S. 98.

- **March 4-21 1988** — 16 people report UFO sightings, including a man and his date driving on Soundside Drive after seeing television special on the UFO phenomenon. Other witnesses included an 11-year-old boy at Shoreline Park; a newspaper employee driving east on U.S. 98 at Gulf Islands National Seashore; a Florida Marine Patrol officer and Escambia County Sheriff's deputy.

- **Sept. 12, 1989** — 35 people at Unity Church on Ninth Avenue in Pensacola watch a red, glowing object in the sky while Walters photographs them.

- **Jan. 8, 1990** — Gulf Breeze City Councilwoman Brenda Pollak and husband Buddy, along with Walters and Cook, watch and photograph a UFO; claim helicopters follow it.