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By ROGER BARNHART
Eagle Staff Writer

Are visitors from outer space interested in Mars, Pa.?

Producers of the television program "A Current Affair" seem to think so, despite the fact that no unidentified flying objects have been sighted there.

Mars was featured in the May 4 episode of the nightly television show, which boasted videotape evidence of strange objects in the nighttime sky and the discovery of unexplainable eight-foot patches of scorched earth in Mars. The UFO sightings were said to have occurred in early March, the program reported.

According to UFO researcher Stan Gordon, the events described on the television show really did happen — they just didn't happen in Mars.

Gordon, director of the Greensburg-based Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, said the strange occurrences actually happened northeast of the City of Butler in Oakland Township, approximately 20 miles by air from Mars. The sightings were eventually reported to PASU, which Gordon describes as a clearinghouse for reports of UFO sightings.

According to Gordon, the television show was contacted by friends of Cheryl Covert and Jane Woodcock, neighboring property owners in Oakland Township who first reported the strange burn marks and objects in the sky. Gor-

don said there were several UFO sightings in the same area during March.

Woodcock, when contacted Wednesday, said she was unhappy with the report on the television show.

"It made the whole thing look foolish," Woodcock declined further comment on the strange events, other than to say that the burn marks on her property are now grown over and no longer exist.

Woodcock said that the burn marks are now grown over and no longer exist.

While part of the television interview was filmed in the town of Mars, which had nothing to do with the UFO sightings, Gordon said "A Current Affair" did visit and film the actual site where nine oval-shaped burn marks had been discovered by Oakland Township residents atop a grassy hill on March 8.

Gordon said the videotape evidence of a UFO shown on the program is real also. A "brilliant," hovering object was filmed by three cameras from different angles for approximately nine minutes on the night of March 14, Gordon said. The tapes are still being analyzed and enhanced by PASU experts, he said. They are also being reviewed by pilots and other UFO researchers, he said.

PASU field researcher John Gribble was one of eight eye-witnesses who saw the UFO. Gribble said he and fellow researcher Evelyn Schurman were inspecting the site of the scorch marks and obtaining soil samples at the site when the strange object was captured on film.

"I don't know what it was," Gribble said. "I wish I did."

Schurman, who videotaped the object, described it as pinkish-orange, very bright, noiseless, and moving "unlike any conventional aircraft." It also had a definite shape and appeared to be spinning, she said.

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UFOs seen only when they use slow frequency

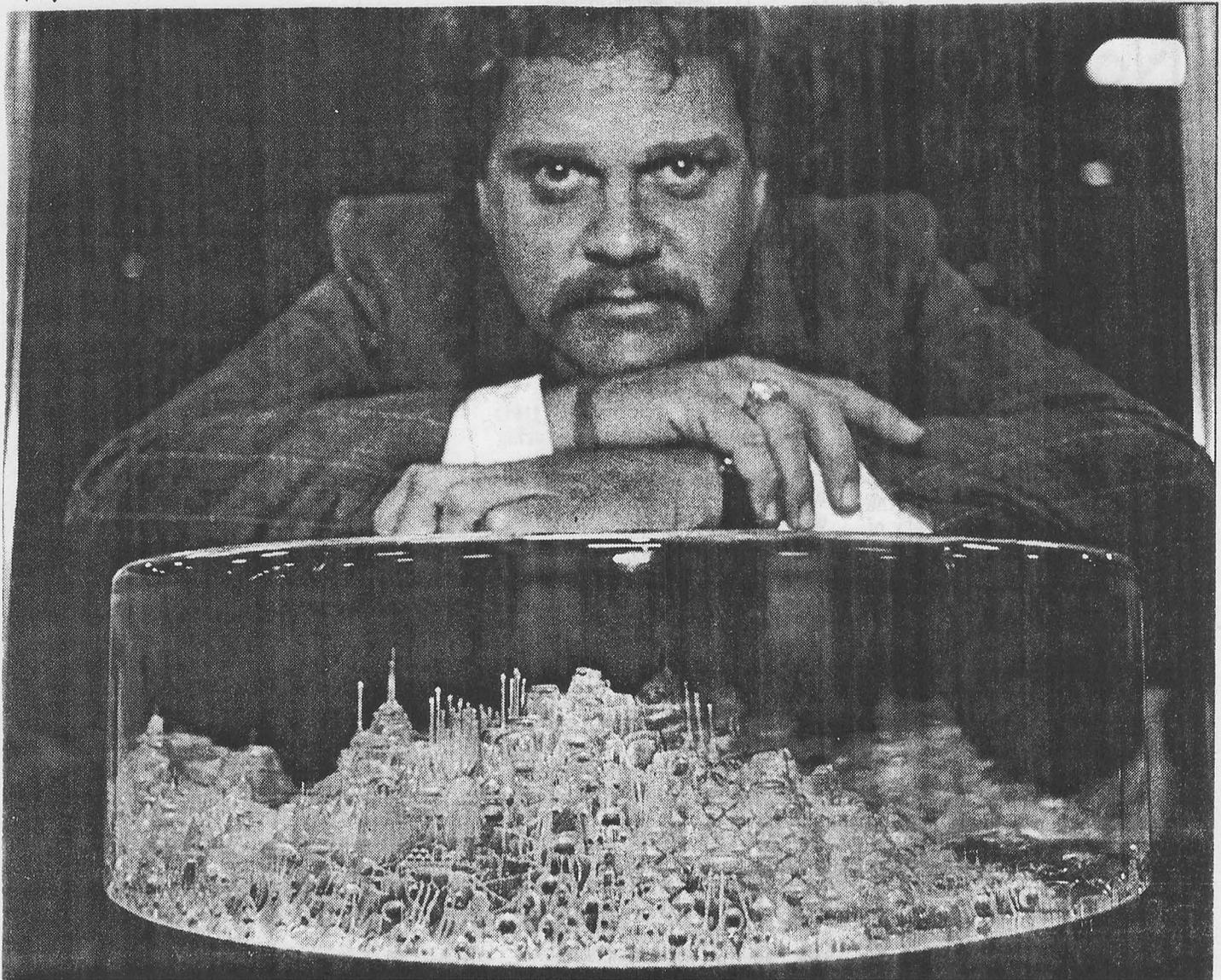
Lona Valin's May 7 article was too short but had some good points. The Bible and science are in tune, and both are here to help explain.

The point about everything in existence being light energy is very true. Everything created is light energy and is manifest in varying frequencies, densities and polarities, most of which are not detectable by our five senses in this three-dimensional world. What many of us don't understand is that each and every soul created is part of that light. There are no new souls created at conception or birth. Referring to science's "first law of thermodynamics," we need to understand that the existing energy is not again created, recreated or destroyed. Energy can only be converted from

one form to another.

The reference to speeding up and slowing down of molecular structure sparked another point. We live in a three-dimensional world and solar system. The 3-D planets have fourth-dimensional duplicate planets interpenetrating the 3-D space but of a less dense energy substance, and operating on a higher frequency. Life after death, many UFOs and life on other planets are all operating on the 4-D frequencies. The reason we see UFOs, and then we don't, is that they have the ability to lower their frequency down to ours and then back up out of our visible frequency range.

LESLIE WILLIAMS
Wood River



Artist Richard Murray displays a Plexiglas model of the "Main Star Colony of My Own Galaxy Condra-Donn." The technique he uses is called "intersculpt," where he

uses tools to sculpt the city from the bottom up. Murray, a UFO investigator, presented his sculpture at a conference on UFOs Sunday at the Hacienda Hotel.

Wayne C. Kodey/Review-Journal

Investigator blasts military for 'covering up' UFO evidence

□ A panel discussion on aliens draws scientists and believers, who speak of a government conspiracy.

By Marcia Pledger
Review-Journal

The scientific and engineering communities are not given a fair shake because they're never allowed to see any information or technology the military finds on unidentified flying objects, UFO investigator Richard Murray said Sunday.

"You people are dedicated to science and finding a better way of life, and I'm upset because of all of the secrets," he

said to five other members on a panel discussing UFOs before a crowd of 300.

The panelists were taking part in the "Horizons '90" at the Hacienda Hotel, a two-day conference sponsored by the Young Astronauts of Nevada and the Clark County Community College Planetarium.

The panelists for the "Aliens Among Us — What Life Might Be Like," were: Dr. Lonnie Hammargren, Dr. James Taranik, Dr. Dale Etheridge, Dr. Dan Crain, Murray, planetarium production manager Robert Pippin and Young Astronaut coordinator Joseph Girouard.

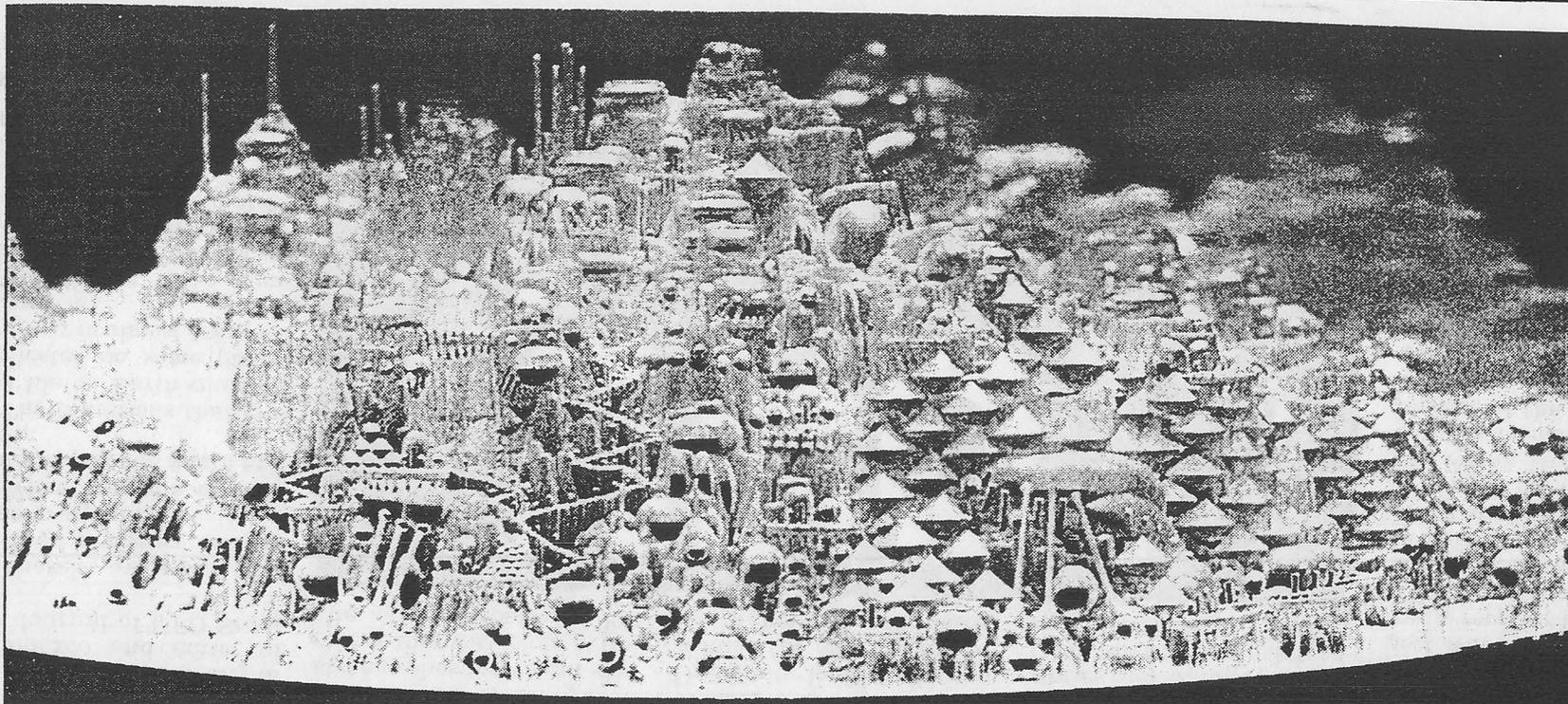
KLAS-TV anchorman George Knapp, host of the documentary,

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Wayne C. Kodey/Review-Journal

A close-up view of the sculpture by artist Richard Murray shows the fine detail of the Plexiglas model which depicts his vision of

what a city in space might look like. Murray was in Las Vegas for a conference on UFOs held at the Hacienda Hotel.

UFOs

From 1B

"UFO's — The Best Evidence," was the moderator for the panel discussion.

Hammargren, a University of Nevada regent, spoke about the possible physical features of aliens as he held up science books in which he said the authors' imaginations ran wild.

"The point is that people who claim alien contact say the aliens are similar to humanoids, not like some purple blob," he said as he pointed to a two-headed being in a book.

"Are things (aliens) possible? Sure they're possible. But what does the evidence hold?" Hammar-

Pippin told the audience that his personal belief is that we are not the only intelligent beings on the planet or galaxy because it's "simply too large.

"When we talk about going to another star system, we're talking about years (of travel) not weeks or months... unless it's something we don't know about," he said.

Crain, of The Planetary Society, said he would hesitate to pass judgments on people who say aliens are living among us now.

"Today, we don't have that proof or at least I as a scientist have not seen them, but I hope they're here," he said.

While the majority of people lis-

viewed various displays and information booths.

J.C. Stimson, an astronomy buff in the audience, said there is no question in his mind that aliens exist.

"There have to be millions of similar Earths but the space between them is so unbelievable that it's kind of hard for me to imagine how they would be able to find us," he said.

"But yet we just don't know. I have a secret, hidden wish that we'll find out in my lifetime."

After the panelists made a brief presentation, members of the audience asked questions. Most of the questions mentioned a government

Taranik, president of the Desert Research Institute and former NASA space shuttle chief scientist, answered one question regarding a possible government cover-up by saying there is no evidence that the Defense Department is hiding anything.

Murray, however, agreed with those who speculated the government is covering up information. He said he doesn't believe this policy will change because the government has its own scientists.

Murray said a good example is that the military found a Velcro-type substance on aliens in an alleged 1947 crash in New Mexico and 20 years later Velcro was on

Alien civilizations exist in space

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...there...everywhere!

The universe is chock-full of intelligent beings, says a university professor who's an expert on extraterrestrial life.

"There could be thousands of civilizations out there," says Dr. Michael Swords, Ph.D., a professor of natural sciences at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo and editor of *The Journal of UFO Studies*.

"There's evidence that the laws of nature are the same everywhere.

"What happens once is bound to happen again and again.

"The conditions that created life on Earth could be duplicated on some planetary body in almost every solar system.

"There's got to be some swath of space in every solar system where circumstances come close to matching Earth's."

Swords, 49, says that

SAYS UNIVERSITY EXPERT

work conducted by responsible academics and researchers has given credence to Earth visits by UFOs and accounts of close encounters with extraterrestrials.

"When Dr. Erol Faruk, a chemistry professor in England, tried to analyze a strange phosphorescent substance that was found at the site of a suspected UFO

landing in Kansas, he was unable to pinpoint the chemical," Swords explains.

"That's strong evidence that the person who reported seeing a UFO land and then rise could well have given reliable testimony.

"Another researcher, Dr. Thomas Bullard, of Indiana University in Bloomington, studied the effect of hypnosis in getting information

from people who claimed they were abducted by aliens.

"After analyzing 300 cases, he concluded that hypnosis played little or no role whatsoever.

"This is important because critics claim that hypnotists already know what stories they want to get from their subjects and ask leading questions to produce

those stories," Swords says.

"These findings, as well as my 15-year study of other investigation by respected researchers, has convinced me there are highly intelligent life forms out in space."

Even NASA admits that there may be someone else out there.

They've just given a group of 20 scientists \$100 million to begin a 10-year search for aliens in space.

The federally funded project will build an advanced radio receiver that will scan 14 million channels of radio waves from radiotelescopes around the world, looking for signs of alien life.

"This is the big step," says Dr. Frank Drake, a professor of astronomy and astrophysics at the University of California, Santa Cruz. "It will allow us to do very sophisticated researching.

"The typical guess is that there are 10,000 to 100,000 advanced civilizations in the Milky Way alone," he told *The New York Times*.

— BOB TEMMEY



A SPECIAL REPORT

Where Hoosiers aren't afraid to see a saucer

The good burghers of Corydon down in Southern Indiana have reported the unearthlies have been staging a flying circus over their town.

All colors, shapes and sizes of flying saucers, tea cups and breadboxes have been buzzing Corydon, according to the town's unimpeachable witnesses.

One lady saw one so tiny she could have reached out and snatched it from the air, and another bigger than a football field.

One of Corydon's authoritative witnesses told the local newspaper, the Corydon Democrat, "We are not a bunch of kooks."

Hear, hear now, don't be so defensive. No one suggested you are.

The newspaper went on to quote the witness as saying, "We are respectable, well-educated, professional and responsible people."

Certainly. And it took a lot of courage for the Corydonites to speak up.

So often over the past 43 years, when someone professes a flying saucer sighting, everyone steps away a few paces while whistling the theme from "The Twilight Zone."



RICHARD K. SHULL

Even more suspect than sighters, are the ones who have been taken aboard for, as they say in the medical business, "tests."

If someone really wants to make a crowd scatter, they'll start telling about the recent trip to Venus with the little telepathic fellows in the pale gray suits and big black eyes.

Ever since the first U.S. saucer sightings back in 1947, the military has taken great pains to explain that people didn't see what they saw. Weather balloons and swamp gas are favorite scapegoats.

And along with the debunking, the unctious military men have a way of making the eyewitness sound like his mother was frightened by a cuckoo clock.

Didn't see a thing

The scorn and ridicule that usually come to people who sight flying saucers have been so intense that many "respectable, well-educated, professional and responsible people" wouldn't dream of telling a soul, even if the flying saucer parked overnight on the front lawn and the little green men set up shop in the breakfast nook.

That's why it's so refreshing for the fearless citizens of Corydon to step forward and speak up.

Some say the saucers and assorted other UFOs have been visiting Corydon for 20 years, while others allow they've only noticed the extra-terrestrials hanging around for the past three years.

I don't suppose there's any connection, but three years ago the sheriff and

principal discovered an infestation of devil worshipers in the high school at Corydon.

Naw.

It's surely coincidence the community has been visited by Satan and saucers in the same general time-frame, and both in the season of the year when the sap rises.

My main purpose in devoting all this time and space to saucer sightings in Southern Indiana is that it's an idea whose time has come.

No less authority than "Inside Edition," the electronic tabloid that comes to you without benefit of a rack at the supermarket checkout lane, this week suggested that — do you have a firm grip on your credibility glands? — after 43 years the government may be ready to let us in on its saucer secrets.

Yes, the show reported — and would TV lie to you? — the government may be ready to stop stonewalling us about the saucers and start letting us in on those things the paranoids have known all along.

But, "Inside Edition" reported, the information will be trickled out so we don't all go into culture shock.

You won't be able to stroll through that secret hangar at Wright-Patterson Air Force base in Ohio where every UFO buff knows the government has a museum of old saucers. At least, not for a while.

Ditto for that locked and guarded hangar at Roswell, N.M., known to every fan of saucer conspiracies worthy of his whirleycap.

And maybe, at long last, we'll learn why the tight-lipped Air Force honchos requisitioned all the child-size coffins the mortician had after a "weather balloon" crashed in the Southwestern desert 40-some years ago. I have that report on reliable authority from Deputy Barney Fife, who heard it from Gomer down at the filling station who used to date the undertaker's niece.

So it's with certain Hoosier pride I'm pleased to inform you, on authority of "Inside Edition," the military is finally going to own up to all those saucers doing fly-bys these past 43 years, and you heard about it first in Corydon.

Is there anybody

Out there?

Searchers scan for sign of UFOs

By RICK SMITH
Staff Writer

Linda Faulkner watches the sky. "I look up a lot," she said. And, she said, it looks back.

Faulkner, a San Angelo psychologist, "doesn't doubt" that UFOs exist.

She intends to find proof to back up her belief.

"We're in a position to personally collect as much objective data as we can," she said. "We're going to try to help figure out what's going on."

Faulkner, 46, is state section director for the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON), an international group established in 1969 to study and, if possible, explain unidentified flying objects. As a MUFON volunteer, Faulkner is responsible for investigating any UFO sightings that occur in Tom Green, Concho, Coke, Irion or Schleicher counties.

While she was only recently named state section director for MUFON, Faulkner's interest in UFOs goes back to the 1970s.

"I have my pilot's license, and about 20 years ago I talked with some commercial pilots out at the airport one day, and they started telling me about things they had seen," she said.

The pilots talked of mysterious lights that followed them on their wingtips and shiny objects that played a kind of aerial tag with their planes.

"That made me think that there's something to this," Faulkner said.

So did an experience she had on a lonely country road near Big Spring about 1973.

"We lived in Big Spring before I moved here, and I was driving home one night when a light came down in front of my car. That's all I can recall was the light coming down. I remember later I was terrified. I was out in the country. That's all I remember."

She said that her experience with the mysterious light helps her identify with people who report seeing UFOs.

"I always thought I would try to be as objective as I could be — cool calm and collected. But I was terrified and couldn't remember a thing," she said.

While Faulkner has not yet investigated a UFO report for MUFON, she has been talking to people "for years" about their experiences with unexplained objects in the sky.

"Whenever the subject comes up, I'm amazed at how many people will say, 'Well, I saw something one time,' and then start telling me that they, or their father or grandmother or cousin, had an experience with a UFO," she said.

Wayne Hill, 36, had such an experience.

The San Angelo electronics technician said he was working with a construction company in Sonora in 1976 when he glanced up and saw two objects in the sky, about 400 feet away.

"The sun was pretty high, maybe 11 o'clock in the sky, and I couldn't see anything but the bottom of them. The bottoms were a dark grey color, metallic-looking," he said.

"After I spotted them, I watched them for maybe a half-second, then looked down to the men I was with and said, 'Hey! Look!'"

"I started pointing up and, before I could get my arm even halfway up, they (UFOs) shot straight up and I followed them until they were gone. No sound or anything. There were some real high stratus clouds, and I saw them go through the clouds. That was the last I saw of them."

OUT THERE CAN'T

Hill has applied for MUFON membership and hopes to assist Faulkner as a field investigator trainee.

Investigating a sighting involves interviewing the witnesses as well as searching for evidence of a landing, such as burned spots on fields or tracks, Faulkner said.

Investigators try to determine whether the UFO can be explained as a star, weather balloon or "regular" aircraft, Faulkner said.

When reporting a sighting, "sooner is better," she said, pointing out that witnesses may quickly forget important details, or evidence, such as tracks, could be washed away.

While Faulkner will send reports of sightings back to MUFON's headquarters in Seguin, Texas, and the information will be kept on file, witnesses may remain anonymous, she said.

"I think people feel a lot more comfortable telling us something if they know we aren't going to put their names in the newspaper or in a journal article somewhere," she said.

Callers are also assured that their reported sightings will be followed up, Faulkner said.

"When you report a UFO to the sheriff's department or to the Air Force, that's usually as far as it goes, but we're in a position to give feedback," she said.

Hill estimated that less than one in 10 UFO sightings are reported, and Faulkner said the figure may be even lower.

Reporting UFO sightings to MUFON not only aids UFO research, but it also offers the caller a sympathetic, caring ear, Faulkner said.

"There's a lot of stress associated with sighting a UFO," Faulkner said, recalling the terror of her own experience.

"This can be pretty traumatic for people who've seen something. We give people a chance to talk with someone who cares. Someone who will believe them."

'I don't pay any attention to those people (who say they have seen UFOs).'

— Llano Sheriff Gale Ligon,
June 1984.

Sightings around West Texas

January 1953, San Angelo — UFO reports are dismissed as vapor trails, meteorites, weather balloons.

October 1967, San Angelo — A sighting is reported near the North Concho Dam after a light with a greenish glow causes two cars to stall. The cars are covered with a sticky substance. Round depressions are found in the ground near the UFO's reported landing site.

August 1967, San Angelo — A woman reports that she was driving down the Big Lake highway when she spotted a pulsating red light several yards off the road. As she approached the light, there was a blinding flash and a large, metallic object shaped like a pie pan lifted silently into the air. The light then changed from red to bright orange and white and hovered over her car as she drove toward San Angelo.

August 1967, Ballinger — Ballinger boys create UFO scare when they launch shiny balloons.

December 1968, Kerrville — Schreiner students and law enforcement officials observe object with red, green and yellow flashing lights traveling northeast of Kerrville at a high altitude.

May 1971, San Angelo — Fiery "red fire" objects seen in the sky are identified as flares tied beneath plastic bag balloons.

January 1972, San Angelo — Four San Angelo residents report seeing a round, white light hovering over Mathis Field. The object is described as lit "like a neon light," with red streaks.

October 1973, San Angelo — UFO described as "long flame of fire moving at a high rate of speed at an altitude of 500 feet" and as "a little larger than a big airliner, round with bulges" is seen "moving back and forth over the Goodfellow Air Force Base area."

November 1973, Brownwood — Investigators debate the origin of a web-like

substance that was reportedly dropped from a UFO over a 10-mile wide area near Zephyr. Two Zephyr women described the UFO as having a wheel-like shape.

October 1974, San Angelo — A westside resident reports seeing a saucer-like object pink in color with an antenna on top, hovering over a power line in an alley in the 2700 block of Rio Grande. The UFO hovered over the line "for a time" before speeding off.

December 1976, San Saba — Hunters, policeman and four businessmen spot two UFOs south of San Saba. The objects are described by one witness as a "reddish orange type of ball" that made "a swooping type motion up in the sky and disappeared to the west."

November 1980, Sterling City — Two San Angelo women report seeing an object in the middle of U.S. 87 between Sterling City and Carlsbad. The silent object is described as round or oblong, dark in color, with bright flashing, colored lights.

February 1984, Llano — Llano architect spots a UFO he describes as a "band of light that looked like a flying bat." The object, which had lights on top, curved over his home and made a 90-degree turn.

The architect photographed a second UFO a month later and described the object as pulsating red and white light.

February 1984, Llano — A woman in Lone Grove, near Llano, tells authorities that her children were frightened by a bright light one evening and, when they screamed for help, she saw the object hovering about 100 feet over the children. The dome-shaped object had red lights all around it and made a low pulsating hum, she said. It took off toward the west "at a terrific speed."

September 1988, San Angelo — A shiny object hovering over San Angelo is identified as a weather balloon by a Federal Aviation Administration area supervisor.

'Oh, my God! It's not a plane. It's coming toward us.'

— Mrs. Faye Boren, San Angelo, upon sighting a UFO near Sterling City, November 1980.

MUFON serious in study of UFO phenomenon

The Mutual UFO Network, Inc. was founded in 1969 in Seguin by Water Andrus, Jr.

Andrus, MUFON's international director, said the group is "composed of people seriously interested in studying and researching the phenomenon known as unidentified flying objects by combining their mutual talents, areas of expertise and investigative efforts."

He said the group is a grass roots organization that depends on local field investigators working under state section directors who, in turn, are responsible to a state or provincial director.

"Field investigators are trained and high standards of professionalism are required by MUFON," Andrus said.

The investigators are volunteers who attempt to document sighting information in a "thorough and unbiased manner," he said.

Dates and frequencies of UFO sightings are published in the group's monthly magazine, the MUFON UFO Journal. A master file of all submitted UFO sighting reports is maintained in the organization's administrative offices.

Information about the organization may be obtained by writing MUFON at 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155-4099 or by calling (512) 379-9216.

'Initial study of reports received would indicate that the observations were astronomical in nature. The object observed may have been the planet Jupiter or the stars Rigel, Capella, Betelgeuse or Aldebaran, which were visible. At the time of the reported sightings, the azimuth and elevation of the reported sightings supports the preliminary conclusion.'

— Air Force spokesman responding to reported UFO sightings, August 1965.

What to do if you have close encounter

Anyone who sights a UFO in Tom Green, Concho, Coke, Irion or Schleicher counties can report the sighting by calling Linda Faulker at 944-1450.

Faulker coordinates investigations of reported sightings for MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network Inc.

"We're interested in reports of any kind, even if they do sound bizarre," she said. "Even if people think what they've seen isn't very important, they should call."

'I don't believe in little green men, but I'd like to know what it was.'

— DPS dispatcher, after UFO sightings in Kerrville, December 1980.

'I don't know what it was, and I was afraid to tell anyone for fear they'd think I was crazy. I thought I'd tell the paper and see if anyone else saw what I did.'

— Unidentified woman reported her car was followed by a UFO, August 1967.

'It went down behind North Concho dam after hovering for a minute and, for a while, I thought it might be the glow from the moon that was causing it. But then it came back up again and I thought I never saw the moon go down and come back up before.'

— Unidentified woman who witnessed UFO near North Concho (O.C. Fisher) Dam, October 1967.

"If we have a report from a witness, and other witnesses come in with similar reports, then we would have corroborating information."

She suggests that people who sight an unexplained object:

- Call as quickly as possible, before evidence is lost or memories fade.

- Draw a picture of the object as soon after the encounter as possible.

- Write down as much information as possible, such as where the object was, the time of the sighting, the weather conditions, sounds associated with the object, direction the object travelled, landmarks around the object.

- Record the names of other witnesses.

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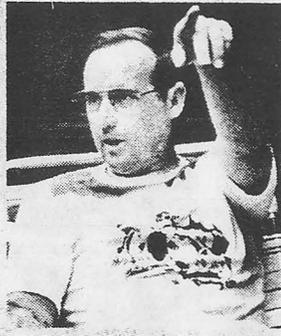
POLICE officers and government officials are among hundreds who have reported a UFO invasion in Indiana.

"It's incredible ... I saw at least 15 of the bright white, yellow and orange-red UFOs," former Harrison County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Hamm told the EXAMINER.

"They were less than a mile away and I watched them for four hours.

"Before I started investigating, there was NO WAY you could convince me there are flying saucers — but I

Investigators vow full inquiry into Indiana 'invasion'



'I'M A believer,' says former skeptic Hamm.

KNOW what I've seen." After investigating sightings near New Middleton, Hamm cruised back roads with police officer Randy Fessell.

Recalled Hamm: "I suddenly stopped and said: 'Look, Randy, there's one!' It was whitish, hovering to our right.

"I put the spotlight on it and it disap-

peared. Moments later it reappeared on the other side of us at a higher altitude."

Said Fessell: "I just don't believe it! I've never seen anything move so quickly!"

The two lawmen are among 350 residents of the rolling, tree-studded farm county west of Louisville, Kentucky, who recently saw the mysterious UFOs.

"I was hysterical the first time I saw them, but I have no fear now," said Janet Reising, 59, of Corydon, whose husband owns several radio stations.

After investigating 30 cases, Sheriff Ed Davis told the EXAMINER: "They're just

AN EYEWITNESS PHOTO, shot in Harrison County, shows an oblong UFO surrounded by brilliant light.

witnesses reporting them are very reputable people."

The UFOs hover over buildings, skim pastures and follow motor vehicles. They

'I saw at least 15 saucers'

can grow or shrink, subdivide, and instantly zip off or disappear, say observers.

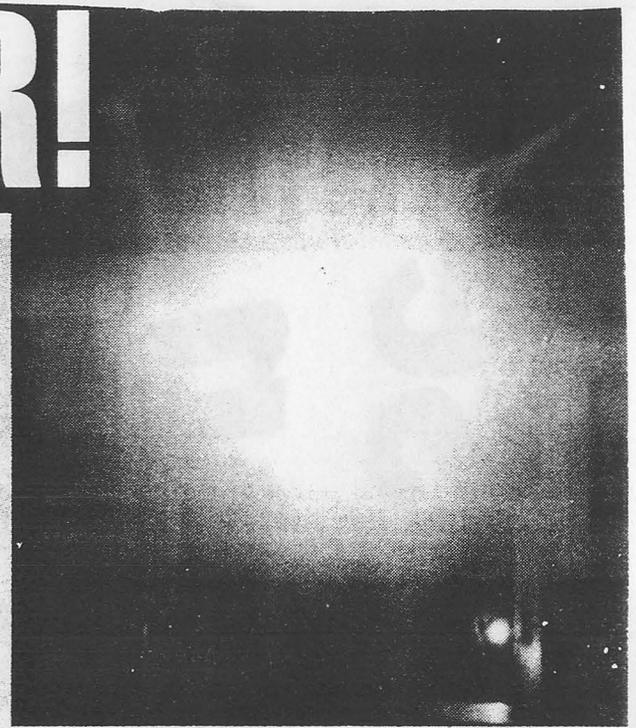
They're usually a brilliant white or amber-orange and

form, which can reach the size of a football field.

People also report seeing cigar- or football-shaped UFOs with portholes.

A few witnesses, including a woman in Laconia and a mom, a family and a married couple in Corydon, even claim to have had close encounters with aliens.

Federal researchers promise to investigate the mysterious sightings. "We are treating this very seriously because so many people have reported seeing them," said a military spokesman.



Witnesses forward to describe the mysterious UFOs.

UFO base found on Mt. Everest

STUNNED EXPLORERS investigating mysterious lights in the sky above Mount Everest have discovered a silver-domed UFO base manned by two human bigfoot creatures!

The hairy pair were captured alive in a raid on the base and are now being studied in a government research facility.

"For years, we have been telling the world that alien spaceships were landing and departing on Mount Everest," says General Teeva Lobsang, who led the expedition.

Proof

"But the world laughed at us, as they laughed at our reports of large, hairy creatures we call yetis roaming through the area.

"No one will be laughing any longer, now that we have proof."

General Lobsang and an elite brigade of soldiers of the army of Nepal undertook the expedition after a week of strange activity on the world's highest mountain. Night after night, frightened Sherpa villagers in the foothills of Mount Everest reported strange multicolored lights

'Human' Bigfoot came from outer space



• ALIEN SPACESHIPS have been landing and departing on Mount Everest for years

UFO BASE CONT

in the sky and the roar of distant engines.

Helicopters dropped off General Lobsang's team high in the mountains. They then began the perilous climb to the mist-shrouded summit.

"When I arrived at the summit, I was almost blinded by a giant silver structure standing next to the flags of the countries whose climbers had reached the peak," says the General. "It was the size of a small house, and covered by a dome that seemed to glow and hum in the freezing air."

The soldiers drew their rifles and approached the structure. They were able to enter it through a small porthole. "The walls were covered with bright blinking lights and there was a strange smell like burnt rubber in the air," recalls General Lobsang.

Hulking

"But before we were able to look around, two massive figures came charging at us out of nowhere, growling like wild dogs.

"One of my men shot his rifle in the air, and that stopped the creatures in their tracks. They fell to the floor."

General Lobsang and his men knew immediately

that the hulking, hairy beings cowering in front of them were the feared yetis of the Himalayas.

"They were at least eight feet tall and dressed in black armor-like suits studded with gold," says the General.

"The strangest thing about them was their huge mouths, which almost took up their entire faces.

"Nevertheless, there was something very human about the terrified look in their eyes. They spoke to us in a strange language and sounded as if they were pleading for their lives."

The soldiers nudged the abominable snowmen with

their guns and led them down the mountain. A helicopter arrived to pick them up and transport them to a military base near Kathmandu.

After several weeks of study, experts are convinced that the bigfoot pair are UFO aliens.

"Their language remains a mystery to us, but they seem almost human," says General Lobsang.

"Despite their frightening appearances, they are very mild-mannered and are attempting to cooper-



• THE ALIEN was eight feet tall and covered with hair

ate with us." Further expeditions have been planned to the summit of Mount Everest to dismantle the silver-domed structure and transport it to the research facility.

"We believe the building is a control tower that the aliens placed on Mount Everest to direct spaceship landings and takeoffs around Earth," notes General Lobsang. "The two yetis we captured were air traffic controllers for an entire UFO fleet."

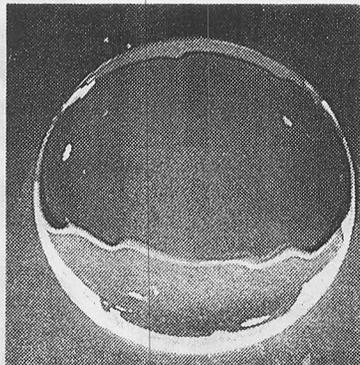
— FRANCIS SHIFFLETT

July 24, 1990 — SUN — 27

'Thirsty space aliens chased our milkman!'

Russian villagers are worried they're going to lose their milkman — because thirsty aliens are trying to kidnap him!

The Soviet daily *Selskaya Zhizn* reported milkman Vladimir Akhaltsev as saying he was trailed by a shining ball one night as he drove his milk



ARTIST'S conception of the shiny round UFO that shadowed a milkman.

truck to a dairy near the town of Lipetsk. Akhaltsev claimed that even when he reached 100 kilometers an hour "the ball was still following me."

Now, curious farmers who also saw the ball are asking: "If thirsty humanoids steal our driver, who is going to deliver the milk?"

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Supersecret report smuggled out of Russia along with . . .

First-ever photo

WORLD EXCLUSIVE
By ROGER THOMPSON

of captured

UFO

The Soviet military has captured a starship and its space alien crew in the most dramatic close encounter ever!

Classified documents and photos smuggled to the West on July 3 indicate that the Soviets have taken the crew of nine and their saucer-shaped craft to research facilities near Moscow for interrogation and study.

The implications of the development are said to be staggering, especially since pictures of the UFO show it to be in excellent condition and obviously capable of flight as it hovers silently in a Russian hangar.

"The Soviets have not only won the space race, they've

got the most formidable weapon the world has ever seen," astrophysicist Dr. Heinrich G. Wolff, who obtained copies of the top-secret Soviet report, told newsmen in Berlin.

"The information I received makes it clear that the Russians intend to exploit these

extraterrestrials and their technology to its fullest.

"They are prepared to spend billions on the effort to learn everything they can from creatures who obviously come from a society and culture that is far more advanced than our own.

"And if the Russians get what they want from the alien technology they'll forget all about making peace. We'll have World War 3."

Soviet officials would neither confirm nor deny that a starship and crew have been captured and flatly refused to comment on Dr. Wolff's report.

But Western intelligence sources insisted that the smuggled documents and photo are authentic.

They also called for the creation of a multinational task force to consider the ramifications of "a superior Soviet technology that will result from study of these extraterrestrials and their spaceship."

According to the smuggled

report, a Soviet Army unit captured the aliens while they were taking soil samples in western Siberia on May 29.

The starship itself was commandeered and flown back to Moscow while the extraterres-

trials were taken to a maximum security research facility for interrogation.

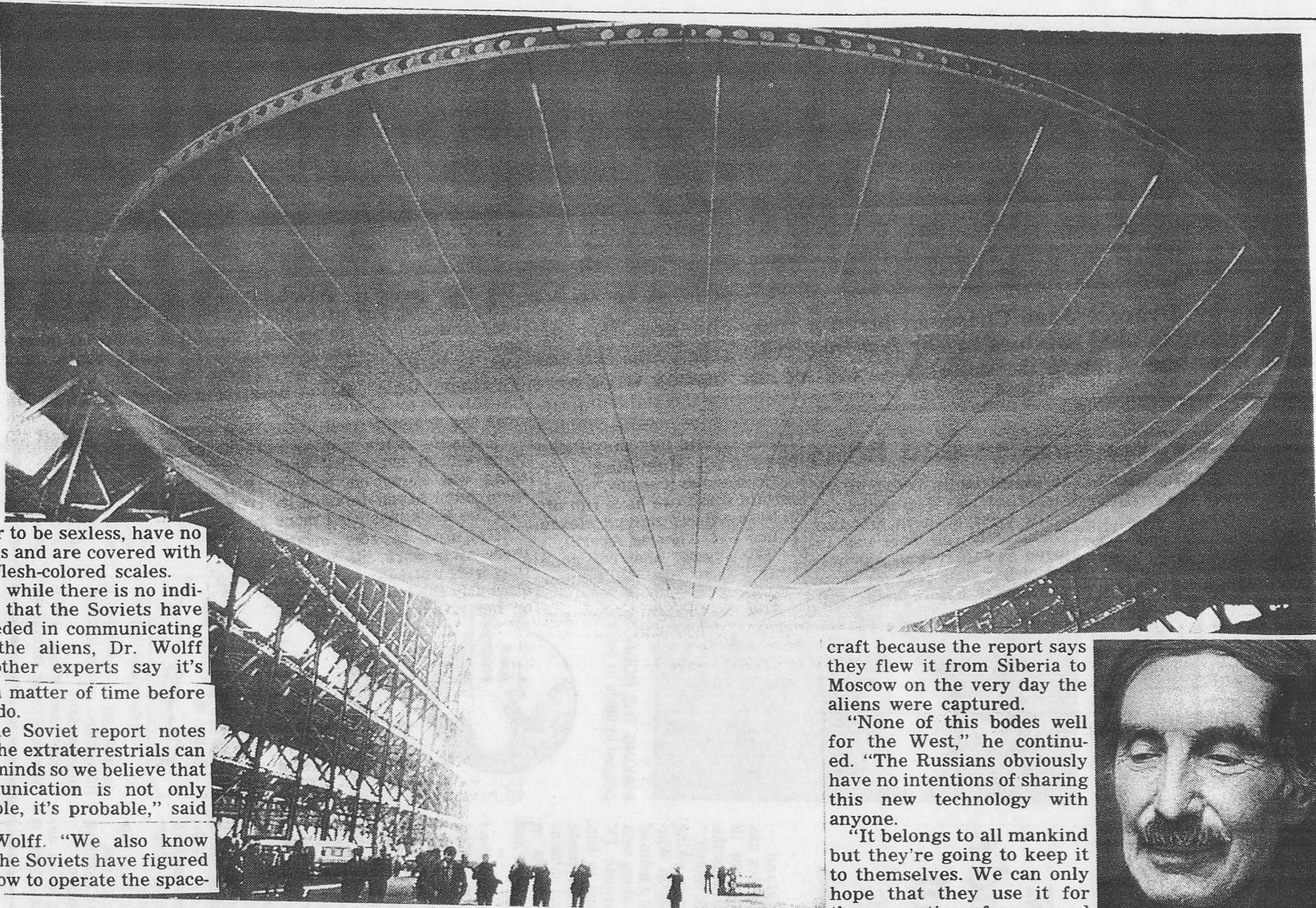
The report goes on to say that the creatures looked like human children with three shocking exceptions — they

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appear to be sexless, have no mouths and are covered with tiny, flesh-colored scales.

And while there is no indication that the Soviets have succeeded in communicating with the aliens, Dr. Wolff and other experts say it's

only a matter of time before they do.

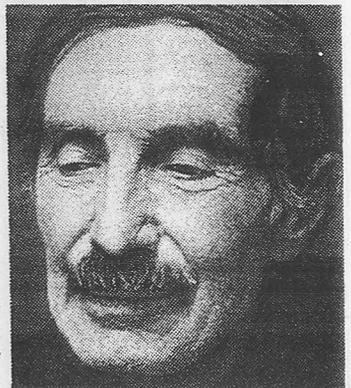
"The Soviet report notes that the extraterrestrials can read minds so we believe that communication is not only possible, it's probable," said

Dr. Wolff. "We also know that the Soviets have figured out how to operate the space-

craft because the report says they flew it from Siberia to Moscow on the very day the aliens were captured.

"None of this bodes well for the West," he continued. "The Russians obviously have no intentions of sharing this new technology with anyone.

"It belongs to all mankind but they're going to keep it to themselves. We can only hope that they use it for the promotion of peace and not global war."



ALARMED: Dr. Heinrich Wolff.

RUSSIAN HANGAR holds this amazing intergalactic craft. The alien starship, with its incredible technology, will give the Russians new superweapons!

Scientist's grim warning: Soviets will use alien technology against us!

"I don't know what's causing the circles, but I spoke to an old fellow yesterday who said the fairies did it."
 — Jim Casey, pub owner

Circles: England's fields of dreams

By Allen F. Richardson
 USA TODAY

BRATTON, England — Scientist Colin Andrews has been trying to prove for 10 years that he is not what the British would call a "nutter."

High on a cliff overlooking rolling wheat fields in Wiltshire, Andrews and a team of 60 researchers — along with British and Japanese TV crews — are trying to film whatever it is that has made some 900 circles and patterns appear in wheat fields in southwest England in the last decade.

Andrews' team has filled the British love for a good midsummer night's fantasy.

In other years, it's been the Loch Ness Monster. This year it's crop circles — geometric swirls in farm fields.

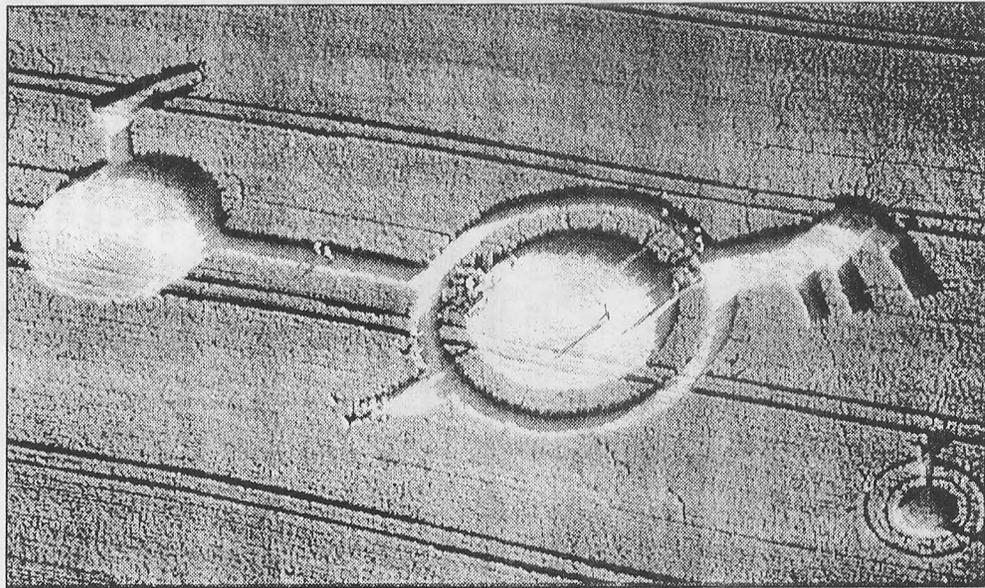
The circles have been appearing for more than 20 years, but they've been discovered with increasing frequency — and have become more sophisticated in shape — in recent months.

Among theories for the circles' cause: swirling winds and electromagnetic fields. They also had been blamed on UFOs, rampaging hedgehogs and big bunnies.

Similar circles have appeared in other countries.

There's been no definitive answer from scientists.

"We're looking at an airborne component which is



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MAKING THE ROUNDS: Researchers are still studying the elaborate shapes that have appeared in fields in southwest England in the past 10 years.



By Keith Carter, USA TODAY

unidentified — it is often luminous and orange in color," Andrews said.

Does that mean UFOs? "We have to be careful with

our terms," said Andrews.

He has gathered scientists from Britain, Japan, West Germany and the United States to help out.

For the past several days, the circles have attracted hundreds of tourists who are picnicking on the hills, snapping pictures of the circles and hoping for a closer look at what's causing them.

Among them Wednesday was Vicky Hiscox, a secretary for a local construction company. She brought her camera. "The current theory is UFOs and I suppose that's the most exciting," she said. "They're really quite harmless. They just leave pretty patterns."

Added Jim Casey, a pub owner, "I don't know what's causing the circles, but I spoke to an old fellow who said the fairies did it."

In nearby Alton Barnes, a farmer was charging the crowd \$1.80 to view the circles in his wheat field. Over-

head, flying helicopters charged \$20 a ride while balloon rides and trips aboard microlight aircraft were also available — along with the promise of mystery circle T-shirts for \$10.

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Jack Colvin from Dowagiac, Mich., brought his family from his nearby home to view the circles — and the festivities. "If we ever find out what's causing these," he said, "it'll take half the fun out of it."

Wednesday, Andrews and his group were victims of at least one hoax — pranksters recently made six or seven new circles beneath his \$1.8 million worth of surveillance equipment.

"It's very sad," he said. "This has taken us away from a serious research program."

Inside the new, flattened circles researchers found a board game called Horoscope and some crosses made from sticks.

BEAMING IN

BY TOM KNEITEL, K2AES

AN EDITORIAL

E.T. — Leave Your Message At The Tone!

For many years it seemed that UFO's were mainly interested in dropping in on the United States. Hollywood's epics going back to the 1950's *War of the Worlds*, *Day The Earth Stood Still*, *This Island Earth*, *Invaders From Mars* and many others seemed to reinforce this notion. With few exceptions, the U.S. has remained their primary landing zone for decades. By 1977's *Close Encounters Of The Third Kind*, the tricky aliens had shown up so often that they figured out how to gain admission to a National Monument without paying the admission fee.

It was therefore a welcome change to learn from British press reports that mysterious circular marks were showing up all over the landscape there, and that popular opinion was that they had been caused by UFO landings. Not to be outdone by the British, the UFO's landed in daylight in a Soviet park. Large aliens then emerged, took a stroll, fired off a couple of disintegrating beams at local residents, and then departed.

Strangely, the renewed interest in UFO's caused POP'COMM to begin receiving phone calls, letters, and FAX messages in a steady stream that still continues. Lots of people are apparently quite certain that I'll be able to give them at least several frequencies they can tune to monitor the communications from the reported alien space vehicles. As if I could look it up in *Passport To World Band Radio*, *WRTVH*, or somewhere and rattle off a string of frequencies.

Let's assume that the British ground markings weren't caused by environmental, or other natural factors, and that the Soviet reports aren't the result of someone at Pravda losing it. Maybe there really are current visitations from space aliens, and maybe the rumors are true that are own government has hidden away the wreckage of a UFO that crashed in the 1940's. I've got an open mind on the topic, but some questions relating to the possible communications aspects still bug me the most.

If science fiction is actually science fact, I wonder why we are so utterly confident that any of the communications systems in use are compatible with our receivers and scanners. If UFO's exist and are interstellar visitors, it's obvious that the principles of space travel, flight, and knowledge of physics and metallurgy are radically different than and far exceed any concepts even remotely comprehended by our civilization. Communications systems used are just as likely to be wholly different and far more advanced.

They could be based upon principles of natural magnetism, gravity, X-rays, gamma rays, cosmic rays, or are in some spectrum or dimension we haven't yet discovered.

Fact is, our own civilization is using the communications spectrum all the way past 500 GHz and, despite all the reported visual sightings of UFO's, it's odd that nobody (including the most zealous UFO buffs) has reported hearing any radio communications from the craft, nor has suggested any frequencies in use. Neither have we heard any encouraging words from radio astronomers who are assiduously checking a myriad of frequencies for possible signals from other civilizations. You'd certainly think that if such communications were taking place right here under our noses, somebody would have picked up *something*. But not a peep's been heard from any of the alien vehicles that might be operating from here, nor from their home bases that might be beaming signals towards their space ships on missions to Earth.

To think that such craft actually exist, and have communications that nobody has ever reported could lead you to the conclusion that we aren't tuned to the right frequencies, or in the right mode, or we don't recognize what we're hearing as alien communications, or else there are other types of spectrums or anti-spectrums that we don't even know about.

It would seem that there are probably millions of intelligent civilizations elsewhere in the universe. A reasonable percentage of them would have to be far older and more advanced than ours. It doesn't surprise me that we don't have radio receivers that can monitor their communications. Some say that their spacecraft have been visiting this planet since ancient times, yet our own technology for listening has been evolving from scratch for less than one hundred years.

We see how far our technology has come in only the last fifty years. Consider the possibilities that during this period, we might have been visited by several different civilizations. Every one of them may have regarded our communications methods as being so obscure, crude, and primitive that they study us as humans ponder the sounds made by porpoises, whales, elephants, and baboons.

Mail from the more esoteric branch of the readership is convinced that alien communications are probably more along what we would regard as telepathic lines rather than being high-tech contrivances. There is, of

course, some debate in the world of science as to the existence of telepathy, and whether it can be deliberately sent or received (by humans) with or without external aids.

In August of 1984, we ran a story about a telepathic transmitter called the *God Box* that someone was selling. Supposedly it put you in contact with Heavenly authorities. In April of 1985, we told you about the Hieonymous Machine (U.S. Patent 2,482,773) that sent out psychic power even when it was turned off. In another issue we told you about the *Spiricam* and other communications equipment claimed to enable two-way communications with persons formerly alive.

Then, in July of 1987, we told you about *Timothy Green Beckley's Book of Space Contacts*, which stated flat out that alien space visitors had been contacted numerous times by means of a *Teslascope*. Although the book didn't give any frequencies, it did provide plans for building a *Teslascope*. The device is apparently a telepathic communicator supposedly designed by Nikola Tesla (whom the author claimed was actually a visitor from Venus).

Obviously, there's a lot to be heard in the psychic band, if only we could figure out where it was. Thanks to one of our intrepid authors, this question may have been resolved. The other day, Chuck Robertson passed along a copy of an ad from some "new age" type of publication. It seems to confirm that this is still a valid approach, and that a piece of modern hardware is known as the *E.L.F. generator*, which a company in Dayton is selling for \$285.

Robertson describes it as "outlandish," although the manufacturer claims it will "electronically amplify your telepathic communications." My interpretation of that description is that it's a linear amplifier for your cranium. *But wait!* The manufacturer advises it's for "serious psychics only," then cautions that it's "for experimental use only." They don't spell out the trouble one can get into with this machine if it's misused, but you can use your own imagination as to the ghastly results.

Whatever it is or does, the kernel of valuable information they let slip out in the ad was the operating frequency—so get set to copy it down for future reference and to settle any barroom bets that might arise. They reveal that the unit operates in "the PROVEN psychic brain frequency range of 7.83 to

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9 Hz." I thought the Navy was using those frequencies to communicate with submarines from that transmitter in Wisconsin.

The ad doesn't mention anything about putting up an antenna that will work in this band, but I think you're either going to have to string a wire to Uruguay, or else build a loading coil the size of the Houston Astro-dome.

Oddly enough, it's a great band for people who have problems with their CW speed. At those frequencies, CW can only

be sent at less than 1 letter per minute. By the time you cranked out a couple of CQ's, UFO's would be outside your window zooming around and doing barrel rolls. Also, you'd probably have the FBI at your front door asking about the coded messages you're sending to submarines.

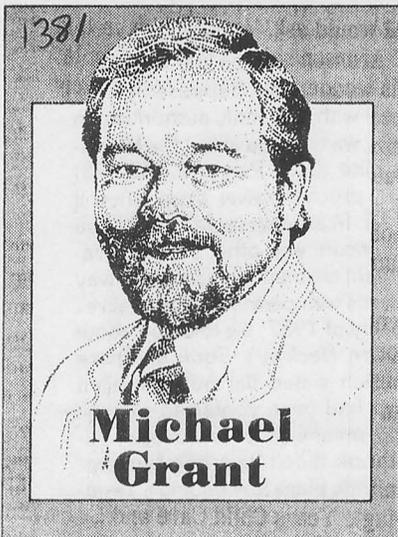
A friend of mine involved in SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence) at a university mentions that much of their intensive listening centers around 1420 MHz, known as the "hydrogen line." The theory is that this is the frequency of the hydrogen atom,

and since hydrogen is the most common element in the universe, that might be used as some sort of interplanetary hailing frequency, like CB Channel 19, or VHF-FM Channel 16.

It's as good or bad a piece of logic as any, I suppose. In view of the fact that distant civilizations trying to send signals here would hope to penetrate our planet's biosphere, maybe they ought to forget about all of this hydrogen line gibberish and start monitoring the pollution line or the smog line. Just a suggestion.

In the meantime, if any of our readers pick up any good messages, be sure to let us know us know and send a copy of the QSL.

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As I say, it was around midnight. I was out closing the gate. Walking back down the driveway, I looked up and saw lights flashing in the sky to the northwest. That was the same region, one morning last year, where I saw the UFO, that looked like an aircraft's landing lights shining through clouds. Except there were no clouds, and no aircraft.

Last Monday there were lots of clouds. The lights flashed from beyond them, just bright enough to make me wonder if I had seen something. I stopped and watched. The lights were there, pulsing irregularly but steadily. It looked very much like distant lightning. I didn't think it could be lightning, given our general climate and the prevailing weather report. If it were lightning, I thought it would be unusual enough to earn a line in the next day's news.

I trotted into the house and said, "Do you see those lights in the sky?" Madame X looked and said, "Yes." I felt better. After 10 minutes, the lights appeared to stop. Then they came back. Madame X thought they must simply be a reflection of something going on on the ground. I have seen power lines fall and flash like that. But it would have had to be a big, newsworthy line, to flash like that for the better part of an hour across a piece of sky the width of my two hands at arm's length.

It might have been the aurora borealis, the northern lights. As with the UFO last summer, you move quickly from the fun explanations (mother ships, etc.) to the logical ones, such as meteorites, airplanes, rocket launches, brain malfunctions and so on. I tried to remember if I had seen anything about recent sun-

spot activity. Sunspots increase the interaction of solar radiation with Earth's upper atmosphere, which has been known to let the northern lights slide farther south.

I had never seen the northern lights, except in pictures, when they appeared as shimmering, colored bands, like beaded curtains in the sky. Whether they flashed lightning or fallen power lines, I couldn't say. Neither did this light from beyond the clouds appear to have much color to it. I was reminded more than anything of the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," when indirect flashes of light precede the mother ship's arrival.

I watched for a while, thinking how grand a thing it would be, to have this ship sail out from the clouds and land in the canyon below the house or, better yet, even in our yard, if the thing would fit. That way I could claim "squatter's rights" to it. I even thought about yelling out the musical tones, "Da-dee-da-dum-dum." But a neighbor's dog was already barking at full throat about something, so I kept quiet. The lights remained at their consistent distance beyond the clouds. After a while I said to myself, "You can watch them all night, I guess, or go to bed."

I did the reasonable thing. You see one UFO, you've seen them all.

This time it was lights in the sky. I hate to bring it up, because it was only last year that I saw a UFO. Some people will start to wonder about taking me seriously. Other people might start to think: "He's one of us."

But I have to bring it up, because there could be others who saw it and need reassurance. Someone else at my house saw it. I won't say who, because I don't want to implicate her. On balance, it is better in life never to have seen strange lights in the sky, or, if you have, to keep it to yourself.

This was a week ago yesterday. I sat on it a while to watch for news reports. As the event was happening, that Monday around midnight, I even called the city desk. I'm not sure they took me too seriously. I checked in again the next day, just to say I had seen the lights too, in case there were other reports. Apparently there were no other reports, because I saw or heard nothing in the news.

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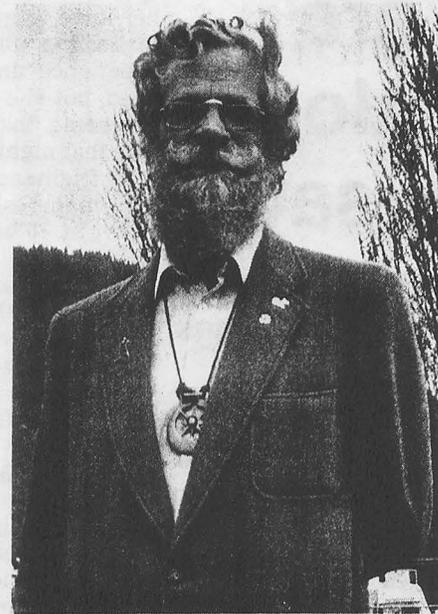
Spirits or spacemen?

Puzzling pictographs are found in the Kootenays

Bill Sloan has mixed feelings about the pictographs near his home on the outskirts of Castlegar. As a history instructor he is committed to providing insight into the past. As a realist he knows that by attracting the attention of the prying public he can expose ancient artifacts to vandalism. Two years ago the Selkirk College instructor registered the pictographs with the Heritage Resources branch in Victoria. But it was not until last month that Mr. Sloan agreed to go public on the discovery. So far the drawings have been protected by nature's own secrecy. They are hidden behind dense bush on a hillside, says Dr. Sloan—a director on the province's Heritage Trust board. He's convinced the rock markings are historically significant, but he is reluctant to speculate on their origins and refers such questions to experts such as John Corner. In 1968 Kootenay author Corner provided detailed accounts of 105 B.C. pictograph locations. They are thought to have been sites where, in the old Indian tradition, young men and women went into isolation to seek spiritual guidance. According to this view, what was painted on the rocks is what was seen in a dream or vision by the novice undergoing this spiritual initiation. "You can assume that places like these were selected for the spirit quest," says Mark Mealing, an anthropologist at Selkirk College in Castlegar. Wayne Choquette, a Creston-area ar-

cheologist, agrees. "The pictographs in the Kootenays tend to be around cliffs and near water, and they're more likely to be tied to religious observances." Mr. Choquette, now employed by the Kootenay Indian Area Council Heritage Centre at Cranbrook, has carried out extensive field work in the nearby Slovan Valley for the B.C. government's Heritage Resources branch, and has documented numerous pictograph sites. He says there are pictographs on the shores of Christina Lake near Grand Forks and along both the east and west shores of Kootenay Lake. Dr. Sloan says he is personally familiar with some 14 sites on Slovan Lake, located halfway between the Arrow Lakes to the west and Kootenay Lake to the east. The site registered by Dr. Sloan two years ago is just a few miles from the confluence of the Kootenay and Columbia rivers near the easternmost tip of Lower Arrow Lake. Most of the Indian art on rock in the B.C. Interior is on land that was occupied by the Salish and Kootenay tribes. The Castlegar-area pictographs have yet to be dated but Mr. Choquette notes an excavation in the Columbia region uncovered pictographs in a layer dated around 5,000 B.C. Author Corner maintains: "The Indians of the Interior Salish and Kootenay tribes and their ancestors were productive painters of pictographs from some unestablished date until about 1860, when suddenly, and still unaccountably, the artists put

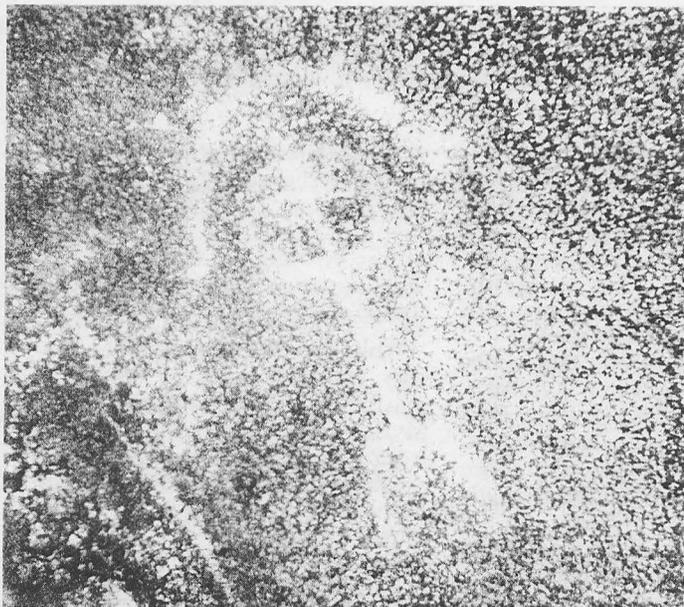
aside their paints and applicators to paint no more." According to accounts from white settlers in the 19th century, the Indians themselves didn't know who produced the drawings. Some Indians believed that spirits painted them. So what are those crudely drawn stick figures and who are they? The choice popular in anthropology seems to be between gods, spacemen and archetypes. Mr. Choquette



Anthropologist Mealing: *Double vision.*

thinks they are archetypal images, fished out in trance from the collective unconscious. In support of this theory he notes similar picture art appears in caves and on rocks around the world. The motif of an individual with arms outstretched to heaven and horns or a halo is fairly common. "The halo also appears in several pictographs in the East Kootenays. They figure most prominently in the individual spirit quest." One of the Castlegar-area panels features a unique pictograph: that of two human figures joined together under one starburst halo like the Gemini twins. No such figures appear in the hundreds of images catalogued by Mr. Corner. The double image, Dr. Mealing says, "would imply that two persons went on a vision quest together, or that one person went twice." Dr. Sloan—who wrote his Ph.D. dissertation on the early fur trade in western Canada—says William Kittson, one early European visitor to the area was stopped by the Indians in 1826 and left a report of a good-luck ceremony in a cave which was full of pictograph art. "Similarly, this site [the Castlegar rocks] could be a place where they stopped to give offerings to the gods." These ceremonial places, he explained, were usually near rapids and other spots where a traveller might encounter difficulty along the way. "Pragmatically, these were places where you had to get out of your canoe." But although Indians are believed to have fished in the Kootenay rivers since prehistory, they left no records of their fishing in their pictographs. Whoever the painters were, they left behind only simple but elegant symbols of their spirit life painted in ochre-like red pigment on granite rock.

—Barbara Tandory



The unexplained markings: *A spirit quest.*

We are not alone, they say

UFO conference draws believers in alien beings

By Maya Bell

SENTINEL MIAMI BUREAU

MIAMI BEACH — Believing isn't seeing.

Dozens of card-carrying ufologists converged on the beach this weekend searching for flying saucers over the moonlit ocean, but nary a one appeared.

Not even Ed Walters — the Panhandle builder who wrote a book on big-eyed little aliens who landed in his yard — could lure one to the crowd.

But not to worry. The 200 or so people attending the 27th annual national UFO conference know good and well they can't summon alien beings at will.

"You can't contact them. They will contact you. Once they get your brain frequency they can come right in," said Josephine Jensen, 72, of Las Vegas.

A retired corrections officer, Jensen should know. She was driving down a New Jersey road 36 years ago when a voice in her head told her to turn left. She soon found herself in a park talking to a manlike creature who traveled to Earth from another galaxy in the form of light.

"I looked into his two blue eyes and they became two black holes that drew me through and I was out in space experiencing freedom like I had never known before — and never known since," she said.

Damn the debunkers. Jensen was right at home this weekend, mingling with people who share her abiding conviction that humans are not alone in this universe.

Sue Wallace was one of them. A magnetic healer from Land O' Lakes, Wallace waltzed into the UFO conference room passing out tea bags she credits for retaining her youthful beauty at age 49.

Wallace has known about aliens since she was abducted from her orphanage and taken aboard a

spacecraft where someone scarred her knee to guide her to a career in healing. She didn't recall the experience until she was hypnotized, but she always remembered the being that came to her bedside that night.

"It frightened me but it wasn't a bogymen," she said. "I always thought it was a black Scotty dog."

Aha! No wonder, Wallace would later muse, that *Star Trek* came up with its most enduring line: "Beam me up Scotty."

Now, there are skeptics even at UFO conventions. Not everybody who attends accepts everyone else's story. A lot of people — including conference chairman James Moseley, 58, a Key West real estate man — don't buy the kidnap experience.

"I think these people may very well be sincere but I don't think people physically go aboard alien spacecrafts," he said. "It could be a psychological state induced by some physical phenomenon."

Indeed, investigators of unidentified flying objects, 2,000 or so who belong to the Mutual UFO Network, say military exercises, astronomical phenomena or even airplanes account for 93 percent of UFO sightings. Still, MUFON directors are spreading the word that the mysterious 7 percent, which they believe can be nothing other than alien spacecraft, will increase in the near future.



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Ed Walters wrote a book about the big-eyed extraterrestrial beings that landed in his yard in the Panhandle. He is a builder.

"It's slight progression," said Orlando engineer James Greenen, 52, MUFON's state section director. "Before they used to zip in and zip out. Next, they were coming down. Now, they're saying, 'OK, you can take pictures, side view, top view, bottom view.'"

Within two or three years, added Jiles Hamilton, 64, a hypnotist and real estate dealer from Polk County, these intergalactic travelers will have enough confidence to make a public landing, maybe on the White House lawn.

Why the increased contacts? Theories abound. One widely discussed at the conference goes like this: Aliens are interstellar envi-

ronmentalists sending messages to errant humans. They know if we continue to deplete the ozone, melt the polar ice caps and destroy the rain forests, the Earth will topple on its axis and muck up the rest of the universe.

While the UFO debate undoubtedly will rage on long after the conference closes today, John Myrick, 53, a real estate broker from Longwood, settled one UFO mystery: why a disproportionate number of ufologists seem to be in real estate.

"We want to find out where these guys are coming from so we can go build condos there."