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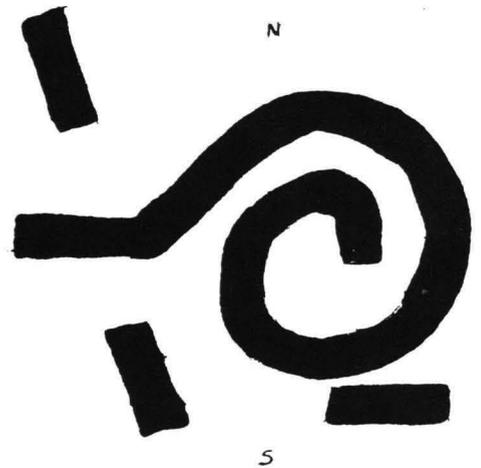
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### Crop impressions and night sky lights-what are they?



Shape of Crop Impression found near Leola, South Dakota in August, 1990 (60 feet by 40 feet).

"One real world is enough," according to philosopher George Santayana; but UFO buff of Custer Davina Ryszka does not agree. She collects data of crop impressions, unidentified flying objects, and witnesses' accounts of such occurrences from all over the world.

South Dakota has had its share of unexplained objects and crop impressions, and summer is a prime time for such activities, according to Ryszka. She states her purpose is to inform the public, document, and give credibility; not to explain occurrences or to prove that aliens from space regularly visit the Earth.

A backwards question mark with rectangles at the sides was found in a wheat field in August, 1990, near Leola located northwest of Aberdeen. A Leola grain elevator operator saw the crop impression from an upper deck of the elevator. As is usual with such impressions, the 60' by 35' figures appeared overnight and no tracks were visible leading to it. The grain, all bent 2" from the ground, was not broken and still strived. The impressions all measured 5 feet in width of bent areas of grain.

Several farmers around Huron last August found blackened areas in their fields.

According to the book "The—Report on Unidentified Flying Objects", on August 12, 1953, radar at Ellsworth Air Force Base picked up an object, and two F-84 jets took pursuit. When the pilots got to within three miles of

the bluish-white object, the object sped away. The pilots were frightened and asked to land, according to the article.

Such reportings are commonplace and England has reported 250 crop impressions during 1990 alone.

Ryszka states, "It appears the American government tries to cover up information. I don't know if they're afraid how the public would react, or maybe they are gathering technology they want to keep secret and classified. The Freedom of Information Act opened up many government files on this subject, though some areas of the files had been blackened out and tampered with."

Davina Ryszka is the South Dakota State Director of MUFON, Mutual UFO Network, Inc. MUFON, founded in 1969 in Texas, is dedicated to the scientific research and documentation of such phenomenon. Field investigators all over the United States visit sites, talk to witnesses, and record data. Ryszka states if anyone is interested in this organization or has a personal experience to report, she welcomes calls at Custer, 673-2818.

Davina Ryszka states that if a person sees a UFO; they should gather as many witnesses as possible, take as many pictures as possible, make notes or what you see, hear, smell, and personal feelings; protect, but don't disturb the area, and contact your local MUFON representative.

ADVOCATE, Manawa, WI - June 6, 1991

### Strange lights seen in Manawa skies

The strange phenomena sighted in the eastern part of the sky early Saturday morning was observed by several area residents, including the local Police Chief, Rodney Taubel, who reported of seeing it first.

Taubel spotted the object about 3 a.m., and described it as a lighted cir-

cular object with possibly two or three red lights, hanging at about 5,000-10,000 feet.

Other known observers were Mr. and Mrs. Loran Frazier, Bill Mork of the County Police Department, and a Waupaca radio operator.

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Todd and Lee Roberts stand inside the 20-foot circle which was found in their wheat field earlier this month.

(J-R Photo By Brian S. Kozody)

## Mysterious Circle Offers No Explanation

By BRIAN S. KOZODY  
J-R Staff Writer

"It's a circle in the wheat," simply stated Lee Roberts, about a peculiar marking found in one of his wheat fields.

On July 5, Todd Roberts was combining the Vincents Furness wheat field, located at the corner of Salt Works Road and Maple Ridge Road, when he came upon a 20-foot symmetrical circle in the field.

All the wheat inside the circle was flattened tight to the ground, overlapping and lying in every direction. The flat wheat and circle remain and are still quite noticeable even though the wheat around it has been cut.

Similar stories of circles in the wheat have been investigated in England and in other parts of Europe. No definite explanation, logical or otherwise, has been given for the geometric phenomenon. One supernatural theory from the England sightings is that the round markings are the landing sites of UFO's.

Todd, who had seen the wheat field story on a television show, is skeptical about any talk about space crafts visiting the area. He explained that the last time he went through the field (April 14) everything was normal. He noted that this was the first time he had ever seen anything

like this first hand.

Lee and Todd explained that there were no tracks leading to or from the circle, nor was it caused by rain, disease or wind, which would usually cause the wheat to lean over in some type of predictable pattern.

Human influence on the field seemed to be ruled out as well due to the perfect roundness of the marking and the condition the wheat is in.

Eying the area, it basically appears that some heavy object was placed and removed from the field, but the question remains, "What made this mark?" It may become another unsolved mystery.

## Former Killdeer man recalls UFO encounter in mountains

By Flynn J. Ell  
Herald Staff Writer

The Killdeer Mountains will once again host this year to the Dakota Astronomical Society's August "star watch."

But while astronomers look for exotic nebulas, former Killdeer resident John Wetsch will have moved on to Raleigh, N.C., and a new job.

With him goes his dream of an observatory in the mountains where the night air is clear for star gazing. He'll also take with him the story of his one and only UFO sighting.

It was 1977 and Wetsch and three friends were searching the heavens over the Killdeers with telescopes when a bright, white orb floated into view.

Wetsch told the Herald that at first they thought it might be a weather balloon, or a satellite.

"When it got directly overhead, it stopped," Wetsch said. After hanging there long enough for the observers to check it out for an aircraft body, the ball zig-zagged away to the southwest and disappeared within two or three seconds.

"What it was, we don't know," but he said it wasn't a balloon, satellite or airplane.

Wetsch has been working for the government at the Cavalier Air Station while he lives in Langdon and recently finished teaching astronomy, physics and computer programming at UND Lake Region Junior College.

He will move to Raleigh to implement a national data base, data communications program for the federal judiciary.

He is one of the founders of DAS, which started in 1987 and has 50

members.

This year's get-together has been listed in the national "Astronomy Magazine" as one of the events national stargazers may attend.

Two year's ago the highlight of the primitive camping event was sighting a comet, Wetsch said.

The Killdeer meeting on 23 acres on the south side of the mountains has already drawn inquiries and received state and national publicity. A lady in Alaska currently holds the record for distance of those wanting information, he said.

Wetsch said members of DAS bring their own telescopes and welcome others to attend the free two-day opportunity to view outer space.

Videos and slides of the July solar eclipse in Hawaii-Mexico will also be shown. The largest telescope on hand will be a 16-inch, he said.

More information on the event is available from Dakota Astronomical Society, P.O. Box 2539, Bismarck, ND 58502-2539.

Wetsch said he will put his observatory plans on hold while he is gone.

"Someday there is going to be an observatory out there, but I think it is going to be later, rather than sooner."

HERALD, Killdeer, ND - May 28, 1991

# Pleiadians have come to warn us, Earthling says

By Ellis E. Conklin  
P-I Reporter

**T**he solar eclipse was in full retreat when millionaire investment banker George W. Green strode into an elegant hotel lobby bar in Kirkland to convey the frank political conversations he's been having with a bald-headed, 9½-foot-tall alien from the constellation Taurus.

Green had come last week from Southern California — about 500 million light years from Taurus — and looked natty in his blue linen suit and white silk shirt, which slid nicely over his Rolex. Not a hair out of place. He poured into a sofa chair, relaxed and smiling as his steel-blue eyes surveyed the still afternoon waters of Lake Washington.

"There is much to impart," Green, 52, blurted. "Time is short. The world is doomed."

A tangle of conspiracies has been unloosed, Green said. Rings of fire will be everywhere. Mount Rainier could blow any day. In the year 2000, the planet is going to flip over on its axis and most everyone will die.

Also, the AIDS virus was concocted in an East Berlin laboratory by evil forces hoping to reduce world population. The same evil forces killed John F. Kennedy in Dallas and turned Jimmy Carter into a robot.

He heard it all through the cosmic



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— George W. Green

grapevine.

Worsening matters, Green added with random fire, is the fact that George Bush earlier this year was turned into a robot by a wicked cartel of enormously powerful Earthlings. Mikhail Gorbachev and Saddam Hussein had the same thing happen to them.

Come now, Mr. Green.

"I am not making this up," he protested. "This is what I'm being told from daily transmissions with the Pleiadian commander, Gyeorgos Ceres Hatonn, who has come to warn us. Hatonn says the Pleiadians are our space brothers. We are like their children."

On the matter of President Bush, Green said earnestly, "Hatonn has told me that we can differentiate him from a human because his replicate face mask tatters after long periods of exertion."

"Next time he gives a speech on TV, watch his face at the end for signs of a tattering mask."

Green only chuckled when asked if the Democrats might try to make an issue of this in '92.

The Pleiadian spacecraft, by the way, is called the Phoenix and is hundreds of miles wide, hovering 15 degrees above the west-northwest horizon.

"You can't miss it," Green said calmly. "On a clear night you'll see it strobing red, blue and green."

Cmdr. Hatonn is about 1,000 years old and doesn't eat. And he looks human — albeit a very tall one. Matter-of-factly, Green added, "Hatonn has told me he's very handsome. But he won't come down physically because he says our government has orders to shoot him."

Green explained that he recently tapped into Hatonn via short wave during a radio talk show in Palm Beach, Fla.

"He got very insulted, though, when the host asked him, 'How's your sex life?'"

A young couple sipping Bloody Marys at a nearby table overheard a snatch of the conversation and glanced over at Green, and then discreetly looked away.

"Fascinating, isn't it?," Green whispered, seemingly thrilled with the dire revelations.

**LATER, GREEN WOULD** enthrall a starry-eyed audience with the same sobering stories inside a

# THE ALIENS AMONG US

## EXTRATERRESTRIAL ENCOUNTERS



George and Desirée Green say they are in contact with a Pleiadian commander whose ship hovers above Earth. MIKE URBAN/P-I

conference room at the Woodmark Hotel. Everyone listened carefully. Some took notes. Many tape-recorded the three-hour seminar that cost \$20.

"I'm quite interested in the political information the Pleiadians have to give us," said Virginia Greenwood, a Seattle artist and one of 60 people who attended the seminar.

"I think there are Pleiadians

among us," said William Bryson, a Bellevue electrician. "I'm not sure about Bush being a robot, but I think he (Green) makes a lot of sense."

Sporting an "Aliens Make Great Lovers" button, Donna James, a nursing student at the University of Washington, remembered, "I saw a flying saucer when I was a little kid. I was with my parents. Since then, I guess, I've

always believed something was out there."

Among the UFO crowd, the Doomsday set and the conspiracy-minded, Green is regarded as a legitimate authority on the subject of extraterrestrials. It helps, no doubt, to be on a first-name basis with alien forms of life.

For the past 20 months — or ever since the Pleiadians first

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came a-calling - Green and his wife, Desirée, have been traveling the country, relaying the grim details of these extraterrestrial messages. Green said Desirée is in "continuous contact" with Hatonn. Earlier this year, the Greens got top billing at a UFO expo in Los Angeles. It was there, before more than 800 UFO buffs, that Green first revealed his conversation with Hatonn about Bush's tattered mask.

**JOHN LANDRUM**, a Los Angeles teacher who attended the expo, recalled, "Green had everyone going. He says this stuff about the Pleiadians with such sincerity. You almost find yourself believing it."

Another featured speaker, John Lear, son of the creator of the Lear jet and legendary among UFO enthusiasts, informed his standing-room audience that:

Some 40 flying saucers have been recovered by the U.S. military and that several have been reconstructed and flown by Navy pilots.

Mars is populated by an advanced underground civilization of beings who look like us.

More than 70 alien species are already visiting Earth, among them a reptilian race.

The government is holding an alien at a secret site in Nevada.

William Brawley, whose "The Gods of Eden" has sold nearly 10,000 copies, told the Los Angeles crowd that his research indicates aliens first arrived several thousand years ago to mine Earth's riches. After they found the work too arduous, however, the aliens genetically re-engineered a native species - early Homo sapiens - into a slave race.

ALL IN ALL, pretty tame stuff compared to George Green's heady discussions with Hatonn.

Green does not exactly match the supposed stereotype of a man who speaks to creatures from other galaxies.

He was born in Denver. His father was a wealthy meat contractor. He attended various universities, finally getting a degree in engineering at the Colorado School of Mines. He has three children, one of whom is getting his Ph.D. in genetics.

It was the Air Force that changed him forever. In 1958, working as a missile guidance and computer specialist, Green said he was doing a post-flight inspection on the X-15 experimental plane. "I went to this hangar and

went inside, and that's where I saw a flying saucer," Green recalled.

He said he told his commanding officer about it, who reportedly explained that the metallic circular craft was designed by Sikorsky Aircraft for flight in outer space.

But Green says the base photographer confided that it really was an alien spacecraft, and that he took photographs of two dead aliens.

"I saw the photos. They were each 39 inches tall, no hair, and they were lying there naked on a slab."

Green claimed that when he confronted his CO about the alien evidence, he was quickly dispatched to a base in Japan, and later to an installation in Mississippi.

After leaving the Air Force in 1961, Green - by now a firm believer - said he became a securities consultant, then a financial planner, a bank director and later a major builder-developer, putting together multi-million-dollar projects, mostly in Southern California.

While working on a project in Aspen, Colo., in 1984, Green saw on a friend's coffee table a copy of a book titled "UFO Contact From

the Pleiades." In astronomy, the Pleiades (pronounced PLEE-uh-deez or PLY-uh-deez) is a conspicuous cluster of stars in the Taurus constellation. The book made quite an impression.

Then on the morning of Oct. 18, 1989, Green, who was living in a wealthy community north of San Diego, says he received in the mail a 100-page letter titled "Space Gate." The author was Gyeorgos Ceres Hatonn - Commander in Chief, Earth Project Transition, Pleiades Sector Flight Command, Intergalactic Federation Fleet, Ashtar Command; Earth Representative to the Cosmic Council and Intergalactic Federation Council on Earth Transition.

"He told me that aliens had been in contact with government leaders as far back as Truman and Eisenhower. He told me the world was being controlled by a few families. He said the movie 'Star Trek' was taken right off of government documents and that Americans had first landed on the moon in the 1950s.

"He told me the Pleiadians wanted to wake us up - that they engineered this planet to sustain only 500 million people. No more. And that we have broken all the laws of the universe.

"HE TOLD ME that there are 175 billion planets in our galaxy that have some kind of humanoid life forms on them, and that if we are able to see the light we will someday be beamed, by the Pleiadians, to one of these planets to start over again. That's our only hope - to get beamed up."

It was quite a gut-punching letter, and Green took it all to heart. Since that day, Green says he has received nearly 7,000 pages with various exhortations from the all-knowing Hatonn. The material is now available in a series of paperbacks through Green's newly created publishing company, American West Publishers. The complete set of Hatonn's musings cost about \$100.

Green said his mission now is to spread the word of Hatonn. He has never met him personally but apparently the short-wave transmissions are working out fine.

Still, it's a lot to carry around in one's head. A most heavy burden.

"I am protected by Hatonn," Green said as he gazed out at a sailboat pulling into the small marina at the Woodmark. "I have an invisible shield around me. Someday, I will be beamed aboard."



GRANT M. HALLER/P-I

Clay Kruger says he made these drawings two years ago after he was abducted and examined by aliens in a ship above his Kent yard.

## Close encounters of the Kent kind: dream or reality?

By Judi Hunt  
P-I Reporter

Clay Kruger leads what appears to be a normal life. He has a wife and child, lives in the suburbs, works at a white-collar job. Says he doesn't do drugs and only drinks socially. He sleeps well at night, has extraordinary vision and hearing and is in excellent health.

That only makes it more difficult for him to explain what he says happened to him two years ago this month. That's when, as Kruger tells it, extraterrestrials landed their spacecraft in his mother's back yard in Kent, where he and his family were living at the time.

"I'm not crazy. I'm just an ordinary guy. But people treat me like I'm some kind of mental case or ask me what was I drinking if I tell them about that experience. One of my close friends thought I was so off the wall that we haven't talked since."

Kruger, like others who have reported alien sightings, badly needs to talk about his experience, to make some sense out of what even he sometimes thinks is nothing but a big joke or, at worst, a delusion.

That compelling need led him, via an uncle in Arizona who had heard about UFO support groups, to Aileen Bringle in Federal Way, who in 1978 founded the UFO Contact Center International. She operates the worldwide organization - which now has 60 regional support groups - out of her home.

Kruger says UCCI and its members

have saved his sanity. "I found I could share my story with people who had real good track records, who were real pillars of society, and not be laughed at or ridiculed. Suddenly I wasn't alone."

Kruger is reluctant to describe his UFO encounter to someone who hasn't experienced a similar sighting. He speaks haltingly as he tells about waking late that July night to his dog's barking. Thinking it was burglars, Kruger jumped into his pants and headed for the back door to let Cossack, the pooch, outside.

"I stopped cold in my tracks when I saw through the window a small UFO hovering in the back yard.

"It was 8 feet tall and 6 feet wide, shaped like an aluminum can except that it was wider at the middle and had a rim encircling it. Probes stuck out of the bottom and the whole thing was a dark charcoal gray with a purplish glow around the bottom."

Kruger remembers clearly that he wasn't the least bit afraid.

"The strangest part was that I felt compelled both to look at it and away at the same time. But I somehow knew it wasn't life-threatening."

The craft then began wafting - at about 5 miles per hour, says Kruger - over the roof toward the front yard. So Kruger and Cossack headed in the same direction. Out front he spotted yet another UFO, this one oblong, "kind of like a Tic Tac candy" and at least 120 to 150 feet long.

"It was big enough to be the mother ship," Kruger guessed.

Next thing the electronics technician remembered was looking at the grass below his feet. "Except there was air between me and the grass and I was suspended against a wall with the lawn below me."

It took him a shaky moment or two to realize he was in the spacecraft, along with two beings he immediately knew weren't from this planet.

"That was easy to tell because the taller one, who was about 5 feet, had a single eye in his forehead and an opening below that didn't resemble any mouth I'd seen before," Kruger said, shaking his head.

"Then I heard their voices, only it wasn't through my ears and they weren't speaking with their mouths, so I think it was telepathic communication they wanted me to hear. They were talking about me, only they referred to me as 'it.'"

"I could understand enough to be a lot scared when one of them said, 'We should eliminate it,' and the smaller one disagreed, 'I don't think so, it will cause us no harm.' That's when I started praying, inwardly. And that's the last thing I remember."

Suddenly it was morning and Kruger awoke to find his bedroom lights on and himself fully clothed, lying across his bed.

Could it have been a dream? Since then Kruger has had several other experiences, including one the following evening when he awoke and saw a monkey-like creature crouching against a wall in his living room.

"He looked like the shorter fellow the night before, so I decided to get closer."

Kruger says he chased the creature through the dining room, making quite a ruckus before he unaccountably blanked out.

Another dream? "If so," he responds, "my daughter had the same dream. For several nights afterward she refused to go to sleep right away, saying she was afraid of the 'monkey man.'"

Kruger wishes he'd photographed the spaceship or had some other physical evidence to prove what he saw, but he knows even that won't stop people from laughing at him.

"At least I've gotten to the point where I accept, to some degree, what's happened to me and I'm able, by speaking out about what happened, to help others who've had similar experiences and who have no one to turn to."

Kruger comes across as a sensible, self-deprecating man who would rather not have seen a UFO or come into contact with extraterrestrials. But he will be talking about them at UCCI's 11th annual convention in Cottonwood, Ariz., over Labor Day weekend. He will also be there as a member of the center's board of directors.

Bringle says the convention is "mostly for our people and their families, so they'll feel comfortable talking about their experiences," she said.

Bringle, a tool-order writer at Boeing, began encountering unexplainable phenomena in 1953 on a remote road near Pendleton, Ore., when she photographed a green light beaming out of the midnight sky. After years of reading everything about UFOs she could find, she has become convinced there are more than 3,000 species of extraterrestrials inhabiting the Earth, most of them living quiet lives as humans without their neighbors knowing.

"They don't want humans to know who they are until there is wider acceptance," says Bringle, whose whispery voice sounds a little other-worldly, especially when she urges callers to "keep looking up."

"At least enough people are talking about their experiences that the doubters can't deny forever that sightings and encounters are happening, especially when they're so prevalent."

Bringle said people interested in UCCI can call her at 946-2248. But she wants her interest in all this to be very clear: "I'm not a missionary for UFOs and aliens. All I'm trying to do is support people who've had these unusual experiences."

## A UFO, or just a blimp?

By TIM O'MELIA  
Cox News Service

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - It's a glowing white cigar or saucer shape with pulsating lights atop and beneath it. It seems to hover in the night sky, then streak away.

Lake Worth, Fla. police Sgt. Sue Pults saw it. "It had a thin saucer shape. I thought, 'What the...?'"

Simon Rabizon saw it on the way home from jai alai. "It looked four or five blocks away. When I stopped, it stopped. When I moved, it moved. I don't believe in UFOs. It just seemed very peculiar to me."

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office communications supervisor Johnnie Keating saw it. "It had lights flashing. I thought I was going to wreck my car."

Chances are each saw the Virgin Lightship, a smallish, relatively quick blimp that is stationed temporarily at the Lantana Airpark.

The airship is only two-thirds the length of the 200-foot Goodyear blimp and can move at 58 mph, lightning-quick for a dirigible.

A woman in Phoenix claimed she was beamed aboard. A boy in California said he was paralyzed by its light for a minute and a half. "Your mind tries to make sense of what you see," said Ray McIver, director of marketing for the blimp company.

It's been in Palm Beach County, Fla., since June 22 to promote the Rooftop Gardens nightclub - about the same time sightings began. At night it doesn't resemble the Goodyear blimp.

"Ours is lighted from the inside, giving it an ellipsoid appearance," McIver said.

Pults and Keating figure what they saw was the airship. Rabizon isn't so sure.

"I'm willing to believe it was a dirigible. But it didn't behave like one," Rabizon said.

But it probably was. What else could it have been?

PRESS DEMOCRAT, Santa Rosa, CA - July 7, 1991 CR: V. Migliore

# UFO group investigates circles in state field

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Oklahoma chapter of an international UFO group is investigating three circles of dead vegetation that appeared in a western Oklahoma field last month. Jean Waller, director of the 35-member state chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, says the giant circles near Fargo may be linked to crop rings that have been appearing in England for a decade.

Waller won't say the rings are the work of extraterrestrials. But she says there's a theory that such rings are an attempt by extraterrestrials to communicate with earthlings.

"You wouldn't believe all the theories scientists are putting out trying to figure these things," she said.

"Experts hypothesize that some sort of flying object is beaming something down, some sort of energy down, to

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make these circles," she said. At other circle sites, "they've been observed in the making but there was nothing there."

The three Fargo circles appeared in the field on Father's Day. Waller said one is 10 feet across, one 25 feet and the other 30 feet.

Glenn Schickendanz, manager of the Farmers' Co-op in Fargo, said he visited the site with the county Extension

agent about two weeks ago and saw two perfect circles about 50 yards apart. He didn't see a third circle, but said something was causing the vegetation to die in the other two circles.

Schickendanz said the county agent took soil samples from the fields of rye and vetch and found nothing different in the samples from inside the ring and those from outside the ring.

Within the circles, all the vegetation

is dead, and there are no footprints or tracks anywhere nearby, Waller said.

In addition, Waller said the circles "have unusual energy patterns." She said that was determined by walking around the circles with a bent metal hanger, similar to the way people used to hunt for water.

Waller, who just returned from a UFO conference in Chicago last weekend, said that technique was passed along by investigators who have been studying the English crop circles for the last 10 years.

Electromagnetic lines that run around the earth at given points have been found to intersect exactly in the center of the circles discovered in England, she said.

Waller said she doesn't believe soil tests will come up with a simple explanation for what happened near Fargo.

She said there have been five previous reports of crop circles in Oklahoma. Three of them were traced to natural causes like lightning or a soil disease.

"This one and one other are the only ones with merit," she said, declining to describe the other Oklahoma circle case.

Waller said her organization wants to make the public aware of the crop circle phenomenon so they will report incidences if they come across them.

"We want people to be aware of where they can contact us... and if we can't do anything with it, if we don't have the tools, we do have people who can help us," she said.

Waller is a former school teacher who now does clerical work at Tinker Air Force Base.

DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE, Rochester, NY - July 30, 1991 CR: T. Nesser

## Circle in Orleans County field stirs questions of UFOs

By Bruce Andriatch  
Democrat and Chronicle

SHELBY — The curious and the confused, the skeptical and the suspicious have descended on this otherwise unassuming Orleans County town.

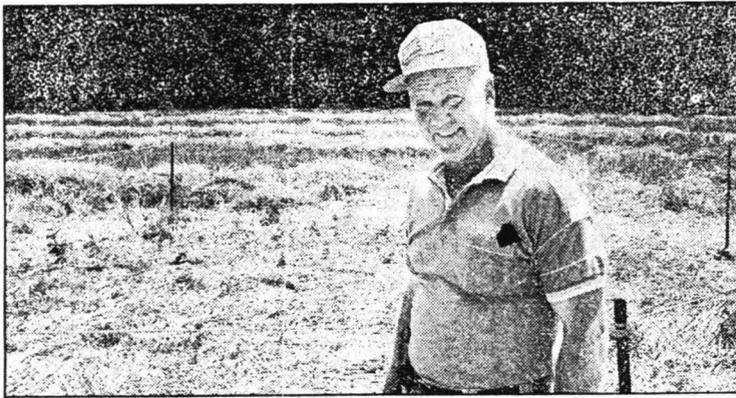
What they have come to witness and photograph is a circle in an otherwise unassuming wheat field.

They stand around the area that Lee Roberts has marked off with posts and red cord. So many people have come — Roberts estimates in "the low thousands" — that the formation has achieved special notoriety. It is simply called The Circle.

Roberts, who owns the 130 acres around The Circle, seems unaffected by the attention and unbothered by the people traipsing across his land to stare at the ground.

"If people are curious and want to see it, I think that's great," he said.

It's been more than three weeks since Roberts' son, Todd, came across The Circle as he was cutting wheat. Wheat along the 20-foot diameter of The Circle was matted down, creating a weave pattern. There were no footprints or tire tracks around the site. Todd Roberts had seen reports on the



Bruce Andriatch Democrat and Chronicle

Lee Roberts stands in front of The Circle in his Orleans County field yesterday.

television show *Unsolved Mysteries* of thousands of similar circles in Europe and wondered if this circle was comparable.

About two weeks later, Lee Roberts called the Medina newspaper, *The Journal-*

*Register*, and offered the story. Word has since spread quickly.

There is no explanation for what causes the circle phenomenon. Some have surmised that it may be caused by a spacecraft

landing and then taking off. Less exotic explanations include rare weather occurrences like wind vortexes or tornadoes.

Roberts hasn't thought about what caused The Circle. "I don't like to dwell on things I have no control over," he said.

But Ken Boring of Medina, who belongs to the group Ultimate Frontiers Organization, which studies UFO sightings and strange phenomena, said, "As far as a hoax, for someone to do something this elaborate would be impossible."

Those who traveled here yesterday jotted down notes, snapped pictures, aimed camcorders and mumbled to other phenomenon seekers about what might have caused this shape to form.

Lorraine Fortune and Virginia Furmanski traveled from nearby Albion. They said they had seen the television show about the unexplained circles and were eager to see one so close to home.

"I'm the type that would like to believe that there are UFOs," Furmanski said.

Prudence Kurtz of Buffalo didn't know what to think about The Circle, so she asked Boring.

"What do you make of it?"

"I don't know," he said. "It's weird."

NEWS-PRESS, Glendale, CA - Aug. 2, 1991 CR: F. Ruehl

## UFO story fails to get validated

By Jonathan Davies  
and Jennifer Burry  
Glendale News-Press

If you saw strange lights in the sky Wednesday night, you were not alone.

The question, however, is whether or not we are alone.

Glendale police Communications Operator Ron Villagrancia said he received more than a dozen calls, starting at 8:30 p.m., from people who reported strange lights in the sky.

A Glendale resident, who asked not to be named, said she and her husband saw the strange lights from the deck of their house about 9:30 p.m.

At first, she said, they thought the dozen white lights that weaved back and forth on the clouds for almost two minutes were spotlights.

But, she said, they couldn't see the beams normally created by spotlights and thought the lights were moving too fast. They appeared to move in circular, repetitive patterns, she said.

Franklin Ruehl, Glendale's own UFO expert and host of the public access cable show, "Mysteries Beyond the Other Dimension," maintained the reports sounded like a serious UFO case.

"If you have consistency of reporting,

and we assume this was not an organized hoax, then that indicates something was up there," Ruehl said.

"I would say this is possibly Glendale's first visit by extraterrestrials," Ruehl said. "I think this report should be taken seriously."

Others were more skeptical, however.

A possible explanation for the phenomenon was offered by a television newscast Wednesday that attributed the lights to opening celebrations at Sears' new store in

Burbank.

However, store manager Allen Oblow said there definitely was nothing at the celebration that could be construed as "lights in the sky."

Earl Rasmussen, an employee of Nestle USA in Glendale and a resident of La Crescenta, said he was in a parking lot in Sherman Oaks with about 50 other people, who also saw strange lights in the sky.

"I'm sure there's a logical explanation for it," Rasmussen said. "I'm sure that's the case here."

He said the lights appeared to be clumped together and move around rapidly in a circular pattern. He also described them as going "in and out" from the center.

Studio officials from Disney and Universal said there were no movies being made at either lot at the times of the sightings.

Calls to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the Mutual UFO Network, the Federal Aviation Administration and a host of other organizations turned up no clues.

The cloud cover over Glendale was at about 12,000 feet Wednesday, according to Bob Gregg, a local weather observer for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. He said he didn't know whether searchlights could reach that height but confirmed there was no unusual electromagnetic activity, such as lightning between clouds, that could explain the reports.

BEACON, Mendocino, CA - June 13, 1991

## UFOs sighted near Navarro in April

The UFO sighted near Navarro, between 11 and 11:30 pm, April 5, will be the main subject of discussion at the next meeting of North Coast UFO Watch at the Fort Bragg Library, Saturday, June 22, beginning at 7 p.m.

A drawing of the UFO made by a Belmont woman driving through the area at the time will be displayed, and the woman as well as her husband and a local man who also saw the spacecraft may be on hand to relate their extraordinary experience.

If returned from England by then,

a local couple will also tell of their first hand experience, both visually and psychically, of the now famous "crop circles" in the Stonehenge area. There is a \$25,000 reward for the most plausible explanation of the crop circles, an indication of how even top scientists are stymied.

A growing number of UFOlogists are beginning to believe the extraterrestrials are coming from Pleiades in the constellation of Taurus. They are here merely observing us because they are concerned that we Earthlings are on

a rapidly accelerating course of self-destruction since our technology has so far outdistanced our spirituality. The Pleiadians believe only a quantum leap in consciousness can save us, according to UFOlogist Wendelle Stevens, a retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Colonel.

Meanwhile, the U.S. government's decades long attempt to debunk UFOs is being called the "Cosmic Watergate." For more information or to report a UFO, call 964-0820.



Union Democrat photo by Chris Bateman

EXPLORING THE MYSTERIES of a 15-year-old fireball, videographers Jim and Carre Frazier made a stop in Sonora.

# Following the path of a fireball

By CHRIS BATEMAN

Nearly 15 years ago it flashed across the sky and the front pages of The Union Democrat at roughly the same speed.

"Meteors Light Up Skies," read the headline above an Aug. 24, 1976, story describing an apparent meteor shower that blazed over Tuolumne County the previous night and was seen from Phoenix to Eureka.

"Fireball Landing Spot Placed Here," read Aug. 27's far larger headline. In the story below a

**'I've wanted to do a documentary on it for years and now I'm getting the chance'**

— JIM FRAZIER  
videographer

Griffith Observatory astronomer said a single huge meteorite had caused the display and that, through "triangulation," he had pinpointed its landing spot near Cherry Lake.

"Fireball Hunt Narrows," read an Aug. 30 story, which detailed the astronomer's unsuccessful on-foot efforts to locate meteorite fragments.

And then, as suddenly as the fireball had plunged to the ground that August Monday, its

story disappeared. Subsequent issues of The Union Democrat had no follow-up and almost overnight it was gone and forgotten.

But now, thanks to Jim Frazier, it's back.

"I was up in Yosemite looking for that meteorite on Labor Day weekend of 1976," said Frazier, a videographer from Greeley, Colo. "I've wanted to do a documentary on it for years and now I'm getting the chance."

Frazier, 43, and his new bride, Carre, came to Tuolumne County in search of anyone who had seen, heard about or written about the fireball. Relying on yellowing news accounts of the meteorite's flight and landing, they interviewed and filmed backpackers, ranchers, sheriff's deputies, park rangers and the Griffith Observatory astronomer who narrowed the landing area to a small corner of Yosemite.

But why the interest in this now obscure fireball?

Here Frazier gets a little mysterious.

"A man I knew foretold that fireball and exactly where it would land 22 hours before it happened," he said. "Needless to say, that really shook me up."

Although Frazier declined to give his acquaintance's name, he said the man had "paranormal knowledge," has had extensive contacts with UFO's and their occupants and had obtained the precise latitude and longitude of the meteor's landing spot from extraterrestrial "beings."

NEWS/HERALD, Federal Way, WA - July 3, 1991 CR: UFOCCI

# Camp 'encounters' UFO fans

By Astara Fisher  
CORRESPONDENT

Willie Nelson's "On the Road Again" was playing during the lunch break.

It was an appropriate, if unexpected, selection for the latest gathering of UFO "abductees" and "contactees" hosted at West Seattle's Camp Long by Federal Way-based UFO Contact Center International.

You could call the song characteristic of the upbeat, pioneer spirit of those who say they've encountered extraterrestrial life, typifying the travels they embark on to talk about their experiences.

Annie Foster said her Nebraska neighbors sometimes ask about the travels of her husband John, keynote speaker at the June 22 gathering. "I just tell them that John's going to such and such a city to talk about UFOs. If they ask, I say more."

John Foster was a hit with the 50-plus people who attended the conference. He tells of some 3,000 encounters with ETs from the age of "two or three to 49."

Focus of the conference though he was, the retired

engineer maintains he's not looking for notoriety. He'd rather find a backwoods retreat where he can polish off his book documenting his encounters.

He also says he wants time to wrestle with the confusion that being detained and "conditioned" by extraterrestrials can create.

While many at the conference say they've encountered ETs, Foster's repeated encounters over a lifetime stood out, as did his professed consent to cooperate in a joint mission with "guides" to "assist humanity."

It was August 1986, he says, when he started to "recollect" his encounters. By the following February, he'd made out longhand accounts of the 3,000 experiences.

Foster says he has interacted with two or three extraterrestrial species and seen or been in some 13 varieties of spacecraft — sometimes involving time travel.

A typical encounter, he reports, begins with atmospheric distortion, followed by a "funny feeling" and the telepathic and audible message to "gather round for

eternal wisdom and truth and to learn about the Native American Indian and the buffalo."

He and those with him, he says, then enter a foggy booth beneath a hovering disk and watch movies, often depicting Indians crossing the prairie in search of buffalo.

He describes two types of beings: one humanoid and the other, which he calls a "mizard," looking like a cross between man and lizard.

Foster says he agreed, despite his disinclination to continue, to work on an experiment whose nature he won't disclose lest he be hampered in its execution.

There are others on the team for this mission, he reports, and he actually met them in a room recently, years after having been introduced to them through ET-sponsored time travel. "One woman, in fact, had all the same details of her project the same, right down to the nuts-and-bolts level."

■ The UFO Contact Center International has offices in 60 cities. It was founded in Federal Way 10 years ago by Aileen Bringle, who can be reached at 946-2248.

DAILY RECORD, Roswell, NM - June 14, 1991

# NBC's 'Closer Look' to include Roswell men in UFO episode

Four Roswell men will appear on national television today in a special segment on UFOs in general and the infamous 1947 UFO crash northwest of Roswell in particular.

The Roswellites, Mayor William F. Brainerd, Glen Dennis, Walter Haut and Art McQuiddy, will appear on NBC's "Closer Look" with Faith Daniels at 10:30 a.m. The show airs locally on KOBR, Channel 8. The portion of the show on the Roswell men will be live from the Roswell Inn.

Also scheduled to appear on the show are Stan Friedman, nuclear physicist, science consultant, UFO lecturer and author; Jesse Marcel Jr., son of Jesse Marcel, a key witness to the crash; and Kevin D. Randle, co-author of the new "UFO Crash at Roswell" which goes on sale today.

Randle and Donald R. Schmitt, investigators with the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago, co-wrote the book, which took two years to research.

The authors also have interviewed more than 300 people, including many Roswellites, who were involved in the recovery of the crashed UFO.

On July 10, will be in Roswell to give a presentation on their findings about the Roswell incident at the New Mexico Military Institute's Pearson Auditorium.

The authors have agreed to donate proceeds from ticket sales to the presentation and from the sales of their book at the event to help start a Roswell UFO museum.

Haut was the public information officer in 1947 at what was then called the Roswell Army Airfield. Haut released an official Army statement to the press that a crashed UFO had been captured on a ranch near Corona.

The incident was first publicized on July 8, 1947. In the Daily Record and picked up by newspapers across the country.

During a violent thunderstorm the day before, rancher W.W. Brazel heard a thunderclap that sounded somehow different than the others. The next morning, Brazel discovered a field full of debris, including metal he said was "light as a feather, thin as newspaper."

He stashed the debris in a cattle bin and reported his discovery to the Chaves County Sheriff's Department and the Army.

Years later, Army officers who responded to the crash and handled the debris said they could not burn or dent the thin metal.

Officials later denied that a flying saucer had been captured and instead claimed the remains were pieces of a downed weather balloon.

The official line effectively silenced interest in the event until 30 years later when witnesses who claimed to have helped recover the UFO and bodies of alien beings started speaking out and claiming a government coverup.

Randle and Schmitt say that their book contains vital new information not before published from hundreds of witnesses they discovered during their research.

"I had asked him for a sign and he gave it to me in writing," said Frazier of his friend, who worked as an engineer for a Southern California aerospace firm at the time. "I had been skeptical, but then I began to take him very seriously."

Frazier said he spent the next several years documenting his friend's life and accomplishments. The job ended in 1982.

"That's when he had his final contacts with UFO's," the videographer said. "He had completed his tests."

Since then Frazier has turned his voluminous notes into a movie script tentatively titled "The Play of Life." He says it has enough excitement, drama and mystery to be a Hollywood hit and hopes it plays on the big screen within the next two years.

Frazier and his wife are now back in Colorado putting together a planned half-hour video on the fireball. It should be released by fall and he promises he'll send a copy to Tuolumne County's Cable Channel 8 for local broadcast.

Meanwhile Frazier is still very interested in hearing from persons who saw the 1976 meteorite. Anyone with information can write to Fireball, 18711 Tiffeni Dr., Suite 17-120, Twain Harte, 95383.

Also, Frazier will furnish the latitude and longitude of the meteorite's landing spot to anyone with a "serious interest" in finding it.

For although astronomers say there is no doubt it landed near Cherry Lake, not a fragment of the burnt-out fireball has been found.



At the quarterly meeting of the Mutual UFO Network of N.C. (MUFON-NC) held Saturday in Asheboro, Nadine Albright displays a painting she made of a UFO she saw nine years ago over Albemarle Road. The painting includes electric lights that represent the UFO.

## Local Witnesses Report To UFO Research Group

By Ross Holt

One October evening nine years ago, Nadine Albright and her cousin were returning from a shopping trip to Four Seasons Mall in Greensboro. They took the NC 49 exit off US 220, planning to stop at the home of another of Albright's cousins.

At the top of the exit ramp, however, they spotted what appeared to be two rows of bright lights hovering over the motel that now is a Days Inn. "Of course, the first thing you think of is a plane, but you couldn't really tell what it was," Albright said.

The encounter lasted ten more harrowing minutes, until the unidentified flying object -- by that time hovering over West Bend United Methodist Church -- zipped away so that in seconds it was the size of a star in the night sky.

The quest to figure out what she saw led Albright to the Mutual UFO Network of North Carolina (MUFON-NC). Albright recounted her sighting of -- whatever it was -- at MUFON-NC's quarterly meeting, which was held Saturday at the Days Inn in Asheboro.

The meeting also featured a report from Steve Harrell, the Farmer-area resident who on Christmas day videotaped an unidentifiable object drifting to earth behind woods near his home.

Albright told the 125 MUFON-NC members and guests of how the UFO she encountered hovered over the hood of her car just high enough to avoid the telephone wires, then cruised to a position over the West Bend Church. Albright drove to the nearby curb market, fearing to venture toward her relatives' house because it would mean getting closer to the UFO.

Eventually, however, Albright and her traveling companion decided to risk it. When they reached their destination, they persuaded their relatives to come outside and take a look, but by then the lights had vanished.

The closest Albright ever came to an explanation of her experience was what the Sheriff's Department told her and fifty other callers who reported seeing a UFO on that night nine years ago: an airplane had been flying over the city carrying a lighted sign advertising "Chevrolet Week." But Albright determined that the plane had departed the area by the time of her encounter -- and besides, she said, "Planes don't hover."

"At least seven cars came along and stopped. People came out of the curb market and watched. A lot of people saw it, so I was hoping there'd be someone here today who saw it," she said, but no one came forward.

### The Christmas UFO

Harrell earned praise from MUFON-NC founder George Fawcett III and director Robert Hair for having the courage to make public his sighting. His videotape ended up repeatedly airing on WFMY-TV in Greensboro and on Charlotte area television stations, and was well-covered in the press.

After MUFON officials ran a videotape of the TV news accounts and follow-up stories, Harrell told his story and answered questions from the audience. At about 5:30 p.m. on Christmas day, Harrell took his camcorder outside to tape his 7-year-old son Nathan, who was riding a go-kart.

"I wasn't outside 10 minutes before it happened," he said. What happened was this: an object so bright that it appeared to be blazing drifted soundlessly down into the trees on the horizon. It appeared as three balls of light, two on the bottom and one on top, linked together by a frame of some kind.

A pilot flying nearby also saw it; so did several area residents. Harrell contacted the Sheriff's Department; a search was made for what Harrell thought might be a downed plane, but nothing was found.

The next day, Harrell walked the woods. Municipal Airport officials and pilots tried to triangulate the precise landing spot by plotting the locations of the people who saw the unusual object, but no sign of any kind of landing -- aircraft or otherwise -- was found.

## Blimp blamed for UFO sightings

LAKE WORTH (AP) — Palm Beach County residents are buzzing about a glowing white cigar-shaped saucer with pulsating lights that seemed to hover in the night sky, before streaking away.

Lake Worth, Fla. police Sgt. Sue Pults saw it. "It had a thin saucer shape. I thought, 'What the ...?'"

Simon Rabizon saw it Friday on the way home from jai alai. "It looked four or five blocks away. When I stopped, it stopped. When I moved, it moved. I don't believe in UFOs. It just seemed very peculiar to me."

"It had lights flashing. I thought I was going to wreck my car," said Palm Beach Sheriff's Office Communication supervisor Johnnie Keating.

Chances are the object was the Virgin Lightship, a smallish, relatively quick blimp that is stationed at the Lantana Airpark.

It's been in the area since June 22 to promote the

Rooftop Gardens nightclub — about the same time sightings began. It leaves for Orlando on Saturday.

Pults and Keating figured what they saw was the airship.

But the Virgin Lightship is different from the more familiar Goodyear blimp.

"Ours is lighted from the inside, giving it an elliptoid appearance," said Ray McIver, director of marketing for the blimp company.

The craft's tailfins are unlit, but strobe lights sit atop the hole and beneath the gondola. "They could appear to be revolving," McIver said.

The airship is only two-thirds the length of the 200-foot Goodyear craft and can move at 58 mph, lightning-quick for a dirigible.

The airship has set off UFO alerts wherever it's appeared since it was inflated in May.

JOURNAL-REGISTER, Medina, NY - July 26, 1991 CR: T. Nesser

## Wheat Circle Authentic Says UFO Experts

By BRIAN S. KOZODY  
J-R Staff Writer

"This is no hoax, it's the real McCoy," said Ken Boring, an independent researcher of unidentified flying objects, about the circle found in Lee Roberts wheat field earlier this month.

Boring who along with Darryl Hards, chairman of the Ultimate Frontier Organization (UFO) of Western New York, took soil samples and radiation tests at the site this past week after finding out about the circle which was reported about in this paper on Tuesday.

"It is the first physical evidence I've seen," said Boring who expects to find more sites in the area. "If you find one you usually find more," he

explained.

Hards agrees. A UFO researcher for 15 years, he has checked similar circles and believes this one is legitimate. "They are much more common than people realize," said Hards who commented that there are 4,000 documented cases of such circles.

Hards remarked that the size of the circle is common although circles as large as 100 feet in diameter have been found. A characteristic that all the circles have had in common is that no plant life grows on the area.

The soil becomes sterile, it crystallizes like sand, nothing grows well there except moss which does not need the soil, commented Hards.

Boring stated he will talk to peo-

ple around the area to investigate if anyone has seen any peculiar lights or took part in any confusing experiences.

"(Close encounters) are a lot more common than people realize. People just don't talk about it," said Hards who added that if anyone in the area has any laboratory or scientific equipment they would like to share in this particular study, they should contact either Boring at 798-3169 or Hards at 227-1876.

The location of the site is about a half-mile south of Maple Ridge Road on Salt Works Road. Roberts stated that he will be posting the area of the circle.

SENTINEL, Gulf Breeze, FL - June 20, 1991 CR: R. Reid

## German journalist recounts sighting of mysterious lights

Thirty-eight year old German journalist, Gerd J. Geitz, came to Gulf Breeze Friday, May 24th, to meet the local Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) group, and to investigate the Gulf Breeze area UFO sightings.

While here he also visited with Ed and Frances Walters, showing them the German edition of *The Gulf Breeze Sightings* which has become a best-seller in Germany.

Geitz, reporting for the German *Stern*, spent a three-week holiday in Miami before driving up to the panhandle. While taking a rest stop at Perry, Florida, he had what he called "an interesting appearance."

"It was 2 a.m. when I saw a very intense white light 500 feet from me on Highway 27, about 10 miles from Perry," Geitz reported to the *Sentinel*. "The light was on the ground between the forest which lined the highway on both sides. When I got out of my car to get closer, the light disappeared suddenly."

Geitz went on to say that after he drove further down the highway he could see the light again, brighter than before, and in the same place. Geitz said he was impressed by the intensity of the light. "I used to work in TV studios in Europe, and even the most intensive spotlight does not come close to what I saw," assured Geitz.

After talking with MUFON personnel in Gulf Breeze, Geitz went out Saturday, May 25th, to Pensacola Beach to the campgrounds near Fort Pickens - again at 2 a.m. "I didn't expect to see something again," Geitz admitted, "But, if you've read Ed Walters' book, you try it."

"I sat in my car while a rain-shower beat gusts of water against the front windshield. After an hour I decided to go back to my hotel, and again a white light appeared...It was up in the sky, bright and white, and its position was right above the bay between Pensacola and Gulf Breeze," Geitz remembered. "I could see, in spite of the rain, the lights of

Pensacola and Gulf Breeze, and the object right over it."

Two more sightings, together with the MUFON group, on Sunday, May 26th, at the Bay Bridge in Gulf Breeze, made Geitz pensive.

"I am a journalist, a reporter with all my heart...I believe what I see, and I saw much more than I expected to see. I am sure I didn't see any aircraft or helicopter; they used to appear much different. I know that because I am a private pilot myself."

Geitz's report concluded with, "I think the people of Gulf Breeze and Pensacola should be aware that something is happening in their area. Whatever it is, it pays to continue searching."

SENTINEL, Gulf Breeze, FL - July 11, 1991

Dear Editor,

### UFOs? Seeing is Believing

Skeptical about UFOs? Do what I did, give it a try. On July 5, 1991 I went to a popular UFO watch location at the south end of the Pensacola Bay Bridge.

A friendly group of local residents were there and had already set up cameras. I learned later that the group included MUFON investigators equipped with defraction lens cameras and infra-red film.

I am visiting from Okeechobee, Florida and was welcomed openly but quickly told that even though the UFO has been spotted over 50 times in the last six months, there was no guarantee.

At 9:10, a woman in the group called out, "There it is!" To the east a brilliant ruby red object appeared in the sky, out of thin air. I couldn't believe it. I was looking at a UFO. No sound, it hovered in the sky and after a minute or so, it suddenly just disappeared. Believe what you want, but seeing is believing and what I saw that night was a real UFO.

Henry Froehl  
Okeechobee, Florida

Harrell said he is not prepared to say that what he saw came from outer space. On the other hand, he can't find an earthly explanation for it.

"I don't know what it was. I really don't," he said.

That's the type of mystery MUFON-NC tries to solve, noted Director Hair. "This organization is serious, scientific; we're in research, we're trying to answer questions," he said.

CR: R. Reid

## David Wenstrom



### Who's kidding whom about flying saucers?

Forty-four years ago today, the U.S. Army did something really strange: It announced that it had recovered the wreckage of a flying saucer.

Hours later, the U.S. Army did something not so strange: It changed its story. The Army decided its flying saucer wasn't a flying saucer after all, but merely the radar target from a weather balloon. (Kind of like when the U.S. military says its bombs are hitting 90 percent of their targets in Iraq, then decides, well, maybe it was only 40 percent.)

So was the object discovered in 1947 by a rancher near the Roswell Army Air Field in New Mexico a spaceship?

I called Walter G. Haut, the Army officer who made the initial announcement, and asked him. (Yes, actual reporting in a Wenstrom column! You saw it here first.)

"If it's just a weather balloon, why were so many officers and others sworn to secrecy?" said Haut, who was public relations officer at the Roswell base when the object was found. "Many high-ranking (Army) officials said it's nothing they had ever seen before. I personally believe it was a flying saucer, and the story of the weather balloon was a cover-up. It's a big cover-up."

Col. William H. Blanchard, the commander of the air base, thought it was a spaceship. He's the guy who told Haut to tell the world about it. "He called me and told me that he had come into possession of a flying saucer at a ranch about 75 miles northwest of Roswell," Haut said.

### Reality check

Maj. Jesse A. Marcel, an Army intelligence officer who examined the find, concluded it was like nothing he'd ever seen. The rancher told reporters it was no weather-balloon radar target.

So, 44 years ago today, Haut released this statement to the press: "The many rumors regarding the flying disk (flying saucers) became a reality yesterday when the intelligence office with the 509th Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force, Roswell Army Air Field, was fortunate enough to gain possession of a disk through the cooperation of one of the local ranchers and the sheriff's office of Chaves County."

The story made headlines worldwide.

The next day, another story made headlines around the world: "Reports of flying saucers whizzing through the sky fell off sharply today as the Army and Navy began a concentrated campaign to stop the rumors. ... (Army Air Force) headquarters in Washington reportedly delivered a blistering rebuke to officers at the Roswell (N.M.) base for suggesting that (their find) was a flying disk."

### More than a story

The Roswell incident has become legend among UFO buffs. A book came out in 1980. Another one, "UFO Crash at Roswell," recently hit the bookstores. It includes interviews with more than 300 people connected with the case.

Kevin D. Randle, a former Air Force intelligence officer who co-authored "UFO Crash" with UFO investigator Donald R. Schmitt, said he is absolutely certain a spaceship was found — along with three or four dead extraterrestrial beings.

"We know that the rancher who found it was held by the military for six to eight days," Randle told me. "Why would they do that if it was a weather-balloon target?"

Randle said the wreckage was flown to Washington, D.C., and to military

# Those mysterious crop circles

Two Louisville women among the few experts in U.S. on the baffling farm-field phenomenon

By Kevin McCullen

Rocky Mountain News Boulder Bureau

LOUISVILLE — Tere Kristovich and Kit McCray are collecting their thoughts and theories about a baffling phenomenon for use at an unusual convention this fall in England.

They'll meet with other experts to discuss crop circles, those intriguing patterns and designs that mysteriously appear during the night in farm fields. And they'll bring their own impressions to this conference of "cerealogists."

Kristovich, a psychotherapist, and McCray, a nurse, can count themselves among a handful of U.S. authorities on the patterns, which often resemble pictographs.

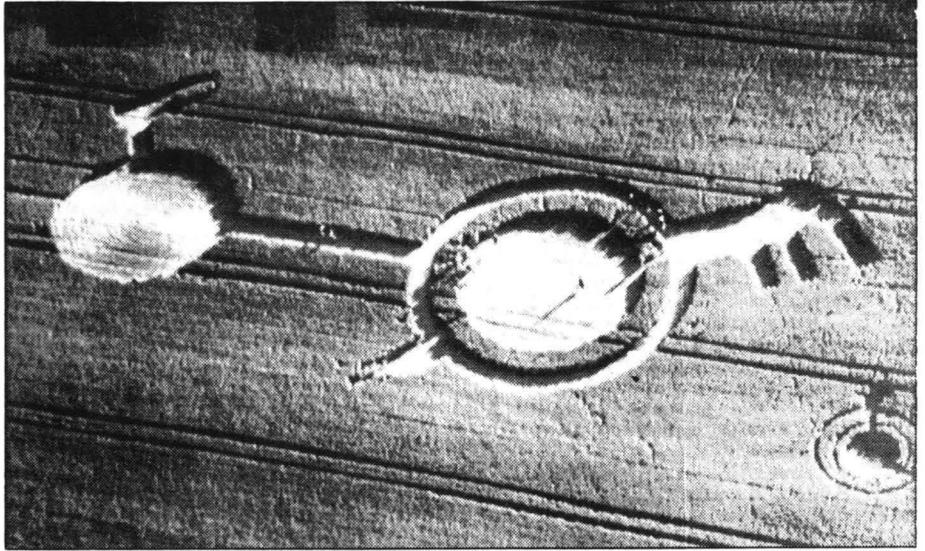
A meeting last year with Englishman Colin Andrews, one of the leading theorists on crop circles, and curiosity about the creation of these unexplained patterns has drawn the two Boulder County women to England several times for study and interviews with scientists and spiritualists.

"Being skeptical is the best approach to examining them. But do you take your skepticism and say they're hogwash? We say ... become curious and find out more," McCray said.

Theories abound about how the patterns are formed. Kristovich and McCray smile at suggestions that crazed hedgehogs or whirlwinds are responsible.

But they do believe the patterns, which have become more intricate in recent years, suggest the presence of an energy source.

"There are odd things in the



Associated Press

A photo taken last year shows connected circular shapes that appeared in a cornfield at the Vale of Pewsey, Wiltshire, England. Two Louisville women have become experts on the phenomenon.

patterns," said Kristovich, who has examined dozens.

Microphones pick up an "electronic warbling from the ground after it's flattened, like an electronic sparrow," Kristovich said.

"Our tape recorder went bananas; (the tape) kept going forward and backward in the machine," McCray said.

Cameras also have been known to implode. A Japanese television crew that spent part of this spring in England at some crop circles and British Broadcasting Co. photographers have "lost a bunch of cameras," Kristovich said.

Compasses have twirled and dousing rods cross inside the patterns, Kristovich said. And,

strangely, plants in the fields are bent and pressed into the ground, rather than broken at the stem.

Kristovich and McCray even believe that human thought might have a role in the creation of these patterns.

"If you look at this on an interactive level, that perhaps we as human beings might be causing these, then what does that say about us? Perhaps thought is an ingredient in what forms them," Kristovich said.

"Light can be seen in many different ways. How does this light work?" McCray said.

Crop circles have appeared in Australia, Brazil, other European countries, Canada and the United

States. Kristovich spoke earlier this year with a farmer and Baptist preacher, who found one in his Tennessee field.

"We've even heard of them in circles of trees in Canada, and in lilly ponds in Japan," Kristovich said. "Whatever is doing it is getting good."

Kristovich and McCray, through a group they formed called "Wider Circles," have presented slide shows about the phenomenon in the metro area. Their next scheduled show is Saturday night at the Auraria campus in Denver.

"There really is serious study about this," McCray said. "It's not a bunch of flaky people running around."

## Mystery circles draw crop of Coloradans to lecture

By J.R. Moehring

Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

Crop circles, those intricate patterns mysteriously appearing in farm fields around the world, have clearly captured the imagination of Coloradans.

More than 125 people were so curious about the phenomenon last night that they paid \$7 each to cram inside an Auraria Higher Education Center classroom, where Tere Kristovich and Kit McCray were lecturing. The two Louisville women are among a handful of American experts on the subject of the strange circles.

This fall, they plan to attend an international conference in England, where they will trade information and theories with other "cerealogists." Last night, however, they shared what they have found thus far in their research, along with startling slides from

their travels to southern England, where the circles appear with the most frequency and intricacy. About 400 appeared last summer.

Both women agree that the intricate patterns suggest some sort of energy source. Kristovich, a psychotherapist who blends smart facts with everyday slang, said she

could sense something when she stood inside one of the circles.

"You can feel it," she said, adding, "It's not booga booga or anything."

The audience, chomping at the bit for the question-and-answer period, touched on nearly all the widely held — and discredited — theories about the circles.

Sun spots?

The circles appear almost always at night.

Static electricity?

They often happen during pouring rain.

Plant virus?

The patterns are too intricate, too geometric to be accomplished by bugs.

An older man who had been waiting patiently to ask his question finally broke in.

"Is there any suspicion that these are man-made?" he said. "Does the CIA know something about this?"

"The answer is," said Kristovich, "Why-y-y-y? Don't they have anything else to do?"

## Charlie's Corner

By Charlie Somerby

Just when it appears that excitement concerning UFO sightings is starting to die down a bit, something happens to start people talking again.

Perhaps you read the most recent story in *The Sentinel* about the Japanese film crew being on hand May 10 when a "red UFO" was spotted to the northwest of the Holiday Inn.

The crew's 36 to 1 zoom lens caught the object in flight as did dozens of local witnesses.

If wife Dori and I hadn't personally seen what Ed Walters photographed a few minutes later in November 1987, we'd still accept published reports of later incidents since there are so many witnesses.

Evidently, at least some members of the Japanese group were visitors here a couple of years ago when a documentary was made and later shown several times over NIPON television network, the largest and oldest commercial broadcasting company in Japan.

We were quite thrilled a few months later when there was a call from Tokyo asking if we had any objection to a repeat showing. Folks from the other side of the Pacific Ocean had sent us a tape earlier with our voices dubbed in in Japanese. A real interesting experience!

Personally, it's hard to believe that any local folks could resent the national and international publicity given this community through repeated UFO sightings. Gulf Breeze has become a household name the world over and probably the reports have drawn hundreds of people to this area who might never have come.

"Mayor" Don Chinery reports that the county video should be finished in a couple of weeks and hopefully will include Gulf Breeze as the UFO Capital of the state along with the Oil Capital at Jay and Canoe Capital in Milton.

Oh well, that's the thought sent along to the young lady who's putting the film together.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS,  
Denver, CO - July 28, 1991  
CR: P. Noonan

installations across the country in at least nine separate flights. Why so much interest if it was a weather-balloon target?

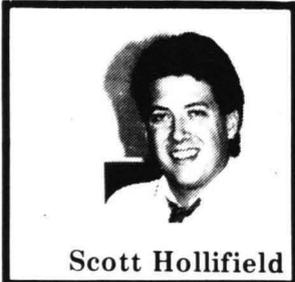
But a weather-balloon target is what the Army said it was in its revised version of the story. "It worked brilliantly," the author said. "The rumors died immediately."

Randle and his co-author, Schmitt, gave a press conference in Chicago last week. Randle was not pleased with the response. "It came back with the news anchors laughing at the story," he said. "The press still is participating in the cover-up. They don't realize, but they're unwitting dupes of the government."

Not me.

Wenstrom is a Record staff writer. His column appears Mondays.

SENTINEL, Gulf Breeze, FL - May 30, 1991 CR: R. Reid



Scott Hollifield

# Believers Gather For UFO Convention

forced to have sex with this ol' three-legged Martian gal," Delbert will say into the bright lights of the TV news cameras while folks at home shake their heads.

But the faithful at Sunday's meeting claim it happens to normal, everyday people like me and you (well, you maybe).

Asheville surgeon Dr. Steven Greer is a far cry from the Delberts and Billy Earls of the UFO circle. The emergency and trauma specialist has founded the Center For the Study of Extra Terrestrial Intelligence and believes that UFOs are manned by highly-intelligent creatures who mean us no harm. It's sort of the E.T. view as opposed to the Invaders From Space notion.

"The beings that are operating these crafts are approachable," Greer said. "We can find no credible evidence that they have any hostile intentions toward the earth."

Instead, they are here to study or perhaps even save us before we blow ourselves up. Greer, who sees the dark side of humanity manifest itself in gunshot and knife wounds in his hospital emergency room nearly every day, seemed disappointed with mankind. His notion of aliens portrayed them as beings who treat one another with more respect and compassion than mere mortals can muster.

## Big, Black Helicopters

Greer related the story of an encounter in Dandridge, Tenn., where a deputy sheriff videotaped what he believed to be a spaceship and a couple on a nearby farm found a circular patch of ground which Greer said was a landing spot.

Almost immediately after the encounter was made public, the mysterious helicopters showed up. To the UFO believer, that's standard operating procedure.

Greer said the big, black unmarked choppers which haunt UFO sites belong to the government, perhaps the National Reconnaissance Office, a super secret organization with shadowy motives.

"I, too, have been buzzed by them," Greer said. "My wife and I both have."

In addition to the helicopters, UFO enthusiasts talk of the mysterious black Cadillac with the dark windows which tails those who've had close



Alien?

encounters, and the unidentified men in black who have been glimpsed suspiciously eyeing those whose UFO claims are made public.

All the work, they say, of the government, which is a particular sore spot with believers. Locked away in some dusty hanger or laboratory are the remains of crashed spaceships and even the bodies of aliens, the enthusiasts claim. Greer and MUFON State Director Robert Hair said they believe some secrecy is warranted because of the technological aspects, but they objected to the shabby treatment the government has allegedly given those who've had close encounters.

## Incidents Outlined

Fawcett, the gregarious MUFON founder, former newspaper man and YMCA leader, outlined seven UFO cases in North Carolina between 1973 and 1982, including a particularly interesting one involving a Hamlet man who thought two aliens were speaking to him in Polish.

On March 27, 1975, the man, a retired laborer, saw a UFO land in his front yard and two small beings emerge. They attempted to communicate in what the man believed to be Polish.

"He thought they were looking for a Mr. Polanski and he said there was nobody by that name in the neighborhood," Fawcett said.

The man was so disturbed by the encounter he became antisocial and eventually shot up the community with a rifle. He was institutionalized for a while. Fawcett talked with the man and added his encounter to his ever-growing files.

"I'm inclined to believe he was telling the truth," said Fawcett, who added that the man appeared to be very relieved when he told him he believed his story.

## Uncomfortable With Press

After dozens of tales and theories and guesses, the meeting drew to a close. State Director Hair opened the floor to anyone in the audience who had a story to share, but first he asked if any members of the press were present.

I had sat quietly near the back, taking notes to that point. I raised my hand and identified myself as a reporter, and immediately the warm mood in the lecture hall changed. A chilly, accusatory wind blew in. Here among the believers was one ready to cast doubt.

Some people may have felt uncomfortable talking with a reporter in the room, Hair said. He and Greer launched into more stories of harassment by non-believers, the government and the media. Some of the ridicule had even caused people to lose their minds, they said. The believers cut their eyes back toward me, and I shifted in my seat.

Hair hinted at asking me to leave, and I did tip-toe out when a man from San Francisco told the story of how he was now making pilgrimages to UFO conventions all over the nation after learning he was abducted by a spaceship in a past life.

They could talk freely after I was gone. How could they really trust me? For all they knew, I may have sat behind the smoked glass windows of that mysterious black Cadillac or buzzed overhead in the unmarked choppers.

Late Sunday night, I stood on my porch and looked toward the sky. The night was black and the universe seemed endless. For the UFO believers, the possibilities are endless, too.

North Carolina is fourth in the nation in UFO sightings and the western part of the state has more than its share, members of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) of North Carolina told about 50 people at its quarterly meeting in Asheville Sunday.

"Watch out for the Asheville area because its loaded with UFO reports, and has been for years," said George D. Fawcett, public relations director and founder of the state MUFON, and the grand old man of UFO hunting in North Carolina.

Fawcett, a Lincolnton resident who's quick with a smile and handshake, has spent nearly 50 years with an eye turned toward the sky. He has amassed an overwhelming collection of eyewitness accounts and photographs from those who claim they've come face to face with things otherworldly, and a portion of that collection filled three tables outside a University of North Carolina at Asheville lecture hall Sunday afternoon.

The five hour MUFON meeting included a half dozen speakers and two video presentations, and the topics veered from government coverups to cattle mutilations to mysterious crop circles left in wheat fields in England.

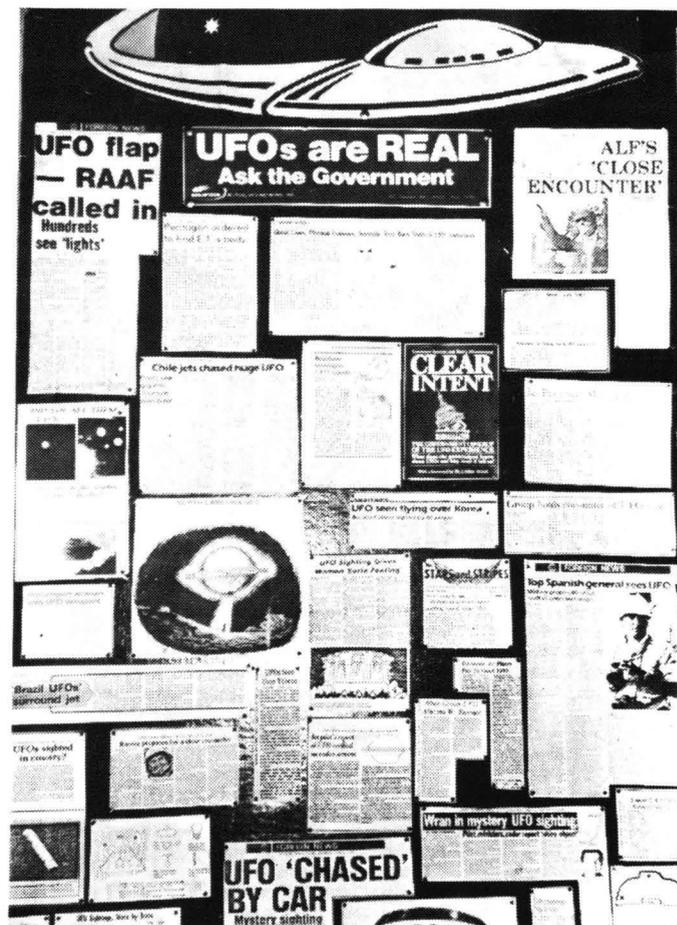
Those attending were a cross section of old and young, new age, hippie and yuppie. Nearly all shared a common, singular trait: they believe.

They are passionate in their belief, and, as I was to learn late in the meeting, they are bit defensive in their belief.

## A Bad Rap

UFOs and their enthusiasts may have gotten a bad rap over the years, perhaps the result of smart aleck journalists like myself who tend to jump on a UFO story with both feet. But one can't help but be skeptical when UFOs seem to only abduct people like Delbert and cousin Billy Earl, who were drinking shoe polish out in the shed behind the Amoco when a beam of blue light forced the door open and whisked them off to a cigar-shaped object that hovered overhead.

"They poked us and probed us then



Events Chronicled — One display in Asheville Thursday listed a variety of UFO reports. (Photo by Scott Hollifield)

SENTINEL, Gulf Breeze, FL - Aug. 1, 1991 CR: R. Reid

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

While reading Ed and Frances Walters book called *The Gulf Breeze Sightings* (Morrow, 1990), I noticed that Walters said he took his first photographs of the colorful and hovering UFO over Gulf Breeze on November 11, 1987. Three years later to the day — on November 11, 1990 — Gulf Breeze witness Jeff Lawrence said he saw a UFO similar to Walters' 1987 photos. On May 10, 1991, a visiting Japanese film crew filmed a brilliant red-and-white object over Gulf Breeze. I noticed that November 11, 1987, to May 10, 1991, equals 185 days. The average of 180 and 185 is 182.5 days or the same as the Earth's solar year days divided by two. Future intervals of 3.5 years after May 10, 1991, represent November 11, 1994, May 10, 1998, November 11, 2001, May 10, 2005, and November 11, 2008.

The precisetime patterns suggest that the Gulf Breeze UFOs may be trying to make clear to us a time interval of 3.5 and 7.0 years. Perhaps the November 11, 1987, UFO reappeared on May 10, 1991. The intelligent patterns might represent some future dramatic appearances or landings on these dates and an attempt to reveal to us a higher technology or advanced knowledge valuable to the human race and our understanding of this Earth and the Universe.

Yours very truly,  
Kenneth Lloyd Larson  
Los Angeles, California



DICK VAN HALSEMA/Staff

**Mysterious spots:** Eli Springs Jr. made the discovery in his field Thursday morning.

## Farmer finds 'strange' circles in crop

By ALLEN NORWOOD  
Staff Writer

There were no visible tracks, human or otherwise, leading to the circles crushed into the field in front of the home of Eli Springs Jr.

Yes, crop circles — like those that keep appearing in the English countryside, baffling the world.

Springs discovered the circles Thursday morning in an 18-acre field near the intersection of Providence Road and N.C. 51 in southeast Char-

lotte.

"They are strange," says Springs.

For years, crop circles in England near mystic Stonehenge have attracted hundreds of tourists, scientists and believers in the occult. Some believe they're the work of aliens or electric-charged winds. Others say the circles are caused by eddies of wind moving over hilly ground.

Violent storms bombarded southeast Mecklen-

“I hope you don't think we're 'kook-a-roos' for calling.”

— Ricky Springs

burg Wednesday night, but a spokesman for the National Weather Service said the half-dozen circles on Springs' property — ranging from 2 feet in diameter to more than 30 feet — probably aren't weather-related.

"They weren't there Wednesday morning," said Springs, who is kin to the Springs textile family in South Carolina. "When I went down to the barn (Thursday morning) there they were."

"I hope you don't think we're 'kook-a-roos' for calling," said his wife, Ricky Springs.

The crushed spots were in a field of soybeans and millet, hidden by a wall of cedars, oaks and sweet gums. By midday Thursday they had begun to disappear as the plants straightened up.

They weren't perfect circles; some were elongated and overlapping.

There were clusters of smaller ones, no larger than a washtub, near the largest, which was perhaps 35 feet across. Several 20-foot circles dotted the middle of the field, completely by themselves.

Inside the spots, the foliage was crushed to the ground. Plant stems pointed in different directions, even inside the smallest spots. In the rest of the field, the greenery stood waist deep and untouched.

Springs, whose family once owned nearly 300 acres, including what became the first phase of the Raintree subdivision, has lived on the farmland all his 60 years. He had never seen anything like the spots.

"It's just a freak of nature," he said. "I don't believe in flying saucers. It's probably weather-related."

Probably not, said Roy Miller, who has been with the National Weather Service 17 years.

"It's not weather-related, I'm

afraid," Miller said when told about the spots.

Lightning would have struck a tree at the edge of the field and probably wouldn't have hit more than once in an open expanse. Wind damage, even in a strong downdraft, would have encompassed a broad area.

Miller said conditions over a lush field aren't conducive to small whirlwinds, which many refer to as dust devils.

Neill Cameron, chairman of the Mecklenburg Agricultural Extension Service, had no ready explanation.

"I just had someone ask me if a chicken had a tongue, and what color it was," he said. "There are not many questions that I haven't had at one time or another. But not one like this."

"You've got me. It's perplexing."

The Springs' crop circles perplexed George Fawcett of Lincoln-ton, too.

Fawcett has collected UFO data 47 years. He's a spokesman for the state chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, an international organization of UFO buffs.

Sunday in Asheville, crop circles were on the chapter's meeting agenda. One chapter member has been to England to study them.

Still, Fawcett provided more information than answers.

He accurately described the circles in Springs' field — overlapping spots of varying sizes — without even seeing them.

"That's what's so amazing," he said. "You can't do that. Man can't do something like that."

"Some may be a natural phenomenon we know nothing about," Fawcett said. "Some... are not natural and are not done by man as we know him."

"I assumed at first that it was a crop duster, but it was out-of-scale large, Mr. Tyler continued. "And I was struck by how very much a crop duster blowing out mist looks like a hovercraft. But then the first thing that struck my mind was that this crop duster was coming awfully fast in our direction. And the second thing was that it was on a part of the field where there are no vines."

### Teens Frightened

On a nearby farm at the same time, four teenagers — whose parents requested anonymity for the girls — were terrified by the appearance of the enormous object that seemed to them "three or four times as big as a house" as it flew over their home, moved up and down the field and then hovered over them before flying off without a sound.

"When my little sister saw it, she totally went hysterical," the eldest of the girls said Monday. "She couldn't talk."

Because the lights on the mysterious craft were so bright, the girls could only describe its shape when it was directly overhead: "It was round," said the 16-year-old, who reported the sighting to Southold Town Police. "There were lots of lights. It looked like a disc with lights all around it, with red lights in front."

Stressing that she does not believe in aliens, the teenager was unshakable this week in her belief that "It was something," she said.

"I hope it comes back," the girls' father said. "I only wish I'd been home to see it. These girls are not the type to make something like this up."

### Investigators Respond

Eight investigators from the Riverhead-based Long Island Unidentified Flying Object Network (LIUFON) visited Pindar fields late Monday night with a geiger counter in hand. LIUFON president John Ford later said, "We didn't have any idea where the exact spot was because the witnesses have not come forward, but the areas we tested were free of radiation." LIUFON maintains a hotline for UFO sighting reports at 286-3212.

The team plans to return Saturday afternoon to continue its investigation, but Southold Taxi driver Bernadette Cox (who saw only very bright lights while driving Mr. Tyler to his home on Friday) reported Monday that "all three fan belts in her taxi broke at the same time," according to cab owner Charles Manolakos.

# What Was It?

## UFO spotted in Peconic

By Ruth Jernick

PECONIC—There was something in the fields Friday night, something big and brightly lit, something that rose and hovered above a house before disappearing in the night sky.

That much all parties agree upon.

But no one has any explanation — terrestrial or extraterrestrial — for the origin of the unidentified flying object seen by at least four teenagers, a taxi driver and a businessman from New York just off the North Road near Pindar Vineyards.

"There is no doubt I saw something," said Michael Tyler, who was a passenger in a taxi being driven up a long, narrow driveway to the Ross House at 8:35 p.m. when he sighted the object. "It was nothing incorporeal, nothing spooky. It was there."

Efforts to explain away the incident did not fare well.

Pindar Vineyards manager Wojtek Majewski said: "I cannot put this thing together. We did have a machine — a regular sprayer about 15 or 20 feet high on wheels — pulling off the field at about 8:30, but our driver did not see anything, and that thing appeared about 15 minutes later."

Pindar's sprayer has been in operation for four years "and we never had anything like this," said Mr. Majewski. "Our machine has only four lights anyway, and the guy that came up to me about this said the thing has an enormous amount of lights."

Spokespersons for the Air National Guard in Westhampton, Army Aviation in Islip and Suffolk County Police Special Patrols said Tuesday that no helicopters or other craft were in the air over the North Fork Friday night.

Southold Town Police Lieutenant Joseph Conway said Tuesday that a town patrolman visited the field at 9:30 Friday night, but found no evidence of anything unusual and discounted the UFO report.

"I don't have anything hovering over my desk now, and we haven't captured any aliens or spaceships," Lt. Conway added with a smile. "Not yet anyway."

PALLADIUM-ITEM, Richmond, IN  
June 11, 1991

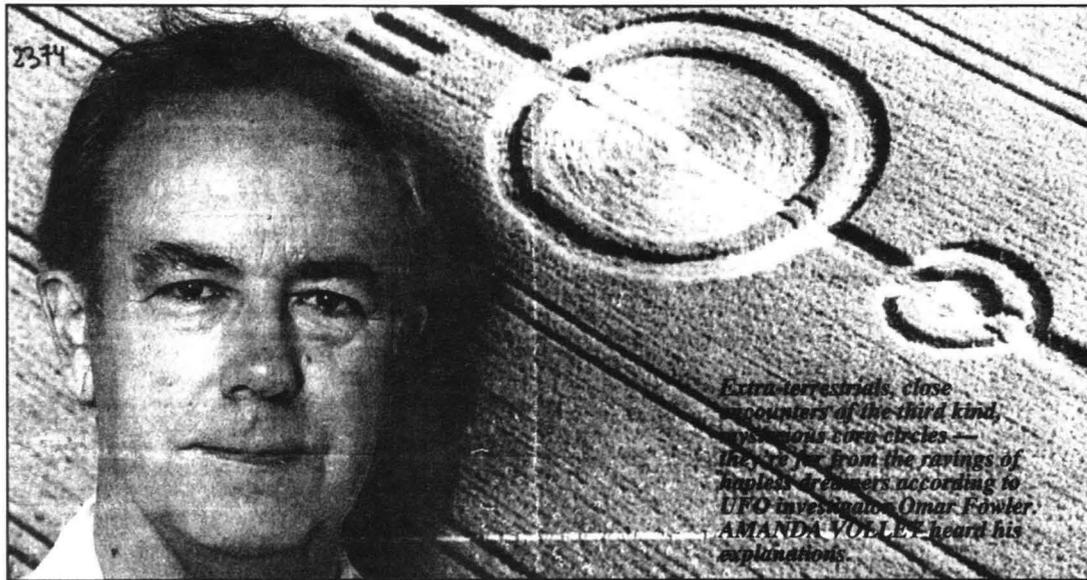
### POLICE REPORT

Timothy Brandenburg, 1591 Rice Road, Centerville, reported seeing an alien spaceship in his backyard Saturday. He said he went aboard the 30-foot spaceship and gave the aliens \$20. The aliens, whom Brandenburg described as skinny, about 7 feet tall, and white with flat features and slanted eyes, scraped his arm and put a square box to his head, which put him to sleep, he said. Brandenburg woke up about 10 a.m. in his own bed.



EVENING TELEGRAPH, Derby, England - July 16, 1991 CR: T. Good

# Face to Face



Extra-terrestrials, close encounters of the third kind, mysterious crop circles — they're far from the ravings of English dreamers according to UFO investigator Omar Fowler. AMANDA VOLLEY heard his explanations.

## Greetings from the planet Epsilon — via Kirk Hallam

**IF A regular in your local said he had been invited to board a space-craft by small aliens in pea-green boiler-suits, what would you do?**

Offer the chap a cup of strong coffee perhaps, or refer him to a good psychiatrist whilst stifling a chuckle.

The best thing to do is to pass on the number of UFO investigator Omar Fowler, who lives in Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston.

Sixty-year-old Omar has been studying UFO sightings for the past 25 years and is used to separating genuine reports from time-wasting hoaxers.

Strange as the "little green men" story may sound, the first report was an actual case related to Omar by a man called Alfred Burtoo from Aldershot. Mr Burtoo was fishing in a canal at 1am when he saw a light descend over a nearby railway bridge.

He told Omar: "I saw two forms coming towards me. My dog growled and wouldn't pack up until I told it to and the result was that these two forms came up to me. They were just over four feet high, dressed in pale green overalls with visors."

Alfred followed the forms to an object which was hovering over the canal. He stepped inside and was told to stand beneath an amber light.

"After about five minutes a voice said to me 'You can go, you are too old and infirm for our purposes'."



Omar Fowler and wheat samples taken from different mysterious corn circles.

Alfred went back to his rod, drank his cold cup of tea and watched the inverted saucer take off. He was not scared.

"I've spent many years outside and tackled many things in Canada, shot a bear, rattlers, wolves, I don't think I'm scared of anything."

Omar does not question if UFOs really exist, he believes there have been too many sightings to doubt it. He is committed to investigating the details of each incident, the size and shape of the crafts, descriptions of beings and any other minute observations which add to his understanding of alien life.

One of the strangest reports he has ever studied was the "McMurray case". Because the report was so detailed Omar has written a book about it called UFOs — Guardians of The Earth.

The McMurrays are a couple from Surrey who spotted a UFO on Bagshot Heath on September 5, 1985. When the McMurrays saw the object hovering over the trees they jumped into their car and drove home — with the UFO tracking them along the route.

Omar said: "Instead of running into the house David McMurray watched the object from his car for a few minutes before it shot off skywards."

The following morning David could not start his car, the battery was buckled and the couple began to experience alarming physical ailments from severe headaches to exhaustion. David began to develop angry red circles across his entire body.

Under hypnosis David McMurray said the ship had come from a galaxy called Epsilon and was piloted by the "Guardians of the Earth."

Omar said: "He kept repeating a map reference which led us to the site of a church in

Hurstbourne which was built on the site of an ancient pagan temple. We set up a sky-watch, but nothing appeared."

Omar has only made one sighting — at Guildford in 1965. "There was a crowd of people looking skyward. I looked up and there was a hovering circular object at about 30,000 ft. I checked with the local weather station to see if it was a meteorological balloon, but they couldn't account for it."

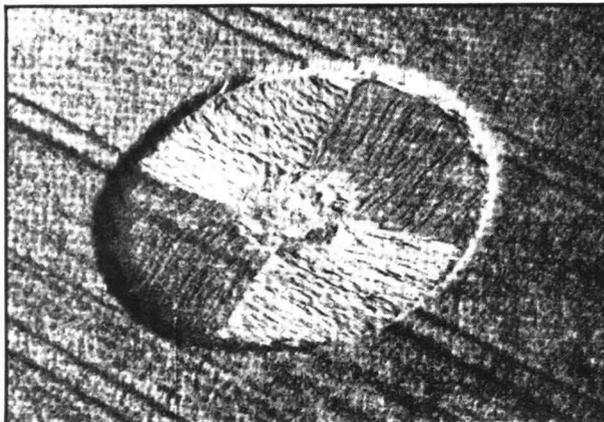
This incident sparked off Omar's interest in UFOs and thanks to his aviation knowledge, gained from years with the air force, he is able to distinguish genuine sightings from explainable phenomena like aircraft lights, weather conditions and satellites. About 90 per cent of reports are accountable.

However, the mystery of corn circles has not been readily solved. On the day before my visit Omar and his video camera had been to visit a field near Newark to investigate the strange appearance of three circles in a corn field. Since 1985 the circles have become increasingly complex and most follow a too similar pattern to be hoaxes.

Omar also points to similar circles etched into stone in Nazca, Peru which date back 20,000 years — he visited the site in 1988 with his wife Deana. He has also taken photographs of circles carved on an ancient temple in Malta. Omar believes the circles are forms of communication from alien civilizations.

Omar is convinced about the existence of UFOs. "The question is no longer do they or don't they exist. It has gone beyond this point. We want to know who they are and where they are from."

If you are interested in joining a UFO group for the Derby area, contact Omar Fowler on Ilkeston (0602) 302773.



Fact or fake — this corn circle appeared near Amesbury in Wiltshire in 1989. Picture by Busty Taylor

SUNDAY MIRROR, London, England — June 30, 1991 CR: T. Good

# Claim our Circles £10,000

The £10,000 Sunday Mirror challenge, to solve the Great Corn Circles Mystery, is still on — after all the ingenious solutions put forward by readers.

But the thousands who wrote in — including many from abroad — haven't been wasting their time running around in fruitless circles.

Our panel of experts were highly impressed by their explanations of the phenomenon that has hit Britain's fields annually since their first appearance in 1987. Said one judge, Colin Andrews, veteran circles investigator and co-leader of last year's Operation Black-bird crop-circles watch:



Two more of the circles that intrigued our readers

"There were some marvellous sightings and new information that could provide a solution in the not too distant future."

Hundreds of people actually visited the corn-circle sites... among them diviners, who scoured the countryside with bent twigs or metal rods trying to solve the riddle.

And answers ranged from the zany to the ultra-scientific.

UFOs, messages from space and extra-terrestrials, said 40 per cent of readers.

Whirlwinds, natural phenomena or "electric" power fields, prehistoric sites, crop deficiencies and the like made up around 25 per cent.

Hoaxes or man-made circles, said another 20 per cent.

Mating hedgehogs.

secret military activities. Druid and other ritualistic causes accounted for a further 10 per cent. Said panellist Professor Archie Roy, senior research fellow at Glasgow University's Physics and Astronomy department: "It is perfectly obvious that the crop circle phenomenon has seized the imagination of the public. Although your reward was an obvious incentive, the readers' responses showed a genuine intrigue."

Fellow judge Dr Perence Meadon, former professor of physics, author and head of circles research with the Tornado and Storm Research Group, said eyewitness reports of circles being formed were "very good".

And Jenny Randless, a leading member of the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, declared: "There was a lot of fascinating material."

But, despite hours of adjudication, the experts were agreed: no one had come up with an indisputable solution — yet.

In Britain alone more than 400 of the beautifully-formed circles were recorded last year.

Since 1987, when 160 were spotted, the numbers of sightings have escalated.

This summer experts believe sightings could top 1,000 given the widened public awareness of the circles phenomenon.

If YOU think you can solve the riddle write to: Corn Circle Mysteries, Sunday Mirror, Holborn Circus, London EC1P 1DQ. The judges' decision is final.

BARNSELEY CHRONICLE, Yorkshire, England — June 28, 1991 CR: T. Good

## Things that go buzz in the sky

PETER Greenwich and his dog, Butch, won't forget their walk in Grimethorpe Woods on Sunday — they saw a UFO.

The pair were making their way to their home at 22 Manor Road, Grimethorpe, at about 10.30pm when a constant humming noise captured their attention.

Peter, aged 23 and unemployed, looked up to see what he describes as "an oblong cylinder with green and red flashing lights" moving slowly across the clear sky in the direction of Brierley.

It took four or five minutes for the lights and humming noise to disappear during which Butch, a six-year-old mongrel, ran excitedly round repeatedly yelping.

Peter says he hasn't reported the sighting to the authorities preferring to contact the Chronicle in case anyone else saw something similar.

"I'm frightened that people might consider me a loony if I'm the only person to report seeing an unidentified flying object," said Peter, "but if other people saw the same thing, then the sighting might be treated more seriously."

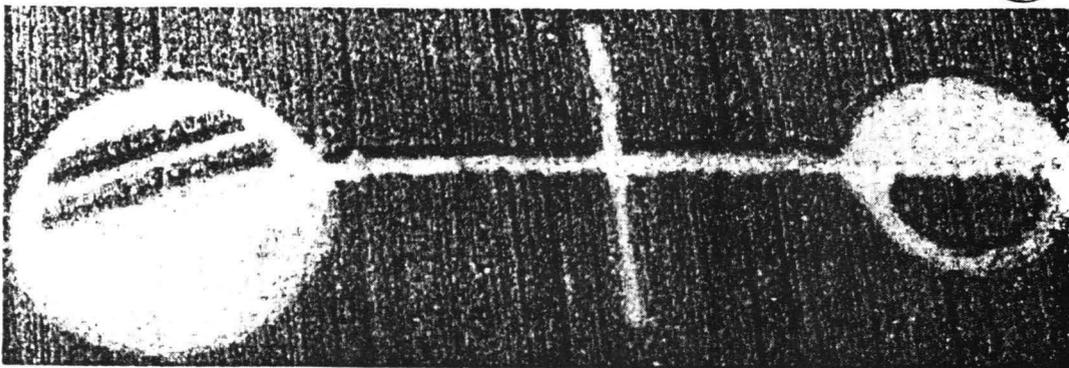
"Butch and I are often in the woods late at night but we've never seen anything like this before — it was fascinating. Whatever it was high up and moved in a straight line without deviating."

"I know planes and helicopters have flashing lights and may move in straight lines but the noise a helicopter makes is unmistakable, I've never heard a plane make such an odd humming noise and I've never seen Butch react the way he did."

"I've spoken to members of my family and friends about the incident. None of them noticed anything unusual on Sunday so I'm now appealing further afield."



# These are the only circles farmer Dave wants to see



DUMBFOUNDING: The dumbbell-shaped mystery circles with a centre bar that appeared overnight on Farmer David Reakes's wheatfield

# GOLDEN HARVEST



PAY UP: Mr Reakes — "It's compensation."

## Roll up, it's a pound a peep for you kids

FARMER David Reakes was trying to reap in cash yesterday — by charging schoolkids £1 each to LOOK at his corn circles.

Pocket-money meanie Mr Reakes posted a burly farmhand guard at his gate. And he demanded a quid off anybody wanting to see the mystery "dumb-bell" pattern in his wheatfield.

Children will have to dig deep into their pocket money for a glimpse of the corn circles at Hill Farm, Dundry, near Bristol.

He said: "It's £250. Bring a cheque and give it to one of my employees on the gate — otherwise you

By DAVID NEWMAN

aren't taking any pictures. You can give me some more money when you put it in the paper."

But the Daily Star — which has put up a £10,000 reward in a bid to solve the Great Corn Circle Mystery — refused to pay Farmer Reakes a penny.

He said: "I'm not into corn circles. I'm interested in whatever's going on. Unless someone is



ROUND SUM: Admission notice to the circle

going to stick some money in my hand I'm not happy.

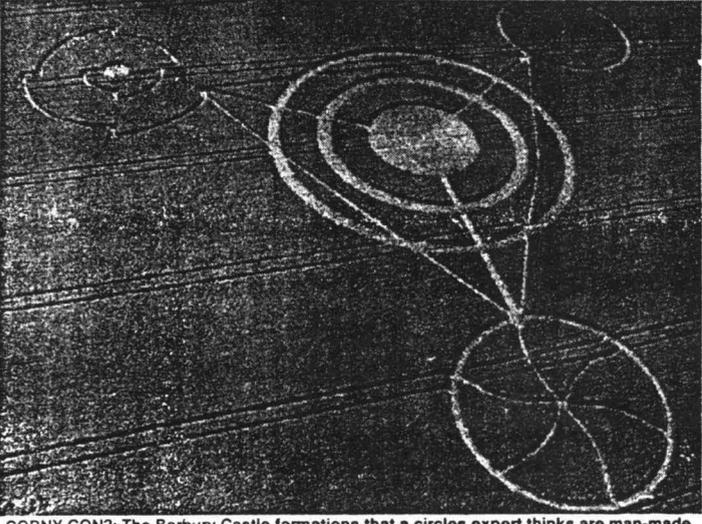
Yesterday Mr Reakes was rubbing his hands in anticipation of making a cash killing — as soon as kids from a nearby housing estate start their summer hols.

He said: "Once the kids break up from school they're going to be saying, 'What can we do?' "It's only a matter of time before they decide to come up here and trample through my crops to look at these bloody circles. "I'm the guy who has to

put up with all the misery. "But I've got a business to run and I don't need this.

"I'm charging money because I don't want to lose profits from the crops themselves. "It's compensation for any damage caused."

Meanwhile, expert Terrence Meaden thinks three disc shapes which appeared in a field at Barbury Castle, near Swindon, Wilt, are "very graphic, so it's possible a couple of people working very hard could have made them."



CORNY CON?: The Barbury Castle formations that a circles expert thinks are man-made

### CORN BLIMEY!

BRITAIN'S gone corn circle crazy, but don't take it too seriously. Have some fun with our spot-the-difference pictures — see if you get all five differences:

● ANSWERS ON PAGE 27

# Japanese investigate mystery of crop circles

By Paul Stokes

A LEADING Japanese scientist has arrived in Britain for a three-week attempt to unravel the perennial mystery of crop circles.

Professor Yoshi-Hiko Ohtsuki and 19 colleagues will undertake research using sophisticated monitoring equipment from a secret site in Wiltshire.

They also intend examining London Underground tunnels for evidence of dust circles similar to those they have seen on Tokyo's Metro.

Prof Ohtsuki, of Waseda University, Tokyo, is a world expert on ball lightning and claims to have reproduced crop circles in the laboratory using electrical forces.

His experiments back the theory of Dr Terrence Meaden, an Oxford-educated meteorologist and author of several books on the phenomenon, who says the symmetrical patterns are created by electrically-charged columns of air known as "plasma vortices".

The Japanese team will work with Dr Meaden in the project, which is being backed by Nippon TV.

Prof Ohtsuki said yesterday at the start of his 10th visit to Britain: "We want to make clear that circle creation is by a natural physical power and not by UFOs."

"We have ricefield circles in Japan, of which there have been 35 so far this year. It is a natural phenomenon, although perhaps 10 per cent are hoaxes."

He hopes to find time to visit the London tube stations after finding thousands of small circles in the Tokyo underground when electricity had been shut down at night.

Two new circle formations have appeared in fields of corn in this week at Avebury Trusloe and Beckhampton, near Marlborough, Wilt. They include dumbbell-shaped outlines, a common occurrence this year.

Dr Meaden, whose latest book suggests ancient Britons were inspired by the formations in crops to create stone circles like the one at Avebury, said: "There has to be a good physical reason to make these dumbbells such a favoured occurrence."

Dr Meaden, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wilt, has been joined by 19 fellow British members of Cres (Circle Effect Research) in a round-the-clock vigil at sites where circles have appeared in recent years.

They are using radar, an automatic weather station, thermal imaging equipment and other monitoring equipment in what is claimed to be the most scientific approach to the subject yet.

# Mysterious corn circles appear again

ANOTHER mysterious corn circle has appeared on land near Wellington - just days after a "dumb-bell shape" circle was found in the same field.

Farmer Mr Ian Hasell (right), who is convinced it is not a hoax, discovered the first circle last Monday, July 1, in a cornfield about half-a-mile away from his farm. By Wednesday morning a further four metre circle had appeared along side it.

It is not the first time circles have appeared on his land. Over the past two years five circles in the shape of a crucifix and another two circles in the shape of "polo mints" have been found.

"I don't know what they are," said Mr Hasell. "I think it could be something to do with atmospheric pressure or magnetic forces. I don't believe in UFO's."

"If it was a hoax whoever made them would have done it alongside a road or at least where people can easily see them. These circles are nowhere near a road, it's impossible to see them unless you walk through the field."

The fact that none of the corn around the circles was flattened, as it would have been if someone had tried to wade through the field to create them, adds to Mr Hasell's belief that no human form was responsible for the phenomena.



# Comic links with cosmic forces

By Jane Thynne, Media Correspondent

CROP circle makers, weeping icons, and alien invaders who come in peace will from this week find their messages to earth gain a considerably wider audience.

Fortean Times, the official conduit of mysterious communications from beyond, has joined forces with the company responsible for one of the least explicable phenomena of modern publishing — Viz magazine.

John Brown Publishing, which changed Viz from a tiny, Newcastle-based cult comic into one of the top selling magazines, will this week distribute 45,000 copies of Fortean Times, which until now has sold only 2,000 subscription copies per bi-monthly issue.

The magazine has been running since 1973, started by devotees of Charles Fort, the

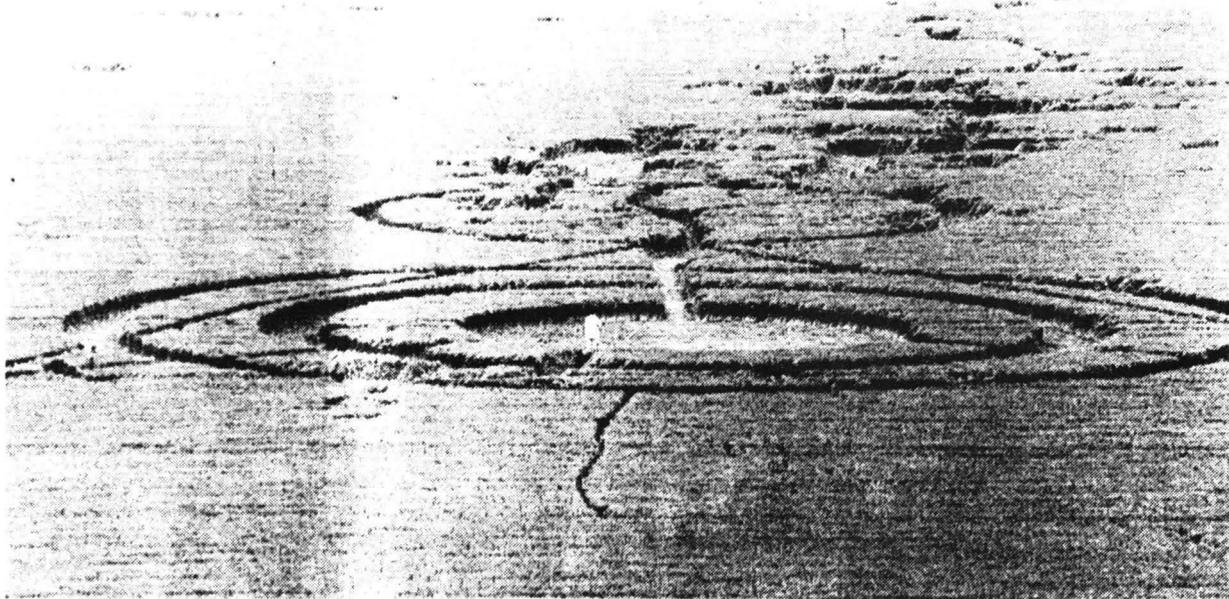
early twentieth century "iconoclast philosopher" and American newspaper owner.

But according to the publishers there is now a vastly increased craving for information about what, to them, are everyday phenomena — UFOs, ghosts, spontaneous human combustions and sudden showers of frogs.

"We've always known we had a wider appeal," said Mr Bob Rickard, former paste-up artist and founder of the £2 magazine.

"People are tired of hearing experts put down any subject they can't explain. Conventional science doesn't hold all the answers but the discussion tends to be very one-sided."

"If psychic research got the same funding as those who routinely knock it, we might get a very different debate."



Circles, like those in the crops at the Overtown Farm in Wiltshire, have attracted a stream of sightseers since they first appeared last summer.

**Beckhampton Journal**

*An Invisible Hand Beckons All to the Wheat Fields*

By WILLIAM E. SCHMIDT  
Special to The New York Times

BECKHAMPTON, England, July 21 — For a second summer, farmers across southwestern England are waking to find giant circles and odd, geometric patterns pressed into their fields of ripening wheat, strange symbols that have been attributed to everything from alien beings and forest fairies to the work of rural pranksters.

But while some of the most imaginative minds in Britain continue to debate who, or what, is making the circles, farmers and business people in the county of Wiltshire have succeeded in deciphering part of their cryptic message: to them, the circles mean money in their pockets.

With a steady stream of sightseers, foreign tourists, Japanese physicists, psychics, American flying-saucer enthusiasts and amateur scientists now making their way to Wiltshire, farmers are roping off fields like theater lobbies and charging a pound apiece (about \$1.65) to anyone who wants to go in and take a closer look.

"If you are a visitor in England, I think this is a lot more interesting than the Tower of London, don't you?" John White asked as he stood beside his muddy Land Rover and made change for people lined up outside the gate to his farm.

**A Seminar Is Scheduled**

The newest and the largest of the shapes — a complex pattern of circles forming a giant triangle more than 250 feet long — was discovered on Mr. White's farm the other day, although he says he does not have a clue who put it there.

The circles have been nearly epidemic in southern England since the summer of 1990. Although their full complexity and measure can be appreciated only from the air, a stream of cars carrying sightseers made their way to Mr. White's field over the weekend, navigating narrow one-lane farm roads as they followed hand-printed signs reading, "Crop Circles," with an arrow pointing the way.

A few miles to the south, near the village of Alton Barnes, a couple were not only charging admission to see a circle discovered on their farm, but were also selling "corn circle" key rings for £1.75 apiece, or about \$2.90.

And this coming weekend, in Glastonbury, in the neighboring county of Somerset, a hotel will be the site for a three-day seminar on the crop circles, with a schedule that includes sessions of tai chi and a guided minibus tour, including a picnic lunch, of half a dozen crop circles.

**A Cluster of Sightings**

The latest flush of interest in the circles comes amid a cluster of new sightings, both in England and abroad. In northern Germany, more than 10 circles have turned up in recent days, including a double ring more than 70 yards in diameter near the village of Felm, and another outside the town of Damp, on the Baltic Sea.

[But on Friday, the mystery of the German circles was unraveled, Reuters reported. In an interview with a German television station, four law students admitted that they made the circles and other shapes, using wooden planks to flatten the corn. "We only wanted to show that what the English can do we can do here," one of the students was quoted as saying.]



Many visitors to the circles are convinced that there is an energy in the patterns greater than human energy. A Belgian girl used divining rods to look for these forces in the circles in Wiltshire.

**For a pound or two, a close look at the circles in the crops.**

While there have been sightings beyond Europe, including Canada, Japan and North and South Dakota, Wiltshire remains the unchallenged crop-circle capital of the world. About 600 circles were counted in the county last year, and more than a dozen have been discovered this year.

Some people say the circles are an elaborate hoax, perpetuated under cover of darkness by pranksters who use rollers to stamp out the intricate patterns in the waist-deep fields of wheat or corn by following rope or string anchored at the center of the circles so they can accurately trace their arcs.

But Peter Collier, a Canadian who says he is an engineer and has spent the last several weeks in Wiltshire, does not believe that most of the circles he has visited are hoaxes.

Kneeling in Mr. White's field, at the very center of one of the circles, Mr. Collier drew a crystal pendant from his pocket and dangled it over the flattened shafts of wheat. The pendant began to spin in a slow, clockwise arc.

**'There Is Energy Here'**

"You can see there is energy here," Mr. Collier said, interpreting the pendant's motion as a measurement of latent energy in the field. "And it's something more than just human



Odd patterns are appearing in fields in and near Beckhampton.

energy."

He shook his head. "No, this structure is much too complex to be the work of man," he declared.

Mr. Collier says he does not know who is making the patterns, but he and others argue it is no coincidence that they are appearing in Wiltshire, in a rolling, rural landscape dotted with strange monuments and stone monoliths that are the legacy of a prehistoric culture that once thrived in the region.

**Stonehenge Is Not Far**

Stonehenge's ancient circle of stones is barely 40 miles away, near Salisbury, and Mr. White's farm is less than 10 miles from several archaeological sites, including the West Kennet Long Barrow, a 1,900-year-old burial complex.

"There is energy here, something emanating out of the land, that others

may be able to feel," said Geoffrey Woolford, who was pacing off the circles on Mr. White's farm, clutching dowsing rods in his fists like six shooters.

In search of answers, at least two separate teams have staked out parts of the Wiltshire countryside this month, hoping to find clues to who or what is making the circles.

One mission was mounted by a team of Japanese physicists from Waseda University, who placed meteorological instruments atop a hill near the village of Devizes to measure sudden atmospheric changes that might support a British researcher's theory that attributes the circles to electrically charged vortices of wind.

Earlier, a group of volunteers from the Center for Crop Circle Studies, a local organization that now counts hundreds of members in Britain and abroad, mounted a two-week vigil across the county, stationing watchers at various places to report anything suspicious, on the land or in the air.

But they said they had wrapped up their mission before the giant circle suddenly appeared in Mr. White's field on a recent night.

"That's the night a lot of people say they saw lights in the sky and heard loud noises," said Kevin Keeling, the proprietor at the Waggon and Horses, a 16th-century pub in Beckhampton.

On the ceiling above the bar, Mr. Keeling has glued photographs of crop circles, taken from the air, and he revels in the pub's role as a kind of gathering place for circle watchers, who come most evenings to drink pints of ale and debate rival theories.

"So these circles have been a real boon for business?" someone asked. Mr. Keeling smiled and replied, "I'd rather not comment on that."

**UFOs stay away from corn circles this year**

THE MYSTERY of the corn circles, which in recent years have been scattered across the South, has taken another bizarre twist.

UFO watchers claim that so far this year there have only been four genuine flattened corn circles — and about 23 hoaxes.

By July last year there had been over 220 genuine circles in the south of England.

Pat Delgado, an Alresford-based researcher who believes the circles are marks left by spaceships, is baffled by the lack of sightings.

He said: "The whole phenomenon seems to be moving into a new phase. We are not getting more of the same. We should sit back and let it evolve."

This latest development raises three possibilities: Either UFOs have not been visiting this year; the weather, generally cold, has been inappropriate for whirlwinds which some researchers claim form the circles; or the generally poor weather has kept the hoaxes at home.

Meanwhile, Mr Delgado has scotched claims by a Japanese academic to have solved the mystery. Professor Yoshihiko Ohtsuki, of Waseda University in Tokyo, believes the circles are caused by electric plasma, a very strong form of ionised air.

He said: "It is completely insignificant. What was created in a laboratory cannot be applied to real crop circles. It is just a very interesting scientific experiment."

Sales of his and co-researcher Colin Andrews' book, *Circular Evidence*, has topped the 250,000 mark and been translated into German, Italian, French and Japanese.

A third updated version, which Mr Delgado and Andrews are currently working on, is due out this year.

EVENING EXPRESS, Aberdeen, Scotland July 11, 1991

**In search of the strange**

I AM currently compiling material for a book of strange but true stories, provisionally titled *Question Marks*, and I would be very pleased to hear from any of your readers who might have strange stories of their own to tell.

These might concern sightings of UFOs, or strange and out-of-place animals (such as the celebrated Surrey Puma), or ghosts, weird legends, encounters with sea or lake monsters — anything, in fact, that we presently consider strange and mysterious.

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# UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

## ARE THESE CIRCLES FROM OUTER SPACE?

Whirlwinds or flying saucers? Hester Davenport looks at the possible causes of crop circles

**W**HAT makes them? Flying saucers? Whirlwinds? Men with garden rollers? Frantic hedgehogs? Ravenous rooks? Mad mushrooms? All these have been suggested causes of an extraordinary phenomenon: the hundreds of patterned circles which appear every summer in the cornfields of southern England.

These swirled circles have only become well-known in the last few years, but they are nothing new. Records go back many years, and a story of the seventeenth century suggests that they were then explained as the work of the devil.

Though observed mainly in this country, circles have also been recorded around the world and in a variety of crops.

They usually appear dramatically overnight, ranging in diameter from less than one metre to over sixty. Inside each circle the flattened crop is swirled in a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction, or may radiate out from the centre as spokes do in a wheel.

Those who have examined them closely speak of the beauty of the regular, layered patterning. Moreover, the plants themselves are bent but not broken.

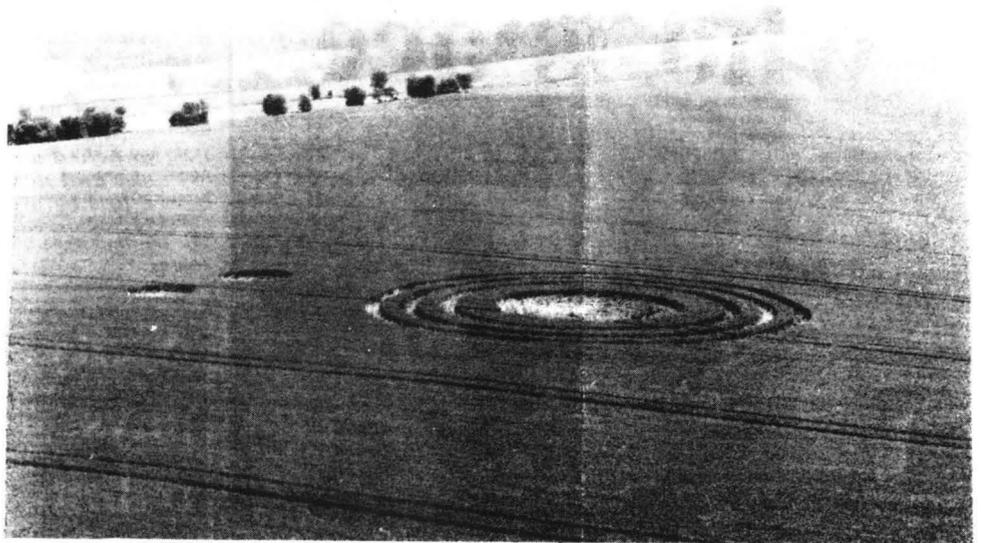
At the circles' outer edges the flattening ends abruptly and the corn grows straight and tall again. But sometimes there is an outer ring in which the crop may be swirled in the opposite direction.

Corn damages easily, but there is no obvious sign of human or animal approach to the crops.

**A**lthough the vast majority are single circles, sometimes more than one appears, in groups of many as five, evenly spaced like the dots on a dice. A few extraordinary combinations of circles, rings, part-rings and lines have been found, encouraging speculation that extra-terrestrials are trying to tell us something.

Strangest of all, witnesses to their formation say that they heard a peculiar humming noise at the time. And in several instances observers have seen weird balls of light which moved uncannily downwards to the spot where, in the morning, another crop circle was found. So it is not surprising that some people are convinced that UFOs are responsible.

The trouble with this theory is that even if you believe in



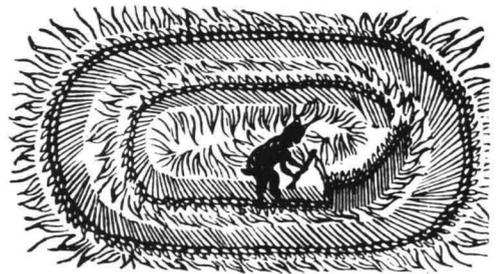
UFOs it's hard to imagine why so many should be bouncing up and down in English cornfields. If they are leaving messages their vocabulary is very limited and they're not providing extra-terrestrial phrase-books.

The more hard-headed are sure it's all a giant hoax. With the publicity circles have received in the last year or two, hoaxers have been about and some may have got away with it, though circle watchers claim that it is possible to distinguish true from false. Could it be, however, that some of the more exotic forms are a mixture of real and hoax?

Birds can damage corn, beating it down to get at the grain, but their untidy circles are easy to spot. Other suggestions have been that fungi might be the cause in the way that fairy rings are produced; an underground electric force might be at work; rutting deer or other small mammal activity could be responsible. All these solutions seem far-fetched.

Perhaps the localised whirlwind theory seems so too, but support for this explanation is growing. Serious research by physicists has shown the possibility of complex eddies of wind creating the patternings, even the more complicated ones.

Briefly, it is claimed that the rolling hills of southern



In the 17th century people thought the circles were the work of mowing devils

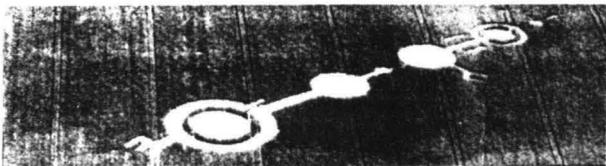
England allow the right climatic conditions for turbulent air movements to occur. Swirling eddies of air, which the scientists call 'vortices', begin to spin — rather as waterspouts and dust-devils do. They are probably electrically charged, which would explain the sounds heard and lights seen.

The spinning air forms into a kind of doughnut shape, then sweeps downward and outwards with varying degrees of force to create the circles. In fact, there have been one or two observers of daylight-formed circles, who speak of dust flying up in the speed of formation.

In support of the theory a Japanese professor claims to have reproduced in his laboratory mini-whirlwinds of this kind. They are formed in plates of aluminium powder the plain and ringed patterns seen in the cornfields.

The scientists know that they have not explained all the queer features of the circles. Much more research will need to be done before everyone is convinced that our summer months are not full of close encounters of the third kind.

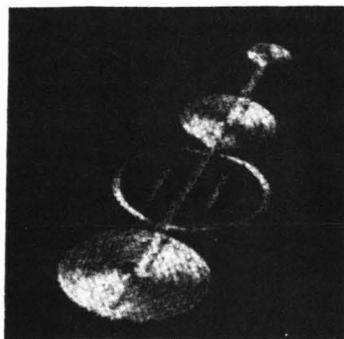
● A team of Japanese scientists are in Britain now researching crop circles... They are working with British meteorologist Dr Terence Meaden and members of CERES (the Circles Effect Research unit).



Two dumb-bell formations with 'fins' seen at Alton Barnes, Wiltshire, last July



Circle formed at East Kennet a couple of weeks after that at Alton Barnes



Triple circles south of Salisbury, Wiltshire

### Woken by mysterious loud noises

REFERRING to your report (July 1) about the women who saw bright lights in the sky over Bath. I was also aroused from my sleep at 2.45 am on the Saturday morning by a very loud and unusual sound.

I leapt out of my bed to gaze from my window and

watched an object in the sky travelling over Combe Down from east to west, flashing a green light. I could not distinguish the shape of the object, but being in a state of broken sleep, it did strike me that it was unlike the usual aeroplane flying during the night.

The noise was extremely loud and also rather eerie. It appeared to disappear, but then returned. By this time, of course, I was wide awake and definitely of a sound mind, but I returned to bed

in a mixed state of apprehension and excitement and promptly fell asleep.

Obviously it would be most interesting to hear other people's comments on this incident, which probably can be easily explained. I normally sleep through thunderstorms, so was very put out to be woken and hope the object does not return to spoil my slumbers.

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### Many were disturbed

THE sight and sound of a strange machine in the sky at 3 am on Saturday morning (June 29) must have disturbed many people.

The noise — a loud roaring and clattering — was unlike that produced from any plane or helicopter I have heard.

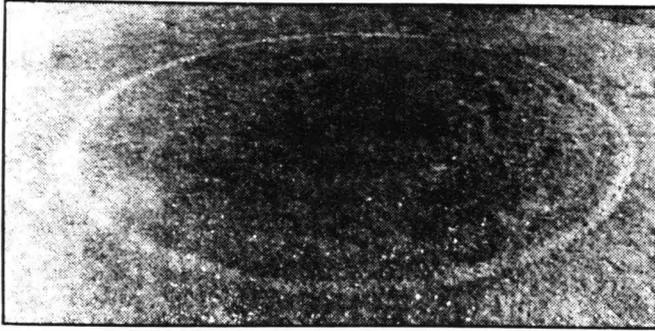
I was afraid something was going to crash, but

finally it faded away to the north, as others have reported. Has any explanation been given?

MRS LORNA HORSTMANN

Mendip,  
Shepherds' Walk,  
Combe Down,  
Bath.

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A strange circle in a Unity graveyard

— The Northwest Herald Photo

## Circle presents mystery

*'I don't believe it could be a hoax'*

By Marg Ommanney  
of The Star-Phoenix

*As a circle of light expands, so too does the circumference of darkness around it.*

— Albert Einstein

A mysterious circle in a Unity graveyard is as much an enigma today as it was eight months ago.

Laboratory analysis of a hard, brittle, carbon-like substance found within the circle has left Saskatchewan Research Council scientists baffled.

It's not because the substance is abnormal. It's where the black material was found.

"Anything that pitch-black and high in carbon, unless it's coal itself, has to have been burned," says SRC senior research scientist Wo Yuen.

"Somehow, the material had to be converted to black carbon. But there is no evidence anything was burned in the immediate area.

"You just don't normally find something like this in a regular grassy field."

Yuen is quick to point out that SRC's only area of expertise in this strange occurrence is the soil analysis.

Wondering aloud if the carbon could have been neatly blown into the circle by a whirlwind or sprinkled manually by someone as a hoax, he admits it's puzzling.

"It is strange," he adds. "I'm not a proponent (of extraterrestrials) — yet."

Although one more piece has been added to the Unity puzzle, the circle's origin remains shrouded in darkness.

Indeed, circles and rings found depressed in wheat fields and grassy meadows have fascinated and stumped people all over the world.

Speculation about the cause of these curious manifestations has ranged from secret CIA experiments to whirlwinds — and even demented hedgehogs rotating in unison — to visitors from outer space.

Last September, a perfect circle, 4.2 metres in diameter, was discovered in the grass at Unity's Pleasant View Cemetery, some 200 kilometres west of Saskatoon.

For much of the summer, news stories about flying saucers and frenzied cattle had been buzzing through Prairie towns. Strange crop circles were materializing in fields across Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the midwestern United States.

No one was interested in yet another circle, except for a few Unity folk and their home town paper, The Northwest Herald.

Retired CN agent Si Campbell and his wife, Audrey, examined the circle carefully. They noticed a carbon-like material lying inside the ring and a short distance outside.

The Unity couple collected a sample and sent it to The Star-Phoenix.

"I don't believe it could be a hoax," Campbell, 67, said last week. "I don't think anyone could do it."

"The grass in the entire circle was bent over. It wasn't yellowed and it wasn't bent over from the ground. It was bent over just above the ground, as if something

came down on it . . . from above, but didn't touch down.

"A whirlwind couldn't make that perfect a circle.

"I'm not one to go along with other people's thinking. I mean, why couldn't it have been visitors from outer space?"

"If space is infinite, what makes us think we're the only life?"

Yuen and research scientist Brenda Stanek said the material Campbell collected from the ground inside the circle was definitely not natural to the site.

It was high in carbon and nitrogen, indicating a biological source. Yuen said the material resembles burned vegetation or ash from a fireplace.

The question remains: How did this material get inside an unburned grassy circle?

In the book *Circular Evidence*, released last year, a detailed investigation of the flattened, swirled crops phenomenon by Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews, no mention is made of such a carbon-like deposit.

Otherwise, the Unity mystery compares with descriptions and photographs of countless other circles and rings.

The authors rule out lightning as a cause.

"This type of power is hardly conducive to laying crops' stems firmly but gently to the ground," they say.

As for whirlwinds: "It is an insult to anyone's intelligence, after considering all the facts, to be asked to believe these beautiful, precise circles are created by a mass of swirling wind."

Many circles and rings are connected with UFO sightings, the authors add.

"UFOs are claimed to be capable of producing the most extraordinary behavior and phenomena. Their control of forcefields unknown to us may well result in rings and circles."

Vincent Murray, who works at a UFO info line in Toronto, believes the Unity circle sounds legitimate.

"I've never heard of this carbon-like material in any circles," he said in a telephone interview Wednesday, "although many circles have burned areas.

"Perhaps the soil has been heated or burned to cause the black material.

"Somehow the soil in these circles is changed. That's why the circle remains."

Meanwhile, in the Unity graveyard, off to one side near a small storage shed, the snow has completely disappeared.

The circle is faint, but still visible, says Campbell, who was drawn back to the spot three weeks ago.

"I'm as mystified as everyone else," he said. "I wish I knew the answer."

"If it was a UFO . . . I'd drive miles.

"I'd love to see one myself."

# Electric bolt 'punched a hole in sky'

MERCURY, Leicestershire, England - July 17, 1991 CR: T. Good

by James Hermon

A LEICESTERSHIRE expert in the paranormal today claimed she has witnessed the rare atmospheric "special effect" that creates corn circles.

Mrs Rita Goold, who calls herself "an investigator of anomalous phenomena," says the discovery could unlock the mysteries of UFOs and Stonehenge.

She made the breakthrough in a corn field at Alton Barnes, near the famous Avebury stone circle, in Wiltshire on Friday 5 July at 3am.

*'A luminous white column of plasma punched a hole in the sky and descended on to a hill before breaking up into separate plasma balls.'*

Mrs Rita Goold

A vortex of white electrical energy lit up the night sky as Mrs Goold (52) and two university students were preparing to abandon their all-night vigil.

Mrs Goold, of Countesthorpe, said: "It was quite a shock. I've never seen anything like it in my life before."

"It actually looked like a special effect from a Steven Spielberg film."

"A luminous white column of plasma punched a hole in the sky and descended on to a hill before breaking up into separate plasma balls," she said.

And the former Haymarket Theatre director revealed that a corn circle had been formed at a secret location in Leicestershire at exactly the same time.

Mrs Goold was taking part in a regular watch for the electromagnetic effect organised by two experts who developed the 'Vortex' theory 12 years ago.

They believe a vortex creates the crop circles by breaking up into plasma balls which flatten the corn over large areas of ground.

Now Mrs Goold, who has signed a joint statement with the other witnesses, says the incident is likely to cause controversy.

"I have already had two anonymous phone calls warning me not to go on because it will ruin a lot of reputations."

She added: "The effect is not caused by little green



WITNESS Mrs Rita Goold (above) and (inset) David Icke.

men from outer space."

The discovery is also a blow to Leicester-born prophet David Icke, who Mrs Goold met in the field a few days before the sighting.

The self-styled "Son of God" believes the circles are a desperate cry for help from the earth.

But Mrs Goold is convinced that sightings of

UFOs are actually the Vortex principle in action.

The electrical energy released by the vortex would jam radio signals and cause cars to suddenly stop — events which usually accompany UFO appearances.

And Stonehenge and other stone circles could be models of corn circles built by awe-struck pagans who saw the same phenomenon.

Still in shock, Mrs Goold is planning to resume her nocturnal watch in Wiltshire this weekend.

"I am not disappointed that there is a scientific answer. It is still a mystery — we don't know what causes the plasma vortex."

## UFO in circles puzzle

A PUB landlady claims she has seen a UFO which she believes is connected with the corn circles.

Jan Hallett, 39, and her husband Geoff, 41, of The Crown at Bishops Cannings, were returning from Marlborough by taxi at 10.30pm on Monday along the A361 near Beckhampton when Mrs Hallett saw a weirdly glowing disc near the gallops at West Down.

And her mysterious sighting coincides with the visit of self-proclaimed prophet David Icke to the area, who was seen feeling the force of the corn circles near Alton Barnes on Monday night.

Mrs Hallett estimates the object was about two feet in diameter, two inches thick and a foot off the ground.

The disc disappeared as the taxi approached.

She said: "I thought, My God, what was it?" Mr Hallett was asleep



DAVID ICKE — running in circles

and missed the sight and the taxi driver was concentrating on the road.

The Halletts believe the sighting has a connection with corn circles, though a search the next day revealed no new circles.

But crop circle expert Dr Terence Meaden believes Mrs Hallett may have seen the plasma — an unusual and volatile

formation of matter — that he believes causes crop circles.

"The absence of a circle does not dismiss her evidence," he says.

And he believes the disc was nearer and larger than Mrs Hallett thought — probably 100 yards away and one or two metres in diameter.

Its colour fits what he knows about plasma and its description fits that of similar sightings of circles in the sky near Devizes.

It could also have been an army flare descending by parachute after an exercise, he said.

Meanwhile, Mr Icke was venturing forth on to mysterious new formations at Stratton's Farm, Alton Barnes.

"He was running round one of the circles," said David Carson, brother of the farm's manager.

"It is a week to the day that one appeared. Perhaps he felt it was a special time to be there."

# UFOs and air defences both keep track of the sky

## WHY DON'T THEY SEE EACH OTHER?

Until recently the situation was ambiguous. Reports about flights by UFOs kept coming in from all over the country, but air defence HQ were silent—no official announcements were made. The duty officer's response to phone calls was always: "He have no data." But there were still persistent rumours: now one military unit, now another spotted flying saucers. One exasperated duty officer said intriguingly in reply to yet another phone call: "We are sick and tired of your UFOs, we're burning up kerosene in vain. We send up fighter planes, but that time the saucer has flown..."

All of a sudden they struck lucky. Possibly the UFO invasion of Belgium also impelled the Soviet military to publish a few documents. They speak for themselves.

**From a report by an independent radar company:** "...At 21:40 hrs the company was placed on standby alert (condition No.1) to detect and identify an aerial target near the city of Pereslavl-Zalesky. According to information from the company's duty officer, no targets without identification signals were observed in the target detection zone during the entire period of radar operation..."

**From a report by Captain V. Birin:** "The object looked like a flying saucer with two very bright lights at the sides. Its diameter was approximately 100-200 m. Less intensive luminescence, looking like portholes, could be observed between the lights..."

**From a report by Sergeant N. Fedorovich:** "...Two small lights appeared a short distance apart. They shone very brightly and flashed simultaneously. After approximately 20 seconds the object entered the clouds. The lights themselves could no longer be seen... but the whole area was illuminated. The object moved rapidly and soundlessly..."

**From a report by Captain N. Filatov:** "...In all probability the object rotated in a horizontal plane around its own axis, since the source of light now blended together and now doubled. The intensity of the illumination considerably surpassed that of the indicator lights of planes on a flying mission in our area at that time. The periodicity of the UFO's luminescence was two-three seconds. The object was moving in the direction of Zagorsk. It followed a serpentine trajectory..."

**From a report by Captain I. Lapin:** "...At about 22:00 hrs the twinkling disappeared for five minutes. Then there was a bright flash. The whole cloud was illumined and the object reappeared. It was accompanied by two planes with red identification signals. With a sharp drop in altitude and at a high speed the object flew in the direction of Moscow. The clouds turned red in its wake..."

So what happened? On March 21, 1990, between 20:00 and 24:00 hours UFOs appeared in the north-east of the Moscow Region. There were many witnesses. The commanders of several military subunits in the Moscow Air Defence District received reports of over a hundred sightings by subordinates. Here is one of them:

*Memo by a fighter pilot who tried to intercept a*

**UFO:** "I, Lieutenant-Colonel Semechenko, received the command to take off at 21:38 hrs. Once airborne I was told to locate and identify a target at an altitude of 2,000 m near Pereslavl-Zalesky. At 22:05 hrs, ahead of me, at an angle of 10 degrees to the right, I spotted a target designated by two flashing lights."

"The target kept swooping up and down, as much as 1,000 m, and changing its flight direction. With permission from the CP, I switched on the radar and checked that my weapon systems were non-operational. I observed the target on the screen. The target made no response to my 'friendly aircraft' interrogation."

"On a command from the CP, I executed a turn. In so doing I observed something similar to low intensity northern lights in the north and north-west. I approached until I was some 500-600 m from the target. I flew above it, trying to identify it. I only observed two white flashing lights. Against the background of an illuminated city I caught a glimpse of the target's silhouette. Due to limited lighting, I found that hard to define."

"On a command from the CP, I discontinued the mission and headed for the airfield."

These official testimonials must prove to sceptics and simply to the mistrustful inhabitants of the earth that UFOs exist. They are not the fruit of mass psychosis or fantasy. The objects have been recorded with technical equipment and experts have photographs at their disposal.

The situation has also been stripped of ambiguity by Soviet air defence command, which for the first time made an open declaration about "flying saucers". The documents and reports have been presented by Colonel-General I. Maltsev, Chief of the Main Air Defence HQ. He comments:

"I am not an expert on UFOs and can therefore only sum up the data and make my own suppositions. According to eyewitness evidence, the UFO amounted to a disk with a diameter of 100-200 m. There were two pulsating lights at the sides. When the object flew in a horizontal plane the line of the lights was parallel to the horizon. In the case of vertical displacement it was positioned perpendicularly to the earth. Moreover, the object rotated around its axis and followed a serpentine flight path in both horizontal and vertical planes. The UFO now hovered over the earth, now flew at a speed exceeding two-three times the speed of a modern fighter plane. All observers noted that the speed of the UFO's flight depended on the flashing of the side lights: the faster they flashed, the greater the speed."

"The object flew at an altitude of about 1,000 to 7,000 m. The UFO made no sound and

showed amazing manoeuvrability. UFOs are seemingly devoid of inertia. In other words, they are not hampered by gravitation. Man-made mechanical craft have no such capacity."

The object was observed by radar as a target blip. One radar station did not record it."

Without claiming to solve the riddle of this phenomenon, let us try to make some generalizations. It is quite possible to appraise the object's velocity. As observations have shown, one moment the "saucer" was at a distance of 20 km. from the aircraft, a minute later it zoomed off to a distance of 100 km. This means that it developed a speed of about 5,000 km/hr. Bearing this in mind, it is safe to discard the version about an American spy plane, hinted at by the Belgians. It would be incapable of such activity. We must also discount the hypothesis relating UFOs to atmospheric formations: their movement is hardly supersonic and always irregular. But the pictures show that the lights of the "saucer" are rigidly fixed in relation to one another. The idea of aliens from other worlds is highly exciting. But, alas, it has not been backed up. In short, both military and civilian experts still seem to be at a loss. Maybe this is the main reason for the "silence" from air defence HQ.

American ufologists once tried to understand why the government and official departments were reluctant to share information with them. They came to the conclusion that the latter were hiding not what they knew, but what they didn't know. No one can explain what is going on.

Thus we know of many circumstances of UFOs appearing, but have no explanation. One hope remains: suppose we tear off the veil of secrecy and tackle the problem in common. For the time being there can be only one mission—to erase the "blank spots" in domestic ufology. To all appearances, this process has already begun. For example, E. Avramenko, D.Sc. (Engineering), recently confirmed rumours about the existence of secret reports on UFOs. In the late 1950s and early 1960s he worked at a classified institute under the late Academician A. Mints, taking part in the development of the first radar sets for sounding space at close proximity. At last in possession of unique equipment, scientists began "surveying" the environs of the Earth with keen interest. At that time man-made satellites could be numbered. Their routes were well known and each flight was clearly traced. Meteorites were also discerned without much difficulty. Then, imagine, the radar showed a strange thing: a body 300 m in diameter, is flying with a speed of 20 km/sec at an altitude of 300 km from the Earth's surface. There were many such cases and each was put on record. Moreover, the approximate parameters of enigmatic bodies were defined, but their nature was never established.

Experts compiled a report and took it to the academician. On reading it, Mints said that ever since 1915 he was sure that all of us were living "under a microscope". But this didn't yet mean, he said, that he would approve the report. And he didn't approve.

It is common knowledge that there are instructions for military people regarding contact with UFOs. It is common knowledge that Stalin once took an interest in them. He instructed Sergei Korolyov, the designer of space rockets, to "look into the matter". Korolyov carried out these instructions. But, regrettably, disregarding latter-day reports, not a single official document relating to this exciting enigma has been published. Why?

Pravistvenny vestnik

# Circles in corn made by fertilizer

by LOUISE MIDGLEY

SPACESHIP theories about mysterious corn circles were dismissed as "so much bunkum" yesterday by a Penzance farmer who believes he has the answer to the riddle.

As long ago as 1941, Albert James was creating his own corn configurations by dosing newly-planted ground with fertilizer.

In Mr James' case, he produced his own initials in perfect form in a corn field and said the same principal could easily be used for circles.

"After the farmer has planted his field of corn it's a simple matter to mark out a circle and put down a heavy dose of fertilizer before the corn germinates," said Mr James, who has been farming at Newmill for 60 years.

"The corn in the marked area then grows more thickly and around the end of June it gets top heavy and keels over, making a perfect circle."

Mr James thought it would be easy for practical jokers to sneak into fields with fertilizer.

## Simulated

"The idea just came to me and I did it for a joke on a friend's field during the war, but nobody was interested at the time," said Mr James.

"I really think this could be the answer. I've certainly never seen a spaceship yet."

Dr Terence Meaden, of the Circles Effect Research group, said fertilizer was a recognised way of producing the effect in cornfields, but added that his own scientific theory of a spinning mass of air, a plasma vortex, was responsible for particular circles in Wiltshire.

He said Japanese Professor Yoshihito Ohtsuki had actually simulated a plasma vortex based on his theory and proved that they could form corn circles.

Dr Meaden added that when the circles are formed at night, the noise created by the vortex and experienced by many people explained away the UFO theory.

EVENING NEWS, Bolton, England - June 25, 1991

SIR: I am researching for a book on "Mysteries of Greater Manchester" and would very much like to hear from any of your readers who have experienced ghosts/poltergeists, UFOs etc.

All letters will be answered and treated in the strictest confidence.

A J Owens,

69, Beechwood Road, Illingworth, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX2 9BT.

CR: T. Good

WORLD, Lothian, Scotland - June 14, 1991 CR: T. Good

# FAMILY'S CLOSE ENCOUNTER

UFO experts are scanning the skies and fields of West Lothian ...

To see if a local family have their fourth close encounter with visitors from outer space

And to discover if any mysterious crop circles appear in the district's fields!

The family, who wish to remain anonymous, live in the countryside near West Calder.

They say that on three occasions during the past year, bright white lights have descended from the sky to hover near their house.

Their story has excited flying saucer enthusiasts from all over Britain.

So much so, two UFO fans are planning to camp out overnight to see if they can catch a glimpse of the extra-terrestrial visitors.

Kenny Higgins, chairman of the Scottish Research into UFOs group, told the World: "There's definitely something going on."

"On the first occasion, the family say that a bright white light which looked larger than the moon came down from the Pentland Hills.

"It hovered above a forest for a time and then moved towards their house, about 12 feet above the ground.

"It stayed for a minute or two and then shot off at

great speed and disappeared into a gully.

"A farmer living nearby said he saw something like that as well.

"And a local woman said her dogs went berserk for absolutely no reason at about the same time."

Baffled by the family's story — and by their reports of two subsequent, similar sightings — Kenny and his colleagues launched an investigation.

"There were no reports of storms or ball lightning," he said.

"And we even checked to see if any night-time anglers or poachers had been wandering around

with torches, but that drew a blank.

"It's a weird one.

"Two members of the group are planning an overnight watch to see if they can see anything."

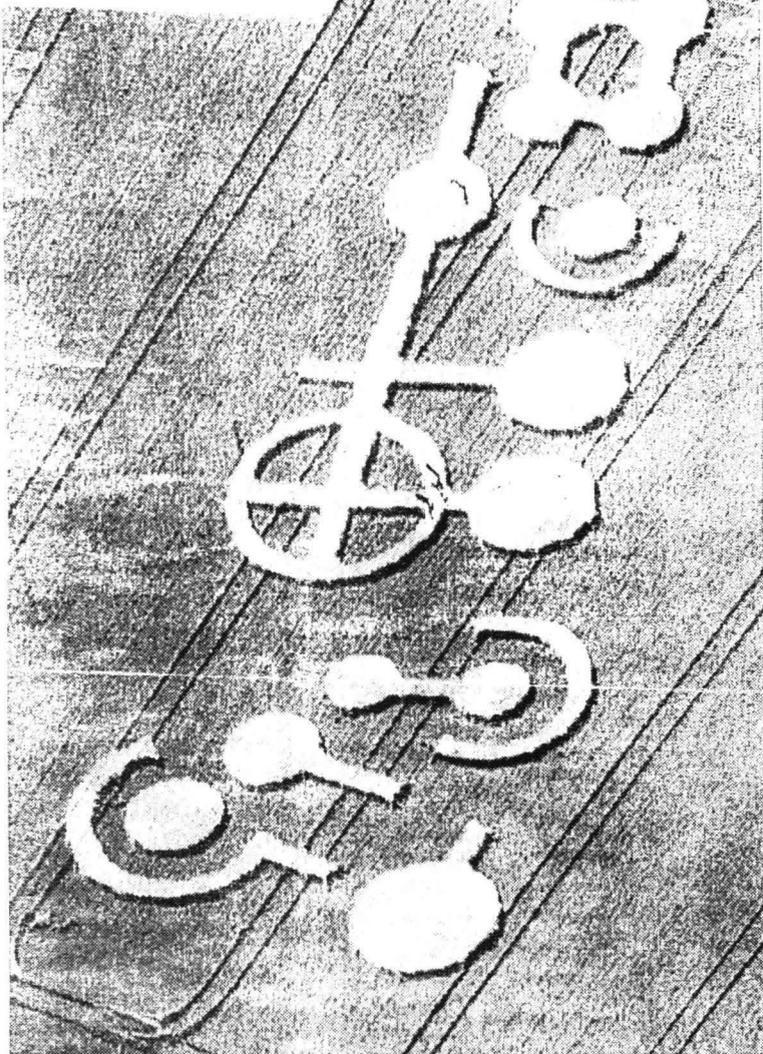
Meanwhile, the group have asked local people to keep an eye out for any crop circles appearing this summer.

"We had one in West Lothian last year," said Kenny.

"We think it's connected with leylines, which are lines of energy emanating from the earth's surface.

"It could be that another circle will appear this year."





Profitable patterns: an aerial view of the cornfield that has fascinated Germans

## Riddle of the cornfield spells success for German farmer

By Phillip Sherwell in Berlin

GERMANY is abuzz with the Ratsel der Kornfeldkreise — the mystery of the corn circles.

This phenomenon, traditionally a British preserve, has spread from the fields of Wiltshire to the north German plains.

The appearance in a cornfield of bizarre configurations, some bearing a resemblance to the hammer and sickle and tennis rackets, has

captured the imagination of normally sceptical Germans. As newspapers and television speculate about everything from UFO landings to student hoaxes, thousands of visitors have descended on the farm near Hildesheim, south of Hanover.

Herr Werner Harenberg, the farmer, suggests mystical forces have been at work, although he doubts men from outer space have set foot in

his field. But there is also evidence of a more down-to-earth explanation. Tyre tracks running through the shapes and indentations at their centre point to possible human involvement.

Whatever the cause, the patterns have proved a god-send for Herr Harenberg, who introduced a 99 pfennig (35p) entrance fee to the field, which he doubled as the crowds of visitors swelled.

he said he thinks this accounts for the interest Japanese scientists who want to achieve nuclear fusion show in Britain's crop circles.

They even have a name for them: *electromagnetohydro-dynamical vortices*.

Prof Hiroshi Kikuchi of Tokyo's Nihon University, who is in London, yesterday said that "little green men from the stars" have nothing

to do with the creation of crop circles and other patterns.

He said the circles are mostly found in southern England because of winds, hills, and proximity to the sea. He said the winds over the cliffs of Dover pick up dust and as the turbulence passes over the hills it creates friction that gives the dust particles an electric charge. The charge creates a swirling eddy, which flattens crops into almost perfect circles.

CR: J. & C. Bord

## Out of this world!

SCIENTISTS met yesterday to analyse one of the bumper crops of 1991 - mysterious corn circles.

To the delight of UFO watchers, up to 75 of the phenomena of flattened shapes in cereal and rape crops have been observed this summer, mainly in Wiltshire and other parts of south-west England.

Scientists from sev-

eral countries met at the Wiltshire Archaeological Society in Devizes, Wilts, to discuss the latest findings.

Theorists fall into two broad camps, those who see the circles as the work of visiting UFO's, and orthodox science which points to weather phenomena.

Other suggestions are fungal growth,

breeding badgers, hovering helicopters. Some say the circles are the work of hoaxes.

But Wiltshire-based meteorologist Dr Terence Meaden, who was at the conference, said he is nearer than ever before to pinning down the earthly force he believes to be responsible.

CHAD, Mansfield, England  
June 26, 1991 CR: T. Good

## Mystery circles in barley field

TWO mysterious circles have appeared in a field of barley on a farm near St. Dominic - one of them about 40 foot across.

The circles, on land at Eastcott, have astonished the couple who farm the land, and they find it hard to believe they are a hoax.

Mrs Thelma Bunkum, who farms the land with her husband Horace and son Trevor, said there were no signs of anyone walking in the barley and the rest of the field

is intact.

Last year two circles were found in a cornfield on the outskirts of the town. Such circles are usually found in corn and there are theories about them being caused by space ships or UFOs.

The NFU have just issued a plea to sightseers not to damage crops in fields where there are reports of circles. They point out that some farmers have had their fields trampled by people wanting to look at the circles.

## 2 UFOs sighted by Notts people

SUSPECTED UFO sightings have been reported in Notts. The East Midlands UFO Research Association has been flooded with calls since last Wednesday by people in Ilkeston, Calverton, Gedling, Arnold, Bestwood, Kimberley, Beeston and Heanor claiming to have seen two objects flying in unison with masses of bright lights.

Anthony James of the association said: "It was a mass of lights, very bright white lights and many green and red lights.

"Both objects were much much bigger than any aircraft and they flew very close to each other.

### Humming

"They both emitted a very deep, humming drone sound."

Some witnesses also noticed other smaller fast moving objects.

Members of public claim to have seen the objects between 11.40pm and 12.40am.

Andrew and Elaine Buck spotted the strange goings on at their home in Gedling.

Elaine, of Vernon Avenue, was closing a bedroom window when she saw two round lights in the sky coming from Calverton.

The couple saw two objects which passed over their house making a faint dull humming noise.

Elaine telephoned her mother Margaret Spencer, who lives in The Meadows, who said she could also see the lights.

Andrew compared the shape of the craft to a Vulcan bomber, but much larger.

Mavis and Jack Sargent, of Baker Avenue, Arnold, were just leaving their son's home on Surveys Lane when they noticed two very bright lights.

### By LYNETTE TASKER

Mr Sargent said: "Each object was about six times bigger than any aircraft I know."

Derek Winfield, of Lissett Avenue, Ilkeston, was the last to report a sighting at 12.20am, for 20 minutes.

He was at work on the night shift at Heanor Gate Industrial Estate when a workmate called him.

They ran into the yard where they saw two big lights.

His colleague shouted and waved at the objects as they came towards them. There, they stopped for a minute.

Derek said: "We must have been visible due to the floodlights. We got the impression that it was observing us."

### Barrel

Another sighting on Saturday night over Gedling was reported by Clive McNulty, of Wollaton Avenue.

He said he saw a bright yellow barrel shaped object for about a minute.

He said: "It disappeared behind a tree and I waited for it to come flying by the other side but it didn't reappear."

## 'Cosmic' circles in German fields made by students

KIEL, Germany (Reuter-Kyodo) - Four law students said on Friday they trampled huge circles which appeared overnight in north German cornfields, shattering the mystery for people who believed the symbols were signs from outer space.

North German television said the four admitted making the circles in 10 fields, similar to mysterious circles that have appeared in England.

"We only wanted to show that what the English can do we can do here," the television quoted one of the unidentified students as saying.

It showed film of the four using wooden planks to flatten the corn into circles and other shapes.

Before the disclosure, Swiss author Erich von Daeniken, who specializes in writing about paranormal phenomena, told a German radio station he believed the circles and other symbols were attempts by aliens to contact Earth.

"The circles in the cornfields are cosmic intelligence tests," he said. But he discounted theories they were UFO landing sites.

CR: Y. Matsumura

May 29, 1991

## UFO 'hill' for sale

CORDOBA, Argentina (AFP) - In the shadow of the towering Andes Mountains, enigmatic Uritorco Hill - renowned for the number of unidentified flying objects witnesses swear have soared overhead - is up for sale.

The heirs of the hill's last owner are asking for the equivalent of about \$115,000 Cdn for "one of the few peaks on earth which release energy, recently visited by many individuals who successfully made contact with extraterrestrials."

Area residents swear UFOs pass over Uritorco quite often, sparking specialists' interest in the spot.

Monir Adur, who lives in Capilla del Monte in mountainous Cordoba province, about 800 kilometres northwest of Buenos Aires, said he believes Uritorco is "a major uranium field."

The hill is often the site of a phenomenon known as piezoelectricity, particularly on hot summer nights, Adur said. Piezoelectricity is an electric charge or polarity created by pressure on crystalline substances.

On those nights "everything turns blue, all of a sudden, and as if there were a slow-motion burst of lightning, all the stars and clouds in the sky disappear, and everything falls impressively silent," said Adur.

Twenty years ago, Uritorco became the rage among a group of hippies linked to well-known Indian gurus.



POST, Denver, CO - March 31, 1991 CR: P. Noonan

## Bizarre things happen on an Arizona dry lake

By Leo W. Banks  
Los Angeles Times

**W**ILLCOX PLAYA, Ariz. — At night, the lights of the nearby town of Willcox twinkle above a vast expanse of desert here known as the Willcox Playa. The lights, the stillness, the absolute silence can capture the soul. It seems a place of endless peace.

Don't be fooled. This 50-square-mile patch of sand 70 miles east of Tucson is an eerie no-man's land where people see mirages, blinding dust storms can rise up in an instant and summer temperatures can hover around 135 degrees.

Legends about the Playa abound. In coffee shops on Willcox's main street, locals spin tales of quicksand pits that swallow men and airplanes. But the danger and mystery do not keep people away, it attracts them.

Willcox schoolteacher Joe Duhon has had several close encounters with the Playa, but he keeps going back. Seven years ago, after a hard rain left 12 inches of standing water, Duhon hauled out his catamaran, rigged its 30-foot mast and set out to sail the desert.

"I went as fast as that sucker would go," says Duhon, who estimates he reached 18 mph. He went out about a mile, but turned back when he got the jitters thinking about quicksand. He still shudders at the memory.

"The night before I did it I was so scared I couldn't sleep," says Duhon, who once stumbled on the wreckage of a military plane there. "I had all kinds of dreams, like having to be hauled out of there by helicopter. But I'm the only person to ever sail the Playa."

Duhon enjoys speeding across the hard-packed sand on his dirt bike, almost challenging the dry lake to best him. Once it nearly obliged. The surface was wet and the bike began to sink.

"I didn't think I was going to get out," he says. Duhon walked the bike for about a mile before finding a stick to scrape the glue-like muck from its wheels.

Formed by runoff from nearby mountains, the Playa, also called the Willcox Dry Lake, is what remains of several lakes that existed in the Sulphur Springs Valley millions of years ago, according to Anne Woosley, director of the Amerind Foundation, a nonprofit archaeological research institute in Dragoon, Ariz.

Woosley says that the last time the lake was full of water was about 4,500 years ago. The water drew Indians, and archaeological digs at its edges have unearthed evidence of numerous camp sites, stone tools, and the bones of ice-age animals the Indians hunted.

Today, the Playa is a tabletop of sand that cracks beneath the

desert sun and floods after monsoon rains. It is so flat that the elevation across the entire plane does not vary more than a foot from 4,136 feet.

Astronauts and cosmonauts looking from space are said to use the Playa, barren as a distant planet, as a landmark. It is hostile to wildlife, but rabbits, coyotes, huge beetles, swarming wasps and an occasional mountain lion are seen there.

On the Playa, the bizarre is ordinary. After World War II, the military used the site as a practice bombing range. But vibration from explosions cracked the walls of buildings in Willcox.

### The danger and mystery do not keep people away, it attracts them.

State Sen. Gus Arzberger was working at an auto dealership when a bomb shattered its plate glass window.

Complaints ended the bombing, but the military kept using it as a gunnery range. Unexploded bombs were found there as late as the 1960s, and 50-caliber slugs still litter its surface. After a rain, the tips of the big bullets pop through the sand.

Most stunning, though, are the Playa's endless mirages. Everyone sees them. Everyone swears by them — buildings rising from the shimmering horizon, trucks speeding along upside down, groups of people dancing.

Pete Cowgill, former outdoor writer for the Arizona Daily Star, once saw a Southern Pacific train chugging across the Playa. As he watched, the engine disappeared into the earth. The next car followed it, then the next, and the next. "One by one, about a hundred cars flat disappeared," Cowgill says. "It was the most fascinating non-sight I ever saw."

In his years on the beat, Cowgill earned a reputation for fearlessness. No place in Arizona's vast outback could best him, except the Playa. One night he tried to hike it. He planned to walk 4 miles, sit and look at the stars. But his mind began playing tricks on him.

"I had a vision of being swallowed up into the bowels of the Earth," says Cowgill. "I knew it was silly, but it scared me. I just turned and ran off the damn thing." He has no plans to return.

But Duhon isn't finished with the Playa. He wants to go back at night, alone, to meditate.

"When I'm there I feel like I'm being cleansed," he says. "I try to be scientific about things, but something goes on inside me when I'm out there. I can't explain it. It's almost mystical."

DISPATCH, Columbus, OH - Nov. 18, 1990 CR: J. Fry/COUD-1

## We're not tuned to hear aliens, Bexley man says

By Michael B. Lafferty  
Dispatch Science Reporter

It's much better to wrap your message around a rock and throw it through the intended's window than to stick it in a bottle and toss it into the ocean.

Electrical engineer Stuart A. Kingsley believes that is a universal maxim of communication.

Although we've been listening for a message from the heavens since the 1960s, Kingsley is afraid we won't hear the phone ring because we're listening in the wrong place.

"No sensible alien would be transmitting in the microwave band when they could do it in optics," said Kingsley, a former researcher at Battelle Memorial Institute who now operates a consulting firm in Bexley.

Kingsley is certain intelligent aliens are out there somewhere. The aliens, however, would communicate in what scientists refer to as the optical part of the electromagnetic spectrum. Optical frequencies can carry more information and be aimed more easily, Kingsley said.

The electromagnetic spectrum includes all radiation frequencies from radio waves to cosmic rays. Optical frequencies include visible and invisible light, such as infrared.

The microwave band is the same one we use to bake potatoes, send television signals and listen for messages from space.

Astronomers have been using Ohio State University's radio telescope at Delaware, Ohio, to scan small parts of the microwave band since 1973.

The \$100 million Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence planned by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will scan 15 million microwave channels a second.

Just the part of the spectrum that includes optical waves and microwaves involves about 10 trillion frequencies, so limiting the search makes sense.

The argument goes that aliens most likely would try to talk to us on a frequency in which static is at a minimum. Such a region exists in a portion of the microwave band called the "Watering Hole."

Matter gives off wavelengths of electromagnetic radiation. The Watering Hole is in the region of the spectrum between the hydrogen and hydroxyl wavelengths for water, H<sub>2</sub>O.

Earthling scientists also have a homey feeling for the Watering Hole that they feel would be shared by alien scientists. Hydrogen is the most



Doral Chenoweth III/Dispatch

Stuart Kingsley

basic element in the universe, and water is basic to life as we, and presumably aliens, know it.

The idea for optical transmission was first proposed in the mid-1960s by Nobel Prize winner Charles H. Townes. It's not that an alien scientist would hang a lantern in the lab window and wait for the light to be detected. Nor would Earth-based astronomers suddenly see a star begin to blink in galactic Morse code.

"If there are extraterrestrials, especially within a few dozen light years of us, they know about our planetary system," Kingsley said. "I Love Lucy is just getting to the nearest stars. They know we have radio and television if they've been getting our broadcasts."

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration commonly uses lasers to communicate with satellites. "If it's good enough for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, it ought to be good enough for aliens," Kingsley said.

Even if an advanced civilization were unaware of our solar system, a laser could be programmed to send signals precisely, rapidly and repeatedly to many different star systems. Such an optical transmitting device is only slightly more difficult to construct than a microwave transmitting dish and would be "child's play" for an advanced civilization, Kingsley believes.

The technology exists to build optical receivers that can be tuned as finely as radio telescopes. A space telescope would be preferred because the atmosphere would distort an optical beam before it reached a ground-based telescope.

Robert Dixon, co-director of the OSU radio telescope, disagrees that optical frequencies should be searched first. To do so would take too long, he said.

"Stuart has some good ideas. Other people have talked about them, but it's not possible to do as he suggests today," Dixon said. "The optical portion of the spectrum is too gigantic."

With huge transmitters, Dixon said, microwaves can be directed over the vast distances of space, just like lasers. And, an advanced civilization could have found a way to beam microwaves cheaper and more easily than we can, researchers argue.

Other scientists have attacked using the optical spectrum because it has more static.

Kingsley counters that the signal-to-static ratio in the optical band is higher than in the microwave band. That means an optical signal is more likely to overwhelm background noise.

For the same reason, the optical part of the spectrum can carry much more information over distances of thousands of light years.

"We should be looking for powerful and fast data streams," he said. "If you were transmitting vast amounts of information concerning a civilization, would you speak at a bit a second if you could speak faster?"

Kingsley even has his own magical frequency for the optical spectrum, along the lines of the Watering Hole. It's logical, he believes, for space aliens to say "Hello" with a carbon dioxide laser because such a laser has an exceptionally tight beam and because the abundance of carbon dioxide in the universe makes it almost akin to water on Earth.

Kingsley's argument threatens those who have pushed the microwave spectrum as the most logical place to look. He said his fight is against "30 years of dogma." Failure in the microwave band may be the only way to persuade researchers to examine optical wavelengths, he said.

But the possibility of failure is not daunting to Ohio State's Dixon. He compared the SETI search to Christopher Columbus' request to obtain money and ships for a voyage to China.

When Columbus negotiated with Queen Isabella, Dixon asked, what if her financial advisers had said the navigator's idea might not work, was too expensive or that she should wait for faster ships?

"If you convince yourself that there will be better ways to do it, you will never begin," Dixon said.

### The electromagnetic spectrum

If there is intelligent life in space, we'll hear it before we see it, say scientists who are searching the heavens for communications signals. The message, if it comes, will be detected in the broad band of electromagnetic radiation, from radio waves to cosmic rays. Not all of this radiation is the same. Television signals, sunlight, X-rays and other waves differ in their number of cycles, or oscillations per second. Since there are trillions of frequencies, scientists aren't sure where to look. So, they are concentrating on areas they would use if they were trying to send a message.

#### Watering hole

The search for extraterrestrial life is being concentrated here because this region of the spectrum has little static and because it is between the frequencies for hydrogen and hydroxyl, chemically related components of water. The radiation waves in this region are longer.

#### CO<sub>2</sub> laser

Some researchers believe intelligent signals from space would likely come in the form of a laser in what is known as the optical portion of the spectrum, specifically in the area of the carbon dioxide, or CO<sub>2</sub> laser. The waves in this region are shorter.

\*Scale measures frequency in terms of oscillations per second. Doug Miller/Dispatch

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Coventry, England - April 6, 1991

### ▶ DID YOU KNOW?

CR: H. Bauer/COUD-1

## Monsters in the outback

LOCH Ness isn't the only place which claims to have a monster living at the bottom of the lake. Many lakes and swamps in the Australian outback are credited (by Aborigines and locals) with housing what are called "Bunyips."

According to those who tell the tales of these monsters — and some who claim to have seen them — their appearance can vary quite a lot, from being the shape of a bullock with the

head of an emu, to the body being covered with fur and the head having tusks like a walrus.

However, all were said to be savage killers, living on human flesh, and also having great and frightening cries which curdled the blood. Other mythical creatures in Australia include the Myndie, or Mindie, which is said to have a body which could extend over 12 kilometres.

PROVINCE, Vancouver, B.C., Canada - Aug. 8, 1991 CR: J. Pobst

## OGOPOGO SURFACES

Canadian Press

VERNON — Ogo-pogo, the monster of Okanagan Lake, has popped up again.

"We couldn't believe what we were seeing," said waitress Sue Court.

"We could see this black thing sticking out of the water. It was only there for a minute, and then it was gone."

Court and about 30 others at the Lake-

side Marina Hotel said they saw the rippling disturbance on Monday night.

They said it moved rapidly through the water, and several said a two-metre-long (6.5-foot) hump-like protrusion jutted out briefly.

Said Carman Zleman, who rents jetskis nearby: "I looked out and saw these huge white wakes moving up the lake. They were moving against the rest of the waves, and in the opposite direction the wind was going."

Zleman said the churning water was about 600 metres (1,969 feet) offshore, at a dropoff point where depths are over 200 metres (656 feet).

# Putting its biggest foot forward



Monica Pihel-Bainter photo

The Bigfoot character Harry, from the television show "Harry and the Hendersons," paid a visit to Bothell for the Freedom Festival

parade last Thursday to help local resident Cliff Crook realize his dream of a "Bigfoot safe haven" in Bothell.

## Local man dreams of making Bothell 'Bigfoot Central'

by Charles Bevier  
Citizen staff reporter

**B**OTHELL - Having Sasquatch become a celebrity through a movie and TV show could be the best thing for the elusive creatures, said the founder of an organization here that hopes to protect the large hairy critters.

Bothell resident Cliff Crook says he has been on the trail of "Bigfoot" for the past 35 years after encountering one of the creatures in the woods near Duvall when he was 16.

"I think it suppresses that monster image that most people have of them," Crook said of the

growing popularity of the TV show "Harry and the Hendersons," which is set in the Seattle area.

"For so many years people have been wanting to shoot them to find out what they are like. How can you learn what their like after they are dead?"

So Crook was pleased when producers of the show agreed to let "Harry" take part in Bothell's Fourth of July Freedom Festival last week.

"It was great. I knew the children would love it but what really surprised me was the reaction from the adults. Some of them just went crazy, rushing over to give him a hug," Crook

said. "Harry" - who was a Sasquatch-suited, Los Angeles-area actor - breakfasted with area residents at the Wyndham Garden Hotel before taking part in the parade. He also appeared after the parade to sign autographs.

Crook is hoping the new found interest in Sasquatches will translate into a wealth of information for his new non-profit organization - Bigfoot Central.

While people across the country have had sightings of the creatures, they have not had any place to report them for investigation, he said.

"We have attended conferences across the country (on Bigfoot). When people finally have a place where people will listen to their story they experience this overwhelming sense of relief," he said.

Crook's wife Carol said those who have seen what they thought were Sasquatches, do not often have a sympathetic forum. "We often joke that we are going to open a support group for Bigfoot sightings."

With the establishment last month of Bigfoot Central, Cliff hopes to fill that information void and push for protection of the elusive critters.

The ultimate dream for Bigfoot Central is opening a national museum and cultural center.

"We just want to make people aware of the possibilities that these creatures do exist," he said. "We also want to help with the protection of other endangered species and their habitat."

But they need corporate and in-

dividual sponsors for that, he said.

"But we remain hopeful because right now the interest in bigfoot is peaking," Crook said.

Bigfoot Central has already established a number for reporting sightings (1-800-83-BIGFOOT) and has developed school programs and informational packets "from the elementary to the college level," Crook said.

This is supplemented by his home full of Bigfoot memorabilia, including plaster casts made from tracks from what is thought to be a Sasquatch.

Memberships, T-shirts and a newsletter are for sale to support the foundation. "The newsletter will be a way to keep everyone informed of what's going on," Crook said. The newsletter will also give details of the latest Bigfoot sightings, but only after investigations are complete, he said.

Crook has appeared on radio programs as far away as Tennessee detailing his encounter with Bigfoot on a boyhood camping trip. His revelations have sparked hundreds of calls from people around the country reporting similar sightings.

Although Crook admits that 90 percent of the calls are hoaxes, some deserve to be investigated.

"I had this one woman (who had a sighting) in Tennessee, told an operator, 'Get me Cliff Crook,' and she did too and I wasn't even listed at the time."

# Mystery of Bermuda Triangle alive and well

### Discovery of planes fails to debunk twilight zone tales

By VICTORIA HOOD  
Of the Post-Courier staff

With the revelation that the five planes found 10 miles off the coast of Fort Lauderdale are not the fabled Lost Squadron, the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle remains just that - a mystery.

This is good news for supermarket tabloids, bad news for scientists.

Skeptics hoped the discovery of Flight 19 would dispel once and for all the myth of the Bermuda Triangle, a stretch of ocean off South Florida supposedly vexed by pesky UFOs and time warps.

"We are in the unenviable position of telling you that we're now quite certain the five aircraft we found are not those of Flight 19, but in fact are five other aircraft," said Graham Hawkes, skipper of the exploration vessel Deep See, which happened on the lost aircraft May 8, while looking for sunken treasure.

In a recent news conference, Hawkes said in four of the five cases, the tail numbers of the planes his team had found did not match those of Flight 19.

Instead, these new planes probably crashed in the early 1940s during low-altitude practice torpedo missions.

Thus, the Bermuda Triangle, the craft-swallowing Caribbean twilight zone, has survived another scientific attempt to prove it doesn't exist.

"For those who really want to weave a mystery: Instead of one group of five Avengers down in the Ber-

muda Triangle, we've now given you two," Hawkes said, "which can only be a good thing, if you like that sort of stuff."

Pulp paperback writers like it. Their books place the Bermuda Triangle on the shelf of unexplained phenomena next to the Abominable Snowman, the Loch Ness Monster and Bigfoot.

"The Bermuda Triangle, I'm afraid, if you want to find mystery, is probably even aliver and weller than it was before," said Hawkes, a British engineer whose exploration ship made the discovery with the help of underwater video cameras and sonar equipment.

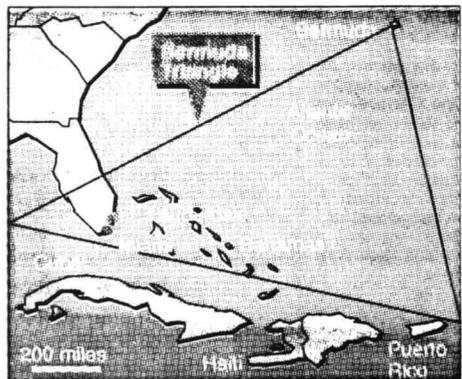
If indeed, these had been the lost planes of Flight 19, then another chapter would have closed on a mystery that has baffled sailors and airmen since the 1600s.

The lore begins with the triangle of sun-drenched waters that stretches 440,000 miles from the eastern coast of Florida to Bermuda, to Puerto Rico, then back, an area where planes and ships are said to disappear in numbers too large to be happenstance.

Hundreds of ships, from freighters to small pleasure craft, sail these waters every year. Airliners, military and private planes pass overhead. But there seem to be more strange happenings in the triangle than in any other stretch of ocean.

Compasses go awry for no reason, leading pilots and sailors off course. Ships and planes vanish without a trace.

Up until the early '60s, this death trap for ships and planes was known by many names: the Hoodoo Sea, the



Graveyard of the Atlantic, the Devil's Triangle. In 1964, writer Vincent Gaddis wrote an article calling it the Bermuda Triangle. Before long, newspapers were using that name when another ship or plane was lost.

The loss of Flight 19 on Dec. 5, 1945, became the most famous disappearance, fueling the myth of this eerie stretch of sea.

Five TBM Avenger torpedo bombers took off from Fort Lauderdale on a 320-mile training exercise that

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should have taken them east, then north over Grand Bahama Island, then southwest back to base.

Leading Flight 19 was Lt. Charles Carroll Taylor, one of two experienced crewmen aboard the planes. The others, pilots, radiomen and gunners, were all students in training. Less than two hours into the flight, garbled radio messages indicated Taylor had become disoriented. "Both my compasses are out ... I'm over land, but it's broken. I'm sure I'm in the Keys, but I don't know how far down and I don't know how to get to Fort Lauderdale." The planned course should have put Flight 19 about 200 miles northeast of the Florida Keys.

For two hours, fragmentary radio contacts revealed Flight 19 was flying north and east in apparent belief it was over the Gulf of Mexico and would soon encounter the west coast of Florida. In one of his last transmissions Taylor announced: "All planes close up tight ... We will have to ditch unless landfall ... when the first man gets down to 10 gallons we will all land in the water together."

A five-day search over 250,000 miles of ocean failed to discover any trace. And over the years, exaggeration and legend have made the story of the Lost Squadron even more puzzling with hints of UFO kidnapers and alleged radio messages: "Even the ocean doesn't look as it should ... Don't come after me ... it looks like ..."

Apparently, Flight 19 ran out of fuel and ditched the airplanes. The crew, unable to get to the rafts, sank with the ditched planes in rough seas.

Mystery writers have written best sellers retelling the best known of the triangle stories. They'd often embellish details or leave out facts altogether to make the stories more incredible.

Their explanations embrace the fantastic. Theories promote an invisible door or time warp where ships and planes are transported into another world or dimension.

Magnetic forces within the triangle cause compasses and radios to malfunction, sending planes and ships off course.

Another popular theory is that beneath the waters of the Bermuda Triangle exists a collecting station for outer space visitors who kidnap ships and planes for study.

Reputable scientists sneer at the-

ories of eerie fog banks, strange places where compasses go crazy, zones where time stands still or sunken UFO bases.

They offer more plausible explanations: waterspouts (tornadoes at sea that can capsize a small boat easily); strong currents that quickly carry away wreckage; and seaquakes (underwater earthquakes that create whirlpools).

Their hope is that underwater explorers using high-tech equipment will one day unlock many of the secrets of the deep.

The most well-known is Robert Ballard, who in 1985 used a camera-carrying submersible robot named Jason Jr. to give TV viewers a greater understanding of the last hours of the ill-fated Titanic.

Recently, the strange disappearance of Amelia Earhart was traced by aviation sleuths to an uninhabited South Pacific island, where photographic evidence shows that she and her co-pilot probably died before rescuers could reach them.

As for Flight 19: "I think they are quite a ways out to sea," says Larry Kusche, author of "The Disappearance of Flight 19." "No one heard them coming back in on the radio."

Kusche's books provide enlightening details about most of the widely known disappearances.

He was skeptical from the beginning that the planes found by the Deep See belonged to Flight 19 because it is unlikely that five pilots would have ditched their planes together.

"It's almost impossible that they would have run out of fuel simultaneously," he says.

In addition, Kusche notes, the pilots would have been heard on the radio if they were only 10 miles from shore. Instead, the radio transmissions faded out, apparently as the disoriented pilots flew farther east.

All the same, there are still unanswered questions concerning Flight 19. For example, why did Taylor's compass fail when it was checked out during a pre-flight inspection?

Why, after only a short time into their flight, were the airmen convinced they were farther south rather than east? And, why did a routine two-hour flight turn into a wandering five-hour journey to nowhere?

(Post-Courier wire services contributed to this story.)

# Engineer claims Navy sent him back and forth in time

By Nora Coyne

EagleTimes

Dr. Alfred Bielek, a retired engineer from Phoenix, Ariz., claimed Friday night that he was born Edward A. Cameron but that the Navy brainwashed him, sent him back through time, and changed his identity.

Bielek addressed members of the Spiritual Frontier Fellowships in the Flame Room of UGI Corp., 225 Morgantown Road.

He said that the Navy has captured several UFOs and some of their inhabitants. In one case, Bielek said, an extra-terrestrial being was kept alive for 2½ years on Montauk Island, N.Y., site of the Phoenix Project, in which the Navy worked on making ships invisible to radar.

He said that the Navy transformed him, personality and all, because he learned too much about the Philadelphia Experiment, when the Navy made the USS Eldridge disappear from radar detection, on Aug. 12, 1943.

In January of 1988, after watching the movie, "The Philadelphia Experiment" on HBO, Bielek said, he remembered his involvement, and his former identity as Edward A. Cameron, and his brother, Alexander Duncan Cameron Jr. He said he and his brother were Navy officers and physicists.

Bielek said that in 1988, he again met his brother. Bielek claimed that Alexander died in 1983 when his time-links disintegrated while he was working with the Navy on the Phoenix Project, but an extra-terrestrial being transformed Alexander, giving him the body of a younger man, without a soul. Alexander is now in his 40s, Bielek said.

During the Philadelphia Experiment, the electromagnetic



Dr. Alfred Bielek describes experiment

force on the USS Eldridge became too powerful for the ship's equipment to handle, and an electrical arc formed, Bielek said. Many of the crew on the deck disappeared or became insane, he said.

There were electrical discharges, like lightning, in the control room, he said. Bielek, who claimed his identity at that time was Cameron, said he and his brother could not shut off the master switches which had frozen.

So they got out of the control room and jumped ship, he said. But they did not hit water, Bielek said. Instead, he said, they traveled through, "what seemed like a tunnel."

"We ended up on dry land, at night, about 2 a.m., on Montauk Island, N.Y.," Bielek said. He said the year was 1983.

The experiment on board the Eldridge took place 40 years earlier.

On Montauk Island, Bielek said, he and his brother met Dr. John Von Neumann, the mathematician and physicist, who with Dr. Nicola Tesla, had designed the Philadelphia Experi-

ment for the Navy.

Von Neumann also was working on the Phoenix Experiment.

Bielek said Von Neumann told them to return to 1943 and the Eldridge to destroy the equipment on board, because it had created a time warp around the ship that could possibly engulf the planet.

Bielek said Von Neumann transported them back in time and he and his brother did as instructed.

When they were done, he said, his brother, Alexander, jumped overboard again, and he said, as Edward Cameron, steered the ship back to harbor.

Dr. Tesla told the Navy that the Philadelphia Experiment would endanger personnel, so he refused to proceed with it, Bielek said. Von Neumann also knew there was a problem, but he was forced to stick to the Navy's August 1943 deadline, Bielek continued.

The Navy did not know what to do with him at first, he said. Then, in 1944, they reassigned him to a highly classified sector at the site of the atomic bomb project in Los Alamos, N.M., Bielek said.

It was at Los Alamos, he said, that he dug through secret papers on the Philadelphia Experiment, which he had authorization to review. But on July 7, 1947, the Navy charged him with espionage, Bielek said.

Bielek said the charges were dismissed and he hasn't seen his wife and son since the day of his arrest.

Then came the brainwashing, new personality, and rebirth as Bielek, the speaker said. In his new identity, he became an engineer and an electrical consultant with the Navy, Bielek said. He said he retired in 1988.

## W. C. JAMESON'S ARKANSAS



# The return of the Lake Conway monster

With considerable interest I read of the capture of a huge snapping turtle from the waters of Lake Conway last May. The reptile, a truly impressive-looking creature that weighed around 105 pounds and estimated to be nearly 200 years old, was taken on a trotline by a Cabot fisherman.

The story served to send up a few memories of tales of the "Lake Conway Monster," a creature, if it actually exists, which makes a series of appearances every 20 years or so. It has been nearly 20 years since the last series of reports of the monster.

During the early to mid-1950s Lake Conway, not very old at the time, quickly became a favorite spot for bass, bream, crappie, and catfish fishermen. Reports of large strings of bass and near record-size crappie attracted sportsmen from all over the state, and in time Lake Conway earned a reputation throughout much of the United States as a great place to fish, a reputation it still holds.

But there was something in the lake, something that kept frightening fishermen. On several occasions anglers would hurry from the lake, reporting that something huge and terrifying had made contact with their boats, nearly capsizing them. Several suggested it was probably a large snapping turtle like the one recently caught, others theorized it might have

been a huge catfish. Some even thought it was an alligator.

Reports of having contact with the monster were common, and several avid fishermen sought other lakes in which to drop their lines.

Just when observers of the monster phenomena had about decided it was indeed a large turtle or catfish, sightings of the creature moving about on the shore were reported!

Invariably, the monster was only observed in dim twilight or darkness, thus a clear view of it never seemed to be available. One man who observed it stalking along a remote shore believed it was a panther. Another swore it was a bear. Several claimed it possessed the height and shape of a human. Nearly all claimed the monster walked upright and possessed hair, ruling out the possibility it might have been a turtle, catfish, alligator, and even a panther.

One curious consistency relative to these early reports had to do with the locomotion of the monster — it did not walk or crawl, it hopped, much like a kangaroo!

Afer a couple of years of such sightings, the monster was observed less often, and eventually it disappeared altogether. Then, in the mid-1970s it showed up once again. The descriptions of the monster were similar to those of the '50s — man-like, hairy, and hopping instead of walking. Several fishermen reported their boats nearly

overturned as a result of something huge in the water harrasing them. One fisherman, who admitted to a fondness of drinking beer while he checked his trotlines at night, claimed the creature rose up out of the water in front of his boat and hissed at him! He described the creature as man-like but having reptilian features. It was not reported how many beers he had quaffed prior to the sighting.

Over the next few months more sightings were reported and then, as in the '50s, the monster seemed to vanish.

The Lake Conway Monster certainly does not rival other creature celebrities such as Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster, but nevertheless remains a curious phenomenon. To what extent is it a creation of imaginary minds? Folklore? Pranksterism? To what extent could it be real? Many of those who reported seeing the monster are credible individuals not inclined to make up such stories.

It has been nearly 20 years since the last rash of reported sightings of the Lake Conway Monster. Will the creature, real or imaginary, again rise from the murky waters of the lake?

If it does, and if you see it, give me a call. And take a photograph.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Carl Jameson's column appears on Mondays and Thursdays in the Log Cabin Democrat.)

# Roan Mountain Is Setting Of Mysterious Music, Elusive Rainbow

**R**OAN MOUNTAIN — This is the place of the strange "mountain music" and the elusive circular rainbow.

Lonely herdsman keeping watch over their cattle first heard the whispering tune of the ghostly choir here atop the mile-high plateau of the Roan back in the 1870s.

They listened with superstitious awe to the mysterious music and some said maybe it was the angels tuning up for Judgement Day.

The herdsman fetched the story of the rare phenomenon into the valley and a legend began to grow.

Folks born with the wisdom of the ageless hills allowed a body had no cause to be surprised at anything that happened on the Roan.

Why, since time out of mind, folks caught on the Roan during a thunderstorm had been seeing a circular rainbow that just might be God's Halo.

And down on the dark, balsam-covered slopes there were times when the fir trees made music for the Lord when He caused the wind to blow.

But on the Roan, with its 6-mile meadow, the

greatest pasture in the state, the wind was different, like it was the devil's wind, catching up the clouds and whirling them about the mountain.

It was a wind the like of which John Strother, a member of the North Carolina-Tennessee boundary surveying commission in 1799, had never known.

In his diary, he wrote:

"There is no shrubbery growing on the tops of this mountain for several miles, and the wind has such power on top of this mountain that the ground is blown in deep holes all over the northern side."

He made no mention of hearing the humming of the ghostly choir.

But the herdsman heard it and so did Colonel John Wilder who, in 1878, built a summer resort hotel atop the Roan where his guests could sleep in Tennessee and have their meals in North Carolina without ever going out of the hotel.

The story of the humming music of the Roan was an old thing when Colonel Wilder came to the mountain.

He passed it on to his guests and to his friends over in Tennessee.

Until then nobody had bothered to offer a scientific reason for the phenomenon.

Some who heard the story on an afternoon just before there was a thunderstorm in the valley or while one was passing over the mountain described it as a noise like the humming of thousands of bees.

A scientist named Henry E. Colton, whose namesake now lives in Asheville, came over from Knoxville, heard the ghostly sound, and went away to publish a treatise on

the phenomenon in his hometown newspaper.

"Several of the cattle tenders on the mountain and also General Wilder had spoken to us about that they called 'Mountain Music,'" Colton wrote.

"One evening they said it was sounding loud, and Dr. D. P. Boynton of Knoxville, Hon. J. M. Thornburg, and myself accompanied General Wilder to the glen to hear it.

"The sound was very plain to the ear, and not at all as described — like the humming of thousands of bees — but like the incessant, continuous and combined snap of two Leyden jars positively and negatively charged.

"I tried to account for it on the theory of bees or flies but the mountain people said it frequently occurred after the bees and flies had gone to their winter homes or before they came out.

"It was always loudest and most prolonged just after there would be a thunderstorm in either valley, or one passing over the mountain.

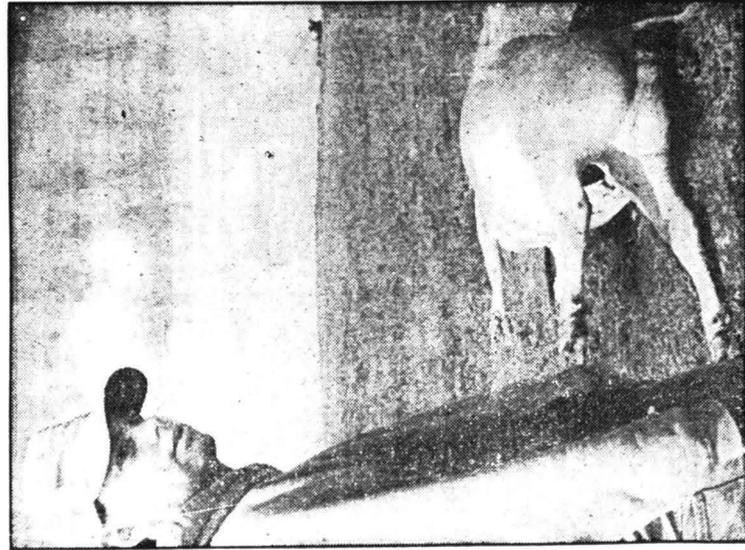
"I used every argument I could to persuade myself that it simply was a result of some common cause and to shake the faith of the country people in its mysterious origin but I only convinced myself that it was the result of two currents of air meeting each other in the suck between the two peaks where there was no obstruction of trees, one containing a greater, the other a less amount of electricity."

"Or," Colton wrote, "that the two currents coming together in the open high plateau on the high elevation, by their friction and being different temperatures, generated electricity.



Roaming The Mountains

JOHN PARRIS



—S-P Photo by Gord Wildner

Ken Watson stands beside dead cow

## Professor dismisses claim cow mutilated by vandals

By Betty Ann Adam of The Star-Phoenix

A patch of worn-down grass around a dead, mutilated cow in a pasture south of Saskatoon showed the animal lived for some time after its udder and anus were removed.

"It wasn't a coyote. They'd go after the meat, not the bag," said farmer Ron Watson whose son, Ken, owned the four-year-old Charolais-cross which was found Monday in a pasture on the farm 21 kilometres south of the city.

"Whoever did it was careful. They took what they wanted. It wasn't hacked off," said Watson, who thought it may have been done by vandals.

But a herd medicine professor from the University of Saskatchewan thinks the animal died of natural causes and was scavenged by birds before it died.

"There's no evidence she died of anything other than natural causes. Those wounds are very rough," said Eugene Janzen from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine who did a necropsy on the carcass.

The unusually wet weather of the past 10 days probably caused the cow to suffer from a metabolic condition called hypomagnesaemia. The condition would cause the animal to fall and be unable to get up again. Scavenging magpies and crows would then take the opportunity to eat the soft exposed flesh, Janzen said.

The last time ranchers complained of animals dying of the disorder was the spring of 1982, which also was very wet, he said.

"I would anticipate we will see more cows suddenly found dead out on pasture," he said.

A dead cow was found in similar condition on a farm near Lloydminster in early June.

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## Author serves up a new look at Nessie

A NEW book on the Loch Ness Monster hits the bookstands tomorrow.

Called The Loch Ness Monster, The Evidence, its author, Stuart Campbell, claims to offer an in-depth study of available data.

Water kelpies, strange mystical forces and energy fields, the last of an extinct race of dinosaur or some great water demon, have all been offered as explanations.

Since 1933, when it was reported that local water bailiff Alex Campbell had seen a great water kelpie — "a fearsome-looking monster" — there has been a plethora of sightings.

The question of whether the loch beast exists or is merely the result of exaggeration, misinterpretation, schoolboy pranks or too much Highland

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## Lost Squadron still lost, sea explorers say

Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Chagrined explorers said Tuesday that the five U.S. Navy Avengers they found in the ocean off Fort Lauderdale are not the Lost Squadron that disappeared in 1945 and helped form the myth of the Bermuda Triangle.

The high-tech explorer ship Deep Sea discovered the five planes last month and found a tail number that corresponded to Flight 19, which vanished while on a routine training flight. But subsequent checks showed that other numbers did not check out, and that the planes were of an older type than the Lost Squadron.

"We are in the unenviable position of telling you that we're now quite certain that the five aircraft we found are not those of Flight 19," said Graham Hawkes, who headed the search. He said coincidences, including the number 28 on the lead plane, added to the confusion.

The strongest evidence that the planes were Flight 19

was the fact the five Avengers were found within 2.5 kilometres of each other, and the navy had no records of five other Avengers being lost together.

Hawkes said after looking at the wrecks, the explorers now believe the five planes they located went down in four or five separate incidents.

The Atlantic area some 16 kilometres northeast of Fort Lauderdale was apparently used by planes to practise low-altitude torpedo runs, according to Ted Darcy, an archaeologist who examined the data for Scientific Search Project, which covers the Deep Sea.

The coincidence of the tail number 28 could be explained by reuse of numbers from lost planes.

Flight 19 vanished Dec. 5, 1945, on a training flight from the naval air base in Fort Lauderdale. Radio transmissions captured at the base indicated the planes became disoriented while flying toward the Bahamas, and believed they were over the Florida Keys and the Gulf of Mexico.