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Group takes UFOs seriously

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WARREN — As hard as they try, the government and certain other non-believers can't convince Bob Summerville that UFOs do not exist.

Laugh if you must but if you're like millions of other Americans, you too believe in life outside of the Milky Way.

Summerville and his colleagues at the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) are out to bring some seriousness to the discussion of UFO existence.

MUFON is an international organization composed of various researchers and believers in alien spacecraft.

Organizations like MUFON are very important for curious people like Summerville.

"I've been following this issue since the 1950s and have been collecting books and literature on the subject ever since. I joined MUFON because it's the only way to (gain access) to intelligent literature on the subject," Summerville said.

This week, the Michigan chapter of MUFON is busy seeking serious media attention for UFO Awareness week.

But as MUFON Regional Director Shirley Coyne explains, getting the major media to abandon puns and innuendos for a story about UFOs is nearly impossible.

"(Reporters) are just trying to sensationalize the entire issue. We need good honest reports," Coyne said.

As regional director, Coyne and her husband George are responsible for MUFON activities in 20 southeastern states.

Much of the pair's time is spent training MUFON members for UFO field investigation, which includes examining alleged landing sites, checking ground levels for increased radiation and taking witness statements.

A close encounter brought Coyne to MUFON.

In 1983, Coyne says she spotted a bright, saucer-shaped object hovering 50 feet above ground in the back yard of her Flushing home.

At first, Coyne says, she tried to explain the object away as some odd shaped military vehicle.

"But then after a few seconds you know it is unlike anything we could have developed," Coyne said.

And much like Coyne, the UFO must have liked what it observed because it visited her yard four more times in the next month.

"It really didn't change my idea of life or religion as I have always thought there was something wrong with the way we were taught. In this vast universe it seems vain to believe we are the only form of intelligent life," Coyne said.

Friends and relatives had a hard time believing Coyne's story but she says the government must have taken her seriously.

Coyne says her involvement with MUFON has prompted CIA attention. She says she has even been followed on several occasions by black military helicopters.

"If they would just knock on my door and ask to see my files I would gladly let them in, but they come in when we're not at home," Coyne said.

Joe Tackett, MUFON's Oakland County Field Investigator, offers an explanation for

government interest in MUFON activities.

"If people believe stories about black helicopters following (MUFON) members, they will not want to join. If they don't believe you when you tell them, they are still not likely to join," Tackett said.

But not all MUFON members have seen UFOs. In fact many merely belong because they are interested in the subject.

Harold Marquardt, of Mount Clemens, serves as MUFON's field investigator for Macomb County.

"I'm just waiting for something to happen out here," Marquardt said.

Marquardt, who has never seen a UFO, hasn't had to investigate any UFO sightings, said most sightings are reported in rural areas.

"One possible explanation is that they don't want to be seen," Marquardt said.

But overall Marquardt does not like to speculate on any explanations of the unknown.

UFO lecture is Friday

The Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence will hold a lecture and workshop this month at the Holiday Inn, Gulf Breeze.

A lecture, *Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind*, will be presented by Steven M. Greer, MD, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door.

Greer will present a new category of close encounters which involve human-initiated interactions with UFOs/ETI. He will share case reports of close encounters of the fifth kind and describe research protocols developed by the CSETI used for interacting with UFOs/ETI in UFO wave areas such as Gulf Breeze.

Greer also will share the results of recent investigations and research in Belgium, North Carolina, Colorado, California and Costa Rica. He will describe techniques for using powerful lights and lasers for signaling to UFOs and will play auditory tones recorded from a UFO and from the center of a crop circle in England.

On Saturday, March 14, a daylong workshop is planned on *Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind: An In-depth Look at Techniques for Interacting with UFOs/ETI*.

Admission to the workshop, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Gulf Breeze Holiday Inn, is \$30. Space is limited. Please call CSETI at 704-274-5671 or Vicki Lyons at 438-8969 to reserve a place, or register the night before at the lecture.

Following the workshop, CSETI will conduct a field experiment in Gulf Breeze using CE-5 techniques. There is no charge, but it is open only to CSETI members and workshop participants.

Come prepared for a late night, and bring warm clothes, flashlight, binoculars and telescope if possible.

LOG, Destin, FL - March 11, 1992

QUESTION MAN

Have You Ever Seen a UFO?

Asked at various locations

BY CONTI



Brad Selover, 33, job seeker, Hayward:

In '79 I was in a car late at night on Center Street in Castro Valley. There was this big ol' red spot in the air, about 9 feet by 3½ feet. It glowed for about two minutes and then disappeared. The light went on and then went off. I go to a lot of air shows and it was like nothing American-made. We all went, 'Yeah, well there's a UFO.' We just accepted it.



Jean Davis, 35, singer, the Tenderloin:

My brother did. He woke up at 3 a.m. and went outside. He saw a blinding white light and the next thing he remembers is waking up in his bed in the morning. A few weeks later he was talking to a friend, who lived in the next canyon, and she and her mother had the same experience at the same time. The feeling was that they just want us to be aware of them.



Doug Herr, 47, artist, Mill Valley:

This happened out at Point Reyes 15 years ago. It was huge. As big as the moon. It stopped and then moved. Stopped and moved. I watched it for minutes and then it just went straight up. Since then other memories have surfaced and now I think the encounter was longer than minutes. It had to come from someplace else. We couldn't keep it a secret if we had it. It was too big.



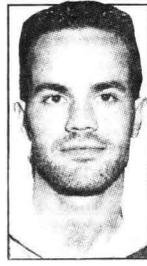
Debi Griffin, 39, nurse, Western Addition:

In 1987 in Marin I saw this UFO shaped like a Frisbee with flashing lights going around in a circle. I think NASA sent it up, because when I reported it to the police they didn't get excited. They just said, 'OK, thank you for your call.' It was hovering so close I thought it was going to ray me or kidnap me like in the movies, but then it just went straight up.



Douglas Schneider, 34, painter, Oakland:

I thought I did, but it turned out to be a prop. It was completely realistic. I was at the US Festival in '82. My friends and I had our backs turned from the stage and suddenly this UFO was over us. We actually believed it was a UFO, it was done so well. Everything you can imagine, everything anybody has described as being a UFO, was rendered with this prop.



David Pradies, 22, marketing major, the Castro:

I think so. Six years ago I was on a beach in Spain late at night. There was like a star shower, lots of shooting stars, but there was also something huge and it moved faster than anything else. It was very bright, bluish white, and as big as the moon. It shot across the sky behind a mountain and then shot back across the sky and then went out of sight. Wild!



Jan Summerton, prep cook, Madison, Wisc.:

I honestly think I did. I was driving and it was daytime. I looked up and saw something catching the sun. It was real bright and shiny. It wasn't a building. It was as low as a small plane, but larger. I thought it was a plane, but I looked back at the road and when I looked back up, it was gone. There's no way a plane could have gotten out of there that fast.

CHRONICLE & EXAMINER, San Francisco, CA - April 19, 1992 CR: C. Jines

'King of UFOs' calls Portage County home



GEORGE FRIEDRICH, dubbed "King of the UFOs," looks at negatives of what he believes are unidentified flying objects. Friedrich, 76, resides in the town of Sharon and has written articles for UFO publications about his sightings. (Journal photo by Doug Wojcik)

By JOHN ANDERSON

George Friedrich was pleased in the late 1970s when two different internationally circulated publications dubbed him "King of the UFOs."

Snazzy recognition, he thought, for a retired butcher enjoying retirement in the quiet farm country of Portage County's town of Sharon.

George received the title as the result of articles he wrote for "Beyond Reality" and "Official UFO" publications about his numerous sightings.

However, he sensed a certain uneasiness when his name showed up a couple of years later in "An Eccentric Guide to the United States," for his claims of having spotted scores of flying saucers.

George, who is now 76, says he can stomach that kind of patronizing publicity but cannot abide what he regards as the federal government's lack of forthrightness with the public in revealing what is known in Washington about unidentified flying objects.

"What are they afraid of? Do they think there'll be a panic?" he says of the government officials.

With an insatiable interest in natural science, he has pursued a variety of hobbies, including geolo-

gy, and has made some important finds as a prospector. You'll be hard-pressed to find anyone in these parts who knows more than George about the rock formations underpinning our state.

A man of many dimensions with his inquisitiveness, fertile mind and openness to new ideas, one de-

might believe in flying saucers was enough for George to write a letter directly to Mr. Carter. To the "UFO King's" astonishment, a reply came from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration with a packet of negatives of unidentified objects taken by astronauts on earlier space flights.

There were no explanations of the negatives other than when and where they were taken. "They're remarkable," George marvels. In his estimation, they erased any doubt he might have had about spaceships from who knows where.

They were taken by crew members of Skylab, Mercury, Atlas VII and Gemini XII.

The ability to secure this kind of material from the federal bureaucracy was as short-lived as Carter's presidency. George did, however, gain information from a reporter who claimed to have startling stories about U.S. and Russian astronauts in the early to mid 1960s who reported a variety of phenomena, including detailed descriptions of alien ships and their travel patterns.

The information was included in the manuscript George wrote entitled, "UFO or God," which was published in hard cover in 1975. About 3,500 copies were sold.



scription of him that is not fair is eccentric.

After all, his interest in UFOs is shared by some people in high places, including former President Jimmy Carter, who, about the time of moving into the White House, told of having seen objects in the sky that defied explanation.

The slightest hint a president

What prompted his interest and his active study and writing about flying saucers?

George had paid little or no attention to such things before moving more than 20 years ago from the Fox River Valley, where he had spent nearly all of his life, to the town of Sharon.

One summer night, a neighbor, Ken Buckingham, called to him from outside a bedroom window to come outside and witness a brightly lighted object overhead that made a spectacular show by moving up and down and taking sharp turns, abrupt stops and starts.

Talks with others living nearby revealed that such kinds of happenings were not uncommon in the neighborhood. He and his wife, Henrietta, began paying attention.

One summer night in 1973, while being visited by 13 people from a Paranormal Society in the Wausau area, George was able to show others of like mind why he was interested in things extraterrestrial. What he described as a huge, globe-shaped, pulsating, luminous object appeared not far above the trees and gave everyone an "incredible" show.

All told, George, in many cases with Henrietta, has seen well over 100 UFOs. They've been bright silver or white, some were red and others gold in color. They've been circular and pie-shaped, a few have appeared to be like blimps. Some have disengaged to smaller units, they say.

The best time to look for them, according to George, is on clear, cloudless nights away from city lights and noise. "Don't let your eyes roam all over the sky," he instructs. "Look at one spot for quite awhile before picking another spot

to view. By doing this you will notice any strange lights or moving objects."

George reveals some of his deepest thoughts on the subject when he advises that people will be more successful in the sightings if they "do not show fear of any kind and think love for them." He adds: "Concentrate your thoughts that you want them to contact you, and that you know who they are."

His writings through the years have prompted a flood of mail to his cottage home. Because UFO publications make their way around the globe, he's had correspondence filled with detailed descriptions about sightings from every part of the world. "It's interesting," he observes, "how many young people have written."

Publications from New York and California carrying his articles have prompted responses from as close to home as Nelsonville, Milladore, Waupaca and Wisconsin Rapids. "This was a hot area in the 1970s for sightings," he explains.

In recent years, George has been inactive as a UFO enthusiast. One of the reasons is that the number of sightings is way down in this part of the country. "They go in flaps or groups. Russia is where most of the activity has been lately," he reports.

This summer, however, he intends to be more attentive in keeping watch.

To skeptics, George offers a fascinating observation. He concedes there are any number of kooks who share his interest. How does he decide who's legitimate? He talks to them. Then he lets his intuition take over.

What do you think?

DEARBORN CO. REGISTER, Lawrenceburg, IN - March 19, 1992 CR: D. Worley

Reed's encounter with the unknown

Editor's note: This column is the first of two parts. Part two will be published Thursday, April 2, in The Dearborn County Register.

Reed Thompson, a Milan High School freshman, was at his home on Hickory Lane in Milan early in the afternoon of Jan. 19, 1967, due to a partial school day. Thinking he saw a light outside where none was supposed to be, he realized that a silver-colored object about 200 yards away was moving slowly toward the house.

The object was about 20 feet off the ground and was moving at about the speed of a walking man. Later it was estimated to have been approximately seven feet in diameter and five-and-a-half feet high. It had tiny portholes. Reed succeeded in taking a picture of the object through a window. I have seen and examined this picture.

Reed also snapped several more shots with his camera, but only the one picture was obtained. Reed phoned his dad, Bill Thompson, owner of the Milan Furniture Factory, who suggested that the State Police be contacted.

The thing followed ground contour and seemed to float along. It did not touch any trees, and no broken branches could later be found. Months later, however, it was discovered that tree limbs in the object's path were dead. In fact, every limb that had been within 10 or 15 feet of the moving object had died. I talked recently with Jim Turner, who was a neighbor of Reed's in 1967, and he told me about this strange fact. He witnessed the discovery of the dead branches.

That same day, two girls in Dillsboro reported seeing an object like this one. Could it have been the same object? If either of these ladies read this and would like to verify this part of the story, would they please call the Register?

In addition, there was a report that similar sightings occurred at Corydon and Bedford, Ind. Reed remembers that this was mentioned in the *Indianapolis Star*.

The Indiana State Police investigated and Reed was questioned. The initial report was taken by Jim Harris. Trooper Harris came back later after the film was developed and spent



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considerable time with Reed and his parents.

The Air Force sent investigators from Dayton, and there was an investigation by Dr. Robert Lowe from the University of Colorado, who analyzed Reed's negative. Reed was visited by Frank Edwards, author of several books on strange phenomena, and also was visited by Don Worley, an author and an investigator for Aerial Phenomena Research Organization.

I have examined a copy of a five-page report, signed by Don Worley and dated Feb. 7, 1967. His report narrates Reed's story in detail and includes some technical findings, including speculation that the object emitted electromagnetic radiation. This may have produced the color seen on the film, which showed as dark gray, even though the object originally appeared to have been a silver color. In his conclusions, Worley stated, among other findings, that the photo was judged to be genuine.

Worley concluded with this declaration: "The object is unidentifiable. Reed Thompson captured its closeup detailed image on film for all posterity."

Recently, I contacted Worley, who lives in Connerville. Since 1965, he has been a field investigator for two leading UFO research organizations whose advisory staffs consist of scientists from many fields. Worley has researched over 340 individual sightings.

He has been a guest speaker before many groups, and has appeared on a number of radio and tv programs. He is a successful writer, and his articles have appeared in all English-

speaking countries of the western hemisphere.

I have a list of his published articles. I also have a copy of a page from the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) Bulletin which concerned Reed's sighting.

My next column will continue Reed's story and will describe an eerie visit from what many people have called "the men in black."

Former local resident's feature film debuts

The science-fiction comedy "Resident Alien," which was written and produced by a former Eau Claire resident, had its premiere Wednesday in St. Paul.

"Resident Alien" is the first feature film done by Dale Newton, who began his professional film production career in the Eau Claire area 15 years ago with local television commercials. The film was directed by John Gaspard of Minneapolis from an original screenplay by Newton.

The movie tells the story of two down-on-their-luck people in a small Midwestern town who witness a UFO crash. When a mys-

terious stranger, an unscrupulous UFO investigator and a wily sheriff arrive, their lives are turned upside down.

The film, by Granite Productions, includes major segments shot in the St. Croix River Valley and Lake Pepin areas.

Granite Productions has shot its next feature, "Beyond Bob," with Newton again serving as producer

and second-unit director. Gaspard again directed, this time from a script written by him and Michael Paul Levin.

The Wednesday premiere was a benefit for the Twin Cities chapter of the Independent Feature Project, a non-profit organization that encourages production of independent feature films and is co-sponsored by the Minnesota Film Board.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...



Dear Editor:

Interest in UFOs seems to be high in the Elmwood area, what with sightings, a proposed UFO landing site, and the annual UFO Days. When ufologist Donald R. Schmitt spoke in River Falls in October, his talk featured a "UFO crash" he's been investigating.

Currently there is a petition drive urging Congress to look into the UFO or whatever that crashed near Corona, New Mexico, on July 2, 1947. This is known as the Roswell case because the retrieval was handled by the Roswell Army Air Field.

Readers may have also heard of the case from TV or the 1980 book *The Roswell Incident*, or perhaps they read the recent book (1991), *UFO Crash at Roswell*, by Kevin Randle and Donald Schmitt. A sequel is already in the works, as more witnesses and informants come forward. Sometimes they talk despite threats from officials who would keep the crash under wraps.

It is unlikely that the complete files on the Roswell crash can be liberated from the Air Force (or whatever the agency is that has them). However, it is reasonable to expect that a Congressional committee may look into the case—but only if enough public pressure is brought to bear. We must act quickly, though, before even more participants in the retrieval die.

For copies of the petition, please write: Mr. Clifford Stone; 1421 E. Tilden; Roswell, New Mexico 88201-7955 (tel. 505/625-0920).

Congress has the powers to subpoena and to grant immunity. So let's pressure it to get to the bottom of the Roswell case.

Sincerely yours,
Richard W. Heiden

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UFO MIND INTRUSION

It may shock the reader to learn that not only are UFOs here, but the intelligence behind them can also telepathically enter the human brain. Perhaps this will help you to understand why government has chosen to never admit to such harsh, frightening realities.

I will discuss only mind usurpation occurring away from the UFO, introduce you to some stunning elements associated with voice phenomena, and mention my ideas on how to cope with such a situation. I have room for only a few cases from my data, but all of it is corroborative with thousands of cases elsewhere. Lost Time Abduction (LTA) cases vary in intensity all the way from those that are undetectable to those that are very extensive. Most intense cases have the voice but there are exceptions.

In my Milan, Indiana case we have no voice but a photo was taken of a monitor-type UFO only 32 feet away with tree limb reflections on it showing exactly where the object was. The witness lacked some recall, and had nose bleeding problems that are usually caused by a favorite stunt of

the aliens. Inserting a BB-sized implant in the lower brain via the nasal route. Years later came the chilling visit of two specters. I will describe them as parapsychical, distorted man-like figures usually wearing black clothing. Speaking in forceful monotone-style they demanded the photo, never got it, and after a car chase vanished suddenly.

My South Bend case of some years ago taught me that the aliens are aware of me. Thinking it safe after 15 years, the LTA called me and told me of her voice in the head episodes, how the aliens knew of her work in a secret Air Force plant, and about the visit of one of the white-faced specters. Later I talked her into answering my questionnaire. She mailed it in the morning and they appeared with it in the afternoon and again threatened her and her loved ones. Our contact ceased.

A percentage of LTA are oriented toward a love and trust mode. One LTA in Hendricks County loves the short, frail, big-headed, large dark-eyed, entity she calls Zanna. Starting when she was a baby and up to her present age of 40 she has had many visits on the ships with those she calls

the Star People. Her voice experiences have been gentle and for years she thought it was God talking to her.

In the 1972-77 period, my friend Stanley Ingram, ex-judge and industrial accountant, dwelled with the aliens in south central Tennessee. In fact the struggle may have hastened his death. Abduction, voice mind control, and oriental-faced specters in black limousines were active there. The motive for the threatening actions of the aliens was the return of a supposedly valuable propulsion formula one LTA was allowed to copy from a screen while on a UFO.

So we do see that the aliens use their telepathy skills to play seemingly senseless games. Can these puzzling episodes be contrived testing and learning operations?

In the case of the Illinois farmer who sought my help, the aliens were downright mean. Sad to say, we do have a percentage of cases in which the hidden ones seem deliberately ruthless. How would you like to be taken from your bed as a youth, probed, have your sperm extracted, and a tiny implant hidden in your gonad region? Then not have recall seep back into your consciousness for 12 years. Then be harassed by the voice, glowing craft, and beings? Once the voice said, "We have a jewel here you would love to see!" intimating that his sperm had been put to use. This very disturbed LTA sought to get even by gunfire, but I tried to get him to turn to scripture, prayer — especially as darkness fell and they would come, and always wear a cross.

In another case in Illinois, the voice caused the female LTA to end up in a mental hospital. I have had two LTAs who managed to get back out, but God only knows how many others languish there never to make it out. Or for that matter, never should have been committed in the first place. Being zeroed in on by a force that can know your thoughts and put its thoughts in your mind is the ultimate trial in abduction. Some persons, of course, have thought they were crazy and turned to suicide. However, most survive and adjust to the unbelievable things that happen to them.

I am now trying to help a Knoxville, Tenn., LTA whose recitation of abductions of her and her children, mental harassment, and specter visitation is deplorable. Once at a stoplight, she almost didn't stop when her leg suddenly became paralyzed. She looked over and there in an auto sat the specters. In her mind a voice said, "See, we can kill you anytime!" This person, whose Christian faith sustains her, says she has passed through the awful fear stage. I can't answer many of her questions, but I can tell her this is the way out of her trauma, and into acceptance and greater self esteem. One must fight back mentally in a most positive way. Actually, these are empty threats since the aliens have chosen her and have an investment in her. I look for data to one day reveal that such persons are really safer than the ordinary human.

Occasionally I have lost a frightened LTA into fear and silence. This really upsets and worries me. If I can find them and if they will listen, I can help them. As I look up at this beautiful cross here over my desk, I know that whatever becomes of all this — this must be our final hope and protection. There is nothing else.

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"Men In Black" demand photograph

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Six years later...

It was near closing time one warm April day in 1973 at Thompson's Auto Parts store, which was located on Franklin Street in Milan. Two strange "persons" came into the store. Were they human — or something else?

Reed's ferocious guard dog, ordinarily murderously protective, didn't think they were human. The dog, named Queen, was a 100-pound-plus German Shepherd, a dog that would attack when told to do so. But when she saw these visitors, she hid in a corner and rolled herself into a ball, trembling, cowering and crying in devastated terror. Reed told me, "At this point, I knew we were in trouble!"

What did the visitors want? One was very thin, wearing a hat, apparently male, and so tall (possibly seven feet) that he had to duck to enter the shop door. This was the first thing that grabbed Reed's attention.

The other "person" was abnormally short (probably under five feet), also very thin, long-haired and apparently female. In spite of the warm weather, both wore heavy gloves, and their clothing left no exposed skin. Their faces were flesh-colored, but appeared not to be human faces — more like plastic than skin.

In an odd monotone devoid of any inflection, the spokesman said to Reed, "On January nineteenth, nineteen hundred and seventy seven, at four minutes until three o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, did you see something unusual?" It seemed more a statement than a question.

Reed replied, "I've been so busy today that I can't even remember what I saw yesterday at three o'clock."

Without a moment's hesitation, Plastic Face fired back to Reed in a sharper voice the exact same question, still speaking in an unemotional monotone. At that time it dawned on Reed what he was talking about.

"Yes, I did," he answered. Plastic Face wanted to hear a description of what Reed had seen six years ago. Reed told his weird visitors about his observation of the UFO that moved slowly across his parents' yard that day. Then the "man" asked another question. "Did you take a photograph?"

Reed told him bluntly, "Yes."



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Then Plastic Face spoke with additional commanding emphasis in such a way that the words burned in Reed's mind: "I MUST have the photograph and the negative, NOW!"

Reed flatly defied them, "I'm not going to give them to you."

Two customers in the store and a now-deceased employee watched in amazement. Reed was a typically courageous and stubborn man, and he and Plastic Face continued a loud argument. Finally Reed told him that what they wanted was in a bank vault and the banks were now closed.

Not in the least deflected, Plastic Face said, "That does not matter. It will be no problem. We will go get it." The little one maintained, "Yes, we WILL go get it."

Up until now, Reed's employee had seemed to find the situation humorous. But when he slipped out to check out their visitors' car, he came back grim and wide-eyed with this alarming news: the car appeared to be a 1969 Buick LeSabre, bright yellow, lacking any chrome — and the car was a shell! It had no interior, no seats, nothing at all inside!

Reed was still wondering if these were either "two incredibly weird" people or if this was some horrific dream. He finally told them once and for all that they could not have the picture or negative, that he was closing for the day, goodbye, and would they please leave? He walked out and shut the door. (When he returned later, he found the door locked, which must have been done by the visitors.)

Reed got into his pickup truck and headed for Versailles fast by way of back roads, hoping he wouldn't be followed and to lose the eerie pair. But the yellow car did follow him, mere inches away at the same high rate of speed. It was impossible for Reed to shake them off his bumper.

For once, Reed wished a policeman would show up.

The visitors followed him, "practically pushing," right to Reed's destination, a garage in Versailles. The creatures got out of the yellow car directly behind Reed and followed him like shadows to the door of the garage. Inside, some welding was taking place. The second Reed opened the door, a blinding arc-flash was emitted by an electric welder. The unwelcome duo and their bright-yellow car vanished instantly — never to return.

According to the April 1974 issue of *Argosy* magazine, UFOs in great numbers were seen in the summer and fall of 1973. *Argosy* claimed that there were over 500 sightings, seen by 5,000 people, many of whom were stable citizens of high reputation (including John Gilligan, Governor of Ohio), and also including a number of police officers and others of indisputable integrity.

That same summer, a neighbor told me that she had seen a "flying saucer" land in her field, but she had not reported it because of fear of ridicule.

Was there a connection between Reed Thompson's eerie visitors in 1973 and these sightings?

Unwelcome visits from pairs of these unexplainable creatures have been reported numerous times in the past. They usually were, but not always, reported to have been dressed in black and driving black automobiles.

For example, a Mrs. Mary Block, South Bend, saw a silver flying object one December day in 1968, then several days later, answered a knock on her door. Her caller had a deathly-white face which had absolutely no lines and no expression (was it a Plastic Face?).

The figure wore all-black clothing and wore a black hat. The "Man In Black" got straight to the point. She and her children were not to mention to anybody what they had seen. He left riding in the back seat of a big black car whose windows were heavily tinted. Mrs. Block did not report this experience until 17 years had gone by, and then she was still badly frightened as she made her report to Don Worley.

Worley believes that the MIB (Men In Black) phenomena seems to operate in some other dimensional realm. Reports of MIB actually extend back into Antiquity. In the Middle Ages, they were called "The Brothers of the Shadow."

UFO RESEARCHERS GATHER IN ARKANSAS FOR 4TH ANNUAL OZARK UFO CONFERENCE

By Dr. Greg Little

On April 3-5, 1992 several hundred UFO researchers and interested persons gathered at the Conference Center of the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs, Arkansas to hear the latest news from the field of ufology. This year's conference was the fourth meeting in Eureka Springs and was the largest to date with attendance exceeding 350 persons. The Eureka Springs Conference has rapidly become one of the most important UFO meetings around the country and was covered by national media.

The conference has been organized by long-time ufologist, Lucius Farish, who publishes the monthly UFO Newsclipping Service out of Plumerville, Arkansas. As the conference has rapidly grown over the past four years, the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), the nation's premiere UFO organization, has become increasingly involved.

This year's conference began with Dr. John Salter, Jr.'s talk on his famous 1988 abduction where both he and his son were abducted near Peoria, Illinois. Salter, a Professor of Sociology at the University of North Dakota, stated that he believes the beings encountered in UFO experiences "are friendly and here for good purposes." Salter has become better known after relating his story of abductions on several national television programs and he states that the beings originate from Zeti Reticuli.

Immediately following Dr. Salter came a talk by Karla and Casey Turner, a husband-wife team who began their in-

terest in UFOs after discovering that Casey had experienced an abduction. Later, numerous joint abductions were experienced by the Turners. Karla, who has a Ph.D. in English, related several abduction stories and stated that the beings encountered are not necessarily benevolent or good. In addition, Casey, a computer consultant, told of coverup efforts by the government. The Turners brought an emotional response from the large crowd with several tales of sexual acts forced on many of the other witnesses and abductees they have interviewed. The Turners stated that at least three types of UFO beings are encountered: the three- to four-foot tall grey humanoids, insectoid creatures, and grasshopper-like beings.

Michael Lindemann also told of various government coverups in the UFO field and he related his investigations into weird happenings at Lancaster, California — the gateway to Edward's Air Force Base. Lindemann repeated the often-heard claims that the government has retrieved crashed UFOs and has stored the bodies of the aliens recovered in the crashed discs. Some of Lindemann's talk was amplified by Richard Seifried, Jean Waller, and Jean Byrne of the Oklahoma MUFON group who also told of their investigations in their state.

One of the most interesting talks of the conference was by Forest Crawford of Collinsville, Illinois which he titled, "The Revealing Science of UFOLOGY: Synchronicities and Alien Communications." Crawford told of numerous rock groups and songs that are the direct result

of band member's contacts with UFOs as well as some of his own "meaningful coincidences" (synchronicities) that occurred during his investigations. Crawford also included quite a bit of Native American material in his talk including quotes from his own *People of the Web*.

By far the best attended session was that held by producer Linda Moulton Howe and physician Dr. John Altshuler. Howe, who produced the award-winning documentary film, *Alien Harvest*, updated the ufologists on her ongoing investigations into the cattle mutilation mystery and its link to UFO sightings. Howe has become increasingly interested in UFO abductions and cattle mutilations and now feels that some sort of genetic interventions are being conducted on humans and cattle. Dr. Altshuler told of his polarized light experiments on mutilated cattle where there is strong evidence that some form of intense heat source, most likely advanced laser technology, was used to make the surgical incisions seen in mutilations.

Others who spoke included Dr. Stephen Greer of Asheville, North Caro-



Linda Moulton Howe addresses a group showing slides of aliens typically reported in UFO abductions.

lina who told of his experiments on attempting to contact UFOs. Antonio Huneus presented slides on UFO sightings around the world and George Wingfield reported on the England "crop circles" phenomenon.

The Eureka Springs UFO Conference will be held about the same time next year. Interested persons can obtain information from Lucius Farish at Rt. 1 — Box 220, Plumerville, AK 72127. Inner Man also hopes to organize a UFO-related conference and investigation/study group in the near future. Interested persons are encouraged to contact me at Inner Man/Inner Vision.

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - Feb. 14, 1992 CR: E. Walters

UFO Is UFO And A Flare Is A Flare

Photos Prove Difference

By Bland Pugh

Research and testing by a MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) investigation team continues at a Gulf Breeze surveillance location overlooking Pensacola Beach.

Nightly, with cameras in hand, the curious and the skeptical gather with the Research Team at South Shoreline Park. Some of those present are local residents who tell of seeing the UFO many times while others have traveled from all over the United States and other countries in the hope of seeing the famous UFO.

Even though the dozens of video tapes and scores of photographs taken by the Research Team show a very unusual object, the local witnesses make no claim that the UFO is from "outer space" but they are quick to agree that "it just may be." Typically they report seeing a brilliant red ring of lights that suddenly appears and hovers in the sky for several minutes. Depending on the distance, the structural outline of the object is sometimes seen before the UFO emits a huge burst of pure white "energy" and then disappears.

In an effort to explain away the local UFO sightings, critics have promoted theories such as "advertising airplanes," and "top secret stealth helicopters," but their most frequent

explanation is that the witnesses are only seeing "emergency flares." When questioned, the witnesses are very sure that the flare theory is "ridiculous" and point out that the critics making such a claim have never bothered to go to one of the nightly "sky watches" and see the UFO for themselves.

In an effort to scientifically settle the "flare theory," the MUFON investigators prepared a diffraction lens test designed to split the light radiated from the UFO into its base spectrum. On February 7 the UFO appeared over Pensacola Beach and was photographed with the diffraction lens. Later that night, the Research Team then ignited a flare across the sound and over a mile away. They used the same camera mounted with the diffraction lens to photograph the light spectrum of the flare. Conclusion: The spectrum analysis of the flare and that of the UFO did not match. Speaking for the Research Team, Gary Watson, Chief Investigator, said, "We still have not identified the UFO but we have conclusively proven that the 'flare theory' is false. The 'armchair' critics will have to come up with some other story while we continue to do the nightly field research necessary to solve this mystery."

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - March 13, 1992 CR: E. Walters

UFO Visits Frequently Present Problems For Night Time Photographers

The local UFO mystery continues. Weekly, scores of people report seeing the glowing red UFO as it hovers over Pensacola Beach and Gulf Breeze.

MUFON investigators said, "The disk-shaped structure of the UFO is sometimes seen briefly by using binoculars, but even with our 2000mm lens camera it is difficult to photograph."

Professional photographer, Greg Liss, who has seen the disk shaped craft, said, "Night time photography is very tricky. For example, it's like taking a picture of a distant airplane in a black sky, all the film reveals are the navigation lights. Likewise, it's very easy to photograph the UFO's brilliant 'power source', but exposing the superstructure, that's the problem."

In an effort to detect and illuminate the UFO, the Research Team will soon deploy a SLRODS (Small Laser Remote Object Detection System). Under the direction of optical physicist Dr. Maccabee, who is providing the equipment, the SLRODS is designed for distant illumination and cannot be used as a weapon. Amplified with lens optics the laser will project a harmless red beam to a distance of many thousands of feet. By reflecting the laser beam off the UFO, the MUFON investigators hope to be even more successful with photographs showing the structure of the

craft. During 1991 and to this date, the Research Team has accumulated over two hours of video-taped UFO sightings along with dozens of photographs. Even to the most hardened skeptic, this photo evidence documents that the UFO operates unlike any known aircraft and at a minimum proves that "something is out there."

Visitors continue to travel to Gulf Breeze and the Pensacola area hoping to see the UFO. Many of them are rewarded with a sighting when they take time to watch the sky between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. for the UFO's distinctive red glow as it hovers and displays its brilliant ring of "energy." Most of these welcome UFO tourists learned of the Gulf Breeze UFO sightings on national television shows and it seems that they have almost all read the book, *The Gulf Breeze Sightings*, by Ed and Frances Walters. When asked about the ongoing UFO mystery, Ed Walters said, "Weekly and sometimes daily, people call and come by our house to ask about the UFO. We receive about fifteen letters a day from people around the world who report seeing the same UFO, but aside from that my life is routine. I think the MUFON investigators are doing an outstanding job and I wish them the best."

The Small Laser Remote Object Detection System, is scheduled to be in operation in two weeks.

Witnesses recall UFO encounters

By Steven J. Stanek

A recent Gallup Poll found that over half of the people in the United States believe in the existence of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's). Since Halloween seems an appropriate time for the telling of such tales, the Sentry-Enterprise contacted several area residents this past week to see if they would share their encounters with these mysterious objects.

Some of the witnesses spoke only under the condition of anonymity. They, like all of the witnesses, are sane, sober, and respected members of the community.

The most recent sighting of a UFO (or flying saucer, as it was once called) was made by a pair of Hillsboro High School students several weeks ago. The two girls were startled one Thursday night to observe a mysterious light hovering over a hayfield near FF, past the site of the former greenhouse. The young ladies hurriedly sped away from the scene, and later saw a set of similar lights hanging much higher in the sky.

A Japanese foreign exchange student watched an unusual object in broad daylight in mid-September. Ken'ichi (Kenny) Kudol, a student at Wonewoc Center, is staying with the Carl Degner family several miles east of Hillsboro. One warm afternoon, he leaned back on the roof of the Degners' low garage, and closed his eyes for a moment, enjoying the early Autumn sun.

"When I opened my eyes," reported Kenny, "I saw something silver flying in the sky."

Kenny stared in amazement as a metallic-looking, cylindrical object darted back and forth, and up and down above him. He watched the silent craft for about 15 seconds, when it simply vanished.

"I really believe it was a UFO," Kenny told the Sentry-Enterprise.

The description of the object seen by the Japanese student bears some similarity to a bizarre sighting reported in the Sentry-Enterprise in 1948. The front page story of the Feb. 26 edition was headlined, "Flying Fence Posts Seen Near Hillsboro."

The article announced that on the previous Saturday, "Sidney Shear and Joe Benish, who reside a few miles northwest of Hillsboro, said that about 11:30 in the morning they heard a roar overhead that sounded like an airplane. When they looked up in the sky, they saw two objects that looked like white fence posts. One was following the other, and both were headed in a westerly direction."

The men estimated the objects to be about eight feet long each, and were traveling about 12 feet apart.

"Each was a long tapering cylinder, with a slightly bulbous head, and a fan tail of light colored gas or mist," the newspaper stated.

Mr. Shear called the phenomena to the attention of his wife,

who emerged from the house in time to see, "the objects appear to slacken in speed somewhat and to turn on end.

"At that stage, the 'fence posts' appeared to be floating in the air, rather than speeding like a rocket or torpedo."

The objects continued roaring onward, and soon disappeared over the horizon.

In the next issue of the Sentry-Enterprise, additional sightings were presented. Harold M. Kauffman, who resided near Reedsburg, reported that he had seen the flying fence posts on the same day as Benish and the Shears.

"Mr. Kauffman said he watched the unusual objects travel up the valley towards La Valle," the account states, "and observed just before they reached the village, one of the 'fence posts' moved over to the other side of its companion—so that the positions of the objects were changed, although they continued to travel side by side."

A Woodland resident speculated that the objects were jet planes, because he had seen wings. Some quick calculations by the author of the story, however, discovered the craft were moving at only 70 miles per hour, much too slow for jet aircraft, of any era. The controversy was never resolved, and, as is so often the case in these matters, simply faded away.

According to most books dealing with the UFO phenomenon (of which there are many) the so-called modern era of UFO activity began in 1947 with a sighting by Washington pilot Kenneth Arnold. Arnold coined the phrase 'flying saucers' when he described a formation of nine disc-shaped objects as moving through the air like saucers skipping across water.

In actuality, before and since Arnold's sighting, UFO's have been reported in many shapes and colors, with the most predominant being the disc or saucer shape and cylindrical or cigar-shaped objects. In addition, night-time sightings of lighted objects are much more commonplace than daytime reports of metallic craft.

Butch and Eileen Nale had a hair-raising encounter with a bright, round object in the Autumn of 1965.

"It was a large, white object," Butch recalls. "It looked just like a mini-moon. It was shiny, glassy white."

The couple spotted the light as they were leaving Hillsboro around 10:30 one night, traveling west along Highway 82. It appeared to be hovering over the Richard Pacl farm.

Suddenly, the object disappeared.

"It was like if you didn't want somebody to know you were there, and you turned your headlights off," said Butch.

Nale traveled another 250 yards, when the object reappeared over a woods bordering a field on the Bill Pesik farm (near the present site of Vernon

Electric).

A pattern of 'cat and mouse' developed, as the object would blink out from time to time, only to reappear at a new location. It seemed obvious to Butch and Eileen that they were being toyed with by the bizarre phenomenon.

When the couple reached the intersection of County trunks P and V, the incident took a terrifying turn.

"This is when the scary part begins," warned Butch. "When we started down the hill, the object came right at us. We ducked down in the car. It went right over the top of us!"

The light then resumed its former routine of playing tag with the couple. It was hovering over Valley when Butch pulled into the driveway of Eileen's parents. The incident left both of them shaken. Butch feels they were being "observed", and that they were the pawns in some bizarre game.

"It could have done anything it wanted to us," he commented.

Another Hillsboro couple had a similar encounter in the Autumn of 1969. The two, who wish to remain anonymous, were driving one night along McKenzie Road near White City. At the intersection of McKenzie Road and County V, they noticed an odd light in the sky.

What transpired so impressed the (then)teenage boy, that he later tape-recorded his observations.

"It looked like a far away star, only it was a bright, scintillating white light," he said at the time.

The couple watched the object approach a passing airplane, and hover near it. As they continued toward the strange light, it became larger as it descended from the sky. They could see that two sets of flashing lights were attached to an oval background.

"The lights kept rotating around," recalls the woman. "They were a white color, and were on the bottom. You could see the bigger part of the thing was oval."

As the object drew nearer and nearer the car, the couple became alarmed and pulled into the driveway of the Jim Benish farm.

"There was no noise whatsoever," the man continued. "At this point the object was about 150 feet in the air, directly over us, and still coming down. It appeared to be about 150 feet in length...with a reddish glow midway between the lights on the bottom, that did not rotate."

"The lights appeared to be about four feet in diameter, and were arranged in intervals around the object, which was rotating. Thus one could see about two to three lights at a time. It gave a flashing appearance, much as you'd get a flashing appearance from a flashing red light on a cop's car. Only these lights were very intense white."

The man compared the aircraft to a large, twin-rotored (troop transport) helicopter, with one important difference. It was dead silent!

"There was absolutely no noise that could be heard over the sound of my idling engine,"



Photo by Steve Stanek

Kenny Kudol's sighting at the Carl Degner farm was not the first report of a UFO above Thew Road, but it was the most recent.

he said.

The now-terrified couple spun gravel as they attempted to drive away from the monstrosity, which had descended to within 100 feet of their car. Suddenly, the lights winked out, as the craft simply vanished.

"It had disappeared instantly or the lights had shut out," continued the man. "Saying that the lights had shut out is no indication that the thing had taken off."

Whatever happened, it was the last the couple saw of the object. They reported the incident to the Vernon County Sheriff's Dept., which dispatched an officer to investigate. The woman told the Sentry-Enterprise the officer said he heard strange noises in the woods nearby, but failed to locate the object.

Another Hillsboro woman had an even closer encounter with the Unknown in November of 1977. Returning home from work one evening, she was traveling along County Q, when she

found her way blocked by some flashing blue and red lights. Thinking she had happened upon the scene of an accident, the woman, who asked to remain anonymous, stopped her car about 100 yards away, and got out.

When she stepped from the car, she peered through the bright lights, and was shocked to see, not a squad car or ambulance, but a large aircraft straddling the highway.

"It covered the road," she told the Sentry-Enterprise. "It was shaped like a derby hat, but not quite as tall."

The woman quickly began to get back in her car, when the object raised itself off the highway.

"It lifted straight up and was gone...zoom!", she said. "It never made a noise."

She pointed out that the location of the sighting was near some electrical transformers. A man living nearby, also saw the lights, but like the woman, assumed it was an accident.

REGISTER STAR, Rockford, IL - Feb. 26, 1992

UFO info

I receive interesting letters from you about subjects you would like to see addressed in this column, and of course, I do my best to cover the science or nature topic you are requesting.

Recently, I received a letter from Mount Rainier, Md. called, "Fund for UFO Research Inc." It contained some interesting information which I will share with you in case you are one of the many people who have spotted what they believe to be an unidentified flying object (UFO).

It states: "This most bizarre of all the aspects of the UFO mystery continues to grow with new reports being received frequently from all parts of the United States as well as other countries. There are now in excess of 1,000 reports of 'alien abductions' on file with the leading investigators."

"In the great majority of instances, the scenarios are described in highly consistent



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fashion: the appearance of aliens, their step-by-step actions, and the reasons of the victims.

"The typical abduction starts with the capture of one or more innocent victims, either from a car at night in a sparsely populated area, or from the victim's bedroom at night.

"One or more victims are then taken into what is presumed to be a craft of some sort, subjected to unfamiliar 'medical' procedures, and finally returned to where they were taken, with little or no conscious recall of the events. Memory then returns slowly, sometimes with the aid of hypnosis, often without."

WIFR-TV's Sue Mroz's column on science and nature appears here weekdays.

CR: B. Greenwood

UFO tales from a prof at Temple — seriously

By John Corr
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

David M. Jacobs is a scholar, historian and university professor, and he believes that humans, maybe millions of them, have been abducted by space aliens and fiddled with — sexually. He believes the aliens are using humans to produce hybrid children, maybe millions of them, who are then taken away — possibly to a life of slavery on a distant planet.

Jacobs believes all of this, and more, because of extensive interviews with 60 people who, under hypnosis, told him remarkably similar stories about being abducted, taken to a spaceship and subjected to mental and physical "processes."



"The abduction program appears to be vast," says scholar-author David M. Jacobs.

It all sounds like supermarket tabloid stuff, he concedes. "I know it's bizarre," he said during an interview in his Temple University office. "I know it's preposterous and wacky."

Still, he believes it, and he has written a book, *Secret Life: Firsthand Accounts of UFO Abductions* (Simon & Schuster), setting forth his beliefs. "I have to believe it," he said. "There is no theory that explains how all of these people could have the same experience and report the same details down to the smallest point. These people don't know each other, they are not seeking publicity, and they related details that had never been made public previously."

He would be "delighted if some other explanation could account for all of this — but there is none. This book had to be done. I didn't write it, certainly, to advance my career. In fact, all it does is call my judgment into question and, I imagine, it puts an end to any chance I might have

had for promotion here at the university."

(From Temple: No comment.) Just the sort of explanation Jacobs is seeking may be contained in the observations of Peter B. Bloom, clinical associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, a fellow of the Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis, president-elect of the International Society of Hypnosis and senior attending psychiatrist at the Institute of Pennsylvania Hospital.

All the accounts of extraterrestrial kidnappings collected by Jacobs were given under hypnotic regression — a technique in which, he concedes, he has no formal training.

Probably, Bloom said, Jacobs' subjects were simply telling him what he wanted to hear: "The subject shapes his responses to meet the agenda of the hypnotist. It happens often."

This isn't necessarily a conscious effort to please the hypnotist, Bloom said, but a response to subtle cues that the hypnotist himself might not be aware of.

"Memory is not a tape recorder that can simply be played back under hypnosis," said Bloom. "It is composed of impressions that may be real in terms of feelings but may have nothing to do with fact."

Medical hypnosis, Bloom said, is "such a powerful, useful technique when used as an adjunct to medical, dental, psychological and psychiatric treatment that, to see it used this way..."

Studies such as Jacobs', Bloom said, should be conducted with the most rigorous scholarly discipline and should be replicable by other investigators. "The danger here is that the subjects probably now believe these stories as true explanations of normal difficulties of everyday living."

Jacobs says he was careful to "weed out" what he refers to as "confabulation, screen memories and dream material." And in the end, he points out, all of his subjects — from all over the country, from all walks of life — tell the same basic story:

They are visited, usually at night and while alone, by aliens who are short and bald and lack genitalia. They are taken up into the sky, often passing through walls or ceilings.

(Because these abductions have never been witnessed, Jacobs assumes that the process that allows the abductees to pass through solid matter also renders them and their abductors invisible.)

They are taken to what seems to be a spaceship and placed on tables, as many as 200 in a room. "Mental and sexual" procedures, most remembered only vaguely, ensue. Some are shown children and told to "behold the future."

Then they are returned to the site of the kidnapping, with no memory of the incident. Only later, sometimes many years later, do traces of memory return. Fuller recollection, said Jacobs, comes forth during hypnosis.

Harvard psychiatry professor John E. Mack, in his introduction to *Secret Life*, credits Jacobs with "a special standard of rigorous scholarship and careful observation" in compiling the book.

Mack writes:

"Through his meticulous documentation of the structure and content of the UFO abduction phenomenon, Dr. Jacobs has deepened the mystery that lies before us while, at the same time, bringing us closer to some form of understanding. He has made clear that we are dealing with a phenomenon that has a hard edge, a huge, strange interspecies or inter-being breeding program that has invaded our physical reality and is affecting the lives of hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people and perhaps, in some way, the consciousness of the entire planet."

Some of the victims, Jacobs says, claim to have been abducted many times, beginning in childhood. Some men say sperm was taken from them. Some women say they became pregnant, but that the fetus later "disappeared" from their bodies.

Jacobs, who has never personally met up with an alien, became interested in reports of UFO sightings in the mid-1960s as a hobby. He gradually became more serious about the subject and, in 1973, wrote his doctoral thesis about it. Shortly after, he published his first book on the topic, *The UFO Controversy in America*.

In 1986, he began doing hypnotic-regression interviews, and after six years of this, he has concluded:

- UFOs are here to use humans to create other beings.
- UFO sightings are probably related to kidnappings.
- The abductions may have occurred for the last 50 years and may involve many millions of humans.
- Besides the manufacture of living beings, the aliens want "knowledge of our mental and non-reproductive physiological processes."

"The abduction program appears to be vast," said Jacobs, noting that the aliens "hustle" their human captives away as soon as possible, "presumably so more humans can be brought in. ... The amount of time

and energy invested in the breeding program is enormous."

Jacobs, who continues to interview "abductees," said he expected to write more books and articles as the data increased.

It has almost become, he said, a "new scholarly discipline."

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THE Skinny

SPACE SUIT IRONED OUT: The Pima County Board of Supervisors has agreed to pay \$110,000 to a sheriff's office employee who claimed he was bypassed at promotion time because he believes in UFOs.

The cash settlement ended what the national magazine *UFO* has called "perhaps the first lawsuit of its kind."

About 18 months ago, sheriff's office planning and operations officer Bob Dean filed suit after the county's top cop appointed someone else to head the emergency services department. Sheriff Clarence Dupnik cited Dean's interest in unidentified flying objects as the reason the 13-year county employee was not offered the job although the officer had an outstanding work record.

Dean had been ranked second behind Karen Paulsen in the job competition. She turned the job down. Despite reported long-time county procedures, Dupnik bypassed the 62-year-old department veteran and tapped someone who wasn't even a candidate for the post.

Dean filed suit in Pima County Superior Court, alleging that Dupnik violated his First Amendment right to free speech and discriminated against him because of his age and gender.

"People have a right to believe in whatever they want to believe," then-Attorney General Bob Corbin told Phoenix's *New Times* writer Ward Harkavy (reprinted in "Two Men in a Little Green Suit," *Tucson Weekly*, June 19, 1991). "I have an interest in UFOs, too. I don't know whether I 'believe' in them or not. But I'm sure interested in them. It's fun. Does that make me not qualified to be attorney general?"

Paulsen also questioned Dupnik's decision, calling Dean a "highly competent professional who's deserving of the job. He's interested in UFOs; I'm interested in antiques. He pursues his interest in his own time. Why should it matter?"

Dean's astral beliefs are grounded on earth. He said that during his 27-year career in the U.S. Army, he saw classified documents and studies confirming the existence of UFOs.

"I don't run off on little tangents and talk about little green men, and I have a right to the damn job because I earned it," Dean said.

The Board of Supervisors last month voted to settle the case and pay Dean \$110,000. One local pundit told *The Skinny* that Supervisor Greg Lunn had the most colorful rationale for voting to settle the case. Lunn said the board should give Dean the money because Dean pointed out there was an alien being on the board. Mocking in the general direction of fellow Republican Supervisor Ed Moore, Lunn quipped that Dean was right about that.

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DISPATCH, Columbus, OH - April 16, 1992 CR: MORA

Alien abduction? Odd but true, they say

By Bo Emerson
Cox News Service

Eric Beckjord probably lost his audience when he maintained that aliens had sculpted a mammoth likeness of Grumpy the Dwarf among the craters of Mars.

The doctors, physicists, psychiatrists, biochemists and others gathered over the weekend in Decatur, Ga., to discuss crop circles, remote viewing and alien abduction weren't buying it.

"This is the kind of thing that gives the study of anomalous phenomena a bad name," said Col. John B. Alexander of Santa Fe, N.M., a former Green Beret and military intelligence expert.

Such was the atmosphere at the fourth meeting of Treatment and Research of Experienced Anomalous Trauma, a group founded by New York psychiatrist Rima Laibow to deal with what seems to be post-traumatic stress in patients who claimed to have experienced alien abduction.

Laibow said the common experiences among patients warranted inquiry.

"These were basically healthy people who were telling absolutely incredible stories and showing the impact of their experiences, both psychological and physical."

Since its first meeting in May 1989, the group has expanded its concerns to include a variety of strange occurrences.

That explains why Beckjord, director of the Center for Cryptophenomena in Malibu, Calif., was showing slides of Bigfoot, the Loch Ness monster and other landmarks of the extraordinary.

The four-day meeting was far from a gather-

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Dr. Rima Laibow
psychiatrist

ing of true believers — in fact, its lack of consensus was notable.

Proponents of telekinesis hissed at the mention of dowsing (finding water with a forked stick). Theories of demonic extraterrestrials were supported and rejected.

One group listened raptly to a description of an anti-stress device called BETAR that was promptly criticized by others. The exchanges were vigorous.

"No, I have not seen any aliens; I have not been taken for a ride," said Diane Vickery, a Cincinnati psychiatrist.

Yet Vickery thinks those suffering the after-effects of what they call abductions ought to be studied seriously.

Mark Woodhouse, who teaches Eastern religion and consciousness research at Georgia State University, organized this year's meeting. His interest, he said, is simply curiosity.

"I'm interested in the whole spectrum of phenomena that don't easily fit established models of explanation."

One of his students is 19-year-old Justin Beals, a BETAR operator in a Malcolm X cap, who introduced himself as a trance channeler.

Beals experienced a "kundalini awakening" during one of Woodhouse's courses, he said. That led him, in a roundabout way, to the meeting.

"I'm interested in bringing together science and the spirit," Beals said. "It's time for both of them to shake hands."

For a registration fee of about \$85 per guest, about 75 people attended four days of lectures and workshops, receiving complimentary beverages and entertainment by comic Steve Bhaerman, who performs in lotus position.

While Bhaerman's philosophical humor is ultimately accessible, at the other extreme was the presentation by German physicist Ilbrand von Ludwiger, who spoke Sunday about UFOs and the unified-field theory.

With the aid of an overhead projector, he ran through dense tables of multivariable equations, to prove such theses as "particle-physics theory extended into 12 dimensions thus allows full quantization."

This thrilled some but left others gasping for air.

An Emory University biochemist who requested anonymity — because associations with UFOs "can be very detrimental to your professional standing" — said he was baffled but impressed by von Ludwiger's talk.

"It was beyond me," he said.

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Staff photos by Wayne Guesenberry

Mary Jane Williamson (left) and Patricia Akers (right) discuss their appearance on *Unsolved Mysteries* following the broadcast last night

Wythe County UFO saga is retold on network television

By WAYNE QUESENBERRY
Staff Writer

The local critics of last night's edition of *Unsolved Mysteries* were unanimous with their reviews. They were in a position to critique the show because many of them were involved in the production. They were pleased with the way in which their story was told.

The popular television program celebrated its 100th show last night with a two-hour telecast which included a segment on the UFO sightings in Wythe County several years ago. It was viewed on wide screen television at the Wytheville Holiday Inn by the people appearing in the segment, their family and friends.

Danny Gordon, news director for WYVE Radio in Wytheville and who was featured prominently in the show, remarked, "I'm still kind of numb. Seeing it like this brought it all back. I



Danny Gordon (right) talks with Craig Allison about Wythe County segment of *Unsolved Mysteries*

can deal better with it now than I could when it all happened. I think they did a super job on the show." Portrayed by an actor in

several re-enactment scenes, Gordon appeared as himself in interviews on the show. He talked about the first calls he received at the radio station on Oct. 19, 1987 reporting unidentified flying objects. He told of his subsequent involvement in the sightings, government runaround, a break-in at his home, threats on his life and treatment for stress brought on by the incidents.

On the show he said he would never report seeing the UFOs if he had it to do again. He noted his life had been changed forever because of the experience.

Gordon's seven-year-old daughter Amanda was excited about her appearance on the show. "I think it was real nice. I'd like to be on TV again."

Patricia Akers of the Fort Chiswell area also appeared in the production and gave an account of her sightings. "I thought it was real good. They took it serious. I was on two other shows — *Current Affairs* and a Channel 13 news show — and they sort of made fun of it. One was a halloween spoof. I was reluctant to be interviewed for *Unsolved Mysteries* after that. I didn't know how they would treat it."

Mary Jane Williamson, also in the show, commented, "I thought it was real good. They did a good job with it. I was a little worried they would make it seem sensational."

Wytheville Mayor Trent Crews was pleased with the way his town and the people were treated by the production. "I thought it was realistic. I was apprehensive that we'd come off looking like a bunch of hillbillies."

"I think it was a fair treatment. It didn't make anybody look stupid. I'm still skeptical about the whole thing. I think it was some kind of military operation and not an alien craft," stated Craig Allison, general manager of WYVE.

Williamson added, "Nobody can tell me anything that makes sense. I know I saw something. It was down low where I could see it. If it were an airplane or a Stealth bomber we would not have a roof on the house. I think the government knows more than it's telling. I think the government knows what it is."

Wytheville resident and Roanoke newspaper reporter Paul Dellinger was filmed in a segment which was cut from the broadcast. Complimenting the telecast, he said, "It was very straight forward. It said what the people said." A production crew from the NBC show arrived in Wytheville the first week in October 1991 to film a segment on the sightings. It shot exteriors in the downtown area and in the county. The personal interviews were shot in an undisclosed location in town.

Williamson and Akers said their filming took about a half hour each. They didn't work from a script but told in their own words what they saw.

"They cut a lot of what I said," Akers noted.

At a press conference last October, a producer said the segment would probably be shown during sweeps month in February. She pointed out that shows about UFOs were popular among viewers.

"*Unsolved Mysteries* was the tenth rated show last week. It will probably be in the top five this week," Gordon predicted.

At the end of the UFO segment last night Gordon received a telephone call from a former high school football buddy who'd just seen the show in Texas.

"This will put us on the map. I don't want to see a UFO hotel open up but I wouldn't mind if we sold a few sweatshirts," Gordon said. He did a stint late last night on a call-in show for a Portsmouth television station and appeared this morning on a Richmond television show.

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UFOs? Just new toys for those Calif. flyboys

By RICHARD SISK

News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — They're seeing things out in California again — glowing things that go boom in the sky and look like Elvis "in the right light." But a new report yesterday said that despite descriptions, they're likely not "the mother ship" — just new toys for the Air Force.

"Some observers claim to have witnessed a vast, black flying wing, estimated at 600 feet to 800 feet wide, passing silently over city streets in California," the report said. "The craft moved so slowly that one observer claimed he could jog along with it."

The 35-page study by the Federation of American Scientists traced an increasing number of reports of unexplained lights and noises over the West Coast since October 1990.

"While one might make tongue-in-cheek comments about the proclivity of those on the western side of the San Andreas Fault to see mystical bodies," the report said, the frequency and consistency of the sightings suggests the Air Force is testing a prototype aircraft at Nellis or Edwards Air Force Base.

The Air Force tested Stealth fighters for years in such secrecy.

Steven Aftergood, one of the authors of the report, jokingly said the UFOs "look like Elvis in the right light."

But based on the "flattened football" shape and supersonic speeds mentioned in the sightings, the report speculated that the aircraft could be Project Aurora, a rumored successor to the F117A Stealth fighter, or a successor the famed SR71 Blackbird spy plane.

The Air Force routinely declined comment yesterday.

UFO Researcher Says He Just Deals in Facts

By ROGER BARNHART
Eagle Staff Writer

Take it or leave it, that's the attitude of UFO researcher Robert Hastings when he lectures about his favorite topic — flying saucers.

"I am not a missionary. I'm not here to turn skeptics into believers," Hastings said. "I just believe that the public has the right and the very definite need to know the facts."

Those facts, Hastings says, suggest that the Earth is being visited by beings who are more intelligent and advanced than we are. They also reveal a nearly 40-year government cover-up of UFO sightings around top-secret U.S. nuclear missile sites and atomic test facilities, he says.

Hastings, who spoke Monday night to a large crowd at Slippery Rock University as part of the Union Program Board Lecture Series, has spent nearly half of his life investigating reports of flying saucers.

Although he's never seen one, he's convinced that they exist. He's also convinced that government leaders

know more about UFOs than they're saying.

"Since the late 40s and the early 1950s, there have been ongoing strings of occurrences in which UFOs have shown a distinct and repeated interest in this country's nuclear weapons and other scientific developments," he said. "This is something our government is very concerned about."

Hastings says he gets much of his information from previously classified military and intelligence documents only recently made available to the public through the federal Freedom of Information Act. There are some 8,000 pages of government documents about UFOs now available, he says.

Aside from the much publicized UFO investigation conducted by the U.S. Air Force known as Project Blue Book which ended in 1969, Hastings says the government has also sponsored several other top-secret UFO studies.

Hastings claims the government has covered up its interest in UFOs by burying official records about UFOs amid piles of classified docu-

ments. The government also has pressured military and civilian eyewitnesses to remain silent about sightings, and false information about "little green men" has been leaked to UFO researchers to throw them off the trail, Hastings says.

The UFO conspiracy, he claims, begins at the White House and is controlled by the nation's top two security agencies, the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency.

Why is the government so afraid of telling the truth about UFOs?

"There's the fact that these craft appear to be interested in our nuclear weapons, and that they are superior to our own aircraft," Hastings said. "Then there is the concern about a public panic if these things were revealed."

His interest began at 16 when, as an "Air Force brat," he witnessed a radar sighting of a group of UFOs near Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana. The UFOs, which were spotted over several U.S. nuclear missile silos, disappeared when Air Force jets were sent into the area.

Hastings says he's envious of people who have actually seen flying saucers, and hopes to one day see one himself. He also looks forward to the day a full disclosure is made on UFOs.

UFOs Tonight

A New Radio Talk Show

By Sean Casteel

"UFO's Tonight," a new radio talk show hosted by UFO journalist Don Ecker, premiered March 8 on The Cable Radio Network, available locally on Channel 6 on Avenue Cable and Channels 6 and 21 on Century Cable at 9:00 p.m. Sunday nights. The program will feature live interviews with major names in the UFO field and a call-in portion which allows listeners to ask questions of their own.

Ecker is a writer and lecturer on the UFO phenomenon, as well as serving as Research Director for "UFO Magazine." His own interest in UFOs dates back to the mid-1960s.

"I had a sighting when I was with three other friends in 1966 while we were coming home from a hunting trip," Ecker said. "We were overflown by four objects that exhibited nothing that would suggest that they were anything of the normal variety. Brilliant lights, and then there were the aerial maneuvers they engaged in. I didn't know it at the time, but there was a large UFO flap that was going on."

In 1982, while Ecker was a criminal investigator investigating some agricultural crimes, which had to do with cattle mutilations, the subject of UFOs came up again. Cattle mutilations are often associated with the appearance of UFOs in a given area.

Later, after being medically retired from his job as a policeman, Ecker began what he called "armchair research" with his new computer system.

"I ended up accessing some computer informational systems like Compu-Serve, and stumbled onto the UFO thing," he said, "and it just snatched me up. It became almost an obsession."

Ecker joined The Mutual UFO Network, becoming both a state section director and investigator for the organization, which is the largest of its kind. In 1988, he began writing articles and book reviews for "UFO Magazine," and within a couple of years joined the staff.

"Over the years," Ecker said, "I've

done a lot of different media, both local and national, speaking about UFOs for the magazine. And last year, we were discussing ways of extending into other media, because we had a lot to say. The magazine is only a bi-monthly publication, but, as you can imagine, we get lots of information that crosses our desk almost daily."

In order to spread the word even more, Ecker began to co-host a radio show on Los Angeles station KIEV with radio legend Jim Hawthorne. The program lasted about three and a half months before Hawthorne decided to retire.

"A lot of people, and I mean a lot of people," Ecker said, "had called up and written them about cancelling the show because we had developed quite a following. But after that happened, I just decided to take it into another area."

Ecker said he was approached by several different radio stations throughout the area that were interested in continuing with the project.

"Then I was contacted by The Cable Radio Network, which is a national system," Ecker said. "And they asked if we would be interested in doing a show on their medium. And we said, 'Yeah, that's great.'"

Ecker plans for the program to tackle issues in the field of UFOs head on, including alleged government involvement in UFO activity.

"Some of the major issues we're confronted with today," Ecker said, "are some of the same issues we were confronted with 45 years ago. Government involvement, government concern, government cover-up. One of the newer things that we are just now recognizing over the last 10 years is dis-information. Evidently military intelligence entities within the



Don Ecker, host of the new radio talk show, "UFOs Tonight"

government have some concern, serious concern over this, and have gone to a great extent to misinform people."

Ecker said the news media are also at fault.

"We've had some major cases over the last 10 to 12 years that have almost been uniformly ignored by the media. And that's another concern," Ecker said, "the way the media has treated this subject.

Now, in many respects, people in the UFO field carry a lot of the blame because of the fringe element. And so many people that have an honest interest in it do not have the means or ability to go check out a lot of this information. So, some of these fringe elements are just throwing anything at them for a buck, without any concern about how it's injuring the field over all. And that's one of the reasons I feel the media hasn't covered it the way it should."

In an effort to give UFOs a proper media treatment, Ecker has lined up an impressive list of guests for "UFOs Tonight."

"Some of the guests that we have set up for the next few months include Jacques Vallee, a French astrophysicist and computer scientist, probably one of the most credentialed scientific personalities presently that are following up on the phenomenon," Ecker said. "He's noted for writing a number of very incisive books concerning UFO, most recently *Confrontations* and *Revelations*. And he has a new book out right now about the Soviet Union."

"We have Dr. David Jacobs scheduled in a few weeks," Ecker continued, "and Jacobs just had a new book published called *Secret Life* on the UFO abduction arena. Jacobs has worked hand-in-glove with one of the most famous abduction researchers,

Budd Hopkins."

Other guests include Paul Stonehill, a Russian emigre who is now a naturalized citizen and has done a tremendous amount of work about UFOs in the Soviet Union; Zechariah Sitchin, a nationally renowned author and ancient language linguist who has written "The Earth Chronicles" series about ancient visitations; John Keel, a prolific UFO author; and Kevin Randle and Donald Schmidt, whose book was a major investigation into the crash of a UFO at Roswell, New Mexico, Ecker said.

The show will also feature a call-in portion at 800-336-CABLE.

"The call-in part of the program is to enable the listening public to ask questions and interview the guests or myself about questions and concerns they have about UFOs," Ecker said.

Ecker said the program will not draw definite conclusions that are not warranted by the evidence.

"The basic philosophy of it, and this is something I stress whenever I talk publicly—when we're talking about UFOs, most listeners make the assumption that we're talking about spaceships," Ecker said. "UFO means 'Unidentified Flying Object.' We're not saying 'spaceships.' We don't know that they are spaceships. What they are is 'Unidentified,' which means we cannot identify them using our basic frame of reference. The flying part of it is pretty much self-explanatory. And the 'Object'—it appears like someone's manufactured craft. But we don't know that they're spaceships. And when we say we're investigating it, we're skeptical of the spaceship theory until such time as we have irrefutable proof."

"And one of the problems in the UFO field," Ecker continued, "is that so many people make the assumption that we know that they're extra-terrestrial. That's the most workable hypothesis, but it's not the only hypothesis. And there's no one that I'm aware of that has irrefutable proof that they are E.T. We're a program with a lot of questions, and we're trying to find the answers."

Mystics, space aliens join gathering

By JIM O'CONNELL
Staff Writer

A witch married to a reverend named John 3:16 was wandering yesterday through the displays of healing crystals, energy pyramids and UFO photos.

A middle-aged woman told visitors she is an extraterrestrial capable of killing people with her mind.

Two blond women in matching white flowing robes described the search for the new species of Meta-Beings.

And you thought Mission Valley had no character.

This weekend the Second Annual National New Age & Truth About UFOs Conference will at least provide characters at the Mission Valley Hilton Hotel.

For \$20 per session, the conference offers both the old reliables in new age beliefs, such as energy pyramids and healing crystals, and the latest fads in dealing with aliens, such as sessions on "placing the UFO abduction experience into a positive light."

At workshops costing another \$40, spiritual teachers and alien experts will reveal their innermost secrets.

At one workshop, the master Sri Donato, who is telepathically linked to an alien spaceship, will heal women who have lost their fetuses to aliens, said her aide, Gopi Saravanti.

"It's everything from the very serious to the super silly," said Timothy Beckley, the confer-

ence's promoter. "Some of it is pretty far out, but most of it has a kernel of truth to it."

About 1,000 people are expected through Monday to hear more than 43 speakers in lecture and workshop sessions, Beckley said.

The star of this year's conference is Bob Oechsler, a former NASA engineer who contends that the technology used in the Stealth bomber was taken from recovered flying saucers.

The government has secret evidence of UFOs, including alien hardware, Oechsler said. Top military officials are indoctrinating the populous into accepting other life forms through subliminal messages in television commercials, he added.

At a press conference early

yesterday, more than a dozen of the conference's guest speakers gave previews of the lectures and workshops they will present.

Robert Short promised to present evidence that humanoids and clones are being grown in alien-controlled ranches under the Tehachapi Mountains.

Louie Turi said he would describe four separate UFO encounters, including one in which he concluded aliens must have transported him because he drove on Interstate 5 from Anaheim to the Los Angeles Zoo in less than one hour.

"You won't hear any of this at Baptist Church on Sunday morning," said Dr. Frank Stranges, who dispenses oil that has been blessed by an alien friend.

Angels and Aliens: UFOs and the Mythic Imagination
By Keith Thompson
Addison-Wesley, 283 pp., \$19.95

By Mark G. Judge

ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH 21, 1966, more than 80 people watched a UFO fly over the environs of Hillsdale, a small college town in Michigan. The car-sized, football-shaped object allegedly performed spectacular dips and gyrations and was seen by the dean of the local college, the local civil-defense director and dozens of students before disappearing over a nearby swamp. The sighting was the high-point of a week of airborne apparitions around western Michigan and added hysteria to an increasingly paranoid atmosphere in Hillsdale and the surrounding counties.

The situation got so out of hand that a government UFO specialist, J. Allen Hynek, was sent to Hillsdale to calm fears. (Remember, this was the civil-defense '60s.) Hynek was a consultant for Project Blue Book, the in-

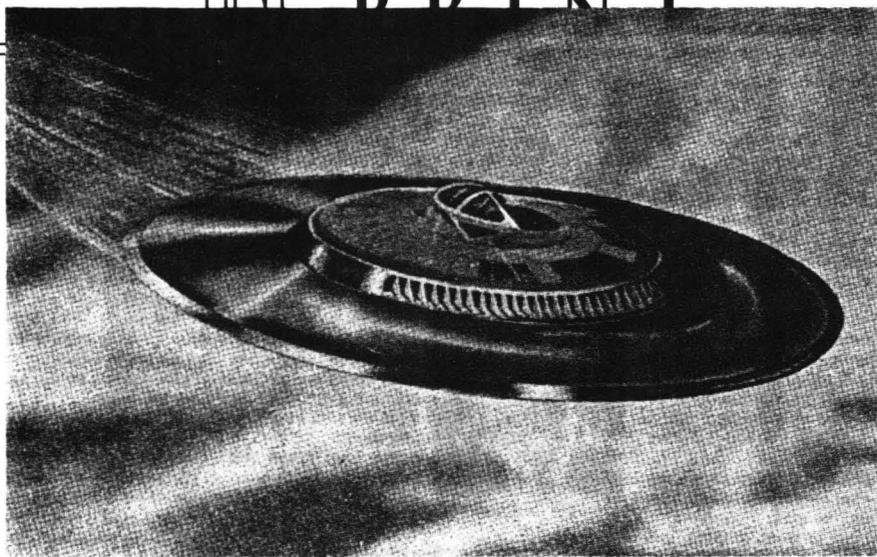
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famous agency that specialized in debunking UFO sightings from 1952 to 1969. After a few days of observations, a press conference was hastily called and Hynek presented his theory of what the witnesses at Hillsdale were seeing: swamp gas.

Hynek had heard of cases of methane swamp gas floating up through trees, briefly igniting and causing a bright optical illusion, and Hillsdale was near a swamp. The students, in essence, were being deluded by the phantasms of a farting swamp. The press derided Hynek, while UFO conspiracy buffs went berserk. Hynek, openly disgusted with his own explanation, later became a strong UFO supporter until his death in 1986.

The 1966 "swamp gas debacle" is chronicled in *Angels and Aliens: UFOs and the Mythic Imagination*, but to author Keith Thompson it represents much more than a funny example of boundless public credulity vs. governmental stupidity. To Thompson, Hillsdale is one sidebar to the mythic significance and religious nature of UFOs, whose ongoing appearances are either a portent of the arrival of the space brothers or the manifestation of some preternatural, possibly religious intelligence or spirit.

In other words, it's time to take flying saucers seriously, as the back-cover blurbs from an *Esquire* contributing editor ("as original and provocative a book as you're likely to run into this year") and Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH) ("the flying saucer has emerged as a provocative symbol for late-20th-century hopes and fears") flatly imply—provided you take *Esquire* or Metzenbaum



Mything the point of UFOs taints down-to-earth reporting

seriously. (Thompson is not alone among sober scholars in his mission to rekindle E.T.'s life-light. *The New Republic* reported recently that John E. Mack, Pulitzer-Prize-winning Harvard psychiatry professor, has written the favorable introduction to a book called *Secret Life: Firsthand Accounts of UFO Abductions*, to be published by Simon & Schuster.)

Accept my ufology: The modern UFO age began on June 25, 1947, when U.S. Forest Service pilot Kenneth Arnold saw nine bright objects flying at "incredible speed" over Mt. Rainier, Wash. The bewildered Arnold told reporters that one of the objects quivered like "a saucer skipping over water." For the next 45 years (and possibly as far back as 4000 B.C., Thompson insists), UFOs have provided both a wellspring of crackpottery for fringe science buffs and a few occasions of genuinely mysterious moving lights overhead.

Thompson is most effective when recounting sightings without extrapolation, although he's painfully reluctant to call anyone a liar, no matter the size of the howler. His terse, level-headed reporter's voice is a welcome antidote to the panting hyperbole of UFO books, and the metaphysical claims of the true believers in *Angels and Aliens* are so bizarrely imaginative that Thompson is wise not to dress them up. He's managed to boil a field brimming with cranks, debunkers and conjecture down to a few controversies and theories and plucks the best and brightest abductions, hoaxes and sightings from the latrine-ditch of saucer lore.

All the greats are here, from the Roswell, N.M., "saucer crash" in 1947—only days after Arnold's sighting!—to *Communion*, Whitley Strieber's 1986 "non-fiction" best seller that examined the author's abduction by *Close Encounters* doubles. In between are "luminous egg-shaped

objects" that kidnap people from their beds in the dead of night, mysterious cattle mutilations and conspiracy-laden rantings by "ufologists" that would embarrass Oliver Stone. (Thompson passes over the much-publicized recent "crop circles" in favor of UFOs in antiquity, pointing out that weird lights in the sky have been seen throughout history, from soaring "earthenware vessels" over medieval Japan to the 19th-century "airship mystery" in the U.S.)

Thompson flirts with sociology—once nicely, but all-too-briefly speculating that UFO paranoia might have been fueled by McCarthyism—but his pro-UFO bias leads him to either couch his skepticism in gentle terms or fly to slippery, grandiose lyricism.

He also proves his smarts, only to dash his investigative instincts on the rocks of credulity. Modern UFO encounters have grown wilder with each ensuing rash of sightings, and Thompson, to his credit, admits that this is the result of the public's thirst for newer, more remarkable myths. He understands that silence equals death for "ufologists." Thompson notes that it became harder to laugh off UFOs after a 1952 flap in which the government put Air Force pilots on nationwide alert to shoot down flying saucers that refused to land. The order came after radar and eyewitness UFO sightings in Washing-

ton, D.C. The UFO debate, he writes, had "reached its first real turning point, with a recognizable plot focused around recognizable conflicts in place."

Flight of fancy: A turning point, maybe—but also a dead end. The only deliverance would be a new wrinkle, which was provided when the first abductee claimant, George Adamski, appeared in 1952. Though Adamski was a nut—he claimed to have made contact after going into the California desert for the expressed purpose of meeting aliens—Thompson sees the era he ushered in as nothing short of epic: "Just as Homer expanded and enriched the *Odyssey* by permitting his hero, Ulysses, to wander successfully into new and significant regions, the ever-widening plot of the UFO epic was about to encompass a new adventure of events and images whose very appearance on the scene would beg the major questions of the existing debate, opening provocative new dilemmas at the same time."

This is the kind of mythological flight of fancy that mars *Angels and Aliens*. In recounting the nuts and bolts of Adamski's adventure and the magnitude of the 1952 flap, Thompson has his feet on the ground: The prose is neat and uninspiring—not a liability—and the "epic" he unfolds is breezy and entertaining. Suddenly, the urge for Greater Understanding stirs the author—the "myth" in *Mythic*—and he cites Homer.

And that's only the beginning. Soon his search for metaphysical personification initiates a roll-call of Greek gods who have been toying with our perceptions for centuries: Proteus, "the shape-shifter"; Hermes, "fleet-footed messenger of the gods"; and Dionysus, who reveals himself through masks. (Thrown in for good measure is the multicultural Trickster, who's been duping humanity through the ages.)

The author's generally level-headed approach is a welcome antidote to the panting hyperbole of other UFO books.

Thompson awkwardly insists that these allegorical figures "have been shaping our plot ... at the periphery of the stage," and that "[m]yth offers a background of images through which the UFO phenomenon might gain the deeper, richer, wider volume to which its events so consistently aspire." Thompson predictably ends the chapter with a quote from Joseph Campbell.

There is a precedent for this. As Thompson notes, Carl Jung was a great UFO enthusiast, and even wrote a book about them, 1959's *Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Sky*. Thompson cites a letter Jung wrote claiming that "saucers might even be ... rumor as well as fact," and goes on to write that Jung understood that "large-scale anomalies typically arise when wholesale changes are underway in the forces in the collective unconsciousness," which Thompson describes as "that vast repository of images and motifs common to the myths and dreams of peoples throughout the world, all connected as a complex matrix transcending time and space."

Just the facts: This is all a bit much, regardless of how brilliant a philosopher Jung was. After all, Thompson is describing a phenomenon that, according to skeptics such as Phillip Klass (a major antagonist in *Angels and Aliens*) is 100 percent accountable—either people are seeing natural phenomena, man-made objects, or, well, they're lying.

But even if sightings can be reduced to natural phenomena or lies—which I find impossible—Thompson had his finger on a ready-made passion play that's been waiting almost 50 years for a competent scribe. Abductees and debunkers have formed a volatile, often amusing subculture, and their ongoing fracas offers more drama than many journalists sniff out in a lifetime. Thompson reports that when Whitley Strieber met Kathy Davis, a character in Budd Hopkins' abduction book *Intruders*, he informed her that he had seen her disembodied head on a shelf inside a UFO. With material like this, who needs Proteus?

That's the infuriating irony of *Angels and Aliens*. If the author had stuck to recounting the experiences and buffooneries of both witnesses and government experts, it would have been a convincing and down-to-earth sociological study that described the process Jung anticipated—modern myth in the making. Unfortunately, *Angels and Aliens* is part treatise on quasi-religious revelation as piloted by Greece. Like many UFO witnesses, Thompson should have just stuck to the story. Some of the sightings are genuine curiosities, and all the swamp gas in the world won't change that. ■

Mark G. Judge was recently abducted by aliens who told him to vote for Jerry Brown.

REGISTER STAR, Rockford, IL - Feb. 27, 1992 CR: B. Greenwood

'It's a bird, it's a plane...'

Today's column continues yesterday's discussion of the letter I received from the Fund for UFO Research in Mount Rainier, Md. The letter deals with worldwide reports of UFOs, unidentified flying objects.

There has been a great deal of speculation about the possibility



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of life in other galaxies and on other planets, and there have been many books, movies and television shows that dealt with the subject. According to the information

sheet I received, there has been some investigation into the "increasingly well substantiated" reports of at least three crashes of UFOs—two in New Mexico in 1947 and one in Pennsylvania in 1965.

More and more firsthand and secondhand witnesses have come forth to add their experiences to the growing body of evidence.

One book on the subject was published in July 1991 (*UFO*

Crash at Roswell by Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt, Avon Paperback). Another is scheduled for publication this summer (*Crash at Corona* by Stanton T. Friedman and Don Berliner, Paragon House). Also an extensive collection of reports was published in 1991 (*UFO Crash/Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum* by Leonard Stringfield, privately published in Cincinnati).

The newsletter that I received

states that for more information on UFOs and the latest research on UFO activity, contact Don Berliner, Fund for UFO Research (703) 684-6032 (voice or fax).

WFR-TV's Sue Mroz's column on science and nature appears here weekdays.

UFO doctor: 'I'm not nuts'

By JOHN E. CHAMBERS
The Capital-Journal

Dr. Scott Corder says he'll prove he isn't nuts during an upcoming competency hearing.

The state suspended the medical license of Corder, 41, of Ottawa, almost three years ago after his beliefs in UFOs became public.

The competency hearing may be within a month, in time for the Kansas Board of Healing Arts to consider the matter at its next regular meeting April 11.

Topeka attorney Wendell Betts has been appointed the hearing's presiding officer. A prehearing conference tentatively has been set for 10 a.m. Monday in his office to agree upon a date.

"I now have the right to go back in front of them with my own evidence to show them that I can practice medicine and I'm not nuts," Corder said in a recent interview.

Two board-licensed practicing psychiatrists, not those designated by the board, evaluated him "and found no problems," he said.

"I took this information in front of them, and they wouldn't even look at it," he said. "They punted it to somebody who probably doesn't have as much ability to evaluate it as they do. I'm tired of it. They're just pushing me around."

Corder had practiced family medicine in Ottawa for 10 years and had about 1,000 patients when his license was suspended March 13, 1989. The suspension was ordered on an emergency basis by Richard Gannon, then executive director of the state board, and ratified later by the board.

"I don't care if they want to call my beliefs strange," Corder said. "It's taking away my livelihood that bothers me."

The basis for the suspension was probable

cause that Corder was unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness or as a result of a mental or physical condition, said Lawrence T. Buening, the board's executive director. He said the basis for arriving at that determination is confidential.

The validity of the original order won't be argued at the hearing. The only issue then will be whether Corder is competent to resume practice.

Decisions on the validity of the original suspension and other administrative actions still are pending, along with two lawsuits in the courts.

The state board held a preconference hearing Feb. 8 on removal of the suspension. After hearing from attorneys the board determined a full



Dr. Scott Corder

hearing should be held.

The suspension followed publication of some of the religious beliefs of Corder and some residents of Russell. Those beliefs include a belief in UFOs and extraterrestrials. Corder had sent letters to various government agencies detailing prophecies about the United States that he said came from extraterrestrials.

Corder said Gannon and the board acted because of his religious beliefs. He said the board doesn't consider the beliefs in UFOs to be a part of his constitutionally protected religious beliefs.

"Do you consider they even have a right to

consider the religious question? No, I don't. They use the part of my beliefs that they think isn't religious.

"They think my UFO beliefs aren't, but they are. They are absolutely intertwined — completely — with my religious beliefs. That's just their method of getting around that."

He said someone from the state board had cautioned him about telling about his beliefs and later called him one morning in March 1989 and said, "Dr. Corder, we thought we told you to be more careful who you told this to."

"And I said, 'Now wait a minute. You mean its OK for me to believe what I want to but I can't spread my beliefs?'"

"They didn't answer that question. They tried to keep me quiet."

"I was an embarrassment to them. And that's what this whole thing's about."

He declined to discuss further his religious beliefs or what he and four other people from Russell with similar beliefs in UFOs did in Israel during a visit last October. He said only, "Nothing illegal. We went over for religious reasons, simple as that."

Corder has been without a regular job since the temporary suspension. In the past three years, he has lost his practice and with it his income, his home, the equity in his home and his savings, all totaling about \$350,000, he said.

The only job he has found was a temporary one in Lawrence. For about 2½ months, he was an enumerator for a company that produces city directories.

"This is a long time to wait, to be out of work," Corder said. "I have bills that are mounting up. A doctor's degree gives you almost no ability to find any other kind of work."

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - April 10, 1992 CR: E. Walters

UFO Shows Off For Gulf Breeze/Pensacola Beach

"This sighting brought the number of times to 19, the Gulf Breeze UFO has been seen, filmed, and documented in 1992."

Bland Pugh, MUFON Field Investigator

by Bland Pugh

There were 5 reported sightings during the month of March. The most spectacular being that of March 14, in which there were between 3 to 5 "UFOs" appearing either simultaneously or in pairs. This particular sighting was featured in "The Islander" March 27 issue, which included a fantastic picture taken by Sue Jones of Foley, AL. She was using her favorite camera, with a 100 mm lens. All of the Mufon investigators were using their big guns...1000 mm, to 2000 mm lenses, 1:28 video cameras, which were much too large, and couldn't get but one "UFO" at a time in their view finders.

After a week and a half with only one sighting, it seemed as if we were about to go back into another "Dry Spell", when on Tuesday March 24, we were treated to another very unusual sighting. The "Gulf Breeze Research Team" had gathered at South Shoreline Park for our usual skywatch, when in the northwestern sky the "UFO" appeared and seemed to be determined to out do the sighting of March 14. The red light appeared as usual, then another light

next to the first, it proceeded to move completely around the first one, after 5 minutes the smaller light faded out and disappeared, then to everyone's surprise, it or another one blinked in, just to it's lower right, both slowly moving to the southwest before fading out as if turned off by a rheostat. The witnesses to this sighting were very, very excited. They were Paul Browning and his fiancée from Clarksville, TN, and a "CBS Film Crew" who were here to interview the GBRT, and Ed Walters for an upcoming program which will air in May. And yes, they filmed the whole thing, from beginning to end! This sighting brought the number of times to 19, the "Gulf Breeze UFO" has been seen, filmed, and documented in 1992.

The "Gulf Breeze/Pensacola Beach UFO" seems to be putting on a show for those lucky enough to have witnessed it the first few days of April, the month has begun with a bang, and at the current rate of travel it may prove to be one of the most interesting yet. Two separate

sightings have been recorded at this writing. The first on April 3, with the next on April 4. These two sightings seemed to be different than those of the past. On April 3, a very bright white light appeared to be moving rapidly toward the south, and was angling downwards before disappearing from sight, 9 to 10 seconds later a huge red light became visible in the northeastern sky (it appeared to be over and east of Food World), this object was moving in the same direction as the previous one. As the GBRT continued to watch, we could see three lights in a triangle that were rotating, in addition to these three red lights there seemed to be lights between each of the three larger ones. This object moved at a steady rate to the southwest for approximately 3 minutes before turning and paralleling the Bob Sikes Bridge, it then turned to the southwest and faded away. The total time of the sighting was 7 minutes. This object was viewed by witnesses from two other locations.

The sighting of April 4 almost a

carbon copy of the one of April 3, the only major difference was that the object appeared to be slightly further away from the research team, as they again were located at South Shoreline Park.

So as you see the mystery continues. The above sightings are still under investigation, again Mufon asks your help, if you witnessed any of these anomalous lights, or have seen anything unusual please call our Hotline # 438-3261, strict anonymity will be observed.

The Pensacola/Gulf Breeze Chapter of Mufon will have a booth at the Gulf Breeze Chamber of Commerce "Marketplace 92", at the Gulf Breeze Recreation Center, on Saturday, April 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come by and visit, our display will include many interesting photos that have yet to be published. Mufon investigators will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Footnote to the article in last weeks Islander, this symposium will be held in Baton Rouge, LA. For further information call 932-9406.

RECORD, Stockton, CA - April 16, 1992

17 Record readers in poll glow with reports of spotting UFOs

By Betsy Clayton
The Stockton Record

Silent, glowing masses. Metallic, rotating balls. Triangular, sparkling spaceships.

They're unidentified flying objects, and according to Stockton Record readers, several have been seen in San Joaquin County.

Seventeen readers responded Wednesday to a phone-in survey about UFO sightings. Some reported their cases in hopes others had also seen similar UFOs.

"I'd like to believe there is life other than us," said Les Tomlinson, 44, of

Stockton. When he was 12, he spotted a rotating metal object in the sky at dusk, east of downtown Stockton, and watched it for 10 minutes before it disappeared.

Augustine Acosta said that in 1967 he and some fishing buddies discovered a white, glowing mass with a tail cruising above them at Donner Lake. There was no sound. Acosta said he later heard of similar sightings in New Mexico.

Liz Dirksen's children reported seeing six UFOs two weeks ago from their home near University of the Pacific. "I got home, and they were just jumping out of their skin," she said.

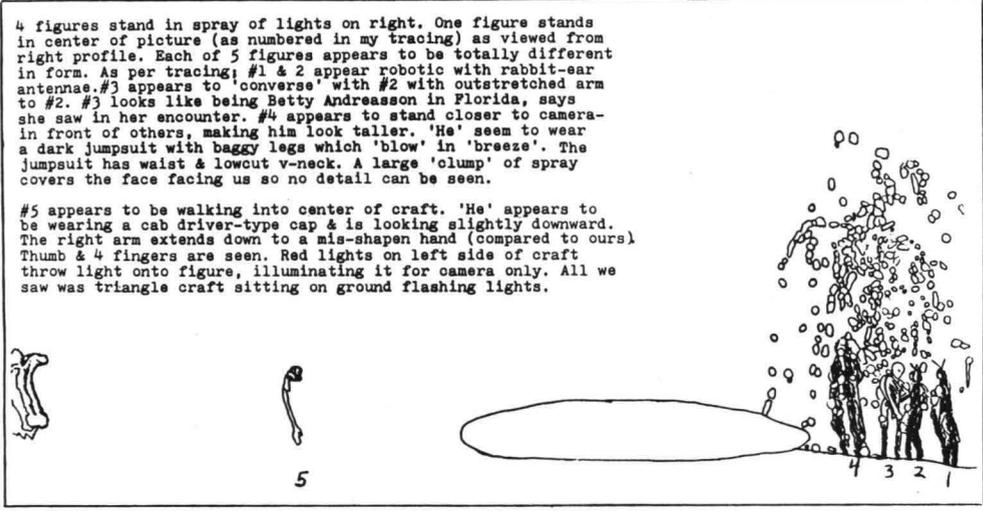
Sarah Dirksen, 14, said five lights zig-zagged around a diamond- or triangle-shaped spaceship with colorful orange, blue, red and white lights on it. It didn't look like a helicopter, blimp or airplane because it moved in circles at greatly varied speeds, she said.

Stocktonian Susan Hohnemann said she was in Oxford, England, 15 years ago when she and her friends discovered lights about seven stories up following their every move — when they stopped, the lights stopped, she said. After 10 minutes, the lights melted into a rainbow and disappeared into the night.

Phone results



In response to a telephone poll, 17 Record readers said Wednesday that they have seen UFOs.



Above, a drawing by Ellen Crystall, author of "Silent Invasion," based on a photo she took of a UFO in 1981 in Pine Bush. She says it shows four figures in a spray of light, right, and a fifth, left, walking towards a craft.

roads and in the fields behind the Jewish Cemetery on Route 52. In her book, there are a number of photographs of what she believes are UFOs, but they're not of the Steven Spielberg "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" or "E.T." genre. She explains what to look for in her photographs and adds, "Some people may scoff, because real UFOs aren't Hollywood creations."

However, the aliens she reports having seen — and has drawn from her photos — look like those in the Spielberg movies, which, in turn, were created from UFO sightings throughout the world. This body of information gives weight to her photos.

"The aliens are able to control the images produced on photographs taken of their craft by surrounding the UFOs



Ellen Crystall

with shortwave radiation that obscures the craft photographically," she said. Before we got out to the field, Crystall said, "UFO watching is like going fishing. You have to be patient and you might not have a bite. But, then again, you might be lucky." We were lucky! Out on a moon-splashed field, there was a lot of activity over tree lines and in the sky. "Take a second look at anything that flashes," she

Revelations of a UFO tracker

By CHRIS FARLEKAS

Ellen Crystall brings people out of the closet. "Usually people are reluctant to say they've seen UFOs, because people will think they're crazy, but when they hear me talking about what I've seen at Pine Bush, they really open up," she said.

Crystall was talking about UFOs and her extraordinarily fascinating just-published book "Silent Invasion: The Shocking Discoveries of a UFO Researcher" (Paragon House, \$19.95). We met last week at Taco Bell in Middletown. Between bites of a burrito, the striking-looking blond woman was explaining how to look at photographs of UFOs she's taken through the years in the Pine Bush area.

As if on cue, a couple from Grahamsville sitting across the aisle, hearing her talk, came over and told her about a UFO sighting near their home last summer, which they said was witnessed by at least 50 people.

Another man, an Orange County official who asked that his name not be used, recounted his UFO story about seeing a flying saucer near Horton Hospital in Middletown in the mid-1970s. "The whole neighborhood saw it," he said.

Driving out to the Pine Bush area of Orange County to go UFO sighting, Crystall said, "People have been brainwashed into thinking they're crazy if they say they've seen UFOs. But it's presumptuous to think that in the whole universe there are no other living beings except here on earth. It's only our insecurity that makes us want to think we're the only living creatures.

"We humans have a fairly standardized concept of reality and life on our planet. Many people can't accept the idea that there may be other forms of life somewhere out there. "That limits the universe."



Interestingly, the 40-year-old Bergen County, N.J., woman, a doctoral student at New York University, thinks UFOs "have nothing to do with God or religion." Yet, in talking about looking for UFOs and writing the book, she uses a potent Christian symbol: "In a sense, this is my quest for the Holy Grail."

She dismisses any suggestion that the aliens she says she's seen are some kind of spoof.

"They're from a far more advanced civilization than ours," she said.

She wishes they'd talk to her. She's says she's been "within touching distance of UFOs" and tried to speak to the aliens, but reports that they flee.

She's been UFO-watching in Pine Bush for nearly a dozen years and says she has made "hundreds of sightings," especially on the South and West Searsville

said. Some of what we saw were obviously airplanes circling toward Stewart International Airport in Newburgh. But there were at least two objects whose behavior and shape defied conventional description.

One seemed to play "jack-in-the-box" over a grove of trees for five minutes before climbing about 250 feet in the sky and coming over us, with headlights like a car and revolving lights on the side.

The second sighting was across a field. Whatever it was went up and down like a yo-yo, then disappeared in an instant.

"You see. I told you so," Crystall said, a face full of happiness shining golden in a silver night.

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May 3, 1992 CR: E. Crystall

NEWS CHIEF, Winter Haven, FL - March 15, 1992

Local group explores possibility of alien life

By RON STARNER
City editor

WINTER HAVEN — What do Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, John Lennon and Muhammad Ali have in common?

All of them, like 14 percent of Americans, claim to have seen a UFO.

That tidbit of history was just one of many shared with a group of about 35 people Saturday afternoon at the Winter Haven Public Library during a meeting sponsored by the Mutual UFO Network.

Fearon Hicks, state section director for MUFON, said the fact that reputable politicians and celebrities believe in the existence of extraterrestrial spacecraft is a sign that UFOlogy (the science of studying the phenomena of unidentified flying objects) is gaining public support.

"I think they're among us right now living with us," Hicks, a 43-year-old former Naval Intelligence officer, said of his belief in alien life.

Jason Leary, a 22-year-old student at Polk Community College, said he attended the meeting because "I've always been interested in the subject of extraterrestrial life. It's something that's exotic. It's novel."

Saying that reports of UFO sightings haven't received the attention they deserve, Leary added, "We seem to think of the Earth as the center of the universe, and we know it's not."

Jim Neal, a 38-year-old science teacher at Polk Opportunity Center in Lakeland, said that although he has been following reported UFO sightings since age 13, "anybody can make photographs."

Neal said he would not be a confirmed believer in alien spacecraft, though, "until I see one of these things on the ground and kick the tires."

Hicks said he believed that many more Americans would believe in UFOs were it not for the "Majestic 12," a group of wealthy corporate CEOs who he says run the country and once prohibited then-President Carter from releasing confidential files on UFO landings to the public.

Hicks also said that former President Gerald Ford once participated in a congressional investigation of UFOs, and that former President Reagan's Star Wars defense system was at least partially motivated by his belief in alien life.

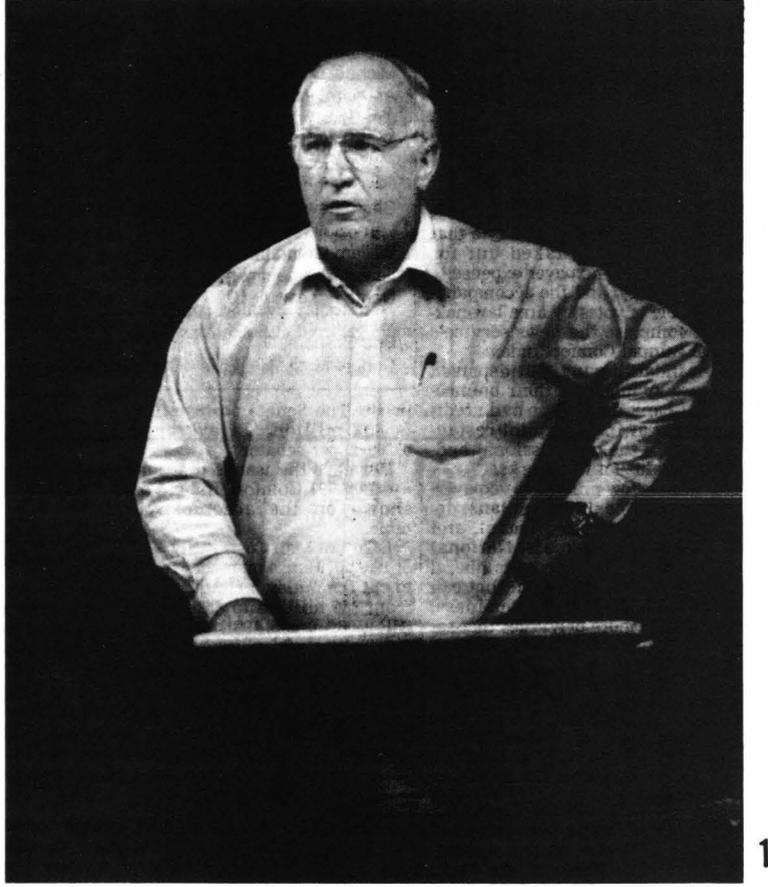
Hicks claims to have seen UFOs on two separate occasions. "I was 4 years old when I saw my first UFO," he said. "I saw my next UFO when I was 15 when I was fishing on Lake Elbert."

Eddie Page, a 39-year-old writer from Auburndale, said he saw his first and only UFO while playing on a Lakeland golf course in 1970.

"It was kind of a perpendicular, circular type object," he said. "I was on the 10th tee at the time getting ready to tee off. It was coming from the north and heading south."

He said that about 30 other people on the golf course spotted the same "dark gray, almost black" object. "It was too fast to be a weather balloon," Page added.

While Page admits that many reported UFO sightings are nothing more than hoaxes, he said that his "personal belief is that there is intelligent life out there."



Fearon Hicks discusses the possibility of UFO's during a seminar Saturday at the Winter Haven Public Library. — Staff photo by John Amis

Lust in space? Book on UFOs warns of alien breeding labs

By BARBARA NOVOTICH
REUTERS
NEW YORK — Alien beings have repeatedly snatched humans from Earth to conduct breeding experiments, according to a book of interviews with those who say they were abducted called "Secret Life — Firsthand Accounts of UFO Abductions." David Jacobs, a Temple

University professor whose specialty is 20th century U.S. history, acknowledges the bizarre nature of the evidence he presents, more often the stuff of sensationalistic supermarket tabloids dismissed as bunk by most serious scientists. But he said in a recent interview that "down to the most precise detail," the 60 abductees' sto-

ries of more than 300 incidents are remarkably similar, and he has found no reason to disbelieve them. "What we have here is an enormous number of people saying unbelievably incredible things that fly in the face of reason, yet all their stories are the same, down to the most precise detail," Jacobs said.

Dr. John Mack, a Harvard University Medical School professor who plans his own book on the subject, said in a foreword to Jacobs' book: "Population surveys suggest that hundreds of thousands and possibly more than a million persons in the United States alone may be abductees ... In a telephone interview Mack, a psychiatrist, said he had

worked with some 40 people who have had these experiences. I intended to dismiss the phenomenon when I first heard about it — the people I've seen, I don't have an explanation. But I know they've undergone a powerful sense of being intruded upon and traumatized. My findings are very similar to his. It's disturbing there's a great scramble to fit this

into a familiar category," he said. Far from being close encounters with benign beings as imagined by fiction writers or screen directors, the abductees in Jacobs' book describe their experiences as "horrendous, a daily dose of pain." In some cases several members of a family were snatched by aliens and the abductions some-

times were repeated over a period of many years. The abductees "come from all walks of life, it doesn't matter who they are, what education level or what they do, what race or nationality," said Jacobs.

They tell of being abducted usually at night from their beds, when they are physically lifted by a beam of light to an Unidentified Flying Object, disrobed and physically examined from feet to head, with particular emphasis on the genitals.

One of the first popular accounts of UFO abduction was published by Look Magazine in 1966 — the story of Betty Hill and her husband, Barney, who said they were abducted on a drive from Montreal to Portsmouth, N.H., in September 1961.

The Hills said they were subjected to a physical examination aboard the space craft. That incident became the subject of a book by John Fuller, which in turn became "The UFO Incident," a 1975 television film starring James Earl Jones and Estelle Parsons.

According to Jacobs' interviews, which he conducted while the subjects were under hypnosis to probe their unconscious memories, some described metallic objects being implanted in their ears or sinus cavities and sperm was extracted from men during the examination by means of a suction tube.

Women, and even little girls, were probed and poked with needles and syringes, and they tell of "egg harvesting" and "embryo implantation."

Throughout their abduction the humans were "controlled" by the aliens' large hypnotic eyes. One frightening procedure recalled by all abductees is what Jacobs calls "mindscan," in which an alien comes close to the abductee on the examination table and stares unrelentingly.

"It's like the eyes overwhelm me," one abductee said. "Their eyes go inside you. You just are held. You can't stop looking. If you wanted to, you couldn't look away. You are drawn into them, and they sort of come into you."

When the abductees are returned, generally after two to three hours, they have only vague conscious memories of what happened.

Physical evidence may consist

of nosebleeds or bruises. But this evidence disappears. Women who were examined by physicians and told they were pregnant were re-abducted and the fetuses removed before they could have an abortion.

The abductees all gave similar descriptions of the alien beings — some two to four feet in height with large, piercing eyes and hairless heads, bodies similar to humans but lacking genitalia and gray skin that feels rubbery or leathery.

The description fits the aliens in Stephen Spielberg's movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." Jacobs said that was because "Spielberg did his homework, he studied the UFO literature."

But their actions were frighteningly different from science fiction accounts, Jacobs said.

"This is not a scenario we would ever have expected, and yet this is what everyone describes ... It's a program of exploitation, an alien agenda that we know nothing about, using people almost like ore out of a mine, over and over again," he said.

Jacobs is not certain that aliens exist but, he contends, if they do not science must deal

with a phenomenon that cannot be rationalized by traditional psychological explanations or clinical categories.

He describes his book as a warning.

Jacobs has, in a sense, sacrificed academic advancement for his research into UFOs.

Although he has been at Temple for 17 years and has frequently been nominated as "best teacher," he is convinced he will not be promoted to full professor.

"But I feel this is an important subject. One does not often have an opportunity to make a contribution," he said.

The subject has fascinated him for more than two decades.

He wrote his doctoral dissertation on UFOs at the University of Wisconsin and turned that paper into a book.

"It remains the only non-negative book about UFOs ever published by the academic press," Jacobs said.

He said the abductees do not exhibit any neuroses or pathology that would explain their stories, nor is there any evidence they had been victims of childhood sexual abuse, a frequent psychiatric explanation for unconscious memories of the sort they relate.

TIMES, Anchorage, AK - April 3, 1992 CR: J. & L. Nicholson

ISLANDER, Pensacola Beach, FL - April 24, 1992 CR: E. Walters

Friendly Gulf Breeze UFO Dazzles National Television Crew With Glowing Performance Current Affair Films Ring Of Lights

By Bland Pugh

On April 15, and again on April 16, the "Gulf Breeze UFO" made two of its better appearances, and what better audience than a film crew, and producer from ABC's "Current Affair".

The film crew came into town on Tuesday April 14, and filmed MUFON's monthly radio program, which airs the 2nd Tuesday of every month on WCOA, also the monthly meeting was filmed later the same evening.



UFO Makes TV Debut

Wednesday evening some 40 people gathered at South Shoreline

Park in Gulf Breeze for a "Skywatch". It seemed that after everyone was settled into a comfortable chair, and all cameras and taping equipment were in place, as if on cue Bruce Morrison caught a glimpse of the "UFO" peeking through the trees to the North of the park. The cameras rolled as the "UFO" moved upward and to the Southwest. After approximately one and one-half minutes it faded out for almost a minute, then to everyone's delight it made a second appearance. This time it stayed another four minutes before turning brilliant white and again fading out as if by rheostat. Within just a few minutes another member of the Gulf Breeze Research Team arrived at Shoreline Park and exclaimed that the "UFO" had been over the "Three Mile Bridge", it appeared to have been just above the "hump". Pictures were taken from his location at the Gulf Breeze end of the bridge. He reported that he and a fisherman witnessed the "UFO". His description

indicated three bright red lights grouped together with an outer ring of lights completely around them.

On Thursday, evening the "Skywatch" moved from South Shoreline to the Gulf Breeze end of the "Three Mile Bridge", again after everyone had settled in, the "UFO" popped in over the bay, and to the left of the bridge. This sighting was almost a carbon copy of the previous night. The object appeared and hovered for two and one-half minutes before fading out. The Gulf Breeze Research Team took all of the usual data, azimuth, elevation, etc., and just as we had completed this task the object appeared for the second time, only 5 degrees further Southwest of the original spot. Many of the witnesses including producer Lila McMurry of the "Current Affair" crew said she could see a "Ring of Lights". The object on its second outing turned brilliant white with red lights in the upper portion of it. This sighting lasted almost one and one-

half minutes before finally fading out. Ten other witnesses were at South Shoreline Park at the time of the sighting they also reported the object, Field Investigators Clopton and "Topper" Jones were among those witnesses, and took all necessary statistics. The Shoreline witnesses brought to 34 the number of people observing this "UFO", this included a family of four that was fishing at the time. They were later interviewed by the "Current Affair" film crew.

The segment of "A Current Affair" aired on channel 3 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday April 23.

Remember if you have seen any anomalous lights or if you were a witness to these or any other unusual sightings please call our hotline 438-3261 strict anonymity will be observed. Reports are still coming in from the March 14 sighting in which there were between four and five objects at one time over the Sound/Villa Venice area. Keep looking up.

Several UFO sightings reported in Dufur area

CHRONICLE, The Dalles, OR
March 24, 1992

Three people see mysterious lights above Highway 197

A woman driving down Highway 197 last night, reported being pursued by a UFO.

Wasco County Sheriff's Department Deputies soon found themselves chasing a series of mysterious lights in the Dufur/Tygh Valley area shortly after the report.

The Sheriff's office received

three reports of UFO sightings in the area, but the source of the lights remains a mystery.

The initial report came from a Milton-Freewater woman just before 9 p.m., who reported something flying above Highway 197. She said it had red and green lights and was following cars and shooting or dropping something. The caller said this was not the first time she had seen a similar thing in that area.

After that report, a deputy drove from The Dalles to Dufur, but saw no strange lights or anything else unusual.

Shortly after the initial call, a

man reported that three triangular shaped objects in the sky followed him from Tygh Valley to The Dalles. This time, the Sheriff's Department checked with the U.S. Air Force in Seattle, who said they detected nothing on radar screens.

One deputy in The Dalles said he saw some lights in the sky and said they changed color, while the other deputy, in south county, was unable to see anything out of the ordinary.

A third call came to the dispatch center at 10:04 p.m.

Under Sheriff Gary Crow said the sightings reported Monday night were not the first in that area. He said there had been a UFO report from the Miller Ranch about

three months ago, but that report came from a juvenile who later admitted he made it up.

Crow said there is no reason to believe the reports were a hoax, and the people making the calls probably did see some lights. But he offered no explanation of what they might have seen. The sheriff's office had asked that the names of the persons who made the UFO reports be kept confidential.

Crow said that even the people on duty at the emergency dispatch center went outside to scan the sky after the third report. One of them saw some colored lights in the sky, the other one, standing nearby, didn't see anything unusual.



LYNN NEWS & ADVERTISER, Norfolk, England - April 10, 1992 CR: T. Good

Lynn family tell of night they saw a flying saucer bigger than factory

Massive UFO soars over Campbells



Strange sights in the sky - Marilyn Preston with daughter Kerry and her drawing of the flying saucer they saw over Lynn. Picture: ROY WILLIAMSON (92/04/49)

'Millions have seen them'

A LYNN-BASED lecturer in parapsychology has claimed millions of people see UFOs, but very few are brave enough to report their sightings. Mr Terry Stokes said reports of sightings go back centuries - some cave paintings indicate UFO activity - and a 1974 survey in America revealed 32 million people who claimed to have seen a UFO.

"This is probably an underestimate as most are not recorded for fear of ridicule. Another poll says only 13 per cent are recorded. So many sightings then surely cannot all be fakes. Perhaps the most perplexing question is what exactly people are seeing." He said Norfolk has always been a good venue for UFO watching.

A MASSIVE flying saucer - bigger than famous Lynn landmark the Campbells factory - appeared in the night sky over the town, a family has claimed.

A mother and two daughters told how the UFO dropped out of the sky to hover over Campbells, dwarfing the factory with its huge size.

As they passed beneath it in their car, marvelling at the detail and the array of flashing lights, the UFO zoomed noislessly up into the sky, disappearing from sight in seconds.

Mrs Marilyn Preston, of Woodwork Avenue, Lynn, decided to tell the Lynn News of the strange experience she and her daughters Kim (17) and Kerry (11) had a couple of weeks ago, after reading of the Downham family who thought they saw a UFO.

The three were in a car travelling towards Lynn from Middleton when they saw what they thought at first was a very bright star. But as they got closer the light got bigger - and as they

by SIMON CANEY

came over the Hardwick roundabout they could see a "huge, weird thing" hovering over Campbells.

"It was so big it could have swallowed up Campbells. There were red flashes coming from it but it was dead silent. It wasn't very high and Kim went almost hysterical. I would have stopped the car to have a better look but I was worried about her," said Mrs Preston.

As they went underneath the huge flashing object they could all see it clearly - "just like something out of Star Trek". And then, as they drove on, the object flew straight up in the air. Kerry was so affected she now constantly draws the UFO.

STRANGE NOISE

Oddly, Mrs Preston's car had been making a strange noise earlier that evening. "It sounded like static coming out of the stereo speakers, but it was switched off. I couldn't make it out at all, but perhaps it was being caused by that thing in the sky," she said.

Now the bizarre phenomenon

is being investigated by Gaywood man Mr Thomas Thompson, a member of the Texas-based Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). He told the Lynn News he had experienced a number of unexplained sightings in the area, and added: "I am certainly interested in this one. It has extra credibility because there is a young girl involved and children are much more honest about this sort of thing."

Mr Thompson, of Parkway, will tell MUFON of his findings when he has compiled a report, and they will be logged on an international computer file. One of the problems of UFOs is that they come from another dimension and so cannot be picked up by normal radar equipment, he said.

A spokesman at Campbells said staff would have been on duty during the night, but nothing unusual was reported. Neither was anything odd spotted on West Norfolk Council's closed-circuit television screens or RAF Marham's radar scanners.

● Did you see the UFO? Get the Lynn News know. Contact the newsdesk on Lynn 761188.

We saw flying saucer too, say couple

A FURTHER twist to the mystery of the "flying saucer over Islington" came when a Highbury couple revealed they had taken photographs of the UFO in the sky.

Gary and Debbie Hines, of Baker House, Melgund Road, Highbury, captured the luminous object on film. They were puzzled by what they saw but put the photographs in a drawer and thought no more about it until they read about other sightings of a UFO in the Gazette.

Their photos show a bright, saucer-shaped object with orange lights or flames at its tips. It does NOT look like a Renault advertising airship - which some people thought was the answer to the mystery.

Mrs Hines said: "I thought I was seeing things and watched it for a couple of minutes. I called my husband over and said: 'Am I seeing things or is that a flying saucer?' My eldest son, eight, said: 'It's a man from outer space, mum!'"

Mr Hines said: "I've never seen anything like it before. It looked like a white disc hovering in the sky, then it disappeared. It definitely wasn't an airship."

"I'm far from a crank but I saw what I saw. I don't know what to believe."

GAZETTE, Islington, England - March 26, 1992 CR: T. Good

'ALIENS OVER ESSEX ROAD' CLAIM

ALIENS from outer space hovered over Islington for two minutes in a flying saucer - a stunned housewife claimed this week.

A brilliant white light beckoned the woman, who lives on the Marquess Estate, Islington, to her living room window where she saw a UFO hanging over Essex Road.

"This has hit me like a bolt out of the blue," said the woman, who has asked not to be named.

"I couldn't see anyone inside it and I was just thinking 'Oh my God'. I've got to take all this in."

"There was a fluorescent blob in the sky. It was a disc shape with red all around the edge. It hovered for a couple of minutes then, in the blink of an eye, shot off through the clouds like thunder - it was so fast. There was a shaft of light going on and off as if it was taking pictures."

The woman was watching Coronation Street on TV between 7.30 and 8pm on Friday night when the UFO caught her eye. She says her amazing claim is received with scepticism by most people. "I've told some of my friends and they keep asking me if I've seen any little green men lately."

"But I know it wasn't a dream. I'm a very down-to-earth person and know what I saw. There is no doubt about it - it was a flying saucer."

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England - April 17, 1992

YES...IT'S A SPACE ODDITY

RECORDER, Bridgend, Wales - Jan. 31, 1992 CR: T. Good
UFO SIGHTING BAFFLES EXPERT

SIGHTINGS OF SUSPECTED UFOs over Ogwr have prompted calls for other witnesses to the phenomena to come forward.

A well known local psychic investigator has reported seeing a saucer-like object with large flashing lights on two occasions in the past two years - the latest sighting occurring last week.

The first sighting was reported between Cwmavon and Port Talbot, while last Wednesday's took place in the sky above Caerau, Duffryn and Cymmer.

The object was said to be approximately three houses in width with large, white flashing

and revolving lights. Parapsychic investigator Tina Laurent, who saw the object, is sure it can be classed as a UFO but is uncertain as to how it can be explained.

"I would say that I've seen two UFOs but what they were is another matter," she said.

Mrs Laurent, who is an expert on the paranormal, follows the theory that the UFOs were not manned by extra-terrestrial visitors but were a sort of psychic phenomenon.

"I don't believe these are aliens from other planets, but instead it's mainly psychological. I really don't think they were solid objects," she added.

Mrs Laurent believes that the UFOs could be caused by a form of external energy, possibly coming from the higher reaches of the electromagnetic spectrum.

One theory she is examining is that the UFOs could have appeared as a form of warning.

As part of her investigations into the sight-

ings, Mrs Laurent is eager to hear from anyone who believes they may have witnessed the mysterious objects.

YORKSHIRE EVENING PRESS, York, England - March 16, 1992

Space oddity: Former chart-topper Reg Presley, whose hits with The Troggs included Wild Thing and I Can't Control Myself, claims floating spheres from outer space are visiting Silbury Hill, near Marlborough, Wiltshire, and is mounting night-time vigils with satellite dishes and other equipment to track them.

Family bewildered after seeing 'UFO'

A DOWNHAM family is torn between excitement and bewilderment after seeing a mystery object in the night sky on Saturday. The couple and their two children were driving through open Suffolk countryside when the eerie encounter occurred.

The woman, who asked not to be named, said: "We were about four or five miles out of Bury when my husband saw an object in the sky ahead of him. It was stationary and quite large with red lights."

"At first we thought it was a tower of some kind but when we got closer we realised there was nothing underneath. My husband stopped the car and he and the children got out to have a better look. Two main beams of white light shone down into a field and then started to turn on to us, as if attracted by the lights we had left on. Then very slowly it went off across the fields."

There was no sound or only very faint noise from the object, which they guessed was some 300-400 feet high in the sky, and they could not distinguish its shape. "At first we were frightened but afterwards we felt really excited about it," she added.

The couple have racked their brains ever since about what the object could have been and contacted RAF Marham to check out the possibility of aircraft activity in the area at the time. "The whole experience has left us quite bewildered. It was definitely an unidentified flying object but whether it was alien I have no idea," the woman added.

● Have you had a close encounter of the UFO kind? Let the Lynn News know. Contact the newsdesk: (0553) 761188, ext 4631.

UFO experts in Notts today released details of strange objects and glowing lights spotted in the county's skies by 25 witnesses on a single night.

Unidentified flying objects and strange balls of light were seen in the sky around Stapleford on March 25.

And the organiser of the East Midlands UFO Research Association, Mr Anthony James, reckons the strange happenings represent a major sighting.

"It has broke the silence we have had in the last seven or eight months," he said.

The first sighting was at 7.30pm, when a ball of white light with an orange glow was seen flying over Bramcote's ancient landmark, the Hemlockstone.

Most sightings were reported at around 9pm, when five or six objects, each the size of a car, were seen flying in formation over Sandiacre and Stapleford.

The objects flew off towards Wollaton Park and disappeared into low cloud.

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Four objects, making a whirring sound, were seen over Hemlockstone around 10pm.

"There were no laser shows in the area for the time given, and the objects were all too low for East Midlands air traffic," said Mr James.

LYNN NEWS & ADVERTISER, Norfolk, England - April 3, 1992

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Strange sighting in town

A QUEENSFERRY woman wakened by bright flashing lights and "a big black thing" thought she had seen a UFO. Queensferry police said this week.

The unnamed woman living near South Scotsloam, was reported to have been lying in her bed at about 12.50am on Monday when bright lights started to flash outside her window.

She opened the curtains, saw a "big black thing" and phoned the police.

Folk working the night-shift at Hewlett-Packard were also disturbed by a large "bang" that accompanied the flashing lights.

It was later revealed that the Forth Coastguard, searching for a suspected suicide in the Forth, had let off a maroon and a number of flares.

But mystery still surrounds the "big black thing" — the Coastguard don't know what it was.

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UFO BUZZES PILOTS

GUARDIAN, London, England
 April 28, 1992 CR: G. Fawcett
Airliner almost makes alien contact over Sussex skies

David Sharrock

MOVE over Steven Spielberg. Contact has been made above Sussex, according to the Civil Aviation Authority.

The Britannia Airlines 737 was inbound to Gatwick from Cyprus when the First Officer spotted what could only be an unidentified flying object.

The CAA report into last summer's air misses — written in prose that can only be described as alien to the Hollywood tradition — takes up the dramatic story: "... saw a small black lozenge shaped object about 500m ahead of the aircraft and at the same level.

"Within the space of about 1.5 seconds it passed very close, less than 100 yards away down



Boeing 737... 400mph UFO missed a wing by 30ft
 By LIZ McGRATH
TWO pilots have claimed their Boeing 737 was buzzed by a UFO as they prepared to land at Gatwick Airport.

They said a "black lozenge-like object" missed a wing of the passenger jet by only 30 feet as it flew past at 400mph.

The captain alerted air traffic controllers who then spotted a small dot on their radar screens. Officials tracked the mystery object as it headed south east over England. Other planes were warned to switch direction.

The Boeing pilots said they first saw the UFO 500 yards in front of them as they began their descent from 14,000 feet.

They said it moved like a helicopter flying at low-level.

A report by the Civil Aviation Authority said later: "The pilots felt the risk of collision was high.

'Lozenge-like' object missed passenger jet by only 30ft

Failed

"Within the space of 1.5 seconds it passed very close, less than 100 yards away, down the port side of the aircraft and only 30 feet above the wing."

No impact was felt and there was no damage to the aircraft in the incident last summer.

The report said no weather balloons were in the area at the time and an inquiry later failed to explain the mystery.

SUN, London, England - April 27, 1992 CR: G. Fawcett

Aliens attack outback pub

AUSTRALASIAN POST, Melbourne, Australia
 April 4, 1992 CR: P. Norman

PANIC gripped a pub in Outback Queensland when it was "buzzed" by a huge, horn-shaped sky-ship.

"It was the most frightening object I've seen in my life," says Ian Smart, who owns the Quamby Hotel, 40km north-east of Cloncurry.

"The thing was so menacing, a young bloke who boards here rushed into the spinifex and covered himself with cuts.

"And my Rottweiler, Apollo, who's usually scared of nothing, huddled into a ball and hid under a table."

The chilling UFO "attack" occurred earlier this year. "It was about 11pm," Ian Smart recalls.

"I'd closed up the bar and had stepped out on to the verandah for some fresh air with the fellas. We were chatting away when something happened that shocked us to our boots.

"A brightly-lit craft suddenly whirled across the top of the pub. It was big — and looked like two large horns, joined by a pulsing red bar in the middle.

"The moment the thing appeared, Apollo went totally berserk. If he could, he'd have dug himself a hole in the pub floor. And



★ Publican Ian Smart and daughter Amanda Jane, 6, outside the Quamby Hotel... "It shocked us to our boots."

the poor dog's still got the jitters — even though several months have passed.

"But a young bloke who boards here had the worst experience. He was in the back yard when the UFO appeared.

"He said it beamed a blinding light down on him. It was like standing in the desert at noon, with no shadows.

"He didn't stick around — and he's now a mass of scratches and bruises from where he bolted into the spinifex and anthills.

"The object hovered for about 10

John PINKNEY
 Investigating the incredible

minutes. Then, to our relief, it took off — trailing a long, angry-looking white light behind it."

Ian and his customers were not the only witnesses.

"Next day, some drillers came in from the Doogal Mine, across the ridge," he says.

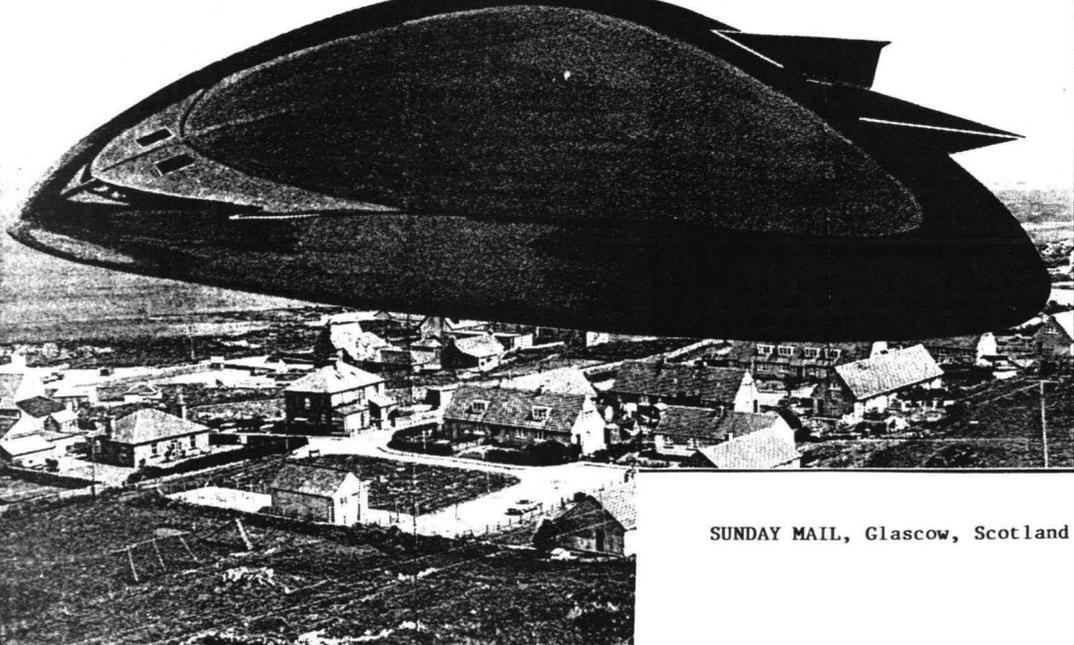
"These blokes were working night-shift on the rigs when they saw the craft — horn-shaped like the one we spotted. The thing swooped at them like a dive-bomber before taking off into the darkness."

● **Locals believe the UFO might have been attracted to a large water-tank on the hill behind the hotel.**

"I've heard that aliens like to suck up water from tanks and dams," says Ian. "They're welcome to it as far as I'm concerned.

"And if they'd like to drop into the pub, I'll even offer them a coldie."

THAT'S NO UFO... THAT'S THE MOST SECRET AIRCRAFT IN THE WORLD



THIS could be the sinister UFO seen over Scotland earlier this year.

It's an artist's impression of the world's most secret aircraft.

US reports say it used the remote Machrihanish airfield in Argyll — around the time civilian pilots spoke of unidentified aircraft making rapid climbs close to the Scottish coast.

Codenamed 'Aurora', it is said to be a new American spy plane capable of six times the speed of sound.

Last week, the respected Texas-based American intelligence

By ANGUS MACLEOD

newsletter For Your Eyes Only reported: "The suspected new Mach-6 reconnaissance aircraft may have been tracked leaving the British base at Machrihanish (the most remote in Europe) at Mach-3 last November.

"It may be unmanned and may roll upside down for landing to avoid exposing the more reflective surfaces to radar.

"It may also be a manned rounded triangle, wider than it is long."

Last year, the Mail revealed the US Government was putting £7m into Machrihanish.

SUNDAY MAIL, Glasgow, Scotland - April 12, 1992 CR: T. Good

MACHRIHANISH TRIANGLE... how the mystery spy plane may look



Close encounters of the close by?

Mystery left imprint on man's beliefs

By JUDI SWIGGER
Herald Staff Writer

It's big, it's hairy, it smells — and it has an identity problem. Some people doubt its very existence. Chris Baroni was one of them — until 1989 when "it" stumbled onto his property in Wheatland and changed his life. That's when he became a "believer" in Bigfoot.

It was just after sunset on a cold March 13th night, said Baroni, 27. He and his wife, Diana, 25, were in the house when their dog started barking to go out. Once out, the dog began "circling and acting strange," Baroni said. "His hair was standing up and he acted like he wanted me to come out. We thought it was a raccoon, so I went out with him. "He started sniffing at dark imprints in the ground at the woods line" behind the house. "He started to go into the woods ahead of me, then hesitated. I knew he was scared of whatever was out there. I picked up a rock and threw it into the woods. That's when I heard heavy crunching noises. My wife was 30 to 40 feet away, and she heard it, too.

"At first I thought it was a bear. You could hear thumping. It was heavy sounding, and you could hear limbs cracking. But, I could tell it was something on two feet.

"I ... got a flashlight from our neighbor, and she (his wife) called the police."

Using the flashlight, Baroni said he noticed a path cleared in the brush in front of the wooded area.

"Through my neighbor's spotlight, I could see dark imprints in the ground, too," he said.

The police did not turn up anything that night and surmised that "it was probably kids playing around," Baroni said.

None of the couple's neighbors said they noticed anything.

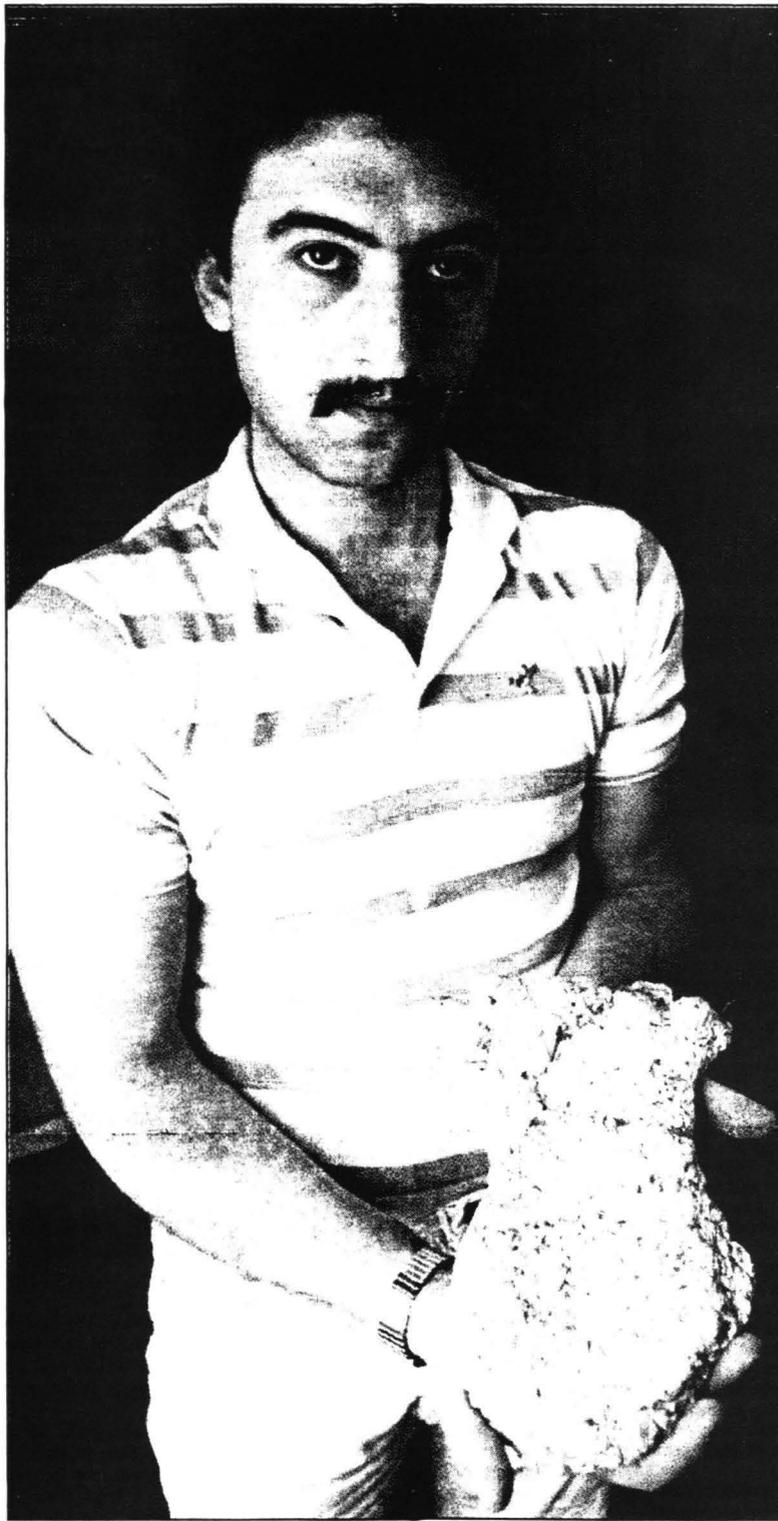
The next day Baroni and his wife followed the tracks to a road beyond the woods where they lost them.

"We knew it wasn't kids because of the broken branches," Baroni said. "Some of them were four inches around and cracked and pushed into the ground."

The tracks were 11½ inches long and 7½ inches wide across the toes and evenly spaced about 72 inches apart, Baroni said. The weight of the creature had indented the tracks about an inch into the hard ground.

The tracks were examined by representatives from the dog warden's office and the state game commission, and both agreed they weren't bear tracks, Baroni said.

Mrs. Baroni's mother, who had seen a newspaper article about the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, suggested her daughter and son-in-law call Stan Gordon, director of the Greensburg-based organization.



David E. Dale/Herald

Chris Baroni holds a cast of a footprint he found in the yard of his Wheatland home in 1989. It was later identified by researchers of the unexplained as belonging to a Bigfoot.

"What happened here was hard enough to believe, but we accepted it after talking to Stan," Baroni said. "You're hoping he's a hoax, but he's such a professional that you know he knows what he's talking about.

"People who were there that night know we were really shaken up. But nobody took us seriously until we met

size, Baroni said.

Gordon and other experts estimated the creature that left its mark in the Baronis' back yard weighed between 600 and 700 pounds, based on the size of the foot and the depth of the imprints, Baroni said.

The Baronis have moved to another house, although they say the move was not prompted by their Bigfoot encounter.

Still, though, "at night it was scary to go outside," Mrs. Baroni said, "because you didn't know what was out there."

with Stan. He makes you feel human, instead of like a punchline."

Gordon asked the couple to bring him a cast of the footprint.

"Stan and other experts ruled out other animals as having made the print and said it definitely was the real thing" based on its shape, depth and

"I always thought it (Bigfoot) was out West in Washington, but the unexplained is here, too," Baroni said.

Citizens have reported UFO, Bigfoot sightings

By JUDI SWIGGER
Herald Staff Writer

IF YOU'RE LOOKING for a place where exciting and out-of-the-ordinary things happen, try West Middlesex or Wheatland. There have been reports of Bigfoot in Wheatland, and sightings of unidentified flying objects in West Middlesex.

On May 15, 1991, two people in West Middlesex called the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, claiming they had seen a UFO.

Stan Gordon, the association's director, said the people reported seeing the object at 10:35 that morning while driving along a rural road.

"The people reported going down the road, coming around a bend and seeing a large object low in the sky," he said. "They said it had a very, very large body and was gray in color. It had no lights, no markings, no sound and a mist-like appearance surrounded it. They said it moved slowly across the sky and appeared to be wobbling or dipping."

Gordon said there were no blimps or other explainable phenomena passing through the area at the time of the sighting.

Incidents such as these aren't likely to be reported because those who witness them doubt they will be believed, Gordon said.

But Gordon believes — despite the fact that in 33 years of studying such phenomena he has never seen a UFO himself.

"I'm fully convinced there are sightings that we can't explain," he said. "Lots of things look unusual, but are explainable, and lots are unexplainable."

The organization has "literally thousands and thousands of sightings that go back to the late 1800s," he said.

Gordon said there was a "good series of sightings of a massive boomerang-shaped thing hovering above the ground in the Pittsburgh area recently."

"Some UFOs seem to appear and disappear and even to change their form or shape," he said, noting that more sightings have been reported in recent years.

"In the last six months, quite a number of triangular-shaped objects have been reported in Pennsylvania," he said.

A movie being made about alleged government cover-up of UFO sightings particularly interests Gordon.

"The Air Force officially announced that it was closing down Project Blue Book (which dealt with UFO investigations) in December 1969," he said. "They said at the time that no UFO reports appeared to affect national security and they did not appear to exceed current scientific knowledge."

Some documents from the project, obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, date back to 1953 while others are "very recent," Gordon said.

"The government officially says it's not interested, but the documents show UFOs are considered very important by government agencies," he said. "There is no doubt in our minds that UFO research continues at a high level of security in the government."

Association eyes the unexplained

The Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained maintains a 24-hour hotline, with calls often coming in from police departments, federal agencies and even television stations, says Stan Gordon, its director.

The association, whose membership is made up of scientists, engineers, former military people and researchers, is interested in hearing of past, as well as present, reports of unusual sightings, he said. Membership is not open to the general public.

The organization's hot line is: 412-838-7768.

Funding for their work is "out of our own pockets," Gordon added.

The association offers a free packet of information to anyone who sends a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope to the organization at: 6 Oak Hill Ave., Greensburg, Pa., 15601.



John Green, in background, explains his views on Bigfoot to an audience at NIC. On the table are casts of footprints purported to be from the creature.

Staff photo by Chris Anderson

Researcher says he's convinced sasquatch exists

By Merry Hayes
Staff writer

COEUR d'ALENE — In 1955, Canadian newspaper reporter John Green wrote an April Fools' Day story about sasquatch kidnaping a woman from the town's hotel.

Back then sasquatch, also known as Bigfoot, was just a big joke to Green. But two years later when British Columbia organized a sasquatch hunt as part of its centennial, Green began hearing about Bigfoot sightings.

"People I already knew and respected had serious stories to tell," he said.

They told him of a man who claimed to have been carried to the mountains in his sleeping bag by a hairy, upright-walking ape. Several people also recounted seeing footprints in a vegetable garden where something had crushed potatoes beneath its extremely large feet.

In 1958, Green heard reports of Bigfoot prints found along a road in Northern California. It was there that he saw what convinced him the animal exists.

"The first time you see one of these tracks, you've got something real," he told an audience of both skeptics and believers Wednesday during a North Idaho College Popcorn Forum program.

"Something alive must have been there to make it," he said, holding up a cast of 15-inch long footprint. It was one of 500 prints he found along a California ridge in 1967.

Since that discovery, the newspaper publisher has compiled reports on 1,500 Bigfoot sightings and has written books on the subject.

Although the topic of NIC's weeklong forum is "The Great Mysteries of Our Time," Green said, his subject is rather ordinary. "It's just an animal," he said.

An animal between 8 and 10 feet tall that can run fast enough to catch a deer and jump over 6-foot-high embankments in a single leap, according to people who claim to have seen the beasts.

Sightings have been reported in every state except Hawaii and Rhode Island, Green said. In Idaho, a man driving along U.S. Highway 95 through the Payette National Forest in 1980 said he saw two sasquatch walking along the road. The animals then jumped over an embankment in one huge step.

"Either the man was struck temporarily insane or he was lying, or we have a description of an animal doing what no human is capable of," Green said.

Green said he doubts part of the story of the man who said an animal carried him away in his sleeping bag. But he does believe the man saw a family of Bigfoots in the mountains.

Several primate specialists questioned the man, an uneducated logger, about what he had seen. "He never slipped up once," Green said. "Everything he described is exactly what should be for an upright-walking ape."

But the most convincing evidence, Green said, comes from a 1967 film two men took of an ape-like animal walking on a sandbar in California. He said it is the only movie of what people claim is Bigfoot, and no one has proved it to be a fake.

Scientists have dismissed the film, as they have other evidence, without studying it, Green said.

"I think humans have got a hangup on the subject," he said. "It's untouchable."

Likewise, people who have seen what they believe is Bigfoot or his footprints often fear telling others about it. "People who come forward with information are ridiculed," he said.

Hueytown Journal

Humming Along, and Howling Mad

By RONALD SMOTHERS
Special to The New York Times

HUEYTOWN, Ala., April 7 — For the last four months a loud hum that comes and goes erratically has bedeviled parts of this central Alabama city, keeping people awake and setting teeth on edge and dogs to howling.

It's called the Hueytown Hum, a low-pitched, steady sound emanating from the rolling hills surrounding this coal mining town of 15,000 people about 15 miles southwest of Birmingham. The hum, has turned bucolic subdivisions with names like Edgewood and Lakeview into zones of stress for up to three days at a time before fading away, only to return an hour or a week later.

"I catch myself trying to breathe in time with its rise and fall in pitch," said an exasperated Jane Harless. And the sound has disoriented beast and man alike. "My dog Princess won't eat when it's going," she said.

Savina Bradberry, a high school math teacher, said it sounds like "the hum of a fluorescent light tube about to go."

The hum has spawned jokes and numerous theories about its source.

In a broadcast from the steps of City Hall on April 1, a local radio station solicited tongue-in-cheek theories. Hueytown was humming because it didn't know the words, one listener suggested. Another said it was killer bees.

More serious theories cite electromagnetic forces and high-voltage power lines.

The mystery is made more elusive by the fact that one area, with about 500 homes, seems to be most affected.

Such focused sound phenomena are not unheard of, said Clifford Bragdon, a professor of city planning at Geor-



Coal mining built Hueytown and may be behind a bedeviling hum.

gia Institute of Technology and an expert on sound propagation.

Some years ago, Mr. Bragdon said, two communities 10 to 17 miles from the Aberdeen Proving Ground, an Army ordnance test center in Maryland, complained of noise from the tests, while communities adjacent to the base were barely disturbed.

What researchers eventually found, he said, was "an atmospheric anomaly" involving the interaction of temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, wind and topography that was "propagating, channeling and focusing" the sound to a point miles from the source.

"People try to get at these things by using the classical visual approach," the professor said. "But you need an acoustical Sherlock Holmes to solve things like this."

Using more circumstantial evidence, some residents have focused on the huge ventilation fans that have been installed in nearby coal mines.

Federal safety regulations require that the fans be operated around the clock to pull methane gas and coal dust from the mines.

The USX Corporation's Oak Grove mines, 10 miles west of here, have five such fans, but a USX spokesman, Steve Sobat, said company engineers determined that its fans were not causing the hum. He conceded, however, that the clearing last year of timber from a USX-owned pine forest that had served as a buffer between Hueytown and the mines could have contributed to the problem.

Just south of USX's mines, Jim Walter Resources Inc. operates a mine that has three fans, one of which is a 3,500-horsepower monster with 12-foot blades. The \$7 million fan went into operation last December, at about the time Hueytown residents recall first hearing the hum.

Dennis K. Hall, director of public relations for Jim Walter Resources, said that the company was cooperating with Hueytown officials to resolve the mystery. But he added that any additional company expenditure in the effort, including hiring outside experts, would require the approval of a bankruptcy court that is supervising the mining operation while Jim Walter Resources reorganizes under Chapter 11.

Jim Walter is a major economic force in the area. Its mines extract 2.7 million tons of coal a year and a billion cubic feet of methane a month from the hills around Hueytown. The company employs 657 people here and pumps \$41 million a year in wages and benefits into the local economy.

"We don't want to point any fingers," said Mayor Lillian Howard. "This area was built on money from the mines, and we have been around these fans all of our lives. We'll work this out together with the companies so it won't be a choice between the hum or jobs."

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Lots of theories, no facts to explain Hueytown hum

Weird noise driving residents crazy since December

EXAMINER NEWS SERVICES

HUEYTOWN, Ala. — Some say it's so loud it disrupts their prayers and keeps them up at night. Others don't hear a thing.

People around here have been hearing the strange and spectral "Hueytown hum" since December, and although there's been plenty of finger-pointing, the source of the sometimes maddening, sometimes humorous droning is a mystery.

Mayor Lillian Howard said she believes it comes from a huge ventilation fan with 12-foot blades that drives hot air out of the mouth of a Jim Walter Resources mine outside this town just west of Birmingham.

Not so, said Dennis Hall, spokesman for the coal mining company.

"We were tried and convicted before we had a chance to defend ourselves," he said. "We've never denied that our fans do make noise but, 6½ miles away, it's hard to comprehend that we're keeping

people from sleeping."

Since word of the hum spread, self-styled experts have contacted the mayor with offers to find the cause and silence it. For a price, of course.

"I wish everyone would just mind their own business," said John Ennis, attorney for the city of 15,085.

The mayor said she has "not had people coming to me upset or angry."

So far, the mine fan appears to be the leading theory. Last week, the mining company sent Ennis a bundle of charts and information.

"You can't just point your finger at one thing and say this is causing it," Hall said. "If it is our mine, why are there complaints now when the mine has been there since 1974?"

Hall said that atmospheric conditions could enhance the hum, and he noted that large tracts were cleared last year from a pine forest between the fan and the city and that Hueytown is surrounded by industries.

Residents say the hum is loudest at night and extremely loud on cloudy and rainy days. A visitor walking in town on a sunny afternoon could hear no hum.

But Gerald Hicks has heard it.

"People sensitive to noises like this find it very annoying," he said. "If you let it, it will almost drive you crazy."

Joe Bradford said the Hueytown hum ranges from low to noisy. At first, he heard it at night, but now it comes at different times.

"I am able to get a little sleep now and then," he said.

He met at his church with a prayer group at 6 a.m. one morning and "we could hardly pray due to the racket."

"I believe our prayers got through to the Lord, though," he said. "We didn't specifically pray for the hum to stop. Maybe we need to do that."

Bizarre cattle deaths leave questions unanswered

By DONNA HENDERSON
Capital Press News Editor

WEST LINN, Ore. — Last November, Hood River, Ore., farmer Ken Packer Jr. was preparing to spray an orchard when he discovered one of his cows dead just 500 yards from his back door.

The animal had not been sick, so Packer was surprised. As he inspected the 7-year-old cow, he discovered an eye was missing. At first he thought the cow had been shot by vandals or thieves, but he ruled that out as he further investigated and saw no meat had been taken.

To his horror, Packer soon realized the cow had been mutilated, apparently with a sharp instrument. The hide wasn't torn as when predators do their work and various parts of the carcass were missing, including the animal's sexual organs and tongue.

"My first thought was that it was probably the result of some kind of satanist activity," said Packer. He called the local sheriff's department and a deputy came out to investigate, but no further action was taken by law enforcement officials.

The dead cow continues to mystify Packer, who can come to no logical explanation for its death. "It's weird," he said.

"I've lost cows to predators before and that looks nothing like this," said the pear and apple grower. "The cuts looked like they were made with a laser beam — they were very accurate and true."

How someone could have killed and mutilated the cow without leaving any tracks is also disturbing. "There were really no traceable vehicle or foot tracks around the cow that I could see," said Packer.

Another odd thing, said Packer, was that predators would not come near the carcass for a long time. "It hasn't been until the last month or so that predators finally came around and finished it off," he said.

The Shorthorn, white-faced-cross cow had a small calf, which died about a month after the cow, so the death of both animals represents about a \$700 to \$800 loss for the farmer, he said.

"I was disappointed that the sheriff's office didn't seem very concerned," Packer said.

But when Keith Rowell of West Linn, Ore., heard the story of Packer's mutilated cow, he was extremely interested. The 45-year-old "UFOlogy buff" is somewhat of an expert on cattle mutilations, having read extensively on the



EVIDENCE — An investigator holds a sample of cow hide from a "genuine" mutilation that occurred in 1990 near Vancouver, Wash. The "cookie cutter" serrations are visible as a regular dark and light pattern along the length of hide held between the fingers. This sample was sent to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at OSU, where it was diagnosed as "consistent with a specimen collected via electrosurgical excision." (Photo by Keith Rowell)

subject and personally investigated mutilation cases in Oregon and southwestern Washington.

Rowell insists "there is no such thing as a cattle mutilation expert," but he believes he has a "good understanding of what all the fuss is about."

Before examining Packer's

mutilated cow, Rowell had taken part in an investigation in 1990 of five mutilated cattle on the New Columbia Garden Farms Inc. near Vancouver, Wash.

The cattle mutilation phenomenon is nothing new, said Rowell. "Animal mutilations have been reported in

nearly every country," he said. "In the United States, mutilations have occurred in just about every state since 1967."

A "ballpark, conservative estimate" is that there have been at least 5,000 cases of animal mutilation in the U.S. since 1973, he said.

"There is a genuine mystery connected with the circumstances of the deaths of cattle and other mutilated animals," said Rowell.

In the 25 years since the phenomenon has been reported, no one has ever been charged with the crimes of trespass and destruction of personal property in connection with what he calls "classic cattle mutilations," Rowell said.

One mark of a classic or genuine mutilation is the appearance that the animal's hide has been cut with a "cookie cutter," with very regular patterns that look much different from cuts made by teeth or a knife, Rowell said.

The hide along the cut is hardened, as if intense heat has been applied, he said. "In addition, little or no blood is associated with these strange wounds on the animal," he said.

"Almost always there are no tracks leading up to or away from the carcass, even when the ground is snow covered or in a soggy condition," he continued.

Scavengers such as coyotes will leave the dead animal alone for abnormally long periods, said Rowell.

"Mutilations happen almost always at night and they seem to occur less frequently in winter," he said. Reported sightings of unidentified flying objects, or UFOs, usually increase around the same time a mutilation occurs, said Rowell.

That's why, while admitting the theory is discounted by many "establishment types," Rowell and other members of the nationwide Mutual UFO Network believe aliens from outer space may be responsible for the "classic mutilations."

Members of the network — some 4,000 nationwide — are anxious to have any ranchers who find animals that appear to have been mutilated contact them. They wish to inspect the carcasses, and take photos and tissue samples for laboratory analysis. Rowell's phone number is (503) 656-3478.

As to what "aliens" want with these various cow parts, Rowell refuses to speculate. "Alien motivation is way beyond our knowledge," he said. "You would have to ask one of them."

SKAMANIA CO. PIONEER, Stevenson, WA - April 8, 1992



I Know, I Don't Believe

Dear Editor,

I want you to know, I appreciate the opportunity you gave me to bring forth information to the public about Bigfoot - Sasquatch to reduce fear that people have of their cousins that exist here in North America and mostly on the West Coast where Salmon are available. Some mistakes were made probably in my own verbal attempt to get the information across to the good reporters. So I'd like to make some corrections and add new input.

Some years ago I decided I should compile my experiences and data, research results to help the public get over their "crazy" attitude about Bigfoot; mostly to get over their fear of the creatures. To hopefully stop people toting heavy guns when all they need is a good telescopic camera. I don't recommend flash cameras as they could continue the breakdown of trust some of them are having for some people, they can identify such as my long white hair is easily recognized in the out back.

I'm not doing this to make money only to get all the facts together in one place so an intelligent conclusion can be drawn. Hopefully a good picture will result. Some fools are hoaxing to try to confuse the experts but so far they are only fooling themselves, and making it harder for the public and their servants to get it straight.

I've had considerable scientific training and background that gives me the ability to recognize fact from fiction. The power plants in Washougal that I operated and machine shops and 4500 H.P. Steam Engines and 10,000 H.P. Steam turbine I operated in ship yards and 900 H.P. Diesels I over hauled and operated for Tidewater Shaver Barge lines up to McNary dam all operated on facts not fiction.

Retired now I'm enjoying the bush and gathering facts about Sasquatch O.K.

Here's some facts I wish to straighten out

and add to the Bigfoot edition:

I have some real photographic evidence, an enlarged color photo of a Sasquatch dropping that shows detail of contents and actual size 12" length by 3" diam. This is best evidence you can get - so far.

There is no fur on face only black velvet and smooth.

I said eyes are black and getting a look at the whites only occurs when they turn eyes instead of head. Eyes reflect red at night in artificial light and noses on my sightings were not flat but more Roman nosed and turns up slightly on end. Their ears are normal size for them, bigger than our ears and all black and velvety, and shoulder muscles join on skull behind the ears which do not show above the shoulder hair, there is no hair hanging down over ears from center of ear. Side burns start down and bristle on head goes up to a peak above the ridged skull. Spotted brow and head bristle leaving a more bald looking character. Sometimes the cape of the musk ox hide hangs hair down over face giving appearance of tough old hillbilly. They feel hidden at least partly camouflaged.

Their tracks are always clawless except for hoaxed tracks or bear tracks. Sasquatch fingernail marks show when they are chutting rotten wood with to get at ants, termites and pine beetle grubs at the base of dead trees, logs and stumps like a bear. The small tracks I sketched were in soft dirt and rotten wood two feet and ten feet from fingernail marks and when I got back with plaster paris they were covered with four inches of snow.

You've got my word on it. My word has been good all my life and I'm going to keep it that way.

I don't go out looking for Bigfoot much like the paper says. I go out exploring or camping out and backpacking and they like the smell of my cooking or my noise in all night camps in Wilderness they look for me.

I don't believe - I know.

Datus Perry
Carson



Third cow found mutilated in Miss.

By The Associated Press

LIBERTY, Miss. — A 3-day-old calf was found with its head and hind feet missing just south of here — the third cow mutilation in Amite County since December.

The calf was found in the Jerusalem community, just half a mile from the scene of a cow mutilation in January, county arson investigator Melvin Dye said.

The calf, owned by Ruth Sanders of Gloster, was discovered around 10 a.m. Wednesday by Moses Williams, who tends the cattle, Dye said. The calf's mother was found injured nearby.

"The cow cannot get up, apparently from spinal damage," Dye said. "The cow was last seen Monday prior to having the calf," Dye said.

The mutilation was different from the previous two, in which half the faces of the cattle were skinned and the tongues cut out.

"This one's head and neck were removed from the body," Dye said. "Both back feet were removed — one at the ankle, the other at the knee."

No bullet wounds were found, and since the cows were in cutover land, there was no evidence of human footprints, Dye said.

Animal killing is a crime punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, six months in jail or both.

Hard To Believe

Dear Editor,

It is hard for me to believe that organizations such as the National Geographic Society believe in Bigfoot.

They have discovered some of the rarest insects, reptiles, and animals in the deepest jungles of the Amazon, and the farthest reaches of this planet; some that are almost extinct.

Also a little closer to home, out of the thousands of hunters, hikers, and weekend explorers, that roam nearly every square inch of this great, northwest no one has ever submitted a picture of this nine foot ape "Sasquatch" that roams freely in this land.

"Yes it is very hard to believe."

"D.E. Boone"

Skamania County

UFOs and cattle in the Ozarks: What's the deal?



Chris Bentley

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote about 11 mysterious cattle mutilations that have happened in Webster County.

Rumors blame cults or UFOs. Now here's more weird cow news. On the afternoon of April 5, for no apparent reason, hundreds of dairy cows on five farms north of Bull Shoals Lake in Ozark County suddenly went crazy. "I looked out the window and here came our cattle up over the hill in a fast run, just as hard as they could go, looking scared to death," says Ethel Jones. She owns about 60 milking cows with her husband in the town of Hammond. They had never seen anything like it in their 22 years of dairy farming. "It was just a real hullabaloo," she says. "I thought they were going to come right through the fence, they were running so hard."

After about an hour, the Joneses managed to get their cows in the barn.

But the animals were still scared — snorting, kicking, rolling their eyes. And they didn't give any milk.

"They almost wouldn't let you touch them," Jones says. "They were even scared of us — and we milk them twice a day, seven days a week."

That was Sunday afternoon. The cows didn't calm down — or give any milk — until Monday evening.

And the story was the same on four other farms in the area.

Joyce Silvey and her husband Dale Silvey spent most of that day trying to get their 51 dairy cows in Longrun to come in for milking.

"We never had anything like it before or since," Silvey says. "They just acted like they could see something we

couldn't see. They were real bug-eyed, looking and smelling, just wild."

In case you don't know much about cows — I didn't either — apparently they don't scare easily.

The scent of a large predator might frighten them, or an angry group of stinging bugs, or a loud noise.

But those explanations don't satisfy the farmers involved.

■ Any of those things would scare all the animals on a farm, not just the dairy cows. Other animals weren't affected.

■ Any of those things likely would scare cows on neighboring farms, not just cows at the property line.

"My sister-in-law has the next farm just across the county road, and her cows were just contented and grazing through the whole thing," Jones says.

And the five farms involved aren't all

next to each other.

"We thought maybe a bear had gone through, but the other farms were so far away, it couldn't have been a bear," Silvey says.

Silvey points out that the day the cows went crazy was the same day a convention of UFO-watchers was taking place in Eureka Springs, Ark.

"We wondered if something had flown over on its way there," she jokes.

Jones laughs about it, too, but she says maybe it really was UFOs.

"I have never been one to believe in UFOs," she says. "I have even laughed at people who said they saw blinking lights in the sky following them around, but you know, now I wonder if those cows maybe didn't see one."

Chris Bentley is a News-Leader reporter.

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'Bigfoot' returns, area men maintain

By Mary Drier
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CARO — Bigfoot apparently is back in the Thumb.

Wayne W. King says two Caro-area men told him they saw two "bigfoots" in Tuscola County's Dayton Township on Patterson Road near Mayville Jan. 4.

King, 55, is a bigfoot/sasquatch investigator and hunter, plus the director of the Michigan/Canadian Bigfoot Information Center.

According to King, the January sighting is the 38th bigfoot report in Tuscola County since he began keeping track in early 1977.

King said the January bigfoot sighting is especially interesting because two animals were seen and the behavior was different than what is normally reported.

According to King, a 60-year-old man and a 44-year-old man, who both work in the Mayville area, said they want to remain anonymous for fear of ridicule and criticism.

King said the men told him that one of the creatures was about 7 to 8 feet tall and weighing about 500 to 600 pounds, and the other was smaller, at about 5 feet tall and weighing about 300 to 400 pounds.

"Both animals seemed undisturbed by the vehicle as they stared into lights," said King reading from the witnesses' statement. "The elder witness states he was going to open the car door and shine a bright flashlight on the creatures when his partner suddenly grabbed him and jerked him back, shouting that the big creatures were walking toward them."

"They placed the car in reverse gear and began backing up as the creature kept advancing on them."

The witnesses continued to back down the road until they were able to turn around and at last glance the larger of the creatures was still advancing while the smaller one stayed in the roadway.

"Witnesses state they were intimidated and felt the larger of the animals could have easily turned their vehicle over," King read.

Normally, the animals are docile creatures, King said.

Several weeks passed between the sighting and when it was reported to King, and he was only able to find two vague tracks in the mud.

"The tracks were both of the same animal. They were quite obliterated," said King, "nothing I would be proud to take a photograph of or even committing myself one way or the other."

"It certainly wasn't a boot print. It was a bare foot print in mud in a ravine."

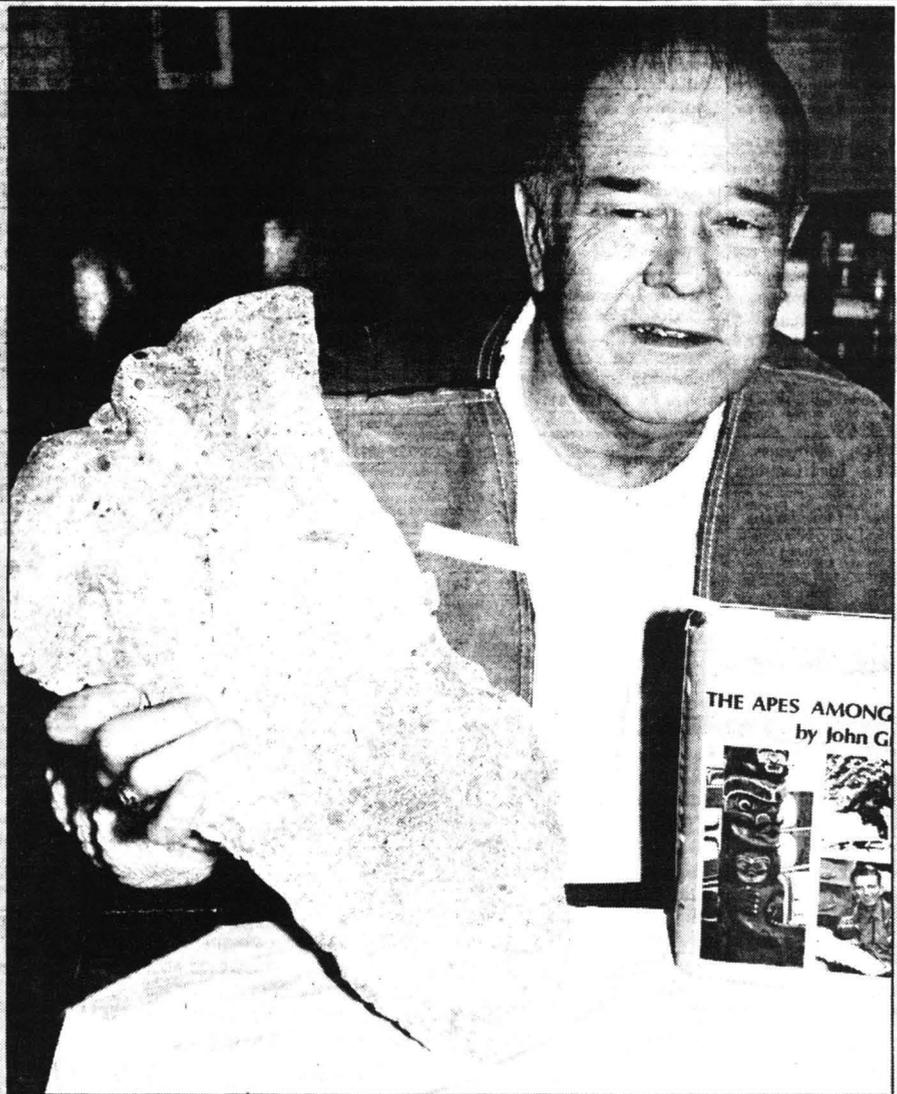
King's interest in Bigfoot began in the early 1970s when he set out to prove the creature was a myth, but along the way he became a believer:

"I wanted to prove to myself that the mystery was a hoax," King said. "So for three years I backlogged accounts from Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Michigan and mainly Canada."

"I found just the opposite, and I've seen the animal myself."

King said he saw the creature near Kingston in 1978 and outside of Caro near Enos Park on M-46 in 1984.

He theorizes Michigan's bigfoot is a type of



Mary Drier ■ Times Photo

▲ Bigfoot hunter Wayne W. King displays a plaster cast of what he believes is the creature's footprint.

North American ape that is primarily a nocturnal creature who roams mostly from dark to dawn.

King doesn't believe that bigfoot is a "missing link" in man's evolutionary chain.

Whatever the creature is, King said he intends to kill one for a reward offered for proof the creature exists in North America.

During expeditions, he carries a high-power rifle and a .357 Magnum revolver as backup.

"I've worked on the theory of using a dart gun. It is impractical because a dart gun isn't accurate over 50 yards and another problem is (tranquilizer) dart dosage," he said.

According to King, a former state Department of Natural Resources employee "threatened" him with manslaughter charges if he shot a Bigfoot and it proved to be part human.

King's home and Michigan/Canadian Bigfoot Center is at 152 W. Sherman Street in Caro.

The house is a charming two-story, white pillared structure with living areas tastefully decorated in china and county crafts.

The house's charm ends at the stairway to the basement, which contains an L-shaped office — Bigfoot central.

The basement ceiling is low and dim lights cast silhouettes among the dark-imaged pictures and newspaper clippings of bigfoot.

For doubters, King shows his office display of

plaster casts of bigfoot footprints from various sightings.

Accounts of a human-like creature are found in Indian lore, and throughout the world. In the former Soviet Union, the creature is known as snowy man, in the Himalayas as yeti, in North America as sasquatch, and as bigfoot in the United States.

The 1965 incident that named the creature bigfoot happened in California when a construction crew returned to their site to find 250-gallon drums tossed over a cliff and a trailer overturned. The only evidence of the perpetrator were huge footprints in the sand.

King said he has seen tracks that are 17 to 19 inches long that are 8 to 10 inches wide and taper to about 5 inches wide at the heel.

Also, encased in glass on a shelf of King's office is fecal matter from a sight area in Benzie County, which King believes is bigfoot droppings.

While there have been 38 sightings in Tuscola County, King has nothing in his extensive files of sightings in Huron or Sanilac County.

That doesn't mean there hasn't been sightings there, just that they might have gone unreported by individuals who didn't want to come forward, King said.

King can be reached at (517) 673-2715.

Sasquatch Watch

By Kathy Jackson
Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

HAMILTON, Texas — Home of the fighting Bulldogs. Home of the biggest dove festival in the world.

Home of Bigfoot.
Maybe. Some in the little Central Texas town are saying that they've seen a bizarre, hairy creature with an ape-like face — and, of course, big feet — on the banks of the Leon River. It's tall, they say, and walks on two legs.

Is it the legendary, elusive Sasquatch? Or is someone just trying to make *The National Enquirer*?

Roger Miller, editor of *The Hamilton Herald-News*, says people have confided in him that they have spotted a creature that looks like no animal they've ever seen.

"We've had numerous telephone calls and people stopping us on the street, some of whom really didn't want to reveal their identity," Mr. Miller says. "There are people who believe that they have seen something."

A woman who works at Hamilton City Hall says that,

although most of the townsfolk are making a joke out of it, some aren't laughing.

"Some people say, 'Yes, it is out there, and it's been out there for several years,'" says the woman, who doesn't want her name used.

The tall tale might be more believable if anyone could find Daniel Fisker. He's the guy who started the whole thing.

The *Herald-News* in January printed a lengthy letter in which Mr. Fisker said he and his family, while driving home from Stephenville late one night, saw a huge, hairy creature on the riverbank.

The thing is, nobody knows Daniel Fisker. And in a town of 3,000, everybody knows everybody.

Mr. Miller tried to find him by checking utility and postal records. No Daniel Fisker.

"I think it's highly unlikely that such a person as Daniel Fisker exists," Mr. Miller says. "It may be that somebody saw something and as-

sumed a pseudonym for purposes of avoiding public ridicule. I'm not saying that somebody didn't see it."

Here, in part, is what the letter said:

"It stood, I would say, approximately 7 to 8 feet tall, weighing probably (sic) between 400 to 500 pounds. Its body was covered with hair. It had long arms that extended down to its knees. Its face looked almost human. . . . It looked at us and growled a low moan, showing four fang-like teeth, two on top, two on bottom, and the rest flat like humans. Then it hurled over the guard rail and ran off into the night toward the brush along the river banks on the west side. . . .

"For the record, we were not drunk or doing drugs or anything like that, and we have respectable jobs in this and surrounding towns. We are not crackpots. I thought maybe there are others living here who have had a similar experience and would come forward now that the door is open to tell about it."

The letter — whoever wrote it — served its purpose. It opened a door.

It prompted Hilda Lunsford (people do know her) to write to the newspaper telling about what she saw early one morning in 1985 while driving between Olin and Cranfills Gap.

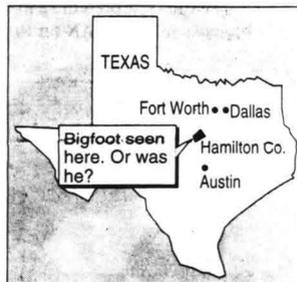
"A huge thing came out the side of the road and got right in front of the car and stood up on its hind legs and I stopped and locked my doors on the car and waited to see what it was going to do," Ms. Lunsford wrote. "It looked right at me and it had a face of an ape and it was (a) big black something. . . .

"Yes, I was laughed at for telling about it, but every word is true."

Daniel Perez thinks it's a shame that people laughed at Ms. Lunsford. And it irritates him that people are so willing to brush off Mr. Fisker. Mr. Perez, who lives in Norwalk, Calif., is founder of the Center for Bigfoot Studies and has researched the Sasquatch phenomenon for 18 of his 28 years.

"It fits the pattern," Mr. Perez says of the Fisker letter. "We're looking at an animal that is completely covered with hair, has a heavy build, and is maybe 7- to 8-foot tall, with reports of up to 9 feet. It possesses characteristics of the modern-day gorilla and also characteristics of man in terms that it's bipedal — it walks on two feet."

The Bigfoot legend goes back to the 1840s, and more than 5,000 Bigfoot sightings have been reported in the United States and Canada, Mr. Perez says. A 1978 report, he says, credited Texas with 30 sightings. There are no other records



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available because the Texas Bigfoot Research Society disbanded.

"From what we know of studying the reports, most of the sightings have occurred off the roadside. People were in a car, and they saw something as they were driving by," Mr. Perez says. "There are a bunch of reports near waterway systems; near creeks, dams, river bottoms. Because, naturally, these animals are going to be drinking water. And, of course, a wooded area makes sense, too, because that's concealment."

A lot of people in Hamilton, though, think that somebody's playing a big joke. Some of them have tried to pin the prank on Plank.

Plank Wilson, owner of Wilson Electric Service, is 6 foot 3 and has size 12½ feet. He also has an ape suit. He wears it on Halloween to scare the local kids.

Linda Pearce, owner of the Dinner Bell restaurant just a few blocks from the town square, says she posted a sign "Big Foot Ate Here" to tease Mr. Wilson, who is one of her regulars.

But Mr. Wilson says that the creature allegedly spotted in early morning fog and in the deepest darkness of country nights, well, it just wasn't him.

"I'm tall and all that," he says. "But that's not me."

Now, because of the newspaper letters, the town is geared up for a Sasquatch Watch. And maybe, just maybe, they'll see something. Mr. Perez wouldn't be surprised.

"There is no question in my mind, period, that these primates absolutely exist," he says.

Hamilton County rancher Ken Craig hopes so. He wrote to the *Hamilton newspaper*, asking to be notified immediately when there is another Bigfoot sighting. He wants to capture the elusive critter and put him to work building fences and baling hay.

"The best thing is," Mr. Craig wrote, "unless the darn thing is smarter than I think, I wouldn't have to put up with any lip from it."

Sasquatch: a tabloid favorite

By Kathy Jackson
Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

When it comes to the tabloids, some things are sure sellers: Elizabeth Taylor's weddings. New fad diets. And Bigfoot.

Over the years, the Sasquatch has gained respectable status in the world of supermarket trash journalism. The terrifying tales usually are accompanied by screaming headlines and fuzzy photographs. Many a shopper probably has stood in checkout lines and pondered: Just how many women have had Bigfoot's baby, anyway?

Over the past 150 years, hundreds of people have recounted scary encounters with towering, ape-like creatures that walk through the forests. The beasts typically are reported as being 6- to 10-foot tall and weighing 500 pounds or more. They are said to move quickly and silently, fleeing when they see humans. Most of the sightings have been in the wooded areas of the Pacific Northwest, California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and British Columbia.

Generations of Indian tribes have passed on the Sasquatch legend, much as parents today warn their kids about the bogeyman.

In 1958, the stories became fodder for the press when Gerald Crew of California said he spotted giant footprints while helping clear a forest. On Oct. 20, 1967, the stories gained some credibility when two California hunters, Roger Patterson and Bob Gimlin, captured a shadowy, ape-like creature on 16mm film.

"We're fascinated with monsters," says Daniel Perez, founder of the Center for Bigfoot Studies in Norwalk, Calif. "One of the reasons why they (tabloids) are putting this out on their front page all the time is because people buy this. I think it's deeply ingrained in the minds of people. I think we all have a fascination for the unknown, for mon-

sters. For what we'd call things that go bump in the night."

Jerry Shaw, assistant editor of the tabloid *The Sun*, says readers are "just fascinated" with Bigfoot.

"The public goes through different phases," he says. "There's a phase where they'll have an interest in things like this, and other times the interest will drop off."

Bigfoot is a big deal to *The Weekly World News*, another tabloid, says Mr. Perez, who keeps files on such stories. *World News* headlines have included: "Bigfoot Adopts Human Child," "Bigfoot Shocker! Police Order Massive Search After Women Are Carried Off by Hairy, 7-Foot Monsters!" and "Giant Bigfoot Attacks Village!"

Joe Voelkerling of Dallas, president of the North Texas Skeptics, believes we should stop in our tracks.

"It would be virtually impossible, I would think, for any creature to not leave something somewhere," he says. "If it's something that's alive, it's got to have a finite life of some period. So virtually any type of animal, you invariably find their bones, skeletal remains, etc. If there are such things, why has no one come up with so much as a skeleton?"

Mr. Voelkerling offers this tale as proof that things aren't always what they seem:

Late one night, Mr. Voelkerling's wife and her sister were driving along a dark road in Kansas when they saw what looked to be a flying saucer. It was a sparkling, spidery-looking thing, with legs shooting down toward the ground. Suddenly, there was nothing but static on the radio. The closer the women drove to the object, the louder the static became.

"It was the classic flying saucer phenomenon," Mr. Voelkerling says.

Well, not quite. It was a malfunctioning electrical tower.

Geologist defends theory Sphinx is much older

By Michael J. Lafferty
Dispatch Science Reporter

CHICAGO — The great riddle of the Great Sphinx right now is, exactly how old is it?

Scientists at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science here debated when the huge half-man, half-lion sculpture was carved out of bedrock of the desert near Cairo, Egypt.

Archaeologists generally have agreed that the Sphinx was built about 2,500 B.C.

Boston University geologist Robert M. Schoch said last year his research suggests the Sphinx was built far earlier — perhaps 5,000 B.C. or even 7,000 B.C.

Schoch said his seismic research and the extensive weathering of the Sphinx's body indicate the 2,500 B.C. date is wrong. The desert climate in the area was once wetter and, he believes could account for the exten-



Great Sphinx . . . built in 7,000 to 5,000 B.C.?

sive erosion.

Schoch spent much of his time defending that theory yesterday in a debate edged with scientific peevishness, and turning at times on estimates of ancient housekeeping techniques.

Schoch's theory is schlock, ac-

ording to Mark Lehner of the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute. "If the Sphinx was made as early as Schoch suggests, where is the rest of the civilization? Where is the culture?" he said. "Show me a potsherd, some piece of pottery."

If Schoch is right, the Sphinx's builders were living close to a time called the Paleolithic when humans were hunters and gatherers — too primitive to have produced the work, Lehner said.

But Schoch dismissed the lack of physical evidence — the pottery shards and other relics that form the basis of archaeological research.

"Who knows if they were using pottery at the time?" Schoch said. Or maybe the Sphinx's ancient builders were just a lot neater than generations are today and cleaned up after themselves, he said.

"It's not my problem as a geologist. It's up to the archaeologists to figure who carved the body of the

Great Sphinx," Schoch said.

The Sphinx was carved from limestone formed from sediment left when the area was covered by an ancient sea.

Schoch believes the Sphinx is the product of several successive efforts over thousands of years, a view running counter to the prevailing belief that it was constructed during the rule of the Old Kingdom Pharaoh Khafre.

University of Louisville geologist K. Lal Gauri said the limestone that forms the body of the Sphinx is so weak and is eroding so fast that there wouldn't be anything left if Schoch is correct.

Schoch countered that the Sphinx has been covered and protected at times by the blowing desert sand.

Schoch has explained his theory in *The Secret of the Stones*, a book to be published by Villard Books/Random House.

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Wayne King and cast of a footprint he found.

Bigfoot believer out shaking the bushes

BY MARY DRIER
News Special Writer

CARO — Like UFOs, the legend of **Bigfoot has fascinated many**, but perhaps no one as much as **Wayne W. King**.

King, a 55-year-old press operator at a Flint General Motors Corp. plant, is the director of the Michigan-Canadian Bigfoot Information Center.

• Do you believe that Bigfoot exists? Ballot Box, Back Page.

The two-story center, which also serves as King's home in this quiet Tuscola County community, is charming, with white pillars and living areas tastefully decorated in china and country crafts.

The charm ends, however, at the stairway to the basement — and Bigfoot central.

The ceiling is low and the office gloomy.

Dim lights cast shadows amid the dark images of pictures and newspaper clippings of Bigfoot.

King says he is a Bigfoot/Sasquatch investigator who set out in the late 1970s determined to show that the creature is a myth.

Along the way, he became a believer.

"I wanted to prove to myself that the mystery was a hoax," he said. "For three years, I backlogged accounts from Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Michigan and mainly Canada.

"I found just the opposite ... and I've seen the animal myself."

King said his encounters occurred near Kingston in 1978 and six years later outside Caro near Enos Park on M-46.

"We are dealing with some species of ape — not a humanoid," he said. "It could be part human, but I doubt it."

King wants to kill one of the creatures to collect a six-figure reward, to provide a specimen for scientific study and to supply the conclusive evidence that Bigfoot exists.

He carries a high-powered rifle and a pistol as backup, and he

strongly recommends that the average person not venture into the woods around Caro unarmed.

"I've worked on the theory of using a dart gun," he said. "It is impractical because a dart gun isn't accurate over 50 yards, and another problem is (tranquilizer) dart dosage."

For doubters, King displays plaster casts of footprints taken at the scene of various sightings.

He also points to pictures from the 1967 Patterson-Gimlin film, which was shot in Del Norte County, Calif.

The film shows a large, stocky creature with long shaggy hair and a flat face walking across a clearing to a woods.

Accounts of such humanlike animals are found in Indian lore and throughout the world.

In the former Soviet Union, the creature is known as Alama, in the Himalayas as Yeti and in some parts of North America as Sasquatch.

The legend began in California in 1958 when a construction crew returned to find its worksite demolished.

Something apparently had tossed 250-gallon drums over a cliff and overturned a trailer.

Huge barefoot prints in the sand

were the only evidence of the perpetrator.

King claims to have seen footprints at least 17 inches long, 8 inches wide and tapering to 5 inches at the heel.

He has encased in glass what he insists is Bigfoot fecal matter from Benzie County.

Although Tuscola County has recorded 38 sightings since 1965, King has no reports of encounters in neighboring Huron or Sanilac counties.

The lack of incidents, however, does not mean the creature is not roaming there, he said.

Those who have seen the animal probably have not admitted it, he said, because they fear ridicule.

"This (story) might shake the bushes, so to speak, in letting people know they aren't alone in their sightings, and there is a place to report the sightings to," King said.

"I don't need the publicity or the promotion. I have nothing to sell."

King and his interest in Bigfoot are mentioned in several books: "The Bigfoot Case," by Janet & Colin Bord; "Bigfoot All Over the Country," by Marian T. Place (for juvenile readers); and "Sasquatch, The Apes Among Us," by John Green.

Bigfoot apparently likes Tuscola County

BY MARY DRIER
News Special Writer

CARO — Bigfoot is **no hoax to two Caro men who claim they spotted a pair of the creatures on Patti-**son Road near Mayville, says the director of the Michigan-Canadian Bigfoot Information Center.

Even so, Wayne W. King, a skeptic turned believer, says the men, 60 and 44, do not want to talk to reporters about their Jan. 4 experience and do not want to face the ridicule that revealing their names might bring.

King says the latest encounter makes 38 Bigfoot sightings in Tuscola County since 1965.

He began tracking the creatures in 1977.

The men, both route drivers in the Mayville area, described the first animal as about 7 feet to 8 feet tall and weighing about 500 pounds to 600 pounds —

"large enough to flip their vehicle," King says.

They described the second as smaller, about 5

feet tall and weighing about 300 pounds to 400 pounds.

"Both animals seemed undisturbed by the vehicle as they stared into its lights," King says the men reported.

The 60-year-old told King he was about to open the door and shine a flashlight on the creatures when his partner stopped him because the animals began approaching.

The men backed their vehicle away, King says. He says he is puzzled by the encounter because most Bigfoot creatures are docile.

Several weeks passed between the sighting and when the men gave their account.

King says he only found two vague barefoot tracks in the mud and that he is skeptical about their origin.

"The tracks were both of the same animal," he says. "They were quite obliterated."

What spooked those cows?

Ten days ago, milk cows on six western Ozark County farms went crazy.

They huddled in a remote lowland corner of their pasture or they ran aimlessly.

They pranced, heads held high, nostrils flaring.

Some farmers said they appeared to be looking up.

One said "those cows see something I don't!"

Two hundred head or more refused to go to the barn at milking time. It took hours to force them inside....and then they gave no milk.

That's not like a milk cow. She's waiting at the gate at milking time. She's uncomfortable if you're late.

It wasn't a passing thing. The cows were violently upset for 12 hours. They didn't return to normal for several days.

Down the road, meanwhile--often right across the fence--other milk cows were unaffected.

Dairy farmers, old and young, said they have never seen such a thing.

Among themselves, they tested a lot of theories:

* Bear? Too many cows affected at the same time in too big an area. And the dogs didn't bark.

* Sulfur irritation? Everyone wasn't feeding sulfur.

* Warble flies? They lay eggs that turn into cattle grubs, and cows know it. Cows grow agitated and run aimlessly when warble flies come around.

But they get over it in a hurry, they don't run away from the barn, and warble flies are not selective.

* Strangers spooking the cattle? What strangers? There were no strangers around....at least none anybody could see.

On the half dozen farms with the agitated cows, bulls were much less affected and returned quickly to normal.

Feeder calves were normal. They paid no attention to their flaky adults.

The crazies began Sunday, April 5.

The cattle were fine at Sunday morning milking.

When farmers and their families came home from church, their cows were frantic.

Herds affected belonged to Willis Donley and Danny Donley near Haskins Ford; Greg Loftis on D Highway; Dale Silvey in Longrun; Connie Jones in Hammond.

Silvey had some dry cows pastured on Troy Sallee's neighboring farm. They became so frantic they broke through the fence and were lost for a time in the timber.

Their udders and their faces were bloodied from thrashing through underbrush.

Silvey's farm borders Boyd Garrison on the south. Silvey's cows huddled frantic at the fence. Across the road, Garrison's cows munched calmly on newborn grass.

At both Donley dairies, the cows refused to come up the hill to the barn. Pushed, they'd reach a certain

point and race back to the bottom.

Loftis worked an hour with a four-wheeler and a dog to corral his cows. Then they gave no milk. Monday they gave hundreds of pounds less than usual. It was mid-week before they were back to normal.

The Silveys had company. Five people helped Dale round up his crazed milk cows. It took them two hours. They gave no milk.

At the Jones place, the story was the same.

The two Donley farms and the Loftis place lie along a south-north line that points roughly toward the Marshfield area where something mysterious killed and mutilated several cows a month ago.

Prime unofficial suspects in the Marshfield case: UFOs or cults.

A cow on Joe Bouldin's farm died with no sign of struggle. Its throat was slit, its esophagus removed, its teats sliced off at the udder.

And its blood was gone. Ordinarily a cow has about six gallons of blood. There was only a quart. And there was no blood spilled nearby.

There were no tracks--people, vehicle or predator--around the body. Other animals--even flies--would not go near the carcass for days. And it didn't decay like the usual dead animal.

Some scientists have said the surgery on Bouldin's cow was not



DID SHE SEE something we can't? Farmers wish cows could talk.

done with a knife. They said the cuts, very straight and precise, were done by a very hot beam like a laser--but not a laser known to American science.

Bouldin's was one of 11 cows found similarly killed and mutilated in the Marshfield area since strange colored lights have become persistent in the night sky over Interstate 44.

People began to see the Marshfield lights four months ago.

The Highway Patrol says the curious park along I-44 in such numbers they sometimes pose a safety hazard.