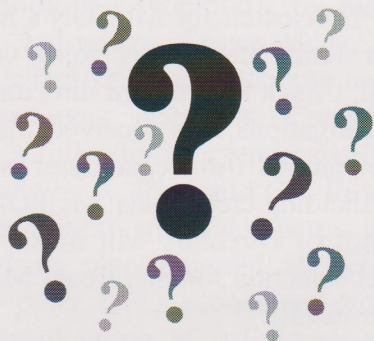


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Nebraska woman terrorized by extraterrestrial activity

THE EXPERIENCES DESCRIBED by Teri C., though that is not her real name, form the basis of a fascinating MUFON investigation.

The Case Management System (CMS) report is compelling on a number of levels. The evidence includes marks and a puncture wound on Teri's body, a blood-stained pallet in her yard, and a strange, small creature that showed up in a photograph of the site after some of the inexplicable activity.


The case, which began in 2005, also involves the mysterious disappearance of 100 chickens, 80-some pigeons, five ducks, and a pet goose. Teri's experiences continue, and recently unusual scars have begun to appear on her body.

"The chronology covers more than six years with a number of missing-time occurrences," write

Nebraska state investigators Dave Pares and Richard Webb in their CMS report. They believe it might take even more time to unravel all the events, clues, and data in order to sort out what happened. The two experienced an anomalous event themselves during the investigation. They had stopped for lunch in a local restaurant. When they stepped back outside they spotted a UFO high above the town. *See Teri's story on page 8.*



This strange creature was captured on camera after unusual occurrences that appear to be related to UFO activity.



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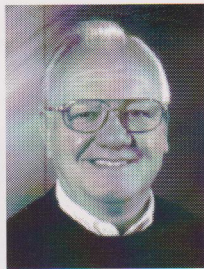
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director's message

Symposium: A most wonderful time of year

By Clifford Clift

IT'S THAT TIME of the year again—Symposium Time. I'm really excited about this year's Symposium. We'll have the opportunity to hear great speakers, meet MUFON members from around the United States and the world, and learn the latest about UFO events. The Field Investigator Training workshop is a must-attend event for Field Investigators and anyone in training to become an Investigator.

Friedman to Speak

On a sad note, Budd Hopkins had to cancel his participation at the Symposium this year due to health issues. We are sorry Budd won't be able to attend, and we wish him a speedy recovery. In lieu of Budd, Stanton Friedman graciously has agreed to speak on "Stephen Hawking, SETI, and Science." MUFON greatly appreciates Stanton's willingness to participate on such late notice. His presentations always are

exciting and informative, and we're fortunate that he can join us.

The search for MUFON's new Star Team Manager is going very well. Chuck Reeve, our director of investigations, has received many applications from candidates with outstanding credentials. MUFON's Board of Directors will make the final selection for Star Team Manager in July.

MUFON's membership continues to creep up each month. In January we had 2,670 members, and in June we had grown to 2,748. Membership is the fuel that drives the MUFON ship. I want to thank the State Directors and all who are helping our membership increase.

False Comments

I recently encountered two erroneous comments about MUFON on the Internet. The first is that MUFON is owned by Bigelow Aerospace

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What kind of person has a UFO encounter?

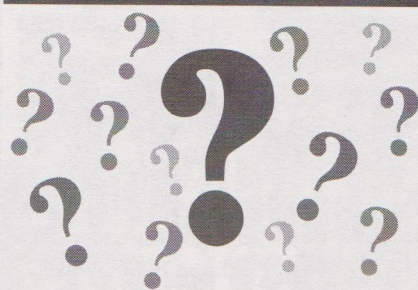
HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED whether people who report UFO encounters share any personality traits—and if so, what those traits might be?

A new study, “Omega 3: Revelation or Revolution?” by Robert B. LeLievre, Lester Velez, and Michael Freeman, attempts to answer your questions. Conceived as a followup to a landmark 1990 study by K. Ring and C.J. Rosing, this recent study compares individuals who reported abductions or other UFO encounters with a control group of individuals who merely expressed interest in UFOs.

Participants for the new study were recruited through an ad in *MUFON UFO Journal*, through contact with members of the Organization for Paranormal Understanding and Support, or at the 2009 MUFON International UFO Symposium. All participants answered questions about demographics and personal experiences. They also responded to the same materials used in the Ring study, and in addition they completed the Personal Philosophy Inventory (PPI) used in another 1990 study by K. Makarec and M.A. Persinger.

Encounter-Prone Types

The 1990 Ring study compared persons who had near-death experiences with those who had reported UFO encounters. Researchers found three conditions frequently present in individuals with encounter-prone personalities. Such people reported early paranormal experiences or heightened sensitivity to altered



dealing with demographics

In the LeLievre study sample, participants who reported being abducted or having other direct contact with space aliens were predominantly white women, either married or single. Their average age was in their early 50s, and they have, on average, two years of college. Their religious preferences lean heavily toward Protestant or none.

The control participants also were predominantly white and of approximately the same age. Most are married. They were evenly split on gender, and they have, on average, a bachelor's degree. Their religious preferences lean toward Protestant, Catholic, or none.

states of consciousness, but they exhibited no greater fantasy-proneness as children. They experienced greater conflict, psychosocial abuse, and trauma during childhood. As a result, these individuals relied on dissociation as a coping skill when later faced with stressful conditions or events. They offered an abuse-trauma-dissociation pathway to extraordinary near-death experiences or experiences involving UFOs.

After their extraordinary experiences, these persons reported sig-

nificant changes in psycho-physiological functioning and in their attitudes, beliefs, and values, with a very noticeable shift from traditional religious beliefs to a universal-spiritual belief system. While there were some differences in their interpretations of the force or forces behind near-death experiences and UFO encounters, when compared to each other and to their control counterparts, the similarities far outweighed the differences.

Temporal-Lobe Factors

In another 1990 study, “Electroencephalographic Validation of a Temporal-Lobe-Signs-Inventory in a Normal Population,” published in the *Journal of Research in Personality*, K. Makarec and M.A. Persinger offered a neurological basis for such extraordinary encounters. They argue that the temporal lobes and the limbic system are involved in—or perhaps even the major source of—such encounters. Makarec and Persinger developed the PPI inventory to assess temporal-lobe sensitivity and heightened reactivity in those who experience such anomalous events as near-death experiences and encounters with UFOs.

Childhood Experiences

The new study by LeLievre used data concerning childhood experiences to measure fantasy-proneness, sensitivity to alternate realities, and early psychic experiences. Abductees scored higher on

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What traits do abductees have in common?

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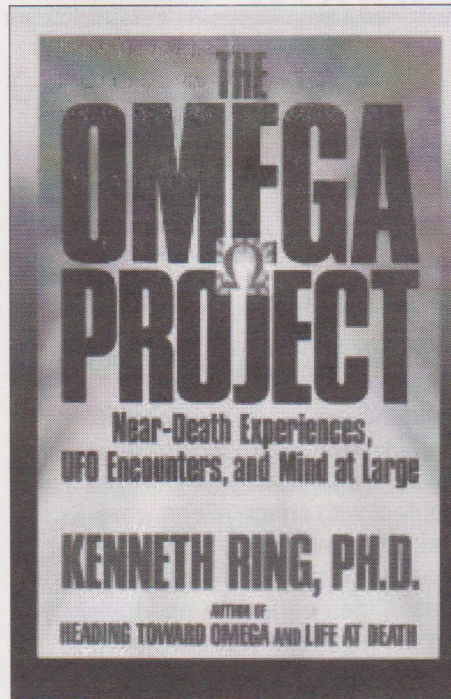
fantasy-proneness, but this difference was not statistically significant. They did score significantly higher on altered realities than did members of the control group. The 1990 Ring study found that their UFO experimental group did not differ in fantasy-proneness.

In the present study, abductees again were not more fantasy-prone than the control group. It appears that abductees are sensitive to such anomalous events as altered states of consciousness and paranormal experiences, but they are not prone to fantasy.

In terms of physical abuse and punishment, psychological abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect, abductees scored statistically significantly higher than members of the control group. On the Wogan Psychological Inventory, a measure of non-clinical dissociation, the abductees reported a greater tendency toward a dissociative coping style than did control subjects.

Psychophysical Factors

More psychophysical changes and more frequent experiences with Kundalini energies were reported among abductees than among members of the control group. Psychophysical changes include physical sensitivities such as allergies and sensitivity to light, physiological and neurological functioning, psychoenergetic functioning, and emotional functioning, which include measures of mood fluctuations, mental awareness, and psychic abilities.



The Kundalini Scale is a measure of a particular yoga bioenergy force usually dormant but activated during spiritual crises or spiritual experiences. In the tantric yoga tradition, Kundalini energy is a subtle form of bioenergy, usually lying dormant at the base of the spine, that can be activated by various kinds of spiritual experiences or crises. It can be highly destabilizing in its physical and/or psychological effects.

Life-Changes Inventory

Life changes measured attitudes such as self-acceptance and concern for others, religious beliefs, spirituality, quest for meaning, and concern for social and planetary welfare.

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“The Omega Project: A Psychological Survey of Persons Reporting Abductions and Other UFO Encounters” (1990), was published in the *Journal of UFO Studies*. This landmark work by Kenneth Ring and C.J. Rosing compared individuals who reported near-death experiences with other individuals who reported UFO encounters.

Now, “Omega 3: Revelation or Revolution?” the followup study by Robert B. LeLievre, Lester Velez, and Michael Freeman, compares people who reported UFO encounters with a control group of others who merely are interested in UFOs.

Findings in the new study for the most part replicate previous results reported for those who experienced UFO encounters.

control group. Abductees also showed a larger shift score in religious beliefs, which was measured by a comparison of a universalistic orientation with a more conventional or traditional religious orientation. This shift in religious thinking was not as large as the subjects showed in the 1990 Ring study.

A close look at the life-changes responses discloses two important findings. A greater percentage of abductees (75 percent) than control-group members (47 percent) indicated an increase or a strong increase in their concern with the welfare of the planet. In a similar way, a greater percentage of abductees (74 percent) than control-group members (44 percent) indicated an increase or a strong increase in their concern for ecological matters.

Extraterrestrial Finding

Among abductees 90 percent indicated an increase or strong increase in belief in the possibility of extraterrestrial life. While only 69 percent of control subjects indicated any increase in such interest, the fact remains that even an interest in the area has an impact on consideration of the possibility of extraterrestrial life.

Abductees appear to be more strongly convinced that their extraordinary experiences are controlled by a force or forces quite different from, and perhaps as yet unknown, to human science, religions, and/or philosophy. Moreover, they seem to see those experiences as heralding a major evolutionary transformation of human consciousness.

Personal Philosophy

The Personal Philosophy Inventory (PPI) is a true-false test designed to assess the likelihood of temporal-lobe involvement in a variety of extraordinary experiences. It predicts with a high level of confidence experiences that range from the mundane to the sublime.

The inventory measures two major factors: temporal-lobe signs, which are associated with sudden onset of seizure-like symptoms, and complex partial epilepsy signs, which can include full microseizure-like patterns of brain activity. The PPI has been shown to specifically discriminate those who demonstrate temporal-lobe lability from those who suffer temporal-lobe epilepsy. It also has been shown to indicate those who are more likely to experience the phenomenological effects commonly associated with apparitions, religious presences,

Do you have an encounter-prone personality?

The following sample true-false questions were used to evaluate attitudes about evolution, purposiveness, and extraterrestrial influence.

1. In my opinion, the widespread occurrence of UFO experiences is part of a larger plan to promote the evolution of consciousness on a species-wide scale. (T, F)
2. Evolutionary forces already are at work that will transform humanity at large into a more self-aware, spiritually sensitive species. (T, F)
3. I believe that my [interest in] UFO experiences occurred so as to awaken me to the existence of larger cosmic forces that are affecting our lives. (T, F)
4. I feel I have a mission to use what I have learned from my [study of] UFO experiences to spread God's love to all. (T, F)
5. I believe that humanity may be the object of biological experimentation by extraterrestrial life forms. (T, F)
6. I believe alien beings are likely to exert increasing control over human life in years to come. (T, F)
7. There are higher-order intelligences that have a concern with the welfare of our planet. (T, F)
8. There are higher-order intelligences that are bent on exploiting our planet in some way. (T, F)

contact with space aliens, and abductions by space aliens.

Abductees appear to have more highly labile temporal-lobe activity than do control-group members. What this seems to point to is that the temporal lobes are more sensitive to electromagnetic changes in the environment and possibly to contact or other anomalous experiences. Abductees tend to perceive more sensed presences than their control counterparts, and they are more likely to endorse the possibility of a superior alien intelligence.

Conclusions

These participants were no more fantasy-prone than the general population. In no case did abductees or control-group participants show any signs of mental illness or personality disorder.

Sensitivity to alternative realities and early and recurrent paranormal experiences seem to play a role in the abduction experience.

How much a part dissociation

plays in the abduction experience is an open question, but dissociation remains a viable descriptive, if not explanatory, principle.

Both experience with and interest in contact seem to change one's sense of self and one's worldview.

Abductees believe that there is a sentient, purposive, alien intelligence at play in their lives and in the world. The goal of that intelligence remains an open question.

The brain generally and the temporal lobes and limbic system more particularly play a mediating role in anomalous experiences. While it would be too reductionistic to claim that the brain creates such experiences, it is not farfetched to think that the brain plays an important part in how extraordinary experiences are interpreted.

A more thorough investigation of abductees certainly is warranted. These individuals are given both a blessing and a curse that allows them to experience what the typical person cannot. ■ —J.C.

Sitchin's latest work an imaginative but mostly

By Dwight Connelly

I ENJOYED READING this book, as Sitchin always is interesting, but enjoyment is not the same as enlightenment. Although he is one of the better-known writers concerning "ancient astronauts," his research techniques and conclusions are questionable.

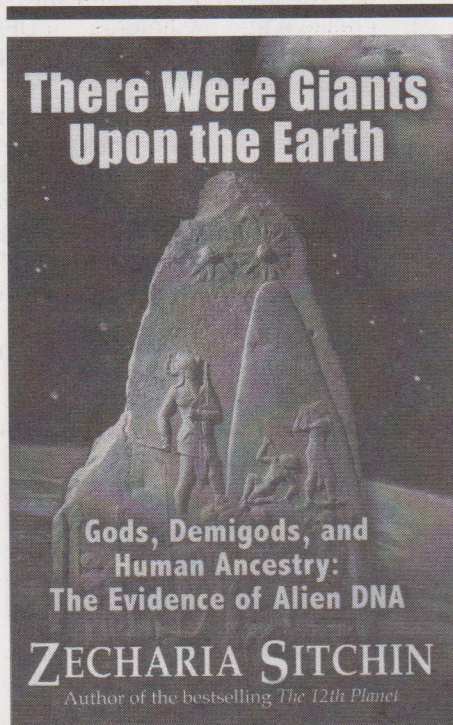
Those familiar with his seven books in *The Earth Chronicles* series will find little new here, except at the end. His idea that the Anunnaki from the planet Nibiru were responsible for Earth's creation through a planetary collision, sort of a "Little Bang Theory," is well known.

Biblical Parallels Suggested

Equally well known is his idea that modern man was created by these interplanetary gods "in their image" some 300,000 years ago through combined DNA from homo erectus and the gods.

Sitchin sees this as similar to the creation story in Genesis in the Hebrew Bible: "And Elohim (God) said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.'" According to the author, modern man was created primarily to labor for the gods, but especially to mine gold for the inhabitants of Nibiru, who had to have it to insulate their planet's atmosphere.

Sitchin makes a plausible case that something similar to this could have occurred in the development of mankind, and could be the answer to the "missing link"



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in man's development.

The question is whether the author, despite 60 years of studying Sumerian, Mesopotamian, Babylonian, Hebrew, Egyptian, and other Middle Eastern literature and artifacts, is accurate in his presentation and conclusions.

Some critics suggest that he has misread some of the cuneiform tablets and misinterpreted some of

the drawings. Where some Sumerian researchers see a drawing of a mountain, Sitchin sees a space ship pointed upward. His treatment of the "face" and "pyramids" on Mars in his 1990 book *Genesis Revisited* suggests a tendency on his part to see what he wants to see, rather than what is there.

Translation Difficulties

His academic training has been in economics, not in the cuneiform writing on which much of his material is based, and he served as a journalist and editor in Israel, not as an academic researcher. Cuneiform is difficult to decode, even when the clay tablets are well preserved, and experienced researchers with doctorates in the field occasionally have had to revise their own interpretations.

It is worth noting that Sitchin's versions of such important events as the creation of the Earth, the "Garden of Eden" (E.din), and the Deluge (Great Flood) are somewhat different from those of eminent Sumerian scholars such as the late Dr. Samuel Noah Kramer, author of *History Begins at Sumer*.

Sitchin argues that the Deluge was a tidal wave caused by the slippage of ice into the Indian Ocean in Antarctica. This slippage supposedly was caused by the orbiting of Nibiru into the area between Jupiter and Mars on one of its 3,600-year appearances, and was thus predictable but not desirable. The

undocumented account of ‘ancient astronauts’

“Noah” in this version is Ziusudra, who builds a submarine that will withstand the tidal wave. Although Sitchin says Sumerian texts tell the dimensions of the craft, he seems to be the only person who has found this information.

It appears that none of the recognized experts on Sumerian cuneiform have suggested that the Anunnaki came to Earth for the purpose of mining gold, which is a key concept in Sitchin’s explanation of why advanced humans (the Adam) were created.

There is also disagreement by Sumerian scholars with Sitchin’s idea that the Sumerians were aware of 12 members of the solar system (sun, moon, and 10 planets). In addition, the 3,600-year elliptical orbit of Nibiru into and out of the Earth’s vicinity is seen as an impossibility by experts.

Sodom and Gomorrah

And is there really any credible evidence that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by five atomic blasts aimed primarily at a “spaceport” in the Sinai, and that fallout (Evil Wind) from the blasts destroyed Sumer?

Sitchin treats the myths found in Sumerian, Babylonian, and Hebrew literature as actual history, despite the fact that the various tales are different in many important respects. In working with these myths, he moves so frequently from one to another that

Sitchin’s basic idea that advanced entities visited Earth and genetically affected man’s evolution could be correct. But if it did occur, it probably did not happen the way Sitchin describes.

it is difficult to tell which group’s myths he is describing.

He is very specific when he writes that there is “no conflict” between Bible and science, faith and knowledge. Yet the stories are inconsistent, as in the versions of the Great Flood, and his “science” takes a definite backseat to myths and imagination.

I am reminded of Erich von Däniken, who admitted to me that he had made up much of what he wrote, especially in *Gold of the Gods*, explaining, “it sells books.”

The one new item in this book involves what Sitchin says are the remains of an Anunnaki goddess (Nin.Puabi) and her demigod spouse. These remains were discovered in 1928 in Iraq and now are in the British Museum in London. Sitchin describes how he made the identification, and he reports that he has asked British authorities to do DNA testing on these bodies to see if it varies from regular DNA. Thus far they have refused his request.

This latest book is well written, but very poorly organized. There is no index, although Sitchin provided indexes in his previous books. The

large variety of “gods” with their sometimes confusing names (depending on the culture) are difficult to follow, and it is frustrating if the reader wants to return to a particular topic or try to put material in chronological order.

A Dearth of Footnotes

While there are numerous exact quotations from Sumerian and other literature, these generally are not footnoted, except those related to Genesis. General references are given, but these are not tied to specific information. In other words, the story told by Sitchin is undocumented. Much appears to be the result of his fertile imagination.

In spite of the many shortcomings in this book, Sitchin’s basic idea that advanced entities visited Earth and genetically affected man’s evolution could be correct. But if it did occur, it probably did not happen the way Sitchin describes. ■

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Lights in the sky, missing farm animals, and an

By Janice Currie

HOW DIFFERENT LIFE might have been if Teri C. had never flashed that million-candlelight Coleman lamp at three lights in the sky.

The lights flashed back, initiating a bizarre series of encounters that continues to this day.

Suddenly the first light descended, zig-zagging across the property and settling west of Teri, about 1,000 feet from the ground and about 1,200 feet downrange at a 40-degree angle. The remaining two lights followed suit, aligning themselves vertically. Then the bottom light sent a funnel of light to the ground. The whole group moved as a unit, descending behind a hill southwest of Teri's location.

"I ducked my head down in the hot tub and watched," she said. "I felt that whatever goes down has to go back up. They were there for quite a while before leaving."

An avid sky watcher, Teri and her husband enjoy an unobstructed view of the sky from their 10-acre range in Jefferson County, Nebraska. For about two weeks prior to this incident, which occurred in

Before the first incident, Teri and her husband had noticed three stars that never moved with the Earth's rotation.

the early morning hours of August 14, 2005, they had noticed three stars in the sky that never moved with the Earth's rotation. Teri's curiosity prompted her to try a signal, never anticipating an immediate response. Nor did she anticipate that the incident might attract additional attention.

Black Helicopter in the Sky

Around mid-morning she heard a helicopter in the distance and stepped outside with binoculars to investigate. An unmarked black helicopter was flying low over the hilltop, about 20 to 30 feet from the ground. It seemed to be searching in a grid pattern. She could see people

inside the chopper, one looking out the rectangular door. The search continued for 45 minutes. About two weeks later, while relaxing in the hot tub, Teri and her husband once again observed the lights in the same area of the sky.

It wasn't until May 2007, however, that the seriously strange incidents began.

Teri had fallen asleep on the living room sofa when she was suddenly awakened by an intense light that illuminated the house. "It was so bright you needed sunglasses," she said. She then started to hear a low pulsing humming noise that she could feel throughout her body. Terrified, she tried to wake her husband, who is a light sleeper, but he didn't respond even when she slapped him.

"I ran down the hall with my hands over my face, squinting through the cracks in my fingers. It was brighter outside than inside," she said. "The light was coming from above."

She had no idea how long the light remained over the house, but

what happened when

August 14, 2005
3:30 a.m.

initial sighting of three lights that align and form a funnel of light

August 14, 2005
11:15 a.m.

black helicopter hovers in sky 45 minutes, apparently looking for something

May 2007
3 a.m.

intense light floods interior of the house; at daybreak, grass in backyard is dead

August 4, 2007
early morning

chicken, pigeons ducks, and geese disappear without leaving any traces

August 4, 2007
mid-morning

creature encountered; witness recovers from unconsciousness with bruises and a wound

attack by a creature characterize Nebraska case

as it moved off she looked out the window and saw that the grass in the yard had died and that weeds with a white flower had grown.

Feeling ice cold, she put on one of the T-shirts she had purchased the day before. The next morning there were holes through the new T-shirt with traces of white stains.

Following the incident Teri and her husband tried with no success to replant the backyard with bluegrass. The earth was hard, and the white flowers were the only plants that would grow. This year, for the first time, grass is starting to grow.

Animals Disappear

The next encounter occurred in the early morning hours of August 4, 2007, when Teri heard the geese stirring in the yard. They were bothered. Normally she would go out with a spotlight and a pistol in case there was an animal near them, but for some reason she didn't go out and check. That morning more than 100 chickens and roosters, 80 to 100 pigeons, five ducks, and several geese, including a pet goose that she had raised in the house, disappeared without a trace. There were only five geese left.

"There wasn't one feather, she said. "The hen house was still locked up. There were no footprints or tracks. No signs of a break and entry. There weren't even any of the cobwebs that often collect in corners of the hen house. It was as if something had vacuumed it out.



Open terrain in the rural area near where the strange encounters took place. Jefferson County is located in the southeast corner of Nebraska.

It was as clean as I have ever seen it." Teri and her husband searched the property, looking for carcasses, but never found any, although several weeks later, they saw a chicken foot lodged between a branch and the trunk of a tree.

They did not call the police. This type of incident has occurred to other neighbors in the area, Teri said. One farmer had lost 100 geese and

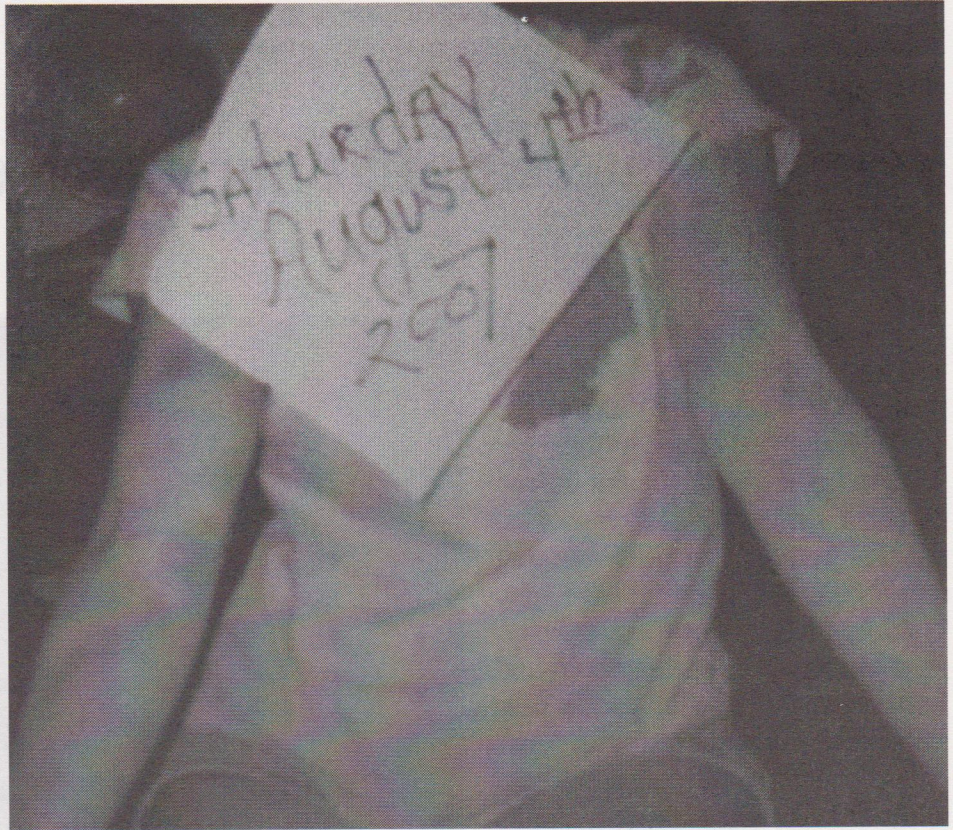
40 ducks. On another occasion, he had a pregnant cow nearing delivery, and suddenly one morning the cow was without the calf. No blood. No trace. The farmer confirmed the incident for investigators.

In mid-morning, Teri turned on the hose and was filling a small plastic swimming pool for the geese when she felt she was being

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ABOVE: Teri points toward where she saw three lights form an intense funnel of light in the sky. RIGHT: Teri later suffered unconsciousness, bruises, and a strange puncture wound.



Incidents of missing time, insomnia, and fear

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watched. When she turned around and looked down she saw something staring at her. "I couldn't believe what I was looking at," she said. Its eyes were black and watery, and its head was "big as a grapefruit." Because weeds were tall beside the fence, she couldn't determine if it was sitting or standing, but said it seemed to be about 2 to 2½ feet high.

It was three different colors of green with a small streak of yellow, and a pale white nose. It had deformed-looking bumps on its body, and a spike-like comb on its head laying down toward the spine. It had smoky transparent wings, and a thin layer of skin for eyelids. When it blinked it took a long time to open its eyes, she said.

"I didn't take my eyes off him," she said, "I was afraid he'd kill

me. I kept saying to myself, "just relax." I decided to look above him, and pretend I didn't see him." She slowly put the hose down and backed away toward the house.

Once in the house, Teri grabbed the binoculars that have photo capability, held them to the window, and without even looking through the viewer, snapped panoramic shots of her backyard. "The creature seemed to be gone," she said. "I didn't know that I had a photo of him."

Silhouette Wrapped in Leaves

The hose was still running, and around noon when she went outside to put it away, she heard rustling in the bushes on the north side of the chicken coop. She sprayed water into the leaves and noticed

they were sticking to something. "It looked like a silhouette wrapped in leaves, she said. "It moved, trying to get away from the water. Suddenly a rooster—and I don't know where it came from—came out of the leaves and took off running. There was no wind, but I heard a swooshing sound."

Then the silhouette was gone, and she didn't know where it went. Bolting toward the house was the last thing she remembered before seeing her friend and her friend's son standing over her as she was lying on the ground.

It was 2 in the afternoon when her friend dropped in for a visit and found Teri on the ground. A V-shaped bite or claw mark had punctured Teri's arm and she had 12 silver-dollar-sized red marks on



not indigenous to the area

This blurry unretouched image shows the creature Teri saw the day she was attacked. She snapped the rare picture from the house without realizing the creature still was in the weeds near the backyard fence.

Teri described the creature as between 2 and 2½ feet tall, with a head “big as a grapefruit.” It had smoky, transparent wings. It was three different shades of green, with a small streak of yellow, and it had a pale white nose. Deformed-looking bumps covered the creature’s body, and it had a spike-like comb on its head laying down toward its spine.

The creature’s eyes were black and watery, with a thin layer of skin for eyelids. When it blinked it took a long time to reopen its eyes.

plague victim of bizarre attack

her arm. Teri’s friend helped her to the house and stayed with her. By midnight the red spots had changed to black and by 8 the next morning they were totally gone. Footprints were found in the garden and claw marks on a post. There were blood stains on a pallet in the yard.

The couple’s six horses out in the field were disturbed and unsettled for about two weeks after that and refused to come near the buildings where the attack occurred.

Missing-Time Incidents

Following the incident, Teri has been plagued with incidents of missing time. A four-hour trip to North Platte to visit her nieces became a 13½-hour trip home. On a visit to Denver, she took a side trip to Boulder, a one-hour drive that took six

hours. She has noted missing time when she drives into town to visit her mother. “I sometimes feel as if I have a pager on me,” she said.

In a recent phone interview, Teri disclosed that unexplainable white scars have begun to appear on her body—“the last one in the center of my chest,” she said.

Originally she considered herself fearless, an avid outdoor person and hunter. After her experience she developed insomnia and had a fear of staying alone. She began to stay up all night and rest during the day. Teri says that her fear is not extreme now—but it is there. Friends invite her to visit in an evening, but her car is 12 feet from the door and she is too afraid to go to it. She won’t go into her backyard at night. ■

Symposium updates

Stanton Friedman to speak in Denver; hotel prices cut

FOR HEALTH REASONS Budd Hopkins has had to cancel his presentation at the upcoming 41st Annual MUFON Symposium, “The Cutting Edge of UFO Investigations,” scheduled for July 22–25 in Denver, Colo.

Stanton Friedman graciously has agreed to speak in Budd’s place. Stanton’s topic will be “Stephen Hawking, SETI, and Science.” MUFON is honored to have Stanton as one of our main speakers. Budd sends his best to everyone in MUFON, and MUFON wishes Budd a quick recovery.

Bargain Rate on Rooms

In other Symposium news, MUFON has negotiated a price break on rooms at the Marriott Denver Tech Center.

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Still Time to Register

It’s not too late to book a room and join MUFON members from around the country at this year’s Symposium.

You don’t have to be a MUFON member to take advantage of this special room rate. It’s available to anyone who mentions MUFON when making a reservation. ■

An evolutionary ufology hypothesis

By Jordan P. Hofer

THE YEAR 2009 marked 150 years of Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by means of natural selection. It has given birth to the fledgling disciplines of evolutionary medicine and evolutionary psychology. I would like to add another—evolutionary ufology.

The underlying hypothesis of evolutionary ufology is that there are no intelligent humanoid extraterrestrials on our planet, nor have there been any in the past; rather, what commonly are thought to be humanoid ETs are perhaps another species of human that has evolved alongside modern humans for the last 50,000 years.

The existence of the humanoid “grays” gives credence to this hypothesis. The odds of parallel evolution of humanoids on two separate worlds are astronomically unlikely, but this hypothesis does not absolutely deny the possibility. But if the humanoid visitors who fly their craft in our skies, abduct us from our homes, and communicate with us psychically are not from outer space, where are they from?

Though I never have seen a UFO, I reject Carl Jung's insulting explanations of the phenomenon. Three of my closest friends witnessed a triangular UFO flying low past their house. My daughter saw a large red rectangular UFO from her bedroom window last summer. [*Editor's Note: See her drawing on page 17.*] My father and great grandfather watched two blue UFOs streak across the sky in 1957. I do not be-

Are the ETs perhaps another species of human that has evolved alongside ours?

lieve that any of my friends and family were hallucinating or experiencing “collective visions.”

Thirty-five-thousand years ago *Homo sapiens* shared the planet with at least two other species of human, *Homo neanderthalensis* (the Neanderthals) and *Homo floresiensis* (the so-called Hobbits). The Neanderthals went extinct due to resource competition around 35,000 years ago, and the “Hobbits” apparently went extinct 12,000 years ago due to a massive volcanic eruption. These extinction events supposedly left *Homo sapiens* the last humans standing.

But what if the “grays,” instead of being from outer space, are a subterranean species of human, which we'll refer to as *Homo troglodytes* (cave-dwelling humans)? After the explosion of Mt. Toba 74,000 years ago, it's a possibility that ancestors of *Homo troglodytes* were forced into caves (possibly in Ethiopia) during the ensuing ice age, which lasted approximately 1,000 years.

Their commonly depicted anatomy suggests as much. Their skin lacks pigment, and they have exceptionally large eyes—both adaptations to reduced sunlight. To survive in a

subterranean environment would require unparalleled intelligence, and *Homo troglodytes* traditionally are described with an enlarged cranium.

The technology associated with the recovered Roswell craft suggests cultural adaptation to undersea environments, and the craft's resemblance to a manta ray may not be at all specious. Underground to underwater dwelling seems a natural evolutionary progression for *Homo troglodytes*, and Earth's oceans would have been conveniently unoccupied by other humanoids. The advancement from submarine to aircraft and spacecraft also seems logical.

Recorded behavior of the “gray” suggests a species that considers *Homo sapiens* inferior and disposable, much as our species must have considered the Neanderthals. Nuclear tests and destruction of the environment, specifically the death of our oceans, seem to have increased the *Homo troglodytes*' interest in us. Instead of space aliens, could it be their anthropologists who abduct us and probe us, their pilots who threaten our airspace, and their ecologists who warn us of the impending environmental breakdown caused by our comparatively primitive and destructive technologies? ■

Jordan Hofer, a former instructor of human evolution at universities in Oregon, is a MUFON Research Specialist in Anthropology.

Reader provides new look at only known photograph of 'Battle of Los Angeles'

I was watching a show about UFOs on the History Channel on May 26. They showed a picture of the "Battle of Los Angeles" and what was supposed to be a possible UFO.

The original picture is very bright and out of focus. I copied it to my laptop. Using only the shadow, tint, and saturation methods along with sharpening tools in Windows Live Photo Gallery, I was able to pull a shape from the blurred light spot.

I did no doctoring or smudging, just used simple techniques anyone can apply to pull the image into clear view.

You make the call about what you think is in the picture.

—David Cannizzaro



Feature story about secret Skunk Works operations draws praise from reader

I JUST RECEIVED MY MAY ISSUE of the *Journal*, and it looks fantastic. The layout is superb, and the stories are enjoyable to read, especially the Skunk Works piece. As a former member of the United States Air Force who experienced firsthand the results of missions by both the U2 and the SR71, it was a pleasure to read about one of those responsible for their development. I plan to buy the book.

I also found the excerpts from the Eureka Springs conference very

informative. I am looking forward to future issues of the *Journal*.

—Bob Kent

About Piper Cubs

I ENJOYED David Pares' story, but he made one wrong statement. I'm a retired 30-year airline pilot and engineer. A Piper Cub airplane is like any other plane and will stall at any speed. Not understanding this results in untold numbers of accidents.

—Cornelius Van Horn

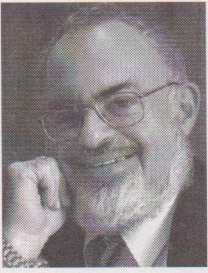
Thank you

THANK YOU! The May issue is the best *Journal* I have received! Actual UFO-related stories, reports, and information—and updates on cases! As a Field Investigator, this is what I look forward to reading.

—Chase Kloetzke

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Disclosure is likely to raise as many serious issues as it sheds light upon

By Stanton Friedman

PEOPLE KEEP ASKING my views about government disclosure of UFO-related materials. When do I think it will happen? Who will do it? With Bryce Zabel and Richard Dolan releasing a new book *A.D.: After Disclosure* (Keyhole Press) in September, this seems like a good time to revisit the issue.

It should be obvious that response to any type of government disclosure will depend upon what is released by whom and under what circumstances. Some people have been shocked to learn that I am not in favor of full disclosure. After spending many years working on classified industry projects, I truly don't think that the public is entitled to know everything.

Some groups not only don't want to acknowledge evidence that some UFOs are alien spacecraft, they also can't seem to understand that the advanced flight technology exhibited by the aliens represents a major national-security concern. It would be a rare country whose military wouldn't like to duplicate the capabilities of the flying saucers. In my opinion, making such information easily available to those opposed to U.S. interests would be utterly foolish.

Issues To Be Addressed

Disclosure should be done internationally and should address political, economic, psychological,

and religious ramifications. Some fundamentalist preachers in the United States, (Pat Robertson and the late Jerry Falwell, among others) vigorously insist that mankind on Earth is the only intelligent life in the universe, and that anything related to UFOs is the work of the devil.

What an insult to the notion of an all-powerful God, who surely is capable of creating something better than a primitive society whose major activity is tribal warfare. On the Earth this year alone, more than a trillion dollars will be spent on weapons and related military products—while 30,000 children will be allowed to die each day of preventable disease or starvation.

Vested Interests

Many parties have a vested interest in learning the truth about UFOs. A recent study noted that during the past 25 years the United States produced more than 400-million pages of classified material covering a huge variety of topics. Some of that information may prove to be of great utility in the design of advanced craft as well as in developing methods for detecting and tracking such vehicles.

Many other countries claim to have released all of their UFO data. There are those who believe the United States should do the same, and I would be more

than happy to sell these folks a bridge in Brooklyn. More than 10,000 "officially collected" Project Blue Book UFO reports have been made available in the United States, even though many of these cases were poorly investigated.

As General Carrol Bollender pointed out in 1969, reports of UFOs that could affect national security are not part of the Blue Book system. The blacked-out Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) documents and whited-out National Security Agency (NSA) documents pertaining to UFOs prove that "top secret" documents have not yet been released. I have no reason to believe that the information finally being released in the United Kingdom and other countries (France, Chile, Denmark, Peru, Argentina, etc.) includes "top secret" data related to national security.

Opinion polls demonstrate that many people privately accept the notion that space aliens exist and that some UFOs are of extra-terrestrial origin. It has been my observation, however, that most people are not aware of the more sinister cases—planes trying to shoot down UFOs and instead being destroyed by the UFOs (reported by Frank Feschino in *Shoot Them Down*) or the monitoring of nuclear facilities (discussed by Robert Hastings in *UFOs and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites*).

How much do we really know about the motivation of space-alien visitors to Earth? Obviously they haven't destroyed us wholesale . . . yet. Are they planning to enslave us to help in mining gold or other minerals? Are they stealing genetic material, developing hybridizing procedures for a new race to help them? Are they good-guy aliens checking out all our genetic diseases so they can offer us cures, and if so, what will they ask in exchange? Maybe they are here to quarantine our planet. Have they met with any officials?

This brings us to a much larger question: Who speaks for planet Earth? Certainly the president of the United States would not be accepted as a world spokesman. A one-person one-vote election to create a world government is out of the question; the nations on Earth have difficulty agreeing on anything.

There are other significant questions as well. Back in 1961, the Brookings Institute reported contact with space aliens would deal a severe blow to the scientific community, suddenly demoting scientists to second-rate purveyors of incomplete information.

Arrogance and Ignorance

Both the scientific and journalistic communities would be forced to admit that for more than 60 years they almost entirely have ignored the question of space-alien visitations and the recovery of spacecraft wreckage and alien bodies—while instead focusing on stories about Monica Lewinsky and other such “news.” There is a long history of technological and medical progress being stymied by arrogance and ignorance on the part of well-educated naysayers.

What if it turns out that the space aliens are following a protocol based on past experiences with primitive societies who develop weapons of mass destruction?

In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI indicated that the idea of space-alien brethren is not opposed to basic tenets of Christianity. What if we learn that some great early religious leaders were somehow connected with space-alien visitors? A repeat of the burning of Giordano Bruno at the stake for espousing a Copernican view of the world is highly unlikely, but disclosure about UFOs will finish the job that Copernicus started of taking man out of the center of the universe.

What if it turns out that the space aliens are following a protocol based on many past experiences with primitive societies such as ours who grow rapidly, rape their planets, develop weapons of mass destruction, and think that bloody wars are the only way to solve problems? We often forget how young our society is compared to the history of the local neighborhood. We have had radio since about 1900 and some awareness of DNA and space travel and nuclear weapons for much shorter times. Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli are sun-like stars that are a cool billion years older than our sun, separated from each other by only an eighth of a light-year, and are only 39.3 light-years

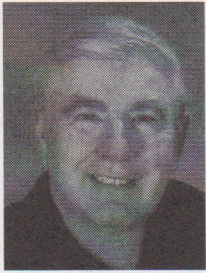
away from us. Interstellar travel may have been the norm for extraterrestrials from that region of the universe for a very long time. A hundred years ago, we didn't even know there were any galaxies other than the Milky Way. It's only been within the past 20 years that we have learned there are other planets than those in our solar system.

For the most part, government documents and reports have been inadequately used to establish that at least some UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin and that there has been a major cover-up of this news. Few interested parties seem to have recognized the impact of disclosing extraordinarily advanced flight technology.

A Second Book To Read

Another book that I am looking forward to reading is Leslie Kean's *UFOs: Generals, Pilots, and Government Officials Go on the Record*, scheduled to be released by Harmony August 10. The book's foreword is by John Podesta, White House Chief of Staff under President Bill Clinton. Podesta was heavily involved in the Coalition for Freedom of Information, even pushing a lawsuit against the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in a UFO case out of Kecksburg, Pa. Kean has a long history of doing excellent research in the controversial area of UFOs.

It well may be that space aliens have orchestrated the cover-up on Earth on a quid pro quo basis. I do not anticipate any major disclosure before the end of the year, and I believe that acknowledging the presence of space aliens would be appropriate if it could be done without disclosing technology useful to the military. ■



filer's files

By George Filer

[Editor's Note: This roundup of UFO sightings is presented to keep Journal readers informed about some of the vast number of sightings being reported. Unless otherwise noted, these cases have not been officially investigated.]

Red lights flash in stormy skies over Tennessee

Savannah, Tennessee—On April 30, there were storms accompanied by lots of lighting all day long. Around 8 p.m., I noticed a bright light shining on and off in the sky. It appeared to be coming from a craft flying over some trees. The craft had blinking red lights in addition to the bright light.

When a spotlight from the craft flashed toward me, I thought it must be a helicopter. The weather was so bad and there was so much lightning that I couldn't believe any aircraft would be flying.

The craft came closer, and its spotlight lit up my neighbor's house and yard. My 25-year-old son came out saw the red lights. As we watched, a bright red ball fell straight to the ground. We stood waiting for it to crash, but in a few minutes it flew up with its red lights flashing. I called my sister and told her about the craft's spotlights shining toward my house.

This encounter lasted for an hour before the craft disappeared. (MUFON CMS)

Six orange orbs buzz California horizon

Santa Cruz, California—Between 10:05 and 10:15 p.m. on March 30, a witness reported seeing six low-flying, slow-moving, orb-shaped orange lights heading south toward Monterrey. Each object appeared low over the horizon and then headed east, increased velocity, and disappeared into the clouds. The objects were changing altitudes and made no sound. A military airplane, perhaps an F15 or F16 fighter, flew toward the orange lights. The event lasted about 10 minutes. (MUFON CMS)

Italian Air Force joins group of countries now publicizing UFO cases

Rome, Italy—A branch of the Italian military apparently has begun publicizing its UFO cases. The Web site of the Italian military indicates that the General Unit Sicurezza of the Italian Air Force, under the leadership of Col. Marco Picciau, has been collecting UFO reports since 1978. Additional UFO reports, including radar reports, were released on March 15. Other countries with declassified UFO archives now open to public scrutiny include the United Kingdom, Brazil, France, Denmark, Uruguay, and Canada. (BILLY COX)

Reports of UFO sightings increase in Australia

Melbourne, Australia—The *Australian Daily Telegraph* reports that UFO sightings in Australia have increased, with at least seven separate incidents reported toward the end of April. A rural Merriwa resident sighted "unexplained phenomena" almost every night.

On April 21, a woman at her home in Humpty Doo saw bright flashing lights hovering low in the sky over Howard Springs. The lights formed a semi-circle and disappeared after half an hour.

There were three separate sightings on April 23, including one by British backpacker Kylie Myers, 27, who said she had "never believed in UFOs" before her strange encounter. There were more sightings at Coolalinga on April 24, at Acacia Hills on April 25, and again in Howard Springs on April 27.

Sphere with green lights hovers over Ontario

Scarborough, Ontario, Canada—I was looking out my window at 10:30 p.m. on April 25, when I saw a large, silent sphere with three greenish lights hovering in the sky. It was beautiful. I watched it for about 45 minutes. Sometimes it disappeared for several minutes. (WWW.SIGHTINGS.COM)

unidentified flying artwork

Promising young artist Anna Nina Hofer, 6 years old, painted this picture of a UFO she saw last year. (It's next to the rectangle in the upper left corner.) She printed "MUFON" across the center of the picture. Anna Nina is the daughter of Jordan Hofer. [Editor's Note: You can read his guest opinion piece on page 12.]



Colorado Springs witness sees black triangle in sky

Colorado Springs, Colorado—On April 29, I saw a large triangular-shaped object flying very slowly at an altitude of about 500 feet. It seemed too small to be a plane. When the object passed over my car, I saw that it was black with a dark blue sheen. Its back looked like torn or ripped metal, and the bottom appeared to be slightly beveled. The frayed parts did not ripple, furl, or flutter. It appeared to be solid and was completely silent. It moved without a contrail. (MUFON CMS)

A rash of UFO sightings in Massachusetts

Lawrence, Massachusetts—About 5:30 a.m. on May 10, as I was driving to work south-bound across the Lawrence Bridge, I saw an oval light flying in the dark, cloudy sky. Two cars passed me, then drivers of both cars hit their brakes. I applied mine as well. All three of us had been going about 60 miles per hour.

I looked up in the cloudy sky and noticed the oval-shaped light overhead. It flew erratically over the three cars, but then it disappeared after just a few minutes.

Somerville, Massachusetts—At 2:48 p.m. on May 13, Somerville police were flooded with calls after residents reported seeing a large tube-like object fluttering through the sky. A flurry of callers also reported to radio station NJ 101.5 that a UFO was flying above the area.

“I first noticed when all our mechanics started looking at the sky,” said Terry Weil, of Honda Auto. “It looked like a big black strip fluttering in the air, maybe a cylinder.”

Somerville Police Lt. Donna Young said authorities said it caused no problems other than tying up police phone lines. (WWW.UFOCENTER.COM)

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Two sightings of similar object in Virginia skies

Richmond, Virginia—About 6:30 p.m. on April 30, during my daily walk along the James River, I spotted a cylindrical-shaped UFO hovering low over a suburban section of the city. The cigar-shaped craft was about the length of a football field and had a dull metallic fuselage with light and dark sections. There were no other markings, stabilizers, rudders, or conventional propulsion systems, and the craft made no noise. It hovered low, at 1,500 to 2,000 feet, about half a mile inland from the river.

I watched a bright clear-white strobe light of intense magnitude suddenly flash for a couple of seconds from the underside of the object. Then no lights flashed for 10 seconds. After that another intensely bright strobe flashed for a couple of seconds, except this time the color was red.

These were the only lights seen during my 10-minute viewing. The craft slowly turned 45 degrees and remained motionless in its new position for the remainder of my viewing.

Later I visited MUFON's Web site and was surprised to see an identical cigar-shaped UFO report from Rustburg, Virginia, 111 miles southwest of Richmond. That sighting occurred at 6:47 a.m. Scientists and government employees have reported cylindrical and disc-shaped UFOs near the Surry Nuclear Power Plant and also near the North Anna Nuclear Power Plant in central Virginia. (MUFON CMS)

Cigar-shaped object and lighted triangle observed over Florida

Naples, Florida—At 7:47 p.m. on May 1, while watching the sun set at Vanderbilt Beach, an object appeared within moments after the sun fully set. The cigar-shaped object was about five to eight miles off the coastline and looked like a ray of light in the sky. It sat stationary for about two minutes and then began to move at the speed of a jet airliner. Suddenly, it stopped and then sat stationary again for about 30 seconds. After about five minutes, it quickly dissipated and faded into the atmosphere.

Jackson, Florida—About 8 p.m. on May 6, I saw a sparkling light that looked like a white Christmas tree bulb. I live in a rural area. The object was in the western sky moving very slowly to the west. It was moving so slowly that at first glance, it did not appear to be moving at all, but then I noticed it had moved just slightly. It look more than two hours for it to cross the sky. There was no sound and no jet sprays, and it had no wings. It was shaped like a triangle and had three lights, one on each tip. The center was not visible. (WWW.UFOCENTER.COM)

'Fuzzy' orange lights appear over Montreal

Montreal, Canada—Canadians just won the East Quarterfinals of the Stanley Cup series on May 12, and many people were outside celebrating when we saw what seemed like airplane lights coming from the northwest. The object was flying over the buildings and gradually slowed to a stop. We thought it was a helicopter with a weird orange light. Then four more objects flew into view. They slowly headed west and disappeared. The lights were orange and flickering, and somewhat fuzzy. (MUFON CMS)

Object with white lights hovers toward Lake Erie

Willowick, Ohio—At 11:45 p.m. on May 30, I saw two white lights in a vertical formation. They appeared to be attached. I observed no flashing or twinkling of any kind. The object seemed to move across the sky to the north toward Lake Erie. A group of adults and one child watched the object for about two and a half minutes before it traveled out of our sight. It made absolutely no sound. (WWW.UFOSNW.COM) ■

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Advanced Space Studies (BAASS). This is not true. MUFON did have a one-year paid contract with BAASS to investigate and forward significant sightings to BAASS for their further study. MUFON's contract with BAASS expired in January.

The second false comment is that MUFON is not a non-profit organization. MUFON has been a non-profit organization since 1969.

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www.roswellufofestival.com

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cpackvb1122@yahoo.com or 757.217.8401.

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August 21—Phoenix MUFON presents Frank Joseph, author of *Atlantis and 2012*, at 1:30 p.m. at Vision Quest Bookstore in Scottsdale, Ariz.
www.phoenixmufon.com

September 10-12—Alliance Studying Paranormal Experiences (ASPA) 2010 Paranormal Symposium at Angel Fire, N.M.
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September 11—Virginia MUFON presents "UFOs at the Beach Conference" on the ocean in Virginia Beach. Cost is \$4. For more information, call: 757.217.8401

September 18—Preston Dennett will speak on "Unidentified Submerged Objects (USOs)" at a meeting of Phoenix MUFON at 1:30 p.m. at Vision Quest Bookstore in Scottsdale, Ariz.
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Postponement—The 8th Annual UFO Crash-Retrieval Conference has been rescheduled November 2011 in Las Vegas. Further details will be available in the spring.
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June CMS rankings

CONGRATULATIONS to Donald R. Burleson (New Mexico), Elaine Douglass (Utah), Cheryl Ann Gilmore (South Carolina), Lorna Hunter (Minnesota and South Dakota), William Jones (Ohio), Jim King (Iowa), William J. Konkolesky (Michigan), David MacDonald (Kentucky), Marie C. Malzahn (Idaho and Montana), Eddie Middleton (Tennessee), Ruben J. Uriarte (California), John Ventre (West Virginia and Pennsylvania), and Steve Winans (Kansas) for being at 100 percent in June's Case Management System (CMS) rankings! The top 10 state directors are highlighted on the chart at right.

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understanding the chart

The CMS Report is based on two measures of UFO Investigation effectiveness—(1) assigning reports within 72 hours of receipt and (2) completing all investigations within 90 days of being assigned.

- **Assigned** is a six-month running average of the number of cases assigned within 72 hours divided by the total number of cases received in that six-month period.
- **Completed** is the number of cases completed beginning 62 days back and going back six months from there (for a total of eight months back) divided by the total number of cases reported in the same period.
- **Weighted Rank** is the average of the two columns expressed as a percentage.

Rank	State	Director	Weighted Rank (50/50)	Assigned	Completed
1	New Mexico	Donald R. Burleson	100 percent	40/40	44/44
2	Michigan	William J. Konkolesky	100 percent	77/77	110/110
3	Minnesota	Lorna Hunter	100 percent	24/24	26/26
4	Tennessee	Eddie Middleton	100 percent	54/54	57/57
5	Kansas	Steve Winans	100 percent	17/17	25/25
6	Utah	Elaine Douglass	100 percent	14/14	6/6
7	Ohio	William Jones	100 percent	59/59	69/69
8	West Virginia	John Ventre	100 percent	8/8	19/19
9	Kentucky	David MacDonald	100 percent	26/26	25/25
10	Idaho	Marie C. Malzahn	100 percent	16/16	14/14
11	Pennsylvania	John Ventre	100 percent	122/122	160/160
12	California	Ruben J. Uriarte	100 percent	112/112	125/125
13	South Carolina	Cheryl Ann Gilmore	100 percent	24/24	26/26
14	Iowa	Jim King	100 percent	14/14	21/21
15	Montana	Marie C. Malzahn	100 percent	10/10	10/10
16	South Dakota	Lorna Hunter	100 percent	5/5	4/4
17	Indiana	Jerry L. Sievers	99 percent	56/57	58/58
18	Florida	Bland Pugh	99 percent	165/166	171/171
19	Arizona	Christine Dickey	99 percent	112/113	100/100
20	Missouri	Debbie A. Ziegelmeier	98 percent	46/47	54/54
21	New Jersey	George A. Filer III	98 percent	39/40	62/62
22	Georgia	Ralph O. Howard	96 percent	63/68	50/50
23	Oregon	Thomas Bowden	94 percent	42/44	46/49
24	Washington	James E. Clarkson	94 percent	34/38	51/51
25	Oklahoma	Marilyn K. Carlson	92 percent	24/28	34/34
26	California	Georgeanne Cifarelli	92 percent	166/169	136/156
27	Maryland	Ron Fink	86 percent	24/28	40/46
28	Colorado	Leslie H. Varnicle	83 percent	59/59	59/84
29	Alaska	Brent Mitchel	82 percent	9/14	11/11
30	New Hampshire	Steve Firmani	79 percent	10/17	19/19
31	Nebraska	John C. Kasher	75 percent	10/15	10/12
32	Louisiana	Karen Bravata	72 percent	19/27	20/27
33	Alabama	Roy E. Patterson Jr.	70 percent	6/13	17/18
34	Illinois	Samuel Maranto	66 percent	47/57	34/68
35	North Dakota	Kurt Pflieger	65 percent	1/2	4/5
36	Mississippi	Norman D. Walker	61 percent	4/13	13/14
37	Wyoming	Richard Beckwith	54 percent	7/8	2/9
38	Massachusetts	Steve Firmani	51 percent	13/37	33/48
39	New York	James G. Bouck Jr.	49 percent	48/81	55/137
40	Rhode Island	Steve Firmani	48 percent	2/10	10/13
41	Connecticut	Steve Firmani	37 percent	5/22	15/29
42	Maine	Steve Firmani	36 percent	6/24	12/25
43	Vermont	Steve Firmani	33 percent	0/9	10/15
44	Arkansas	Norman D. Walker	32 percent	6/28	10/23
45	Wisconsin	Nathan Tomisich	10 percent	5/43	4/42
46	Virginia	Susan L. Swiatek	9 percent	0/32	8/41
47	Nevada	Ellen Bullock	7 percent	6/42	0/45
48	Delaware	Carl W. Feindt	0 percent	0/3	0/4

Texas did not report for June

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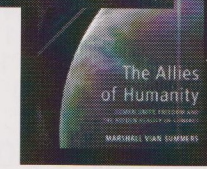
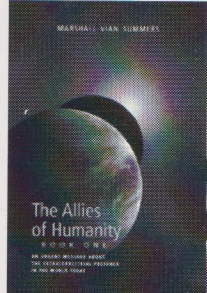
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the night sky in July

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Bright Planets (evening sky)

Mercury (magnitude -1.9 to -0.2): From Gemini through Cancer into Leo. For northern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month lost in the glare of the sun, will slowly rise out of the sun's glare, and by month's end will stand low over the western horizon at sunset and set about 1 hour later.

For southern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month lost in the glare of the Sun; by month's end Mercury will stand above the northwest horizon at sunset and will set about 2.5 hours later.

Venus (magnitude -4.1 to -4.2): In Leo. For northern hemisphere observers Venus will begin the month high above the western horizon at sunset and will set below the west-northwest horizon about 2.5 hours later.

For southern hemisphere observers Venus will begin the month



Observers who look toward the west just after sunset on July 15 will see the Moon, Venus, Mars, and Saturn together in the evening sky.

above the north-northwest horizon at sunset and will set below the west-northwest horizon about 3.5 hours later.

Mars (magnitude 1.3 to 1.4): From Leo into Virgo. For northern hemisphere observers Mars will begin the month standing high above the west-southwest horizon at sunset and set below the western horizon about 3.5 hours later.

For southern hemisphere observers Mars will begin the month standing high above the northern horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 5.5 hours later.

Saturn (magnitude 1.1): In Virgo. For northern hemisphere observers Saturn will begin the month standing very high above the southwest horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 4 hours later.

For southern hemisphere observers Saturn will begin the month standing high above the north-northeast horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 7 hours later.

Bright Planets (morning sky)

Jupiter (magnitude -2.5 to -2.6): In Pisces. For northern

hemisphere observers Jupiter will begin the month rising above the eastern horizon about 4 hours after sunset and will stand very high above the east-southeast horizon at sunrise.

For southern hemisphere observers Jupiter will begin the month rising above the eastern horizon about 8 hours before sunrise.

Other Celestial Phenomena

Planetary grouping of the Moon, Saturn, Mars, Venus, and Mercury will be visible together in the sky on July 15. ■

moon phases

last quarter: July 4
new moon: July 11
first quarter: July 18
full moon: July 26

conjunctions & occultations

July 4: Jupiter 7 degrees south of the Moon
July 13: Mercury 4 degrees north of the Moon
July 15: Venus 6 degrees north of the Moon
July 16: Mars 6 degrees north of the Moon
July 16: Saturn 8 degrees north of the Moon
July 21: Antares 1.8 degrees south of the Moon