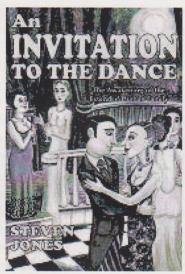
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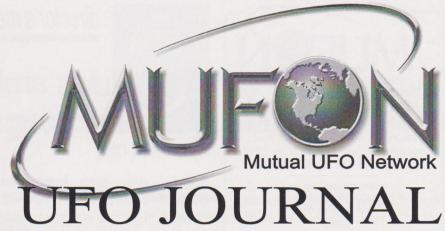
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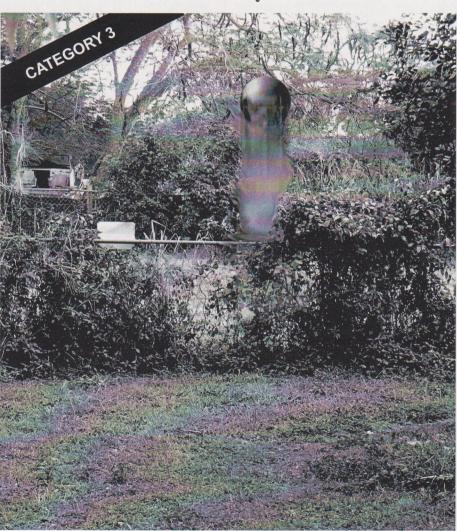
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Florida witnesses report multiple observations of a chrome-like spherical object taking off vertically from a vacant lot near their residence. This artist's representation shows what the object may have looked like. Learn about photographs of the object and physical trace evidence recovered from the location of this category-3 case. *Story begins on page 8*.



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## director's message

# Ins and outs of running a nonprofit organization

#### By Clifford Clift

Since I have been International Director of MUFON, I have discovered that not everyone understands how a nonprofit organization like MUFON, or other nonprofit organizations for that matter, are structured. I'll start by explaining the terms "subscriber," "member," "volunteer," and "employee." Then I'll address how MUFON is structured.

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Over the years, people have come to use the term MUFON "member" in lieu of MUFON "subscriber." There's no problem with people doing this unless they believe the term "member" provides

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# Decades later, two men find they can discuss strange UFO experience they shared as teens

#### By Janice Currie

A BUCOLIC SETTING turned suddenly surreal for two teenagers one summer night in 1964 in rural northeast Iowa. The boys (we'll call them D.J. and Paul) were planning to lie back, watch the stars, and camp out in the field behind D.J.'s home.

Around 1 or 2 a.m. D.J.'s attention was drawn to an object coming over the treetops toward the house. It was silent," he said, "and nearly as big around as the house."

The object was disk-shaped with dark panels on top and bottom, and blinking multi-color lights around the perimeter. D.J. didn't see a light inside the craft.

#### Calm on the Inside

Describing himself as normally excitable, D.J. said he had no fear. It seemed unusual "to be so calm on the inside."

Suddenly a bright light came on. "It was beyond white. So bright," he said, "but soft, and it didn't hurt the eyes. The grass below the light seemed almost transparent. Everything ceased to exist but the light. That's all there was. The rest of the world seemed to shift."

Then a face was close up and looking in his eyes. He thought he was seeing the face of his friend. The head was white, like the light, and a human-like shape, but the eyes were narrow and "as black as could be, solid black, and there were no pupils."

The boys didn't talk about their bizarre encounter for years. It was blocked. The words simply wouldn't come.

D.J. later asked Paul if he remembered looking at him, but Paul said that he didn't see anyone at all.

D.J.'s next recollection was that the white light was gone. He was then standing in a different part of the yard with no memory of how he got there, and he was watching the craft leave. It started to move slowly to the north. "About 200 or 300 yards away it picked up speed, flying level. When it turned to go into the sky it moved so fast that if you blinked you would have missed it," he said.

After the experience the boys moved inside. D.J. and Paul commented on the incident the next morning and then didn't talk about it for 20 years—not from fear, D.J. said. It was blocked. The words simply wouldn't come.

One day, the words suddenly came rushing out. It was such a relief, D.J. said, to be able to discuss the experience. Paul, who now lives in Minneapolis, called D.J. the same day and said "You'll never

guess what just happened." He, too, found he suddenly was able to relate his experience.

The 1964 incident has left D.J. with a number of questions. He wonders if it was really his friend he was looking at, but he thinks probably not. Could there have been happenings going on beyond his perception? Possibly. Missing time? Maybe. A post-hypnotic suggestion imposed on him? Perhaps.

All in all it was an incredible experience that somehow changed him, he said. He recently reported the event to MUFON.

#### **Long-Term Changes**

The original experience also left him with some after effects. Much of his hair fell out the following week, and a few months later he developed alopecia totalis, where he lost all his hair. Whether the alopecia actually was caused by the UFO is unknown.

Since the incident D.J. has an ability to run an electrical shock from the base of his skull through his body. He can will it through his arms or torso, and he says that it feels like a mild electrical current.

The incident has challenged him spiritually, D.J. said. He believes that there is another species more advanced than humans. He questions whether they look at us as we look on the other creatures with whom we share the planet.

# Some additional points of interest concerning Michael Shermer's views on black triangles

In the May *Journal*. Stanton Friedman does his customarily effective job of skewering mainstream science's ignorance about UFOs. Regarding skeptic Michael Shermer's views about black triangles, there are some in-depth points of interest. Supporting references of varying quality can be found online.

Mr. Shermer notes triangles could be early experimental models of secret stealth bombers, as in the Belgian wave of 1989-90 [1]. There is a description of such a secret U.S. craft, the TR-3B, operating by the early '90's [2]. The catch is that part of its design is said to include mass- and inertia-cancelling gear back-engineered from UFOs by U.S. laboratories—thus, a direct UFO connection. Major propulsion is said to be provided by one or more nuclear-rocket engines. Since as a nuclear physicist Mr. Friedman did early work on nuclear propulsion [3] some elements of his prior efforts could now be in use.

#### **Questions of Stupidity**

Mr. Friedman notes in response to Mr. Shermer's conjecture that world powers would not be so stupid as to test secret aircraft over densely populated areas such as Belgium, [1]. This may or may not be true. In an eveninng encounter early in the year 2000 a black triangular aircraft resembling the TR-3B hovered low and silently over a crabbing boat off San Francisco [4]. The unnerved boat op-

A boat operator emptied a rifle into an alleged UFO. As he reached for a second clip, a hatch in the craft above him opened and two people yelled, "Stop shooting at us, you idiot!"

erator grabbed a rifle with large banana clip and emptied it into the alleged UFO. As he reached for a second clip a hatch in the craft above him opened and two people inside yelled. "Stop shooting at us, you idiot!" Given the "UFO's" passengers' decision to buzz an unsuspecting civilian at sea, perhaps the idiots were not on the boat.

#### Silent Helicopter

A silent helicopter emerged from the top of the triangle and took a flash picture of the crabber and rifle as the triangle departed. As it left, the triangle made a faint hissing noise, possibly from puncture of a propellant or storage tank. The witness's description was "a rigid airship. if you will," perhaps an accurate impression of TR-3B massless (floating) behavior.

One distinctive maneuver identifying high alien triangle likelihood is described in Beverly Trout's article also in the May *Journal*. Witnesses observed an isosceles triangle 35 feet long by 20 feet wide by 10 feet thick, which startled them by rotating its leading-edge point 90 degrees to the vertical plane, then

moving off while in that position. The maneuver is not constrained by craft size.

In the May 2008 Journal addressing multiple Stephenville, Texas, sightings, a policeman described a huge ship (not a triangle) observed within city limits. It had rotated to the vertical plane, extinguished the lights on its visible dorsal and ventral signal antennas, and was moving slowly. Given the required design integration and size-independent performance flexibility needed to behave in this manner, it is unlikely that a terrestrial vehicle can yet match such unorthodox slow-motion aerobatics.

—Lou Whitehair

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# Witches and grays and Nordics: Steven Jones' life teems with incredibly interesting ETs

#### By Janice Currie

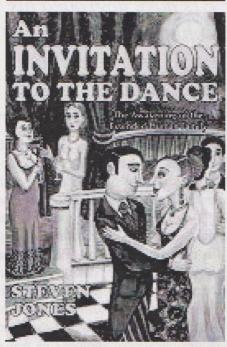
Steven Jones is an engaging Brit who is on a speaking tour of the United States relating his abduction experiences—experiences that have been occurring since childhood. One of his stops was at the Eureka Springs UFO Conference this spring, where he described his contacts with the grays, with light beings and with the group commonly referred to as the Nordics.

Jones' experiences began in 1962. The players were the same until 2001—they were the grays, organic robots with a limited emotional range and an exact and precise programming.

#### A Change in 2001

In 2001 things changed. The grays seemed to step behind the scenes and the light beings stepped forward. These light beings are 9-feet tall, translucent, and otherworldly, and Jones' connection with them was profound. "I can ask questions, and they drop something in my mind as a response. It's constant." He receives conscious information downloads. Symbols appear in front of his eyes and move across like a tickertape of visions.

Recently his experience has shifted again. Now his contact is with human-looking ETs, beautiful, with blonde hair and blue eyes —Nordic looking. "They are advanced spiritually and intellectually, but their emotionally expres-



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sive range is different. Their way of conducting themselves is different," he said.

Jones relates his experiences in his book, *An Invitation to the Dance*, along with his research into other subjects the aliens encouraged him to explore: intelligence, memory, evolution, and consciousness.

His first contact began in 1962 at the age of 5 with a being he

called the "witch." She was fourand-half-feet tall and gray but different in nature from the working bees. She exuded kindness, intelligence, and nurture, and she still oversees his contact with the grays. She would appear in his bedroom and talk to him

In the 1960s his Aunt Kate would take him to Clapham Common, a grassland with trees in central London, for picnics. After they ate she would go to sleep, telling him to have a nice time visiting "your little friends." Looking back, he thinks this was an odd reaction for a primary caregiver. Nevertheless, as a child he dutifully would go to an opening in the forest to what he saw as a building-squat, silver, oval-shaped with windows -and inside there were childrenwho looked like they were receiving chemotherapy. They had large heads, no hair, and were pale.

Jones says that he taught them to play. There was a road nearby and people around, so today he questions whether the experience was physically real or if his reality was altered. When he returned from his experience with the strange children, his aunt would wake up and ask if he had fun.

#### 'The Three-Mile Streaker'

In 1973 he was one of six people who had gathered in his friend Continued on page 6

## Jones believes that 'sleeping' DNA holds key

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John's apartment to watch David Bowie on TV. John's parents and sister were away. Two members of the group, brothers Paul and Jimmy, drank too much beer and went home in a cab. Around 2 a.m. the remaining friends left, and Steven, who was staying over, went to sleep in John's sister's third-floor room, which had a large window.

The next morning Jones woke up in a basement with no windows. He was naked, so he wrapped a cover around himself and walked upstairs. He hadn't been drinking the night before because he was recovering from surgery and still was on antibiotics. He met a woman upstairs who was alarmed by his sudden appearance in her house. He assumed it was John's mother and said, "Hi. I'm John's friend." She responded, "Who the hell is John?"

Then Paul and Jimmy came in the room. They were hostile at first, believing that he had broken into the house, but the doors were locked and the alarm system still functioning. No one could determine how he could have walked three miles across town naked in freezing weather, found the house (where he had never been before), disarmed the alarm system, and gone to sleep in the basement. They never spoke of the incident again, but word must have leaked out because he became known as the "three-mile streaker."

#### **Memories Return**

Jones eventually remembered

Jones claims that the ETs have upgraded his implant, and as a result he no longer can eat meat or drink alcohol.

details of his experience that night. He says that his memory of abductions always returns given enough time. He had been taken by the grays, and he encountered Paul on their craft. He recalled helping to care for his friend. Perhaps the ETs struggled to cope with Paul because of Paul's inebriated condition, and they returned both Paul and Jones to Paul's house together. Jones questions whether this was a mistake or done on purpose so he could continue to take care of Paul. It seems even ETs have a problem with a drunken teenager, he said.

In 2004, he was taken by three grays from his dining room through the patio doors—not a pleasant experience, he said—and when he was returned he was left outside the patio door. "They missed by 12 feet." It was late, and the doors were locked. He was able to rouse his wife and get back in his house. Jones wonders if he was left in the garden by mistake or if that was a wake-up call for his wife, to help cement the fact of his abduction experiences for her.

He said the experience also

demonstrated how the brain works to protect the conscious mind. When he first saw the three beings, his mind perceived them as foxes walking around on their hind legs—and that must somehow have seemed acceptable.

When he first returned from his experience, his awareness of what happened was intact. He looked up. He saw a huge craft. Again, he wondered if it was an invisible thing? It was early morning, and there were other houses nearby but no one seemed to notice.

As the spaceship receded, amnesia gradually set in. Looking up he thought, "It's a spaceship.... It's a big light.... It's a strange star.... It's a shooting star.... It's nothing .... It's gone." Then he wondered, "Where am I, and how did I get here?" His memory returned within 24 hours.

#### **Cue the Light Beings**

Summer of the same year brought a trip to the United States for a weeklong gathering of UFO experiencers and researchers. The end of the week signaled a landmark experience for Jones. During the group's final meal, he had a strange feeling of unease. Part way through the meal his reality shifted. Everyone seemed to be moving in slow motion.

A big mirror in the room reflected another mirror, and he suddenly saw grays in the mirror looking through as if it were a window. They started climbing through into the room and proceeding around

## to awakening deeper levels of consciousness

the table where they would touch the members of the group. There was a darkness about them. No one seemed to notice the beings but him. There was a sudden explosion of light and the ETS were gone – and that marked his first connection with the light beings. They were 9-feet tall, humanoid, and translucent—like sparkly light in a humanoid frame. They removed the grays, and began a telepathic communication with him that continues.

Meanwhile other diners noticed he had disappeared from the table. Some later spoke of a slowing down of time. One person said after dinner when he tried to talk to people, no one saw or heard him—he was invisible, people looked through him. Others noticed a strange presence in the house. Two couples were visited by ETs that night.

Jones' experiences have included one more evolution. In one contact event he took charge. He didn't experience fear, and told the grays so. They were surprised. They don't express emotion like us. They don't allow emotions to rule their heads. They froze in disbelief. The witch came forward and asked "What has happened to you since last we met?" There was a feeling of excitement from her.

Although the grays appear clinical and have no bedside manner, Jones says that they have never hurt him. "During that experience I had an implant taken out and a different one put in—an upgrade."

The common wisdom is that

implants are tracking devices, he said, but that's a human interpretation. We have a magnetic signature exclusive to each of us, which ETs can detect. They gauge our physical and mental well being and influence it if an implant is needed.

The upgrade triggered physical and metaphysical changes in him.. He can't eat meat or drink alcohol now. He can only eat organic food. His psychic ability has increased, and especially his ability to heal by touch.

He has found he also has the ability to summon craft. Unfortunately he can't do it when asked, so it doesn't work as a party trick. He has photographed a craft that was invisible to the eye but would show up on his digital camera.

On Feb 11, 2011, his wife returned home one evening to find him in an altered state in the garden. He was staring at the sky—and dressed only in underwear.

"I had been taken by human ETs," he said. The ship was red and orange with bubbled lights. There were three people on board, two males and one female, all beautiful and blonde with shoulder-length hair and crystal-blue eyes.

What Jones has chosen to take from his experiences is that contact isn't about them, it's about us and how we might consider responding. It's a trigger for something else, acall to awaken our potential.

Our DNA is a manual, an instruction book for the human body. About 10 percent works to create the building blocks of what we are. Jones said that the remaining 90 percent, called junk DNA or sleeping DNA, will prove to be the fundamental element of awakening our human consciousness.

Jones believes that DNA is the signature of our nature. By stimulating it we activate additional senses, like telekinesis and psychic ability. He thinks that the purpose behind much ET contact is to help us activate our sleeping DNA.

"We have front-row seats and we are the main attraction." ■

#### Answers to UFO Trivia Ouiz

5C. "I've been abducted by aliens, what year is it?"

**4A.** A meteor or bolide is the correct answer. With so many witnesses claiming to see a solid object, however, the case has come to be dubbed "the Pennsylvania Roswell."

**3D.** The landing pad, originally constructed in 1967 for the Canadian centennial, now is accompanied by a UFO Tourist Center where visitors can view a gallery of UFO photos and tune into a hotline featuring reports of UFO sightings and encounters of all kinds.

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the ground.

**1B.** The problem was determined to be a backup relay failure. Although the relay did not malfunction, it had reacted to a surge of power from an unknown source. At the time of the surge, there were numerous reports of UFOs in the area, both from pilots and witnesses on

## Florida witnesses report several observations

#### By Morgan Beall

On January 6, 2011, I was assigned a "drop everything" Star Team investigation of a metallic sphere observed manuevering in unusual flight patterns in Florida. My challenge was to leave work early and drive three hours in order to arrive at the site of the category-3 case as soon as possible. I knew it was imperative that I talk with witnesses and collect any physical evidence before nature took its course or other outside influences contaminated the site.

#### Arriving on the Scene

Daylight was beginning to fade when I arrived on the scene with Mary Margaret Zimmer, a fellow Star Team investigator. We examined the site and immediately began collecting the physical evidence.

We were eager to do this before dark, and we also hoped to finsih before a predicted rainstorm could materialize and possibly wash away important traces of what had occurred. I noticed that the traceevidence area was quite small, a fact that initially surprised me.

Both of the witnesses who volunteered testimonies in this case have military backgrounds. The primary witness is a Florida state police officer, and the secondary witness remains currently active in the military. Both persons' backgrounds as well as their consistent testimony in this case suggest that they are highly credible witnesses. The primary witness originally included deliberate inaccuracies in his report to protect his anonymity.

#### **Initial 2011 Report**

On January 5, 2011, the primary witness reported to MUFON that a metallic sphere had taken off from an empty lot adjacent to their home, leaving physical trace evidence. The next day, an on-site interview disclosed several previous sightings in the same area. The following are observations and descriptions of each in consecutive order.

#### **Date Discrepancy**

This sighting originally was reported to MUFON on October 15, 2010, but it mistakenly was reported as also having occurred on that date. During site assessment and interviews conducted as part of the January 6, 2011, investigation, the primary witness corrected the year that this sighting occurred (2008, not 2010) but could not remember the exact date.

As a result of phone interviews that were part of a 2010 investigation by Florida field investigator Terrence Ward, it was determined that information provided to MU- FON CMS by the witness probably was inaccurate. Both the stated age of the witness and the time of the sighting seemed incorrect.

During the January 2011 investigation, it was determined that the primary witness was reluctant to report all of the details of his sightings accurately because he had concerns about protecting his anonymity and the identity of his family members.

The earlier inaccuracies were determined to have been deliberate as part of an attempt by the primary witness to hide his personal information. Both the primary and secondary witnesses apologized for being inaccurate when previously submitting information to MUFON.

The unidentified aerial phenomena seen in October 2008 was described as a bright star-like light that decreased and increased in altitude. Once the object reached approximately the size of a quarter at arm's length, it abruptly stopped and shot up and out of sight in a very fast ascent. According to the primary witness during the January 6, 2011, investigation, the October 2008 sighting was witnessed by the primary witness, his wife, and six other family members. Most are unable to come forward at this time, or they have chosen not to do so.

#### November 13, 2010

On November 13, 2010, the primary witness, along with his wife and his mother, observed a red object approximately 30 feet from

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## of a mysterious, glowing chrome-like sphere

where they were standing in their front yard at the time. The mother of the primary witness has not submitted any testimony and was unwilling to do so during the interview on January 6, 2011.

The secondary witness, however, on November 13, 2010, was able to go inside the house and retrieve a camera to take pictures of the unidentified object. The photographs show what the witnesses observed at close range. The object appears to be spherical, in the shape of an upright rounded football or ovoid.

The witnesses reported the object's color was red, and they describe it as a color that resembled the color of a hot glowing iron.

Witnesses also stated that the object pulsated in a strobe-like fashion, resembling a visual Morse code signal of some type. The object also exhibited an erratic dancing-like motion when it was stationary as well as when it moved. The secondary witness was able to get closest to the object, and she reported that as she drew nearer, the object kept its distance from her by backing up.

Witnesses said that the object made precise movements at high speed.

As the object moved out of the front yard and into the street, the secondary witness continued to snap photographs with her Panasonic DMC-FZ30 digital camera. A total of nine photographs were Continued on page 10

Car Headlight Reflection Unknown Object **Paim Tree** 

The reference photo (top) diagrams the November 13, 2010, sighting. The bottom photograph was taken during that sighting using a Panasonic DMC-FZ230 camera. Exposure time was six seconds at lens aperture F4.5.

## Photographs indicate high-intensity red light,

Continued from page 9 taken. The quality varies due to the low light conditions.

The object approached the yard diagonally located across the street from the witnesses' property. As the secondary witness continued to approach the unidentified object, it abruptly accelerated straight up and no longer was visible.

Witnesses reported that the object left a mark in the area in which it first was observed. At the time the witnesses disclosed this information, the markings could not be seen because of low light conditions. Star Team investigator Mary Margaret Zimmer planned to return to the site later to attempt to examine the markings.

#### **January 8, 2011**

Zimmer did return to the site on January 8, 2011, to collect further physical evidence and to assess the appearance of the property where the November 13, 2010 sighting had occurred.

Observable markings on January 8, 2011, included a spot from which a trail led toward the street. Additional discoloration could be seen where the unidentified object was reported to have accelerated straight up.

The faintness, lack of definition, and similarity to other landscape surface markings suggest that further investigation of these visual signs will be required before they can be considered correlated to the unidentified flying objects reported in the neighborhood.

#### January 3, 2011, Sighting

Between 6:20 and 6:30 p.m. on January 3, 2011, the primary witness approached the rear sliding glass door to allow the dog out into the back yard. He later described seeing a chrome-like sphere slightly larger than a basketball. No markings or seams were observed on the surface of the object.

The glowing color described by the witness later was suggested to be the sun reflecting off the surface of the object. The sole witness of this event also reported that as the object ascended, the bottom of it cast a reddish glowing effect similar to a heat wave you would see on a hot road surface.

At the Star Team on-site investigation of January 6, 2011, the trace physical evidence from the January 3, 2011, event described by the witness still was present. On the south end of the property, the markings were located approximately 20 feet from the southern fence line of the primary witness' residence.

Trace markings consisted of two round spots about six inches apart. Each was nine inches in diameter. The easternmost spot consisted of singed grass that seemed to be burned only on the top portions. This suggests an intense heat source above the location where the marking was found.

The westernmost spot consisted of grass that appeared to have been affected by some type of bleaching effect. The blades of grass displayed a whitish ash-like color indicating an absence of chlorophyll. No other trace evidence was observed during the assessment. Vegetation and soil samples were collected. No abnormal radiation levels or unusual electromagnetic fields were detected either by compass, electromagnetic detector, or Geiger counter.

#### **Nine Photographs**

The nine photographs from the November 13, 2010, sighting were copied to a thumb drive during the January 6, 2011, investigation. MU-FON photographic and video analyst Marc D'Antonio and analytical analyst Larry Cates examined the photographs and concluded the photographs showed an object or artifact that possessed high-intensity or pure red light. This information was extracted from the digital photographs' color data.

The only light source typically known to produce this characteristic on JPEG format digital photographs is a helium neon laser, or laser diode pen. Based on the witness testimony, witness credibility, and the photograph-analysis report, it is the opinion of the assigned Star Team investigators that the object depicted is considered unknown or unidentified.

Although the nine photographs appear to be genuine, the photographic analysis indicates that they could be sophisticated fakes. In the Star Team investigators' judgment, the witnesses are highly credible. Consistent testimony does not suggest that either the photographs or

## but experts admit they could have been faked

the reported event were faked. A report of the photographic analysis is available in the full Star Team case report.

#### Soil and Vegetation

Test results from the soil and vegetation samples collected January 6, 2011 also is provided in the full report.

The findings fail to disclose any unusual materials or effects. The sample analysis confirms that the vegetation was burned without the presence of hydrocarbon-based fuels or chemical means.

Some nitrates and other correlating substances were found in the samples, possibly indicating the presence of fertilizers.

It has been hypothesized if the object was indeed of unknown origin, it may not have been in direct contact with the location where the physical trace evidence was retrieved. Rather, the propulsion or unknown technology could have created an extreme temperature inversion, and that is what damaged the vegetation.

This temperature inversion theory is supported by the witness' observation of an anomaly resembling a heat wave coming off the spherical object on January 3, 2011.

#### No Clear Explanations

Based on the assessment of the witnesses' testimony and the initial assessment of collected evidence, it is the opinion of the assigned Star Team investigators that the exact



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nature of the witnessed events and evidence collected is unidentified with no natural or known manmade explanation.

The maneuvers of the October 2008 object do not fit conventional aircraft maneuvers and would be considered an unknown. The red upright football-shaped object photographed and witnessed does not share flight characteristics with any known terrestrial aircraft.

In addition, the light characteristic seen in the photographs and described by witnesses seem highly unusual. Assuming the red object of the November 13, 2010, sighting was physically present, a light source or sources containing high-intensity omni-directional red light has been hypothesized as a means of information gathering and or navigation.

This could be similar to the way in which laser light is conventionally used. According to physicist Carl Paulson, MUFON Star Team analyst from Florida, laser light as applied to today's current understanding only carries one bit of information. It can only be modified or varied depending on changes to its frequency by interference and/or reflection. It therefore would not seem viable for this function.

The chrome-like spherical object described by the primary witness on January 3, 2011, is considered an unidentified object. The trace evidence collected from the suspected landing site indicates effects of high localized temperature exposure.

Field observations of the effects on the vegetation also suggest exposure to high temperature. The bleached spot, which at the present time does not have an explanation, also could be a simple effect of localized high heat conditions.

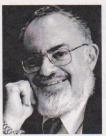
#### Still Under Investigation

This case remains under investigation and will need further analysis. Similar chrome-like spherical objects have been observed around the world, adding weight and—of course—more questions to this case.

Special thanks goes to Florida State Director Bland Pugh and Florida's chief investigator, Denise Stoner, and others directly involved in this case. Cooperation in communicating with Star Team investigators in the field is greatly appreciated.

Morgan Beall is a Star Team member from Florida.

## perceptions



# How I feel about developments that threaten to put SETI in mothballs

#### By Stanton Friedman

Not surprisingly, I recently received a number of questions about my reaction to the announcement that the California-based Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) Institute is putting the Allan Telescope Array (ATA) in mothballs. They are shutting down its operation because they don't have money to fund the needed staff.

The first 42 of a hoped-for 350 radio-telescope dishes were built through the generosity of Paul Allen, cofounder of Microsoft. Although he already had donated more than \$30-million, he recently donated about \$25-million to the Very Large Telescope (optical) in Chile.

#### **A Vocal Critic**

I have indeed been a rather vocal critic of the SETI movement or "cult." Some people are surprised by this, expecting that since I have loudly claimed that Earth is being visited by intelligently controlled alien spacecraft (based upon a huge amount of evidence ignored by SETI), that I would be all for SETI.

Frankly, I have found the portion of the astronomical community pushing the use of radio telescopes to listen for signals from other ETs is both arrogant and ignorant.

Their basic assumptions for the radio-telescope listening are hardly based on science.

They have assumed, without the slightest evidence, that there are civilizations out there sending radio signals to Earth using radio technology compatible with ours. Considering that the local neighborhood is at least a few billion years old, it seems strange indeed that aliens would direct signals at us using technology compatible with our very recent technology.

Let us not forget we have only had radio technology for a short time. Guglielmo Marconi's signals sent from England were received on Signal Hill in St. John's Newfoundland, Canada, on December 12, 1901. Our radio receivers and transmitters are very different from those used by Marconi. Our computer and communications technologies have changed enormously in 110 years.

Furthermore, we have to ask why any advanced civilization would send us signals if they can travel and have known for ages that we are here. Does any one really believe that there are radio astronomers other places with nothing better to do than try to attract the attention of Earth-based radio astronomers using antique technology and having no hope of a fast or understandable response?

Make no mistake, I think all the advanced civilizations in the local neighborhood are well aware of us from their knowledge of past visitations. Consider why intelligent beings travel—for fun and games, to obtain resources, to establish colonies, to collect specimens for zoos, to do thesis work, for interstellar

honeymoons, or probably most important of all to keep tabs on primitive societies in the neighborhood who might shortly (on a cosmic time scale) be ready to attack.

#### **Tribal Warfare**

By any reasonable standard we are a primitive society whose major activity is tribal warfare. We are experts at killing and plundering. Since 1900 there have been two major world wars and a host of smaller ones resulting in tens of millions of deaths. Our population has been growing steadily to reach 7 billion by October, and our resources are not keeping pace. Natural disasters kill more and more people, and we remain powerless to stop them.

Local neighborhood societies may well have set up unmanned sensing systems that send information to monitoring stations or can be picked up during occasional visits. Certainly the alarm bells went off when we quickly (44 years) went from the Wright Brothers to supersonic flight, from a small satellite to trips to the moon (12 years), from TNT to atomic bombs to fusion bombs (less than 10 years), and from vacuum tubes to micro-integrated circuits and lasers.

We have operated fission nuclear-propulsion systems for use in space and on and under the water. Many of our space probes are powered by radioisotope thermoelectric generators. Fusion-propul-

sion systems for deep-space travel are within reach if we were to decide to spend the money. They can eject particles having 10 million times as much energy per particle as that found in a chemical rocket. A Stealth aircraft costs only about \$10-billion to develop.

Simply put, with our propensity for destruction, we are a threat to the neighborhood, especially as we get closer to being able to go out there. Do notice how little say astronomers (SETI or otherwise) have about the development of technology and society's behavior—and about the expenditure of large sums of money.

It is arrogant indeed to claim that there is no evidence for alien flying saucers, that there is no possibility of interstellar travel, that governments can't keep secrets, that all meaningful research is done in academia, that somehow the SETI community (who appointed them?) can decide how to respond if a signal were received.

#### **Some Simple Facts**

Let's face some simple facts.

SETI consistently has claimed there is no evidence for alien visitations. One looks in vain for references to any of the Ph.D. theses that have been done on UFOs, to the large-scale scientific studies that have been published, to the thousands of physical trace cases collected by Ted Phillips, etc.

SETI claims all this is anecdotal data. This despite the fact that much of astronomical truth is based on indirect evidence. We don't have pieces of neutron stars or black holes. Astronomers never have been shy about making strong claims that later proved to be nonsense.

It doesn't take much looking at

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the rapid development of technology in the communications industry to notice we used to make long-playing records, then cassettes, and 8-track tapes. We don't any more. We started with AM radio, and then added FM, both are analog systems. Now almost everything uses digital techniques. These involve data compression, removal of redundancies so that the signal would sound like random noise even if it were picked up.

A VHS tape recorder won't do much for DVDs. Can the ATA devices detect and decode digital recordings or transmissions? Transmitters often used to broadcast in all directions at a power level of 50,000 watts. Now they use much lower power levels to send signals to a satellite for broadcast down to earth-based receivers.

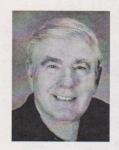
The SETI community seems to believe that using the Drake Equation they can come up with a "scientific estimate" of the number of communicating societies in the galaxy. Darts on a dartboard would do as well. Frank Drake says fewer than 10,000, but recent Kepler findings on planetary systems suggest 10-billion might be closer to the truth.

The astronomical community often has commented about the behavior of space aliens as though they were experts on the behavior of Earthlings. One even derisively asked "Why would aliens come to earth just to stop automobiles?" That is as silly as suggesting that the automobile was developed for the purpose of scaring horses.

#### A Collection of Errors

It was astronomer Simon Newcomb who told us that man would never fly in an airplane, and this was a scant two months before the Wright brother's first flight. The British Astronomer Royal Sir Richard van der Riet Wooley pronounced that space travel was utter bilge—just one year before the launch of Sputnik. John W. Campbell, a Canadian astronomer, calculated that the initial launch weight of a rocket able to get a man to the moon and back would be a millionmillion tons. He was too high by a factor of 300-million. Fifteen years earlier a New Zealand astronomer, Alexander Bickerton, had shown that it would be impossible for a chemical rocket to achieve orbit around the Earth. And we are supposed to believe astronomers when they talk about technology?

I should, of course, note that other radio telescopes will continue to operate, that optical telescopes will continue to look for brilliant laser signals from the vicinity of other star systems, and that the new Long Wavelength Array (LWA) in New Mexico near the site of an outstanding UFO sighting in 1964 will be listening at much lower frequencies than used by the ATA. The LWA has a very large array of dipole antennas and can study a wide variety of cosmic phenomena. If we wish to know about extraterrestrial intelligence, however, studying the UFO evidence will tell us far more than the operation of radio telescopes.



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 officially been investigated.]

# UFO over Indianapolis reminds witness of a hand-push lawn mower

Indianapolis, Indiana—At 9:13 p.m. on April 22, a witness watched a silent slow-moving, rectangular-shaped object with "two very bright lights" that stopped, reversed course, and moved overhead. The witness had just left the Crossing Shopping Mall and was traveling toward the Route 465 ramp when he noticed the object. He followed it up Keystone Road. Due to construction and traffic congestion, he was traveling about 30 miles per hour. During this time the distance between the object and the witness' car remained the same. Shortly after passing the Route 465 overpass, the object stopped, reversed direction, and began moving toward the witness. As the witness drove closer the object eventually passed above his vehicle. As the object passed overhead, it reminded the witness of the underside of a push lawn mower. It was rectangular and smaller than an airliner. It traveled quietly above the trees and slowly moved away. (MUFON CMS)

# Black triangles block stars in Florida sky

Pensacola, Florida—On April 19, I went outside because the dog was whimpering. Suddenly things got very quiet. All nocturnal sounds quit—crickets, frogs, you-name-it. They all stopped. When I looked up, I noticed that the stars were disappearing, and I realized a that a big black triangle was blocking out the stars. Then a black triangle came from the southeast moving slowly towards where I was. I went inside to get my camera, and the lights went out. I found my camera and I got one picture, but it was not too good. A few minutes later I saw two helicopters heading in the same direction. (MUFON CMS)

#### Erratic star flashes color

Sedona, Arizona—I went to bed about 12:30 a.m. on April 2. I was looking at the stars through my bedroom's large plate-glass window when I noticed one "star" that seemed to be flashing and moving erratically. I got up and used binoculars to view red, green, and white lights flashing in a circular pattern. The lighted object was rising, dipping, and zigzagging. It seemed to be relatively high in the sky. It briefly disappeared behind a mountain, only to reappear and ascend even higher in the sky as it moved farther north. I observed it for about an hour. (UFOCENTER.COM)

# Estonia observers see lighted object overhead

Tallinn, Estonia—On April 23, my friend and I were looking at the stars past midnight. Suddenly my friend pointed at a light that was moving closer to us. At first we concluded it was just an airplane. The light stopped and hovered behind some trees, and at that moment another light moved in toward the first light but then faded away. The first light started moving closer to us. I quickly grabbed my video camera, and started filming. I zoomed in to see a solid flying object with three big bright white lights and a small low red light. We watched the object move northeast with this peculiar red blinking thing with the lights. The object was pretty close and there was still no sound. My friend shouted: "That's definitely a UFO!" The UFO vanished out of sight behind some trees. (WORLDUFOPHOTOS.ORG)

# Shiny oval object vanishes over Florida

Clearwater, Florida—At 2 p.m. on May 2, I was driving north on Fort Harrison Road. I saw an oval-shaped silver object that was shiny almost like a mirror. It was coming from the direction of the ocean, and bigger than an airplane. The object headed East, stopped, jetted back toward the West, stopped, and vanished. (UFOSNW.COM)

### North Dakota family reports problems with cat-faced creatures

Bismarck, North Dakota—Two male residents of our house have seen short, whiter-than-white creatures with long tails and cat-faced mouths. They walk on two pointed back legs. If you try to hit or touch the creatures, you are stunned and cannot move until the creature has moved past. They make no noise! We do not know when the silent creatures are coming, but this has been going for at least a year. They touch my Dad on his leg, his knee, and seem to jump on our beds because we can feel the movement. They mess with me, and when I wake up, I cannot remember what happened. We don't do drugs or drink, and I cannot imagine what is going on.

We got a pit bull to scare these creatures away,

but they freak my dog out. He has gotten so hyper that we have to give the dog anti-nerve medicine. Sometimes there is more than one creature in the house, particularly on Wednesday afternoons until Thursday nights. Sometimes we can hear what sounds like boxes being dragged across the floor, but when I get up and check, there is nothing.

This week I found weeds and grass from the outside bushes by the back door. I have two movie cameras set up with night vision, but these creatures manage to avoid getting caught on film. One night I was sleeping with the camera on and my feet started moving up and down. I was not doing it, but nothing was caught on the camera other than my feet. (MUFON CMS)

# Orange balls of light cross sky and disappear over North Carolina

Bald Head Island, North Carolina— On April 30, I witnessed six orange balls slowly cross the sky and then disappear. There had been a power outage where I was staying. I went outside on the deck and saw the orange objects in the sky slowly moving West and making no sound. The first two were in single file. The second two were side by side, and the remaing two were in single file. As each reached a certain place in the sky, it disappeared. Several family members and friends witnessed the same thing. On May 1, we saw the same thing, but this time the lights moved in single file. (MUFON CMS)

# Witnesses watch orange light in Michigan skies

Dundee, Michigan—About three weeks ago out in Tipton a buddy and I witnessed what we believe to have been a UFO. We pulled off to the side of the road to watch. The object in the sky was a bright orange light with an aura, and it was shooting straight up, fast. Then it turned left at a ridiculous speed. At that time its light was going on and off. On May 6, I saw the same exact orange light shooting straight up. I called my buddy to tell him. It was traveling at high speed over Dundee, and I saw a group of people watching it. Then a jet airplane started to follow it. The UFO quickly disappeared. (MUFON CMS)

#### **UFO** cloaks over London

London, England—At 4:30 p.m. on May 6, I was sitting in my garden looking at the sky. I could see the outline of a cloaked object about 300 feet above me as it passed in front of clouds. The effect was like on a hot day when you can see heat coming off a road. (MUFON CMS)

#### **Tornado attracts UFOs**

Tuscaloosa, Alabama—I downloaded a weather-channel video of an April 26 tornado. Playing it back I noticed three orbs in a triangular pattern at the beginning of the film and some strange red lights in the sky at the end. They last only about a second. This doesn't look like debris to me. (MUFON CMS) ■

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Too BUSY TO CELEBRATE UFO Day on June 24 this year? Not to worry, you also can celebrate the occasion on July 2. Or you could decide to go all out and celebrate both days.

June 24 marks the date in 1947 when pilot Ken Arnold spotted nine unidentified flying objects in the sky over Mt. Rainier, Washington. If you're leaning toward celebrating on July 2, that day marks the date, also in 1947, of the discovery of an unidentified aircraft that had crashed near Roswell, New Mexico.

A "to do" list to prepare for the event could include sending an e-mail to Washington in support of disclosure, organizing a skywatch (have a sky chart handy to familiarize guests with what normally is visible), and rounding up your supply of theme-related television shows (from "X-Files" to "Third Rock From the Sun") and movies ("E.T.: The Extraterrestrial" or "Independence Day").

Then stock up on a supply of Moon Pies and Mars Bars and brush up on your knowledge of UFOs. (Reading Leslie Kean's UFOs: Generals, Pilots & Government Officials Go on the Record would be a good start).

Oh yes, then take the following quiz. When you've finished, turn to page 7 to check your answers. -J.C.

- 1. On November 9, 1965, the northeastern region of the United States and Canada was abruptly plunged into darkness for up to 13 hours in an incident that came to be known as the "Big Blackout." What was the official cause?
  - A A mechanical breakdown in a high voltage line between Buffalo and Niagara Falls.
  - B A backup relay failure in the Sir Adam Beck No 2 Generating Station at Queenston, Ontario, north of Niagara Falls.
  - C UFO activity reported in the vicinity of the strategic hydro installations at the time of the blackout.
  - D A lightning strike at the Sir Adam Beck No 2 Generating Station that tripped a circuit breaker.
- 2. Since its inception on May 31, 1969, MUFON has investigated how many cases?
  - A 28,271
  - B 25,668
  - C 31.954
  - D 19,779
- 3. Which city has extended its welcome to extraterrestrial visitors by constructing a UFO landing pad?
  - A St. Paul, Minnesota
  - B Sedona, New Mexico
  - C Roswell, New Mexico
  - D St. Paul, Alberta, Canada
- 4. On December 9, 1965 a fireball was reported along a trajectory that included at least six U.S. states and the province of Ontario in Canada. It reportedly dropped debris over Michigan and northern Ohio before landing in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania. Witnesses reported seeing an acorn-shaped object about the size of a small compact car. The military brought in a flatbed truck and cordoned off the area, but asserted their search teams could find nothing. What is the official explanation of the cause of that incident?
  - A a meteor
  - B a small plane
  - C an errant missile
  - D debris from the Soviet Cosmos 96 satellite
- 5. An attendee at a picnic for last year's National UFO Day was sporting a T-shirt with this slogan: *Hostes Alienigeni Me Abduxeruntm Qui Annus Est?* Does it mean:
  - A "What do I believe? I totally believe space aliens are real."
  - B "What do I believe? Everyone in the universe should learn Latin."
  - C "I've been abducted by aliens, what year is it?"
  - D "What do you Earthlings do around here for fun?"

# The bottom line: MUFON depends almost entirely on its corps of dedicated volunteers

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judged to be behaving in a way that is detrimental to MUFON's mission statement and/or goals.

MUFON has only three "employees"—the International Director, an office manager, and an assistant office manager. Employees work under an employment agreement and receive a salary. The Editor of the *Journal* is hired as an independent contractor.

#### Similarity to the Red Cross

The American Red Cross offers a good example of an "all-volunteer" nonprofit organization similar to MUFON. Both have minimal employees. All appointments to volunteer positions are made by the organizations' leadership, including appointments to their boards of directors.

MUFON relies on volunteers to support our mission statement—
"the analytical and scientific investigation of the UFO phenomenon for the benefit of humanity." Red Cross volunteers also seek to be of benefit to mankind, but their mission is to assist people in need. Although the organizations may have different missions, both rely extensively on their volunteers.

State directors are volunteers appointed by the International Director in conjunction with each state's subscribers/members. The state directors are given permission by the International Director to appoint a person to a volunteer position within the state's chapter—for example, field investigators, assistant state directors, state section directors, chief field investigators, and other positions.

Members of MUFON's governing board, the board of directors, are appointed by the International Director with concurrence of the board. The International Director will ask state directors and others to suggest or recommend existing subscribers/members for any open board position.

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Whether we are MUFON subscribers/members, field investigators, or state officers, all of us are volunteers working together to discover the answer to one of mankind's biggest mysteries. Our many dedicated volunteers have made MUFON the best and biggest UFO investigative organization in the world.

As International Director of MUFON, I am proud to be associated with so many wonderful and committed people who so freely give of their time, talent, and treasure. My thanks go to each and every one of you for your support. Keep up the good work. We will make the discovery.

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## omega 4 opportunities

# Participants needed for new abduction-experience study

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- Abductees who have recalled all or part of their experiences spontaneously.
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#### **Comparison Groups**

Volunteers also are needed for the following comparison groups:

- Participants who have had a sighting of anomalous lights or some type of strange craft but have had no contact or abduction experience.
- Participants who have an interest in UFO encounters and abductions but have had no experiences with either phenomenon.
- A pure control group of participants with no UFO-related experiences and no interest in abductions or UFOs.

#### **Psychologist Sought**

The Abduction Experiencer Research Committee lost a tremendous researcher last year with the passing of Robert LeLieuvre, who did the primary research on the Omega 3 study. AERC is looking for someone to take over that lead roll. The successful candidate will be familiar with the following instruments and will be able to evaluate the data that we obtain:

- The Childhood Experiences Inventory
- Wogan Psychological Inventory
- Life Changes Inventory
- Opinion Inventory
- Personal Philosphy Inventory
- Scale 8 of the MMPI-2 Inventory
- Mentation Scale of the MMPI-2 Inventory

Interested psychologists who would like more details may contact Les Velez at 408.499.5414. ■

### calendar

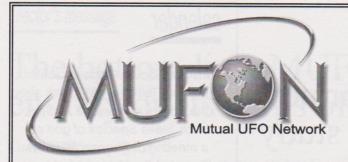
- June 4—South African scientist
  Michael Tellinger will speak about
  the origins of mankind and his
  book Slave Species of god at
  a meeting of Phoenix MUFON
  2 p.m. at the University of
  Advancing Technology in Tempe,
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## CMS rankings

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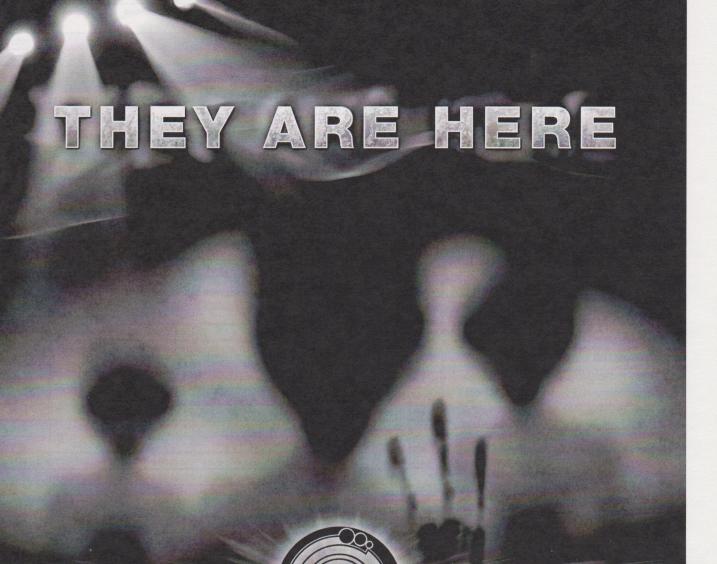
For help with investigations please contact MUFON International's Director of Investigations, Marie Malzahn, at mcmalzahn@gmail.com. ■

### 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.

	State	Director	Weighted Rank	Assigned	Completed
1	Kentucky	David MacDonald	100 percent	50/50	36/36
	Tennessee	Eddie Middleton	100 percent	49/49	59/59
	South Carolina	Cheryl Ann Gilmore	100 percent	18/18	18/18
	Michigan	William Konkolesky	100 percent	105/105	93/93
	West Virginia	John Ventre	100 percent	10/10	9/9
	South Dakota	Lorna Hunter	100 percent	1/1	3/3
	Kansas	Steve Winans	100 percent	21/21	27/27
	North Dakota	Lawrence Gessner	100 percent	8/8	5/5
	Ohio	William Jones	100 percent	58/58	75/75
0	Alaska	Brent Mitchel	100 percent	14/14	7/7
1	Texas	Steve Hudgeons	100 percent	186/186	180/180
2	lowa	Jim King	100 percent	19/19	12/12
3	Delaware	John Ventre	100 percent	3/3	2/2
4	Montana	Jimi Hughes	100 percent	6/6	6/6
5	Pennsylvania	John Ventre	99 percent	98/100	94/94
6	Florida	Bland Pugh	99 percent	154/155	160/160
7	New Jersey	George Filer	98 percent	39/40	51/51
8		Thomas Bowden	98 percent	43/43	57/59
9	Oregon	Ralph Howard	97 percent	56/59	73/73
20	Georgia	Stewart Hill	97 percent	51/54	80/80
21			97 percent	40/42	62/62
	Missouri	Debbie Ziegelmeyer  Donald Burleson	97 percent	16/17	23/23
22	New Mexico	Lorna Hunter	96 percent	34/35	22/23
23	Minnesota	Vivian Walker	96 percent	40/41	45/47
24	Louisiana		91 percent	24/29	37/37
25	Oklahoma District of Columbia	Charles Pine	91 percent	5/5	5/6
26	District of Columbia	Donald Borton	90 percent	13/16	13/13
27	Nebraska	John Kasher	88 percent	54/55	51/64
28	Colorado	Douglas Wilson	88 percent	87/104	88/94
29	Arizona	James Mann	85 percent	53/56	51/66
30	New York	Samuel Falvo		159/162	106/148
31	California	Georgeanne Cifarelli	84 percent	7/12	14/14
32	Idaho	Marilyn Childs	79 percent		19/33
33	Virginia	Susan Swiatek	78 percent	28/28	
34	Maryland	Donald Borton	77 percent	28/28	20/36
35	Hawaii	Lorna Hunter	77 percent	6/6	5/9
36	Rhode Island	Steve Firmani	77 percent	5/7	5/6
37	New Hampshire	Steve Firmani	73 percent	9/13	11/14
38	Washington	Marilyn Childs	72 percent	35/51	47/61
39	Utah	Terry Groff	71 percent	19/21	9/17
40	Wyoming	Richard Beckwith	65 percent	3/5	5/7
41	Alabama	Roy Patterson	64 percent	7/25	21/21
42	Illinois	Samuel Maranto	57 percent	22/52	59/81
43	Massachusetts	Steve Firmani	53 percent	14/27	16/29
44	California	Ruben Uriarte	49 percent	20/144	108/128
45	Vermont	Steve Firmani	45 percent	2/5	2/4
46	Wisconsin	Nathan Tomisich	43 percent	18/24	2/18
47	Maine	Steve Firmani	40 percent	7/14	6/19
48	Connecticut	Steve Firmani	39 percent	10/24	10/27
49	North Carolina	Marie Malzahn	34 percent	22/53	10/37
50	Arkansas	Norman Walker	23 percent	5/23	5/20
51	Nevada	Marie Malzahn	16 percent	11/33	0/25
52	Mississippi	Norman Walker	14 percent	0/4	2/7





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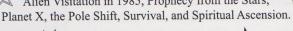


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## the night sky

#### By Gavin A. J. McLeod

#### **Bright Planets (evening sky)**

■ Mercury (magnitude -2.1): From Taurus through Gemini into Cancer.

For northern hemisphere observers Mercury will appear in the evening sky by the third week of the month: Mercury will be standing very low above the northwest horizon at sunset and will set below the northwest horizon about 1/2 hour after sunset: by month's end it will be standing above the west-northwest horizon at sunset and will set below the west-northwest horizon about 11/2 hours later.

■ Saturn (magnitude 0.7 to 0.8): In Virgo.

For northern hemisphere observers Saturn will begin the month standing very high above the southern horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 41/2 hours later: by month's end Saturn will be standing high above the south-southwest horizon at sunset and will set below the western horizon about 21/2 hours later.

**Bright Planets (morning sky)** 

■ Mercury (magnitude -0.9 to 1.3): From Pisces through Aries into Taurus.

For northern hemisphere observers Mercury will begin the month rising above the east-northeast horizon about 1/2 hour before sunrise and will be standing very low above the eastnortheast horizon at sunrise; as the month passes Mercury will sink toward

### moon phases

new moon: June 1 first quarter: June 9 full moon: June 15 last quarter: June 23

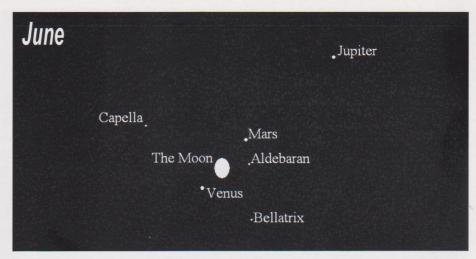
### conjunctions & occultations

June 10: Saturn 8 degrees north of the Moon

June 26: Jupiter 5 degrees south of the Moon

June 28: Mars 1.7 degrees south of

the Moon



Observers who look to the east just before sunrise on June 29 will see the Moon, Venus, Mars, and Jupiter in a planetary grouping.

the horizon and will be lost in the glare of the rising Sun before mid month to reappear in the evening sky after mid month.

■ Venus (magnitude -3.8): From Aries into Taurus.

For northern hemisphere observers Venus will begin the month rising above the east-northeast horizon about 2 hours before sunrise and will be standing low above the eastern horizon at sunrise: by month's end Venus will be rising above the northeast horizon about 1 hour before sunrise and will be standing low above the eastnortheast horizon at sunrise.

■ Mars (magnitude 1.3 to 1.4): From Aries into Taurus.

For northern hemisphere observers Mars will begin the month rising above the east-northeast horizon about 3/4 hour before sunrise and will be standing very low above the eastern horizon at sunrise; by month's end Mars will be rising above the eastnortheast horizon about 2 hours before sunrise and will be standing above the eastern horizon at sunrise.

■ Jupiter (magnitude -2.1 to -2.2): From Pisces into Aries.

For northern hemisphere observers Jupiter will begin the month rising above the eastern horizon about 2 hours before sunrise and will be standing above the eastern horizon at sunrise; by month's end Jupiter will be rising above the east-northeast horizon about 31/2 hours before sunrise and will be standing high above the eastsoutheast horizon at sunrise.

#### Other Celestial Phenomena

- Solstice (June 21): This transition is from spring to summer in the northern hemisphere, and from autumn to winter in the southern hemisphere
- Total Lunar Eclipse (June 15): The eclipse will be visible completely over Africa and central Asia, visible rising over South America, western Africa, and Europe, and setting over eastern Asia. In western Asia, Australia, and the Philippines, the lunar eclipse will be visible just before sunrise.